

# First Fruits

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## Worship Ministry

### CORYDON OLD SETTLER'S DAY

#### COMMUNITY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10 AM – LOCATION TBA

Christ the Servant will NOT be having a service at the church building on Sunday, August 11, so the congregation can participate in the ecumenical service being held during the Old Settlers Celebration.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES  
at FIRST LUTHERAN & CHRIST THE SERVANT  
ON AUGUST 18

Worship at both locations will be held outside  
on the church grounds.

9 AM – FLC Worship followed by brunch.  
Please bring a dish to share.

11:10 AM – CTS Worship  
Followed by refreshments.



OUR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WILL BE  
CELEBRATED ON  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

9 AM - Coffee and Conversation

10 AM - Worship with Bishop Michael Burk  
Joint Service for CTS & FLC

11:30 AM – Lunch

Please come and celebrate with us!

## Stewardship Ministry

### UPDATE ON LWR SCHOOL BAGS:

Cindy Thiel has made us 100 backpacks, so that is our goal. We are off to a really good start!! There are lots of good buys locally. If you are in the vicinity of Walmart, they have the spiral notebooks we need for 25¢ each. Anytime you find a good deal, buy in quantity. We still need lots of everything! As you bring in supplies, please be sure to write down the number of items on the chart in the Fireside Room. We will assemble as many as we can on “God’s Work, Our Hands” day in September.



Thanks for your help.

# Discipleship Ministry

## GROWING IN FAITH RETREAT AT JERICHO HILLS

All but one of the GiF students was able to participate in our first summer retreat. Carson was traveling with Grandma Marleen and did not get back in time to join us. Don't worry Carson, you can still do the work AND we will do our best to share the best of the retreat with you.

The rest of us had a BLAST!

It really was student focused as much as possible. They were encouraged to use their cell phones to take and send photos, to message each other, to record the wonders of the day. They usually put their cell phones in a plastic tub on the table in the library when we meet during the school year.

Pastor Sally DID teach! Just before and “during lunch,” the students managed to answer **one** of several questions on a Bible Scavenger hunt worksheet. Answering that one question took a little work, however. They got to know their Bibles well and found several approaches to finding things in the Bible to be helpful.

The best part about this retreat: **Each** student had *multiple* times to be a star, to give help, to need help, to receive help, to feel hurt, to feel strong and courageous, to help without being asked, to recover, to come in last, to learn – so much experienced in such a brief time. This was a terrific “leveling” experience for all of us.

Take a look at the photos from our day.





Dear Partners in the Gospel,

We are about six weeks from celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our congregation and I'm pretty excited about it.

Linda Jurgens and her committee (in reality, probably all of us and plenty of people from the community) have been working diligently behind the scenes to ensure a worshipful celebration, a solid time of thanksgiving, and a good time for everyone who attends.

From the beginning, the plan has been to make this anniversary low key. The last one, the 140<sup>th</sup>, seemed to pull out all the stops. It was an elaborate event recognizing the achievement of being in this community for such a long time. The number, 150, may seem like it needs an even bigger party. After all, not all congregations get to this age. At the Synod Assembly this year, we were the oldest congregation celebrating an anniversary.

Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IS a big deal. We are recognizing it accordingly, by focusing on giving thanks to God. We can be thankful for the privilege of being in ministry together in this community (and in Corydon). We can be thankful for our community partners. We are grateful for our members, visitors, and friends who sustain, strengthen, and enhance our ministry. The “thank you’s” could go on and on. We are thankful to God for calling us into this mission. God’s call - that is what we will celebrate on September 15.

There will be many special activities. Bishop Michael Burk, from the Southeast Iowa Synod, will be here to preach, visit, and be available for fund raising photographs with a box of his Kellogg's cereal. Other distinguished guests will be with us as well. Our former pastors have been invited and we anticipate many of them will be joining us. Former members, old friends, and supporters from across the county have been invited and we are hoping they can participate in the day's events as well.

Coffee fellowship will begin at 9 AM. The joint worship service (CTS is a meaningful part of us) will begin at 10:30 AM, and a catered lunch will follow. There will be lots of people for visiting, scrapbooks to review, a new slide show to watch, and great food to eat. Our new pictorial directory will be published and available to review during the celebration or to take home after the festivities close.

Did I say I was excited about this? Who gets to be pastor of a congregation for only 2 years and be part of their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? “This one!” I say humbly, as it is a gift to preside at worship, get to meet your former pastors, friends, and relatives, eat some great food, enjoy some edifying conversation, and give thanks to God for my call to serve.

So much more to say, but this page is full. With love, joy, and appreciation to you for letting me be your pastor.

With love,  
Pastor Sally

# Stewardship Ministry



We would like to thank everyone who was involved with “Heavenly Pies” as RAGBRAI rolled through Chariton. WHAT AN AWESOME EFFORT OF TEAMWORK AND FUN! It was such a neat feeling to have so many people step forward to offer their time, talents, and generous donations to make it all come together. In addition, it was nice to spend some time with our church family outside the walls of First Lutheran and help our community at the same time. Here are some things you might find interesting:

- Number of delicious pies donated: 122 (Woo-Hoo!!)
- Number of people who cut, packaged and transported the pies: 14
- Number of people who set up and volunteered at the stand: 25
- Profits for the Parking Lot Fund: \$2429.92
- Most requested pie: Strawberry-Rhubarb (But they loved them all!)
- Number of Riders who raved about our Heavenly Pies: MANY! The compliments were amazing!

Again, thank you for your part in making the whole event a success! And who knows? We now have a great sign that says First Lutheran Church makes Heavenly Pies. Maybe we'll do pies again someday! ☺

Lana & Ronda



Getting the pies ready for the BIG DAY!



The early morning crew!



# .....: On the Vine

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** that **WWW** and the **Sunday afternoon book study** will not meet during the summer. Both will resume in the fall.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will not meet in the month of August.** Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, September 4**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM.

## **The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women's Bible Study opportunities:**

\*\* On Tuesday, **August 6**, from 1:30-3 PM, at Christ the Servant. We will be using the book, *Twelve Women of the Bible*.

\*\* On Tuesday, **August 20**, we will meet at Noon for our *Gather* study. Watch the bulletins for the place to be announced.

**The Women of the ELCA** will meet on Thursday, **August 8**, at the home of Miriam Hibbs, beginning at 1 PM. All women are invited!



**"Sharing the Weight" Blanket Making Parties at CTS** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9 AM-3 PM. **Our next gathering will be on August 13.** We invite everyone to come and join us. We have sewing and non-sewing jobs so all skills are welcome. Come as early as you can and stay as long as you like.

**"Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie" CCC@CTS will be on the third Friday of each month beginning on August 16.** Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry will have their Thrivent Action Team Coffee shop open from 9-11 AM and will serve fair trade coffees and teas, and anyone is invited to attend. Community residents are invited to come with friends or come alone and make friends.

## **LAF :: Lutheran Adult Fellowship**

A small group ministry of First Lutheran Church that gathers monthly to share food and fun. Newcomers are always welcome.

Our August event will be held on **AUGUST 11, 6 PM**, in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. Gert Patterson & Joanne Fletcher will be your hosts.

# Re:Newed

## **Baptismal Anniversaries**

8/1	Janice Goetsch	8/18	Aria Hill
8/1	Morgan Peters	8/19	Fred Wilker
8/2	Don Brown	8/22	Max Aulwes
8/8	Shelly Greving	8/22	Connor Shore
8/11	Kendra Bittner	8/24	Evan Havick
8/12	Charles Clark	8/27	Pastor Sally
8/12	Hunter Clark	8/28	Cody Miller
8/17	Mark Harders	8/31	Alice Thiel

Thanks be to Jesus for the saving waters of baptism!

*(In baptism, we all are made one in Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither male nor female, neither Chariton nor Corydon! Are we missing your baptismal anniversary? Let us know! Tell us the story of your baptism!*

## **MORE RAGBRAI PICTURES!**





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# August

**\*\* CORYDON COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

- August 11 at 10 AM

**\*\* OUTDOOR WORSHIP at CTS & FLC**

- August 18 on the church grounds

**\*\* 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

- September 15 (see details inside)

**\*\* PICTURES OF CONFIRMATION  
RETREAT & RAGBRAI PIE STAND**

**Be Bold in our Faith as Children of God  
and Share the Good News of Salvation with All People**

(First Lutheran Mission Statement)



**Share the Joy of Christ, and Serve Others**

(Christ the Servant Mission Statement)

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## August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AA – Alcoholics Anonymous				1	2	3
				July 30 – August 3: Pastor Sally Out of Town for Continuing Education		
<b>4</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> –First, Chariton <u>11:10 am</u> –Christ the Servant, Corydon  <u>1 pm</u> – Slavic Worship	<b>5</b>  <u>5 pm</u> – Wayne County “Back to School” Night	<b>6</b> 10 am – FLC Worship Committee 11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC at Chariton Methodist  <u>1:30 pm</u> –CTS Women’s Bible Study at CTS	<b>7</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>8</b> 9 am – FLC Quilting <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship	<b>9</b> Office Closed  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>10</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>11</b> <u>9 am</u> –First, Chariton <u>10 am</u> –Christ the Servant, Corydon Participate in Old Settler’s Community Worship Service <u>10:15 am</u> –Executive Committee- FLC  <u>1 pm</u> – Slavic Worship <u>6 pm</u> – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	<b>12</b>  <u>2 pm</u> –Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS  <u>6:30 pm</u> –Council at FLC	<b>13</b> 8 am–Breakfast Gals <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making Party at CTS  Lucas County “Back to School” Night at Carpenter’s Hall	<b>14</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>15</b> 9 am – FLC Quilting  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship	<b>16</b> <u>9-11 am</u> – CCC at CTS  Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	<b>17</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>18</b> Holy Communion Outdoor Worship on Church Grounds <u>9 am</u> –First, Chariton <u>11:10 am</u> –Christ the Servant, Corydon  <u>1 pm</u> – Slavic Worship	<b>19</b>  <u>7 pm</u> – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	<b>20</b> Noon – CTS Women’s Bible Study (place TBA) <u>3:30 pm</u> – CTS Worship Committee <u>4:30 pm</u> –CTS Task Force <u>6:30 pm</u> –Southgate Service	<b>21</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>22</b> <u>9 am</u> – FLC Quilting  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship	<b>23</b> Office Closed  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>24</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>25</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> –First, Chariton <u>11:10 am</u> –Christ the Servant, Corydon  <u>1 pm</u> – Slavic Worship <u>2 pm</u> – Homestead Service <u>3 pm</u> – Chariton Spec. Care Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <u>9 am</u> – FLC Quilting	<b>30</b> Office Closed  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>31</b> Pastor Sally in Chariton  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
				August 25-31: Pastor Sally Out of Town		