

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry



On Sunday, January 5, Christ the Servant Lutheran in Corydon and First Lutheran in Chariton welcomed Pastor Richard “Dick” Hutton as their new part-time pastor. Pastor Dick will be serving Chariton and Corydon Sunday through Wednesday each week. He enjoys visiting and spending time with people. Before Sunday worship, you will find him walking the sanctuary aisles saying hello and listening to our stories and getting to know us. With excitement and wonder he looks forward to our faith journey together. He truly believes that the Lord has called us together and that it is always amazing how the gracious Lord leads his church and draws people together.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP with
HOLY COMMUNION &
IMPOSITION OF ASHES
FEBRUARY 26**

**CORYDON WORSHIP – NOON
CHARITON WORSHIP – 7 PM**



AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

Beginning Wednesday, March 4, First Lutheran will host a light supper at 6:15 PM followed by worship at 7 PM. Watch for the Lenten Supper sign-up sheet that will soon be posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room to volunteer for preparing and serving meals.

CORYDON COMMUNITY MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Beginning on Thursday, March 5, and continuing each Thursday through Lent, the Wayne County Ministerial Association is sponsoring mid-week Lenten worship services followed by a freewill offering luncheon. The worship time is 12:05 PM followed by lunch. All of the 25-minute worship services and following luncheons will be held at Corydon United Methodist Church.

Pastoral Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus says in John 15, *“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”*

In baptism, Jesus includes us as a part of his family. A family that enjoys walking together, sharing life's adventures together, carrying each other's burdens, and is willing to listen to each other. It is a fantastic honor to acknowledge each of you as friends, just as you call one another friends. And, I'm amazed what friends can accomplish as they work together.

A number of years ago, I was deer hunting with my friend John when he shot a deer just before sunset. We tracked that deer through the cedar swamp, around tree falls, and out into a tall grassy area. Once we found the deer, we talked about how to get it back to the car. But, not knowing exactly where the car was, we pulled out our compasses - knowing that the car was north of where we were at that moment. It was as black as the ace of spades now and there was no moon light. With compass in one hand we began to pull the deer, stepping around downed trees, and then pulling some more. We didn't always know what direction we were headed, so we would look at our compass once again, then pull some more. For almost an hour we pulled and checked our heading, pulled and checked our heading. When we finally came to the road, amazingly there directly in front of us was the car. Together, we were able to accomplish what would have been extremely difficult for either of us alone. Friends working together can accomplish great things and have awesome stories to tell their friends. As Christ offers to bear our burdens and walk an extra mile with us, we find joy, as well, in walking with one-another, sharing the joys of our journey.

As a congregation of God's people, we are bound together in sharing the wonderful privilege of helping each other. Christ does not call us “servants any longer” but “friends.” In revealing the love of Almighty God to us, Jesus invites us to love one-another as he has loved us. As John in his first epistle wrote: *“God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.”* (1 John 4:9-12)

I truly believe that one of the greatest blessings of life is to walk with each other as friends, to share life together.

Blessings!

Pastor Dick

Discipleship Ministry



DID YOU EVER SPEND A WEEK AT CAMP AS A YOUTH?

If you have, then you know that Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake is a wonderful place to spend a week. If you haven't, then you should know that the uplifting experiences that you will have at camp will last a life time! There are brochures in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran that will tell you all about the different types of camps, dates, and the cost. Lutheran Lakeside Camp is offering a \$50 Early Bird Discount if you are registered by February 28. The council has agreed to help with the cost of sending your child(ren) to camp. The parents of the child(ren) will pay the non-refundable registration fee and then First Lutheran will pay the balance. What an opportunity!! Please let the church office know if you would like help registering you child(ren) for camp!!

Stewardship Ministry



LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9 AM – 2:30 PM

Join us in advocating for Iowa's children and families. To register or for more information, go to Iowa.org/LDH/

FEBRUARY 16

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, February 16, in exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

TOGETHER TUESDAY MEALS

This community effort provides free meals for those stretching their budget dollars. The host location will be the Chariton Methodist Church and meals are served from 5-6 PM. If interested in helping with this ministry, please see the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. **OUR NEXT TIME TO HELP IS FEBRUARY 25, 2020!!**



ATTENTION: To anyone that is cleaning closets or decluttering during these cold winter days!

The Breakfast Gals have decided to plan the annual basement sale at FLC in June 2020. Donated items such as clothing, household items, etc. would be appreciated. We cannot accept TV's or computers. Items may be placed in the church basement. If you need items picked up or have any questions, please contact Linda Comstock (641-774-4406) or Fay Utesch (515-451-1232).



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR POSTMARKED STAMPS FOR THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA. You can put your saved stamps in the marked container on the desk in the Fireside Room. The funds raised from this project will go to Lutheran World Relief for shipping kits and quilts around the world. Remember to leave a ¼ border around each stamp!



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Baptismal Anniversaries

During February, we remember and give thanks for the baptisms of:

- 2/15 David Jurgens
- 2/20 Hunter Wilson
- 2/24 Chris Kuball
- 2/26 Madison Bucklalew
- 2/26 David Probasco

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!)



:::~::~ On the Vine

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will gather on **Wednesday, February 5**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM.

“Sharing the Weight” Blanket Making Party at CTS will be held on Tuesday, **February 11**, from 9 AM-3 PM. We invite everyone to come and join us. Come as early as you can and stay as long as you like.

The Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, **February 13**, at the home of Geralda Wiig beginning at 1 PM. All women are invited!

LAF : Lutheran Adult Fellowship will gather in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran beginning at **6 PM on Sunday, February 16**. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. Geneva Wilson and Earl & Linda Comstock will be your hosts.

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women’s Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, **February 18**, at Noon. Watch the bulletins for the meeting place to be announced.



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February

- ** ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**
FEBRUARY 26
 - Corydon: NOON
 - Chariton: 7 PM
- ** LENT MID-WEEK SCHEDULES**
FOR CORYDON & CHARITON
- ** LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP**
OPPORTUNITY!!

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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 Worship 11 AM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:30 AM – 3 PM	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous					1 8 pm – AA @ CTS
2 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 10:15 am– FLC Sunday School 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC	3	4 10 am – FLC Worship Committee 10 am –Bible Study at St. Andrews Episcopal 11:30 am –Lucas Co. ICC at Sacred Heart	5 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation Class at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	6 Office Closed 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	7 Office Closed	8 8 pm – AA @ CTS
9 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 10:15 am– FLC Sunday School 10:15 am–Executive Comm. at FLC 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC	10 2 pm–Laplanners Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm–Council at FLC	11 8 am–Breakfast Gals 9 am–3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS 10 am –Bible Study at St. Andrews Episcopal	12 2 pm – Confirmation Class at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	13 1 pm– Women of the ELCA 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	14  Office Closed	15 8 pm – AA @ CTS
16 Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 10:15 am– FLC Sunday School 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC 6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	17 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	18 10 am –Bible Study at St. Andrews Episcopal Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study (place TBA) 3:30 pm – CTS Worship Committee 4:30 pm–CTS Task Force	19 2 pm – Confirmation Class at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	20 Noon –Wayne County Ministers Meet 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	21 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	22 8 pm – AA @ CTS
23 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 10:15 am – FLC Sunday School 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC 2 pm – Homestead Service 3 pm – CNRC Service	24	25 9 am–Lutheran Day on the Hill-Des Moines 10 am –Bible Study at St. Andrews Episcopal	26 ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion NOON - Corydon 7 pm - Chariton 8 pm – AA @ CTS	27 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	28 Office Closed	29 8 pm – AA @ CTS