

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

BAPTISMS AT FIRST LUTHERAN ON JUNE 21



First Lutheran welcomed twins, **JULIUS PATRICK MURRAY** and **JUNE ABIGAIL MURRAY**, into their membership on Sunday, June 21, by baptism. Julius and June are the twin son and daughter of Andrew & Ashley Murray. The twins have a big sister, Laney. Grandparents of the twins are Dana & Connie Holland.

On Sunday, June 21, First Lutheran gathered for an outdoor worship service on the west side of the church building. Everybody scattered around on the new cement pad that was laid last summer. It was perfect weather for an outdoor worship service!

The Independence Day Celebration in Chariton has been cancelled **INCLUDING** the ecumenical worship service on the Chariton Square. So, on Sunday, July 5, First Lutheran will gather in the sanctuary.

Celebration of Life

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**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
SHIRLEY SCHMITT
will be held on
SATURDAY, JULY 25, at 2 PM
at Country Cabins in Chariton
25119 US Highway 23
(east of Chariton on Highway 34)**

Discipleship Ministry

“THE BOOK OF REVELATION FOR TODAY”

**A BIBLE STUDY ON
THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

Saturday, July 11

**Coffee 8:30 AM
Bible Study 9 am - Noon
Q & A Noon - ?**

Featuring Pastor Russell L. Lackey
Sr. Pastor at Grand View University and
Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines

All are invited!!

Please contact Del Kray (515-360-5936)
if you can join us on this day.



**THE RADIO BROADCAST OF PASTOR HUTTON'S
SERMONS WILL BE AN ONGOING MINISTRY OF
FIRST LUTHERAN and CHRIST THE SERVANT**

Ways to listen at 10:30 AM each Sunday morning:

KIIC Radio – 96.7 FM out of Albia

The radio stations website: kiicradio.com
(click on the “Listen Live” button)

If you miss the broadcast on Sunday, you can also
catch it as a podcast on the church’s website:
firstlutheran-christtheservant.org

THANK YOU for your support of this ministry!!

If you would like to sponsor a weekly broadcast for
any occasion, we invite you to consider giving a gift
to sponsor the broadcast. The cost of a
weekly sponsorship is \$35, or you can just
give any amount to help us pay for the
broadcast. It will be our intent to
acknowledge the sponsor each week at
the conclusion of the broadcast, unless
you prefer to remain anonymous. To check and find
out if the Sunday you’d like to sponsor is available,
please call the church office and talk to Wendy –
641-774-4875.



July Broadcast Sponsors:

July 5: Susan Seuferer

In observance of the Patterson Family
80th Reunion

July 12: Ed & Kay Tighe

In memory of Kay’s Grandma & Grandpa Olson
who loved the Lutheran Hour

July 19: Harlan & Delores Ranshaw

In honor of all the workers and public servants
who are members of our church and community
and working to keep us safe and healthy during
this pandemic.

July 26: Beverly Johnson

OPPORTUNITY FOR VIRTUAL VBS!!!

Julie Goetsch’s previous church in Elgin, Illinois, is offering a FREE Virtual VBS for all youth, age 4 through 6th grade. You are invited to attend online sessions that will include stories, activities, crafts, games, and more. The dates for the VBS are July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10 AM - every Wednesday in July. Please register early so that you will have time to receive materials. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elgin-staycation-vbs-tickets-10958225476?utm-medium=discovery&utm>



Pastoral Pondering

The American poet Robert Frost writes:

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;
 Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear, . . .
 . . . and I,
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference.

We are all on a journey – a life journey, a personal journey, a faith journey. Each and every day we make choices that affect us and those around us, affect the people we love and with whom we enjoy spending time, and affect our future. What choices will you make today and how will they impact you, those you love, and those with whom you work?

Almighty God made a choice to create the entire universe (to create us), and He said it was all good and very good. Then as time proceeded, He saw the pain His creation was experiencing. However, He didn't walk away, He sent His son to enter into our lives and walk with us, to experience life as we know it. Our Lord, God's Son, was more than willing to walk an extra mile and bear our burdens, even to die for us that we might have a new beginning – an abundant life.

As I reflect on the fantastic gift given each of us by our Lord, I wonder how we will respond to such awesome love? How will we respond when invited by God to get involved in the work of His kingdom? Will we say: "Here am I, send (use) me" or will we say: "I'm sorry, I'm too busy." Each of us receive countless invitations each week, and we must choose how to respond.

I find great joy in serving you and laboring among you, sharing the love of our Lord. And, as I labor in your midst, I pray you'll want to be involved in the ministry of God's work in ways that you can – some may be significant while others will be almost un-noticed, but all are important. It is and will be amazing, as we allow God to work through us, what we can accomplish together.

I wonder how each of you will respond to God's call to follow, to say "yes, here am I"? "Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." To walk with Jesus is to experience a marvelous journey and blessing.

Today a road will diverge in your journey, which path will you choose to take and what does that mean for you?

Blessings to all!
 Pastor Dick

It's a Wrap!

The Confirmation Lock in was held June 2 and 3 at FLC. Those participating were Logan Shore, Sydney Cain, and Addison Peterson. Pastor Dick and Gayle Bortz led the sessions and Rod and Gayle served as chaperones through the night.

The theme was "God Keeps His Promises from Generation to Generation." Gayle spoke about the 11 promises God has for all people. The youth related to many of them and agreed that they understand God has these promises for them. We discussed what a generation means and then the youth drew their family tree. We discussed the religious upbringing of each generation and I think the youth saw how much or how little they knew about their family history. Pastor Dick presented the genealogy of Jesus so they could see that they are a part of His family.

We had good food: walking tacos, homemade ice cream sandwiches, homemade pizza and omelets in a bag! If they weren't a cook before they came, they may be one now!

The bonfire, the s'mores, the pool tournament, the karaoke, and sermon time given by Addison accompanied by Logan on the piano and Sydney as a singer with Addison was hilarious as you can imagine.

The youth made scripture cookies and delivered them to 18 lucky members as a service project.

I praise God every day for the gift of children and I pray they had an experience they will remember for a long time. Thank you parents for allowing your child to attend. Till next year!!!

Gayle Bortz



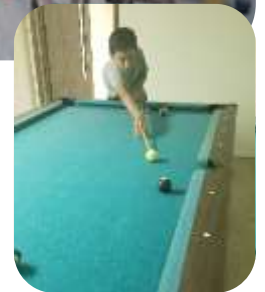
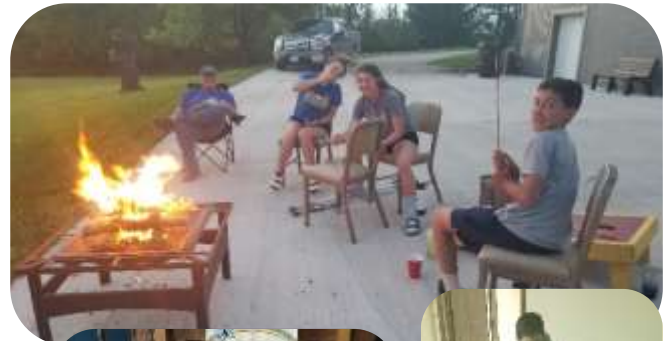
The Three Amigos
Addison, Logan, and Sydney



Learning about the genealogy of Jesus.



Working on their own genealogy.



Scripture Cookies



Bonfire & S'mores
Playing Pool
Fun Time
Minimal Sleep!!

Stewardship Ministry

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR YOUTH WITH A FUNDRAISING PROJECT!!

Our congregations' youth will be volunteering to work Thelma's drive thru meal on Wednesday, August 26th, to raise money towards their ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis, MN in June 2021. Although we have several youth and their families volunteering their time, we could still use more volunteers. If you would be willing to help dish up food, bag meals, deliver food to vehicles, sell tickets, take tickets, direct traffic; we'd love to have you help! The volunteering time is from 2-7 PM, but even if you can help part of that time we'd appreciate it. If you are willing to volunteer that day, please contact Ann Aulwes 641-203-6577.



JULY 19 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY



The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, July 19, in exchange for a free-will

donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Primary duties in this ministry involve mowing and trimming the area immediately surrounding the church building (inside the circle driveway) and sweeping off the sidewalks. If you prefer, you can call the church office (641-774-4875) and have Wendy put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



THE CEMENT PROJECT AT FIRST LUTHERAN HAS BEGUN!!



CANCELLED STAMP UPDATE: Due to the cancellation of the June gathering of the SWO, we will continue to collect the stamps through mid-October. Thank you for your help with this project! We have been doing very well!

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The following groups will not meet in July:

- ** Breakfast Gals
- ** The Women of the ELCA
- ** LAF : Lutheran Adult Fellowship

The following groups will not meet until September:

- ** The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group at FLC
- ** The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women's Bible Study Group
- ** "Sharing the Weight" Blanket Making at CTS

"Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie" CCC@CTS will take place on Friday, July 17. 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.



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July

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**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 9 AM

Pastor Dick Hutton

Christ the Servant Corydon, IA
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 Worship 11 AM

July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM</p>	<p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous</p>		<p>1</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 11 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 pm – Southgate Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 am-Noon: Bible Study on the Book of Revelation at First Lutheran</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>12 Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 10:15 am – Executive Comm. at FLC 11 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS</p> <p>6:30 pm – Council at FLC</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9-11 am – CCC at CTS</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9 am – First, Chariton 11 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon Noon – CTS Task Force</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2 pm – Celebration of Life for Shirley Schmitt at Country Cabins, Chariton</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>26 Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 11 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	