

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry



**PLANS ARE IN PLACE
TO RE-OPEN
FOR WORSHIP!!**

AT CHRIST THE SERVANT:

Christ the Servant will begin holding worship services in the Sanctuary on **SUNDAY, MAY 31**, at their regular worship time of 11 AM and will continue weekly.

**** Sunday, May 31, is the Day of Pentecost and you are invited to bring red geraniums to worship and wear red!**

AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

SUNDAY, MAY 31: Drive-thru-Communion will be offered from 8:45-10 AM.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14: Outdoor Worship is being planned on the west side of First Lutheran on the large cement pad to begin at 9 AM. Please bring your lawn chairs. There will not be a brunch and coffee will not be served.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21: We will begin worshipping weekly in the sanctuary at 9 AM.

In preparation for re-opening worship services and wanting to be careful and considerate of each other in this time of the Corvid-19 virus, we shall make some changes in how we worship together to protect all people.

We encourage all who are sick, have a temperature, or are coughing, to please stay home. All are encouraged to wear a mask. People (families) will be asked to sit six feet apart. Other changes have been made to the worship service to help keep everyone safe.



CHRIST THE SERVANT SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 7 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

We will meet to discuss and vote on repairing the north wall, replacing the fellowship hall windows, and putting a metal roof on the church.

CONCRETE PROJECT TO BEGIN AT FIRST LUTHERAN

First Lutheran is delaying the beginning of worship because the cement work will begin in the church parking lot on June 1. Once the cement is poured and finished, it cannot be driven on for at least a week.

THE OLD CONCRETE BUMPERS IN THE PARKING LOT AT FIRST LUTHERAN ARE FREE TO MEMBERS!! You can take as many as you want – first come, first served. BUT - they need to be gone by June 1!!!



Discipleship Ministry

“THE BOOK OF REVELATION FOR TODAY”

A ONE DAY BIBLE
STUDY ON
THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
AT FIRST LUTHERAN



**Saturday, June 27
from 9 AM – 3 PM**

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

All are invited!!

\$5.00 cost includes lunch and snacks
Please contact Del Kray (515-360-5936)
if you can join us on this day.



**CONFIRMATION STUDENT LOCK-IN
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, at NOON
thru
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, at 3 PM**

The theme for the lock-in is “God Keeps His Promises from Generation to Generation”. Pastor Dick as well as Gayle Bortz will be leading the discussion with the youth.

Chaperones for this event will be Gayle & Rod Bortz. Families are encouraged to talk about their family genealogy on both sides of their family before the lock-in.

OUR SERMONS ARE RADIO BROADCAST!!

Every Sunday, at 10:30 AM, you can listen to the weekly sermon and prayers from First Lutheran Church and Christ the Servant Lutheran Church on KIIC Radio – 96.7 FM out of Albia, IA. This broadcast will be an ongoing ministry of the two congregations every Sunday at 10:30 AM. **Another listening option** is to go to the radio station's website: kiicradio.com. You will see a "Listen Live" button on the right hand side of the screen. Just click on that button and you are ready to listen!



DID YOU MISS THE BROADCAST ON SUNDAY??

You can also catch the Sunday broadcast as a podcast on the church's website:
Firstlutheran-christtheservant.org

Now, if you would like to sponsor a weekly broadcast for any occasion, an anniversary, a birthday, in memory or honor of someone, or some other reason, 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.

To sponsor the weekly broadcast or give a gift to the radio broadcast, just note on the Memo line of your check - for “Radio Broadcast” - or put your contribution in an envelope and either mail it to the church or drop it in the Sunday offering plate.

June Broadcast Sponsors:

June 7: Rod & Gayle Bortz

June 14: Sponsored by Geneva Wilson

In remembrance of Clarence & Geneva's 65th
Wedding Anniversary on June 19

June 21: Dave & Linda Jurgens

June 28: John & Emmy Forbes

Pastoral Pondering

We are living in a most interesting time. But, thinking back on my own life, I have witnessed WW II, the Korean and Vietnamese Wars, Alan Shepherd's flight into space, and watched as Americans stepped foot on the moon. Seen rockets circle Mars and collect dust from comets. Watched computers evolve from needing 40 tons of air conditioning to keep them cool to laptop computers that we carry around like a book. I remember my bachelor uncles with their old crank phone on the wall, and now chuckle with the students in confirmation as we communicate via text on our smart phones, and listen to people time and time again tell me they are removing their land lines.

Wonders never seem to stop evolving, as we discover newer and newer technological wonders every year. And yet, with all of the wonders around us, in just a few weeks the entire world is shut down, sheltered in place, as we face a horror more painful than all of the challenges of the past as the Corvid-19 pandemic humbles the world. So, where do we turn now?

Years ago, the Psalmist wrote: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea ... The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter, he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."* (Ps. 46)

God's promise, in the face of all that confronts us, is an assurance of His presence and comfort. So, instead of living in fear and worrying about tomorrow, let us arise each day and live with the awesome awareness of knowing that God is at our side, walking with us through our challenges, and offering His loving arms as our refuge. We are never alone in life's journey. The writer of Hebrews says: *"since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."* (Heb. 12)

So, as life moves forward into the future, it will be different from yesterday, I am sure. Our needs and challenges will amaze us. But together we can move mountains and rejoice in the blessings of a living God who gave his only Son that we might have an abundant life. Therefore, let us not live in fear and worry, but in the assurance that nothing in this world or universe can separate us from the loving presence of our God. And with Almighty God, all things are possible.

May His blessings comfort and inspire you!

Pastor Dick

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH FUHS!!

Sarah graduated from Grand View University on April 25, 2020 with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Nursing and a minor in Psychology.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRAD SOBOTTA!!

Brad graduated this year from Wayne Community High School. Brad is the son of Stephanie & Chad Lukavsky.

On Sunday, May 17, First Lutheran recognized Brad during drive-thru-communion. Brad greeted each vehicle and handed each attendee a cupcake. May 17 would have been Brad’s actual graduation day.



Dear First Lutheran Church,
Thank you for recognizing my high school graduation. The drive through was a great way to go about it in times like these. I enjoyed seeing all of you and thank you for the gifts and support. I want to thank all of you for making the great memories I’ve had here possible, from the Houston trip to confirmation. I am very thankful for all the love and support.



In Faith, Brad



Glen Houglund turned 100 years of age on Sunday, May 10! Glen was able to celebrate the “corona way”!! He was able to get out and take a car ride! They also had a parade in which everybody could wish Glen a Happy Birthday!! Glen’s love for vintage cars was reflected with the cars that were in the parade. Glen had a wonderful time greeting his friends and family in their cars.



From Glen:
Thank you so much for thinking of me on my birthday! It means so much! I am doing just fine at the Bridges in Ankeny! Hope all is well.

Glen Houglund





PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAMILY OF GERALDA WIIG in your prayers.

Geralda passed away on May 26, 2020. Services are pending at Pierschbacher Funeral Home at this writing.

Stewardship Ministry

JUNE 21 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, June 21, in exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!



THE LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

is now 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 BREAKFAST GALS BASEMENT SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FALL. They will continue to take donations for the sale through the summer, so feel free to keep bringing your donations to the First Lutheran Church basement.

∴∴∴∴ On the Vine

These gatherings for the month are on the June calendar. As each group consists of different meeting places, ages, and number of attendees, it will be up to each group if they shall meet.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will NOT meet during the summer months.

Breakfast Gals will meet on Tuesday, **June 9**, at 8 AM, in the meeting room at Hardee's.

“Sharing the Weight” Blanket Making Party at CTS will be held on Tuesday, **June 9**, 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, **June 11**, at 1 PM, at the home of Miriam Hibbs. All women are invited!

LAF : Lutheran Adult Fellowship will NOT gather in the month of June.

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, **June 16**, at Noon. Watch the bulletins for the meeting place to be announced.

“Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie” CCC@CTS will happen on Friday, June 19. 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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June

**** WORSHIP RE-OPENING PLANS**

**** CTS SPECIAL CONGREGATION**

MEETING: June 7 at Noon

**** CONFIRMATION STUDENT LOCK-IN**

- June 2-3

**** BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK
OF REVELATION**

- Saturday, June 27, at FLC

**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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JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 11:30 am –Lucas Co. ICC at Russell Methodist Confirmation Student Lock-In June 2 at Noon thru June 3 at 3 pm	3 8 pm – AA @ CTS	4 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	5 Office Closed	6 8 pm – AA @ CTS
7 Holy Communion 8:45-10 am–First, Chariton Drive-thru-Communion 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon Noon – CTS Special Congregation Meeting	8 2 pm–Laplancers Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm–Council at FLC	9 8 am–Breakfast Gals at Hardee’s 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS	10 8 pm – AA @ CTS	11 1 pm – Women of the ELCA 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	12 Office Closed	13 8 pm – AA @ CTS
14 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon Noon – CTS Task Force & CTS Worship Committee	15 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	16 Noon – CTS Women’s Bible Study (place TBA)	17 8 pm – AA @ CTS	18 Noon – Wayne Co. Ministers Meet 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	19 9-11 am – CCC at CTS Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	20 8 pm – AA @ CTS
21 FATHER’S DAY Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9 am–First, Chariton 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon	22	23	24 8 pm – AA @ CTS	25 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	26 Office Closed	27 9 am-3 pm: Bible Study on the Book of Revelation at First Lutheran 8 pm – AA @ CTS
28 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon	29	30	Wendy’s Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM		AA – Alcoholics Anonymous	