



First Fruits

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY GLEN!

It's not every day you get to wish someone a Happy 100th Birthday! Our very own Glen Hougland is celebrating his 100th birthday on **May 10, 2020**. It has been quite a few years since Glen has attended church at First Lutheran but we all remember his wonderful smile, his love for old cars, and his dear Violet. I spoke with Pat, Glen's niece, who lives only a couple of miles from the facility where Glen lives. These are her comments.

Glen has taken up residence at Bridges @ Ankeny since June 2019. He has had his share of health issues: heart attack, falls, and chest pains. He is able to walk with his walker when he wants to and does use the wheelchair. He has a deluxe room at Bridges with 3 large windows to see the beauty of the day. He takes part in the resident "bags tournament" but chooses not to be on the traveling team. He still likes to dance and enjoys the theater room. His love of old cars has never gone away. At the current time, palliative care from Hospice is in place. He is doing well but of course is declining. His short-term memory is not good but he continues to have his long-term memory. At this time no one is allowed to enter the facility. The staff had planned a huge birthday party for him that may have included a ride around town in a convertible. Unfortunately that will not happen, at least not on May 10th.

I am asking our members to send him a card to recognize his 100 years on this earth and to let him know we love him and pray for him. **I am asking that you include your full name, mention First Lutheran Church in Chariton, and a fond memory of him if you have one.** This will allow the staff to help trigger his memory of you as they read the card. His birthday is on Sunday, **May 10**, so please send your card the week before or the week after. Our goal is to put a smile on his face and to let him know his brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for him and are wishing him well.

Thank you everyone! Gayle

Glen's address is: **Glen Hougland
Room # 520
Bridges @ Ankeny
3510 NW Abilene Rd.
Ankeny, Iowa 50023**



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**WITH GOVERNOR REYNOLDS EASING THE
RESTRICTIONS ON WORSHIP SERVICES, WE WILL PLAN
ON BEING BACK IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MAY 3!!!**

We will make some changes in the seating arrangements to accommodate social distancing. There will also be some changes made to the worship services as well.

9 am - Chariton Service
11 am - Corydon Service

Worship Ministry

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WERE CELEBRATED A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR. With traditional church services cancelled due to the Coronavirus, First Lutheran and Christ the Servant came up with a plan to celebrate and still keep social distancing guidelines in tact with Drive-Thru Communion! This was very well received at both churches and even drew people from beyond Lucas & Wayne Counties. Pictured below are pictures from the Palm Sunday Drive-Thru Communion.



First Lutheran was open for prayer on Good Friday.



EASTER SUNDAY DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION

THANK YOU to those who provided lilies on Easter Sunday. They definitely added a festive touch!

Those who provided lilies:

- * Angie Dachenbach & Family in memory of Famie Schuldt
- * Dave & Lana Kuball in memory of their parents
- * Patti & Denny Bisgard in honor of their Grandchildren
- * Earl & Linda Comstock
- * Pastor Dick and Carolyn Hutton
- * We know that there were a few others who provided lilies, but alas, we do not know who they were – but please know that we thank you!!





ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, FIRST LUTHERAN WILL RECOGNIZE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, BRAD SOBOTTA, during the 9 AM morning worship service. Brad will be graduating from Wayne County High School in Corydon.

MAY 17 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, May 17, in exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will



be put toward the next Youth Gathering!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

**DAY OF PENTECOST
 SUNDAY, MAY 31**



You are invited to bring red geraniums and to wear red on this fiftieth day of Easter as we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Ministry

THIS YEAR DURING LENT, OUR “NOISY” OFFERING AND MID-WEEK OFFERING went to



the Angel Fund at the Chariton Schools. Even though our season was cut short due to Covid-19, we were able to send a total of \$413.79 to the school for the fund!! Thank you!!

**MINISTRY CENTER
 FOOD PANTRY:**

If you wish to donate “money” to the food pantry instead of “purchasing items” you may write your check out to “ICC Ministry Center” and mail to ICC Ministry Center, P.O. Box 464, Chariton, Iowa 50049



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!



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.

May Broadcast Sponsors:

- May 3: Rod & Gayle Bortz
- May 10: Rod & Gayle Bortz
- May 17: Geneva Wilson
- May 24: LuAnn & Tom Mosbach Family
- May 31: Rod & Gayle Bortz

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.



Pastoral Pondering

Signs of hope spring abundant as we walk outside in the morning – the birds are singing melodiously, daffodils greet us with their cheery, bright blossoms, and children are riding their bicycles up and down the street.

As I pause to enjoy the beauty and wonder all around, I am reminded of a wonderful hymn:

O day, full of grace, which we behold, ...

As birds in the morning sing God's praise,

His fatherly love we cherish,

For giving to us this day of grace,

For life that shall never perish.

His Church He hath kept these thousand years

And hungering souls did nourish.

With our social isolation and being encouraged to keep our social distance, it's easy to become discouraged, and frustrated. But, as the hymn writer says: "As birds in the morning sing God's praise, His fatherly love we cherish." God's love continues to be lavished upon us, and the promise of God's blessings persist. "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matt. 5:26)

Over the centuries God has affirmed his commitment to life and all He created. So, as we confront and even suffer under the fear of the covid-19 virus, let us not loose heart. Rather, as Almighty God reminds us, not even the crucifixion of His own Son would cause God to turn away from us. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to give us life, abundant life! It is that loving commitment and promise of the risen Lord Jesus Christ that shares with us a hope filled with promise and expectation, a love that will not disappoint us.

So, with confidence and a strong faith, as a family of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we look forward to that day when we shall once again gather in the sanctuary to sing God's praise. I pray that soon, very soon, we'll be able to gather, celebrate and rejoice in the grace of our living Lord.

However, it appears we will need to remain apart for a while longer; and if so, the Lord won't abandon us - his loving grace persists, and his affirming love brings us joy!

And as the "birds sing God's praise," we will rejoice in the wonder of a living Savior who conquered death itself! For, it is Jesus who gives us reason to rejoice each day! We'll see you in worship beginning this Sunday, May 3, and following!

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

Discipleship Ministry

VBS UPDATE

"After much consideration, the activities director at Homestead and I have decided to cancel VBS for June 9-12 with the Homestead residents. The health and well-being of all involved is too important to take the risk. We will have the VBS program in June 2021."

Gayle



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

The Coronavirus has impacted our lives, activities, and plans in many ways – one of which has been the cancellation of confirmation classes for a number of weeks this spring. Wondering how we are to catch up, plan, and schedule the Rite of Confirmation, I have asked each of the students to read one of the Gospels (either Matthew, Luke or John) and write 5 to 10 questions about their reading of the Gospel. We'll discuss those questions the next time we meet, along with the Gospel of Mark. I have asked each student to send me the Gospel they choose.

Now, regarding the Rite of Confirmation, it doesn't appear that the students will be ready by the end of October, so I'd like to suggest moving Confirmation to the Sunday after Epiphany, the Baptism of our Lord Sunday, January 10, 2021. I'm wondering how that would fit into the calendars of the six families with students to be confirmed this year? Could you kindly email or call me to voice your thoughts.

I'm planning on having class from September to early December. Additionally, the students have 5 sermon notes to hand in (forms are in the Fireside Room), they are to read one of the Gospels, and attend worship faithfully.

I really miss not seeing the young people on Wednesday afternoon and the joy they bring to class. They are truly a wonderful blessing!



⋮⋮⋮⋮ On the Vine

These gatherings for the month are scheduled and on the May calendar. It will be up to the discretion of each group if they shall meet.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will gather on Wednesday, **May 6**, beginning at 1:30 pm, at First Lutheran.

"Sharing the Weight" Blanket Making Party at CTS will be held on Tuesday, **May 12**, 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, **May 14**, at 1 PM, at the home of Miriam Hibbs. All women are invited!

"Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie" CCC@CTS will resume on Friday, May 15. 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 will gather in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran beginning at **6 PM on Sunday, May 17.** Miriam Hibbs and Joann Narber will be your hosts. Please note that this is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, **May 19**, at Noon. Watch the bulletins for the meeting place to be announced.



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May

- ** GLEN HOUGLAND CELEBRATES
100TH BIRTHDAY – MAY 10**
- ** HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION**
- Sunday, May 17, at FLC
- ** DAY OF PENTECOST**
- Sunday, May 31
- ** CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE**
- ** EASTER PICTURES**

**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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 Office: 641-774-4875
 Sunday School 10 AM
 Worship 11 AM

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous				1 Office Closed	2 8 pm – AA @ CTS
3 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon	4	5 10 am – FLC Worship Committee 11:30 am –Lucas Co. ICC at Russell Methodist	6 1:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	7 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	8 Office Closed	9 8 pm – AA @ CTS
10 MOTHER'S DAY Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon	11 2 pm–Laplancers Quilt Guild at CTS	12 8 am–Breakfast Gals at Hardee's 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS	13 8 pm – AA @ CTS	14 1 pm – Women of the ELCA 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	15 9-11 am – CCC at CTS Office Closed	16 8 pm – AA @ CTS
17 Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9 am–First, Chariton High School Graduate Recognition at FLC 10 am – CTS Sunday School 10:15 am–Executive Comm. at FLC 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon Noon – CTS Task Force & CTS Worship Committee 6 pm–Lutheran Adult Fellowship	18 6:30 pm–Council at FLC 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	19 Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study (place TBA)	20 8 pm – AA @ CTS	21 Noon – Wayne Co. Ministers Meet 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	22 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	23 8 pm – AA @ CTS
24 Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton 10 am – CTS Sunday School 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon 2 pm – Homestead Service 3 pm – Chariton Sp. Care Service	25  Office Closed	26	27 8 pm – AA @ CTS	28 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	29 Office Closed	30 8 pm – AA @ CTS
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