

# First Fruits

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## Worship Ministry

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Eucharist with carols  
and candlelight  
Corydon 4:30 PM  
Chariton 6:30 PM



THERE WILL NOT BE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ON DECEMBER 22 or 29.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME  
ON JANUARY 5.

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, CHOSEN TOO, WAS PRESENTED AT FIRST LUTHERAN. FOLLOWING IS A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR, GAYLE BORTZ:

WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT when I picked this Christmas program that *Frozen 2* would be making its debut. I certainly did not and I trust that God had something to do with this. The children are God's blessings to me every day and every year. They did a fabulous job recreating the story of the birth of Jesus. I wish everyone a very blessed Christmas!

Thank you, Gayle Bortz





**WE WILL SOON WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR – PASTOR DICK HUTTON AND HIS WIFE, CAROLYN.** Pastor Hutton’s first Sunday with us will be January 5, 2020. Please read the following as Pastor Hutton introduces himself and gives a little bit of background information. We look forward to getting to know Pastor Hutton and his wife, Carolyn.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Paul writes to the Thessalonians: *“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

With the advent of a new year, we embark upon a new journey of faith; and as we do, my wife, Carolyn, and I look forward to serving with you in the gospel of our Lord. As our Lord leads us into the future, we look to sharing the grace of our Savior, and to care for all who are in need. As the new year, 2020, opens, it is with thanks and steadfast hope I look forward to visiting you and listening to your life stories. Our heavenly Father has blessed all of us, and now with great joy in my prayers I look forward to our future journey together.

Allow me, as we begin this adventure by introducing myself; I was born, raised, and educated in Des Moines, until heading north to Luther College. After Luther, the Lord called me to enroll at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Carolyn and I had two children (Stephanie and Hans – both grown and now living in Denver and Kansas City). Stephanie, the oldest is a CPA and Manager of Finance for a large paper company serving the entire western part of the United States. Hans is a structural engineer, for HNTB Consulting, designing large bridges throughout the United States – perhaps you have crossed the I-70 bridge in St. Louis, MO. – which is some of his work. Carolyn was an educator and finally retired as an elementary principal.

All of my ministry has been served in the central part of the United States, and when it came time to slow down a little, we returned to Des Moines. We had been living in Escanaba, MI for 18 years prior to coming back home.

It seems that the Lord has work for me yet to accomplish, and so I have worked part-time since coming back to Des Moines.

I’d like to provide you with my phone numbers, so that if you’d like to talk or need me, please feel free to call. My cell phone number is: 515-480-0613 (which may be the preferred number); my home number is: 515-270-1298; or you may call the church office at First Lutheran and leave a message with Wendy and I’ll call you back as quickly as possible.

With constant thanksgiving to Almighty God, I look forward to the new year with hope and praise for all of you!

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

# Stewardship Ministry



THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering this year. The total collected was \$404.42.

**JANUARY 19**

## CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, January 19, 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 the holidays and those 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).

## Annual Meetings and Potluck Dinners

**Christ the Servant**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual meeting for ministry at Christ the Servant in Corydon. The meeting will begin about noon following regular Sunday worship. A potluck meal will be shared after the business portion of the meeting is concluded.

**First Lutheran**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

On this day, Christ the Servant and First Lutheran will gather for joint worship at Chariton beginning at 9 AM. The business meeting will follow at around 10:15 AM. Following the business items of the day, we will join in the sharing of a potluck meal in the Fireside Room. Those who are able are invited to bring two dishes to share with others.

## On the Vine



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will gather on **Wednesday, January 8**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM.

The Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, January 9, at the home of Miriam Hibbs 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, January 12**, for a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share.

“Sharing the Weight” Blanket Making Party at CTS will be held on Tuesday, **January 14**, 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.

“Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie” CCC@CTS will be on the third Friday of each month at Christ the Servant. Our next gathering will be on **Friday, January 17**, from 9-11 AM. Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry will have their Thrivent Action Team Coffee shop open and anyone is invited to attend. Community residents are invited to come with friends or come alone and make friends.

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women’s Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, **January 21**. We will meet at Noon for our *Gather* study. Watch the bulletins for the meeting place to be announced.



Members of First Lutheran rang the Salvation Army Bell on December 14 at Dollar General. Thank you to all who braved the cold for this worthy cause!! Here are just a few pictures of those who helped. Sorry that there isn’t room for pictures of all of you!!





**First Lutheran Church**  
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January

**\*\* CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

-- Corydon: 4:30 PM

-- Chariton: 6:30 PM

**\*\* CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
PICTURES**

**\*\* A NOTE FROM OUR  
NEW PASTOR**

**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  
 Sunday School 10:15 AM

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Christ the Servant Corydon, IA  
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 Sunday School 10 AM  
 Worship 11 AM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Wendy's Office Hours:            Monday – Thursday            7:30 AM – 3 PM</p>	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous		<p>1</p> 	<p>2</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 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</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am – FLC Worship Committee            11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC at Comm. of Christ            6:15 pm – Southgate Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at FLC            8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1 pm – Women of the ELCA            7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>12 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            Noon – CTS Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck            1 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC            6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS            6:30 pm – Council at FLC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am – Breakfast Gals            9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon – Wayne County Ministers Meet            7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9-11 am – CCC at CTS            Office Closed            Newsletter Deadline!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>19 Holy Communion            Cinnamon Roll Sunday            9 am – Joint Worship Service at FLC            10:15 am – Annual Meeting at FLC and potluck            1 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study (place TBA)            3:30 pm – CTS Worship Committee            4:30 pm – CTS Task Force</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>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>26 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</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>	