

# First Fruits

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## Worship Ministry

### WORSHIP PLANS:

#### AT CHRIST THE SERVANT IN CORYDON:

Christ the Servant will worship at 11 AM each Sunday in the church sanctuary.

#### AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

Drive-thru Communion will be held on the following dates:

**February 7 and March 7 8:45-10 AM**

There will not be a worship service at First Lutheran on the first Sunday of February and March. Please listen to the sermon on the radio at KIIC – 96.7 FM at 10:30 AM.

ALL OTHER SUNDAYS AT FIRST LUTHERAN WILL BE HELD INSIDE IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9 AM.



### CONFIRMATION JANUARY 10, 2021

On Sunday, January 10, 2021, First Lutheran celebrated with six young people as they confirmed their faith. Pictured are (l-r): Carson Oxenreider, Kendall Watson, Addison Peterson, Pastor Richard Hutton, Sydney Cain, Madison Buckalew, and Logan Shore.



### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION & IMPOSITION OF ASHES FEBRUARY 17

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



#### AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

**Beginning Wednesday, February 24, at 7 PM,** First Lutheran will hold mid-week Lenten services throughout the season of Lent. Please join us as we gather for worship – however, there will not be soup suppers prior to worship. Our journey to the cross this year will focus on the love of our Savior and the world which received him. Join us for this journey to Calvary.

### CORYDON COMMUNITY MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

The Wayne County Ministerial Association is still exploring options to their mid-week Lenten schedule. No in-person services or luncheons will be held this year; but they are looking into what virtual options they may have. Please check the church bulletins and weekly updates as more details become available.

# Discipleship Ministry

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](http://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](http://firstlutheran-christtheservant.org)

THANK YOU for your support of this ministry!!

**IF YOU HAVE A DATE IN 2021 THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR**, please contact Wendy in the church office (641-774-4875). The dates filled up fast in 2020! For more information on sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office and talk to Wendy – 641-774-4875.

## **Broadcast Sponsors:**

February 7: Harlan & Delores Ranshaw  
 February 14: Anonymous  
 February 21: An Out of Town Faithful Listener  
 February 28: The Family of Janice Goetsch in Memory of Dennis Goetsch

**LUTHERAN LAKESIDE  
 CAMP WANTS YOU!!**



It's that time of year again! Early Registration is ready for you. First Lutheran has agreed to send our youth to camp the week of **July 25-30, 2021**. We budgeted for this cost. This would also be a good week to have our men and women go to camp and volunteer. There are always jobs available.

Cost for the week, grades 3-8 is **\$465**

Register by February 28, 2021 to get early bird discount of **\$50.00 = \$415.00**

**Parent Deposit \$100.00 per youth = \$315.00**

**First Lutheran will pay \$315.00 per youth.**

**Your total cost is \$100.00!!**

Please register early to save yourself \$50.00! (If you have to cancel due to Covid you will get a full refund) **Register today at [Lutheranlakeside.com](http://Lutheranlakeside.com) or call the office at 712-336-2109 and speak to Pam.**

Wendy gave this notice to the Church Council on January 11, 2021:

To the Council, CTS Task Force, and my First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I let you know of my plans to retire. Dan and I have some things to work out but my approximate date is sometime between August 1-31, 2021.

We made this decision in December and it was brought on by the loss of our brother-in-law to Covid and the failing health of Dan's mother. These happenings made us re-think the time we have left and how best to live it. So we made the decision to retire a year and a half sooner than we originally planned.

This has been an emotional roller coaster for me because you have all become like family to me. I feel so comfortable talking to each of you – just like family. When I started working here 30 years ago, our children were ages 16, 12, and 7. And now we have 9 grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and a great-grandson due in February.

It will be extremely difficult to leave this job that I love but I am also excited for the future.

Please keep the church council in your prayers as they search for my replacement and for me as I prepare to train whoever that may be.

God's blessing to each of you!

In Christ's love, Wendy

## Pastoral Pondering . . . . .

As twenty-first century people, we put a very high value on quality – whether it be land, dollars, health, or longevity – we are impressed with size and value. Often it is “bigger the better.” We also, enthusiastically proclaim, “the more the merrier.” As a scientific generation, we conclude that the greatest boon we can give mankind is to stretch the span of life.

Dr. Alvin Rogness, former president of Luther Seminary, tipped the scales when he once wrote: “The tragedy is not that men die, but that they have never lived.” There are those who leave this world without leaving any friends behind, without having contributed to anything, without leaving their fingerprints on anything that really touches the lives of others. And yet - there was one solitary life who in his 33 years affected all who have lived after him. His focus was on excellence, not more, nor length.

Perhaps we need to reckon with the fact that abundant living does not depend upon quantity – we don’t have to have or do everything, but what we do undertake should focus our attention (our life) on quality. Years ago, one of the members of the congregation said to me: “Pastor, we don’t need more programs, what we do need is to make sure that what we do, we do well.” His words have stuck with me and as a result, I continue to strive and struggle with how can we do, what we do, better?

In our contemporary, historical setting with our struggles with the Covid-19 virus, people are living in fear. And, every day I include in my prayers words asking God to guide us to a more harmonious life, where people don’t have to offer excuses for not participating, but able to live with joyous peace and confidence.

There is a wonderful story about a young boy who got a job working for a farmer. When he applied for the job the farmer asked him: “are you willing to work hard?” The boy replied: “Yes, sir, I can sleep well on a windy night.” And then the farmer asked: “Can you be trusted to take care of the equipment?” The boy replied: “Yes, I can sleep well on a windy night.” After a few more questions the farmer gave the boy the job.

The boy proved to be willing and diligent worker, one whom the farmer began to trust. Then, one night, a storm came up, with lots of thunder and lightning, torrid rain, and ferocious wind. The farmer got up and ran to the boy’s room and yelled: “Get up! we’ve got to tie down the haystacks, put the tools in the shed, and secure the barn doors.” However, the boy just continued to sleep. Knowing that there wasn’t time to waste, the farmer ran outside to tie down the haystacks, put the tools away, and secure the barn doors. But when he got to the haystacks – they were already tied down, the tools were in the shed, and the barn doors were secured. As the farmer trudged back to the house he knew the wisdom of the boy – “I can sleep well on a windy night.”

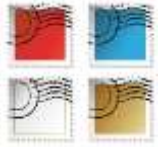
Quality living is preparedness. Let us seek not just to do great things, but to do small things in a great way. That which we do, do it thoroughly and conscientiously.

Let us live without fear, but with great and assuring faith. For Jesus says: “Well done, good and trustworthy servant.”

Blessings to You!

*Pastor Dick*

# Stewardship Ministry



## THE COLLECTING OF STAMPS WILL CONTINUE!!

Before everyone disposes of their Christmas cards or any other mail with a stamp, please remember that the Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is working with other Women of the ELCA groups to donate canceled stamps to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. The canceled stamps are sent to a group that sorts and sells used stamps to collectors around the world. Thus far, 65 million stamps have been collected by this group in Kyle, Texas, and they have donated \$42,000 to the shipping fund of Lutheran World Relief to ship quilts and kits around the world. To help you participate, we provide the following information: not only canceled stamps but unused ones as well; commemorative and seasonal stamps are most valued. Cut the stamps from the envelope leaving 1/4 inch around the stamps so as not to damage the stamps. Continue to save your stamps and drop them into the container on the desk in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran.

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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

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

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** at CTS will take place on Tuesday, February 9, from 9 AM-3 PM.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather at the home of Kary Blunk on Thursday, February 11, at 1 PM. In case of bad weather, we will meet at First Lutheran.

**THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, February 23, at Christ the Servant beginning at Noon.

### NOT MEETING IN FEBRUARY:

**THE BREAKFAST GALS  
LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

### Minutes and Reports

Copies of recent meeting minutes and financial reports are available on site at both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. At FLC, please look on the bulletin board outside the church office. At CTS, check the table by the windows on the lower level.





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**Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry**  
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February

**\*\* ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**FEBRUARY 17**

-- Corydon: NOON

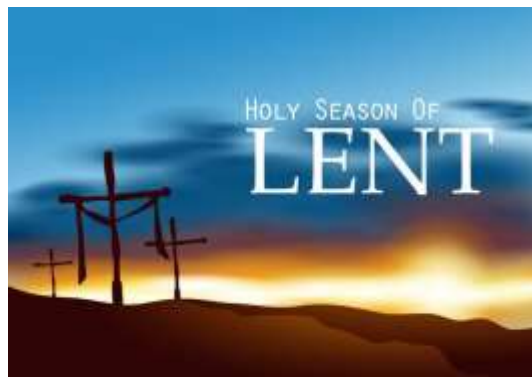
-- Chariton: 7 PM

**\*\* LENT MID-WEEK SCHEDULES**

**\*\* 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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**February 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	<b>3</b> 2 pm – Confirmation 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade  8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>4</b>  7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>5</b>  Office Closed	<b>6</b>  8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>7</b> Holy Communion 8:45-10 am – Chariton Drive-Thru Communion 11 am – Corydon Worship	<b>8</b>  2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS  6:30 pm – Council at FLC	<b>9</b> 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making at CTS	<b>10</b> 2 pm – Confirmation 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade  8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>11</b> 1 pm – Women of the ELCA  7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>12</b>  Office Closed	<b>13</b>  8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>14</b> Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship Noon – CTS Task Force	<b>15</b>  6 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Holy Communion <b>NOON - Corydon</b> <b>7 pm - Chariton</b>	<b>18</b>  7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>19</b>  Office Closed  Newsletter Deadline!	<b>20</b>  8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>21</b> Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	<b>24</b>  7 pm – Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Chariton 8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>25</b>  7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>26</b>  Office Closed	<b>27</b>  8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>28</b> Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship						

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous

Wendy's Office Hours:  
 Monday – Thursday  
 8 AM – 3 PM