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Worship Ministry



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES TIFFANY NICKELL AS OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER. Tiffany was hired on June 2 and started training with Wendy on June 21. She will be working with Wendy

through the end of July. Tiffany is married to Joe who is a Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer for the State of Iowa; and Tiffany worked for the Chariton School District. They have 3 children: Marie, 16 (who resides in heaven); Ava, 13, in the 8th grade; and Reid, 8, in the 3rd grade. Tiffany is looking forward to her part time position as well as the flexibility of the job. Tiffany will keep as close to the 8 am-3 pm, Monday-Thursday hours as she can. Welcome Tiffany to this new chapter in your life as well as ours!



Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry welcomed twins, JOSIE VON HELBING and GRACE JOY HELBING, into their membership on May 29, 2021 by baptism. Josie and Grace are the twin daughters of Haley & Benjamin Helbing.

ON SUNDAY, JULY 4, FIRST LUTHERAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE



INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE GAZEBO ON THE CHARITON SQUARE. THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.

Please bring your lawn chairs!! This service is sponsored by the Lucas County Interchurch Council. Pastor Dick will be one of the clergy participating in the service.

There will not be a worship service at First
Lutheran on July 4 - we encourage all to attend
the worship service on the Chariton square.
Please give any offering that you would have
given on July 4 either on June 27 or July 11.

CHRIST THE SERVANT WILL WORSHIP AT THEIR REGULAR WORSHIP TIME OF 11 AM ON JULY 4.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP JULY 18 and AUGUST 15 AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!



On the third Sunday of July & August, 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.



FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE
FOR OFFICE MANAGER
WENDY BLUE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
2-4 PM
In the Fireside Room
at First Lutheran.

Please stop in to visit with Wendy and wish her well on her retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACKSON FISHER!!

Jackson graduated from DMACC in May with his Associates Degree. He plans to go on to a 4 year school this fall.





On Sunday, May 9, First Lutheran recognized our high school graduates, **MEGAN AULWES & DEVON BROWN**, during the 9 AM morning worship service.



OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

LOYAL KOENCK: Loyal passed away on April 28, 2021. He was the husband of Carolyn (Susie).

MARSHA FRANCISCO: Marsha passed away on May 4, 2021. She was the wife of Kim Francisco.

JEANIE JOHANSEN: Jeanie passed away on May 22, 2021. She was the mother of Dave Rich.

HARLAN RANSHAW: Harlan passed away on June 13, 2021. He was the husband of Delores.

THE FUNERAL PLANS FOR HARLAN RANSHAW:

** On Saturday, July 3, the family will be present at the Community Band Concert on the Chariton Square. The concert will begin at 11 am. ** On Saturday, July 3, a Celebration of Life Service will be held for Harlan at the First Lutheran Church beginning at 1 PM. A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Discipleship Ministry

THE RADIO BROADCAST OF PASTOR HUTTON'S SERMONS IS 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, 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 or Tiffany (641-774-4875).

Broadcast Sponsors:

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y 4	Anonymous
y 11	Rod & Gayle Bortz in honor of their
	42 nd Wedding Anniversary
y 18	Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton
y 25:	Rod & Gayle Bortz in honor of the First
	Lutheran youth going to Lutheran
	Lakeside Camp
g. 1	Wendy & Dan Blue in thanksgiving for
	Wendy's 30 years of service to First
	Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran
g. 8	Anonymous
g. 15	Anonymous
g. 22	Pastor Dick and Carolyn Hutton as they
	Celebrate their 57 th Anniversary today
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Pastoral Pondering

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

The Declaration of Independence

In thinking about the Fourth of July, I remember, years ago, walking around the North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts, with its open fields, rock walls and split rail fences, where the Minutemen held off the British in the Revolutionary War in April 1775. There were no rusty artillery pieces or stacks of cannon balls on the manicured field, just a beautiful green, open space dotted with a few oak trees, all of which was surrounded by woods. There on the old North Bridge a shot was fired that was heard around the world. There began the battle for our freedom as the Minutemen militia held off the British Regulars for the first time in the long struggle for American Independence.

For a long time I stood and thought about how precious freedom is, how costly the continued existence of this—or any—nation is, and how every generation pays for it. On April 19, 1775: there were 96 colonial casualties and 273 British casualties, since that day many more of our sons and daughters have given their lives that we might be free.

Now, whether or not you agree with this or any of the wars we have fought, some of which were necessary and some not, our freedom and continued existence as a nation has been paid for by precious, self-sacrifice and the laying down of life – mostly by young people.

I love the Fourth of July—everything about it: picnics, parades, baseball games, and fireworks carefully synchronized with the 1812 Overture on the west lawn of our State's Capital.

But, patriotism is not so much about the land as it is about ideas. Of course, we love the land, from sea to shining sea, but patriotism is about concepts, ideas, and values.

"How do we love America?—with the vision and compassion of Christ, with a transcendent ethic that alone can fill the 'patriot's dream,' with eyes that see beyond the years and alabaster cities gleaming undimmed by human tears?

In Psalm 30 the writer says: "I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name." (Ps. 30:1-4)

How do we love America?—with something of the love of Christ is an answer we might consider.

In a fine essay, "Renewing the American Experiment," David Korten writes:

"America's founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia in 1776 to issue an audacious declaration that raised the human species to a new understanding of its possibilities and changed the course of history . . . an experiment dedicated to the possibilities of a society governed by ordinary citizens that gives full expression to the ideals of liberty, justice, and opportunity for all."

In the Bible, on the first page to the final chapter of the church, after the death and resurrection of Jesus, after the experience of Pentecost, the children of God began to preach and teach about Jesus and freedom to the consternation of the authorities, religious and civil.

When Jesus was asked, one day, about the relationship between God and the state—he answered memorably, but ambiguously. "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's. Render to God what is God's." But, to conclude from his words that the two realms, Caesar's and God's, are separate is a mistake. God is sovereign overall. To God alone we give our ultimate devotion and loyalty. And the deliberate ambiguity is, I think, for the purpose of making us responsible for our personal faith and for the society in which we live.

How do you love America?

With eyes wide open.

With a holy impatience that wants this nation always to be as good as its own best values.

With the courage to care for all.

With the vision and compassion of Christ, where the patriot's dream sees beyond the years, and where alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

Discipleship Ministry



On Saturday, June 12, a large group gathered in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran for the Bible study on the Book of Ephesians that was led by Pastor Mark Mattes from Grandview College.

Stewardship Ministry

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN!

Please check the board in the narthex for your chance to volunteer your time in painting, fixing, installing, helping, or basically "let's take care of our Church" tasks. Each task is explained in easy steps and you can do them on your own time!

- 1.) Take the index card from the poster of the job you wish to complete.
- 2.) Sign your name to the envelope on the chart.
- 3.) Complete the job.
- 4.) Place your card back in the envelope or let Gayle know the job is completed.

As the posted jobs are completed more will be added.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAYS ARE BACK!! JULY 18 and AUGUST 15

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on the 3rd Sunday of July & August – the Sundays that we will be having outdoor worship services - in exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS

We will be filling school bags at FLC on "God's Work, Our Hands" Day in September. If anyone wants to contribute, there will be a list of items needed in the Narthex. There will be a box in the Narthex to leave your items.



If you wish to contribute money for shipping, please make your check out to First Lutheran or bring your money into the church office. If writing a check, please mark clearly in the memo that it is for LWR shipping. If you have questions, please contact Jean Heston or LuAnn Mosbach.

CTS WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING ITEMS for school bag kits and items to finish the health care kits that were started in the spring. Please see the list of items needed on the table in the basement if you are interested in helping. If you have questions, please see Cindy Thiel.



NEXT WORK DAY FOR CIRCLE OF FREEDOM WILL BE SATURDAY, JULY 17!!

They are starting at 8 AM and will go until around 1:30 or 2 PM. There will be a variety of projects available to work on. Please mark your calendars!!

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.

:.:..: On the Vine

BREAKFAST GALS will meet in the Fireside Room at FLC, beginning at 8 AM, on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 13 and Tuesday, August 10

"SHARING THE WEIGHT" BLANKET MAKING at CTS will take place from 9 AM – 3 PM on:

Tuesday, July 13 and Tuesday, August 10

Come when you can and leave when you need to!! We have something for everyone to do: sewing and non-sewing!

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather at the home of Miriam Hibbs, beginning at 1 PM, on the following dates:

Thursday, July 8

Thursday, August 12

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP (LAF) will get together at 6 PM in the Fireside Room on:

*Sunday, July 11

Please bring a food item to share. Your hosts will be Roger & Kary Blunk and John & Sharon Neel.

*Sunday, August 15

Please watch the bulletins for more details regarding the August gathering.

THE CTS / FLC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet at Noon on:

- * Tuesday, July 20, at Pin Oak Marsh. Please bring your sack lunch and a drink.
- * Tuesday, August 17, at Christ the Servant.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF WENDY Wednesday, July 21 Noon at First Lutheran

CANCELLED STAMP UPDATE: Cancelled stamps will continue to be collected until September. Thank you for your help with this project! We have been doing very well!

THANK YOU for the wonderful graduation reception in May. I appreciate all the prayers, kind words, cards, and gifts. I look forward to this next chapter of my life while attending the University of Northern lowa.

Sincerely, Megan Aulwes

THANK YOU to everyone that donated items, large and small, to be sold at our "Breakfast Gals of FLC" basement sale! We appreciate everyone's generosity! A huge "thank you" to you if you worked in any way to help make our sale a success.

-Breakfast Gals of FLC

PLEASE NOTE: The Breakfast Gals will be discontinuing their basement sales for the known future.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to RAE LUEHRING and DANA HOLLAND for assisting with the interviews for an Administrative Assistant. Your dedication to First Lutheran is greatly appreciated. Gayle Bortz

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

7/	Carol Brown	7/19	Hannah Fuhs
7/	Diane Lukavsky	7/19	Alena Umbenhower
7/	Jamie Aulwes	7/22	Linda Schilling
7/1	Anne Kruse	7/24	John Harman
7/3	Eric Johnson	7/27	Brad Krutsinger
7/13	Barb Vogel	7/31	Miriam Hibbs

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

8/1	Janice Goetsch	8/19	Fred Wilker
8/1	Morgan Peters	8/22	Max Aulwes
8/2	Don Brown	8/22	Connor Shore
8/8	Shelly Greving	8/24	Evan Havick
8/12	Charles Clark	8/27	Sally Wilke
8/12	Hunter Clark	8/31	Alice Thiel
8/17	Mark Harders		

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!)



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- ** CHARITON COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP
 - Sunday, July 4, at Gazebo on Square
- ** WORSHIP PLANS FOR JULY & AUGUST
- ** CIRCLE OF FREEDOM WORKDAY
 - Saturday, July 17
- ** WOMEN'S LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF WENDY - Noon on July 21
- ** NEW OFFICE MANAGER INTRODUCED
- ** FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE FOR WENDY AT FIRST LUTHERAN
 - Sunday, August 1, 2-4 PM

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 Office: 641-774-4875 Worship 11 AM

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM	AA – Alcoholics And	onymous		1 7 pm-Slavic Worship at FLC	2 Office Closed	3 8 pm – AA @ CTS
4 9 am – Chariton Community 4 th of July Service at the Gazebo (No service at FLC on this day) 11 am – Corydon Worship	5	6	7 9 am_Bible Study at FLC	8 1 pm – Women of the ELCA	9 Office Closed	10
* * * * * * INDEPENDENCE DAY			Wendy Vacation July 5-9 8 pm - AA @ CTS	7 pm–Slavic Worship		8 pm – AA @ CTS
11 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship 11 am – Corydon Worship	12 2 pm-Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS	13 8 am – Breakfast Gals In Fireside Room 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making at CTS	14 9 am_Bible Study at FLC	at FLC	16 Office Closed	17 8 am-2 pm – Circle of Freedom Workday
6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	6:30 pm-Council at FLC		<u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC		8 pm – AA @ CTS
Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9 am—Chariton OUTDOOR Worship 11 am — Corydon Worship Noon — CTS Task Force	19 6 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	Noon – CTS & FLC Women's Bible Study at Pin Oak Marsh	21 9 am-Bible Study at FLC Noon-Women's Luncheon at FLC in honor of Wendy 8 pm - AA @ CTS	22 7 pm-Slavic Worship at FLC	23 Office Closed	24 8 pm – AA @ CTS
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship		Campers to Lutheran	Lakeside Camp July 25-30			
11 am – Corydon Worship Pastor Dick July 27-30						
			9 am-Bible Study at FLC	Wendy's Last Day In the Office	Office Closed	8 pm – AA @ CTS
			8 pm – AA @ CTS	7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC		

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Worship 9 AM

AUGUST 2021

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1 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship 11 am – Corydon Worship	2	3 11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	4 9 am-Bible Study at FLC	5	6 Office Closed	7
2-4 pm – Farewell Open House for			Pastor Dick Vacation August 4-9			
Wendy Blue			8 pm – AA @ CTS	7 pm-Slavic Worship at FLC		8 pm - AA @ CTS
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