

## Worship Ministry

### SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

**Sunday, September 26  
10 AM at First Lutheran**



At the request of the Executive Committee and the Church Council, a special congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 10 AM at FLC for the purpose of approving going forth with concrete improvements. Thank you. Gayle Bortz, President

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 19 AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!

On Sunday, September 19 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.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS 2021

School has started and so has Sunday school!

First Lutheran values their youth learning about the Bible stories. Please plan to attend every Sunday! The format will be the same as last year. The youth will be dismissed before the Gospel reading and will return in time for communion. Sunday school will be held in the big room in the basement while the weather is warm.

**ADULTS:** Please sign up to teach a week. "ALL" of us are responsible for growing the faith in our youth.

**YOUTH:** Plan to attend worship every Sunday and learn the teachings of the Bible and get to know our members.

### MARK THE DATE

**SEPTEMBER 12:** Following worship the youth and adults are invited to help fill the Sunday School Supply bags as a service project.

**SEPTEMBER 19:** Official start of Sunday School Lessons.

### 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](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 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 Tiffany (641-774-4875).

### **Broadcast Sponsors:**

Sept. 5 Anonymous

Sept. 12 Roger & Kary Blunk in memory of Kary's sister, Loretta Bequeaith

Sept. 19 Anonymous

Sept. 26 Roger & Jean in honor of their 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### **JUST A QUICK NOTE REGARDING THE**

**RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP:** We are currently sponsored through October 17. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast please call the church office and talk to Tiffany.

**Thanks to everyone who worked to make Wendy's retirement party a success. Your help was certainly appreciated!**  
**-Angie and Ronda**



To my Friends at Christ the Servant and First Lutheran,

Where do I even begin to thank you for the wonderful send-off you gave me at the Open House and all the special events leading up to it!! I felt so loved on that day and I will cherish the memories that were made! The Open House was such a warm and inviting event and the gifts given to me that day were so heartwarming. So much thought was put into

each and every gift! And they were gifts that will keep on giving!

\*When CTS presented their gift, they mentioned that it would give us gas money for our travels – they were not kidding. I think it would take us from coast to coast!

\* The “Sweet Hour of Prayer” sculpture of the woman praying is displayed prominently in our front room. It will continually remind me that no obstacle is ever too big for God – we just have to ask Him for his help.

\* The quilt from the FLC Quilting Gals – oh be still my heart – it took my breath away. I was so honored to receive one of their quilts and the personal stitching on it just went over the top. I am a night owl and it will keep me warm many a night!!

\* The Vredenburg Series concert tickets will keep us entertained for a year!! We are so looking forward to these “date nights”!

\* The Ellis Greenhouse gift certificate is perfect as we truly were just talking about the landscaping in the front of our newly sided home. So every time I look at what we choose, I will remember you!

\* I will truly enjoy using the gift certificates from Professional Designs and East Village Spa! I will have such a fun time “Spoiling Myself” at the spa. And how did you know that Professional Designs is where I get my hair done?!?!?

The personal notes written in the cards made me cry as I opened them. You are all so special to me! I will truly miss interacting with you on a daily basis. But it is not goodbye as I am sure we will run into each other on the paths that life will take us.

I am so thankful for these past 30 years – I cannot even express how thankful I am. I know that this is just where God has wanted me all these years. But Dan and I also know that it is time to move on to new adventures – it feels right – so we know that it is God’s timing that is moving us forward.

Please embrace Tiffany as you have me. Please be patient with her as she learns – there is a lot to learn! Encourage her and help her when you can.

THANK YOU to all who had any part in planning the Open House, to those who were able to come, to those who were not able to come and reached out to me, to the past pastors who were able to attend, for all the gifts, the flowers, the breakfasts and lunches, and anything I may be forgetting!!

In Christ’s Love, Wendy

**Pastoral Pondering . . . . .**

Thank God for watermelon, sweet corn, ripe tomatoes, zucchini squash, baseball games and picnics! Summer is a wonderful time, but as all things summer passes ever so quickly; and now, the school bells are ringing and young people are once again learning to read, write, and do their arithmetic. Some of our young people are going to public school, others to private and charter schools, and some even to the University of Northern Iowa and Indian Hills Community College. It's an exciting time! Education is a blessing, and who knows which one might cultivate a new seed for us to plant in our garden in the coming years.

As the wisdom writer said: "There is a time for every matter under heaven. A time to plant, and time to pluck up what is planted. A time to weep, and a time to laugh. A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. . . . I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live." (Eccles. 3:1-15)

Every time I think of all of you, I rejoice for the partnership we share in the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I thank God for all who serve as greeters, ushers, lectors, intercessors, Sunday School teachers, soloists, hand bell players, church council members, counters, coffee makers, cookie bakers, and all who serve in a myriad of other ways (such as painting, trimming trees, fixing faucets, etc.). You are all very special and worthy of a huge word of gratitude for all you do! Thank God for all of you!

We will ask you in the coming weeks to sign up for teaching Sunday School one day – there will be a poster in the narthex to pick a Sunday and I hope you will pick one of the topics and enjoy the 40 minutes with the young people of the congregation. It is a joy to see the excitement of the young people as they leave during the sermon and return to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Enjoy this wonderful and stimulating time with the young people!

On Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes will resume, and we have approximately 9 students this fall. Confirmation is a two year study process; students enter in September each fall, and study for two years before they Re-Affirm their Baptism (the Rite of Confirmation). It's amazing to a journey of faith with these young adults – they have awesome questions, interesting insights, and fantastic gifts. If you'd like to help us with these Wednesday classes, it would be of great help if you'd be willing sometime during the year to provide a treat for the young people (they are famished and thirsty coming directly from school). So, if you'd be willing to provide a treat some Wednesday, talk with Pastor Dick.

The Church Council is planning on a Special Congregational Meeting the last Sunday of September, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service to consider continuing the concrete work around the church. If the congregation approves proceeding with the concrete work, you'll be asked to consider giving a financial gift (or a pledge for up to two years) to support this work. Carolyn and I have already talked about what we can do, if you approve proceeding, and are willing to commit \$2,000 of our money to support the concrete project. At the same time, we will increase our Sunday giving to the congregation as well. Gifts to the concrete work ought not to take away from the weekly ministry, and so I would ask each of you to pray about how you'll respond. We pray some will give more and others will give less, but all gifts are a wonderful blessing. In addition, we are going to ask each member to complete a new Time and Talent form and return it to the church office. We hope everyone will volunteer to participate in your congregation's ministry in some way.

It seems to me that God has truly blessed both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran in many ways. So let us rejoice together and walk hand and hand into the future – who knows what blessings God still has in store to shower upon us!

Blessings to all!

*Pastor Dick*

# Discipleship Ministry

## College Students

Listed below are our college students for the 2021-2022 school year. Please remember our youth in your prayers.

Jackson Fisher: Des Moines Area Community College

Megan Aulwes: University of Northern Iowa  
(If we have missed any college student, please let the church office know.)



Campers Kate Krutsinger, Morgan Peters, and Delany Fogle enjoyed their visit at Lutheran Lakeside Camp during the week of July 25-30.

# Stewardship Ministry

## 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.

**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 Tiffany put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed at the Ministry Center. If you are interested in volunteering please call the Ministry Center during normal hours. Thank you! Ministry Center—774-8146 ; 410 S 7th St.

**Ministry Center hours:** Open M/W/F 9:30-11:30am  
Last Tues Monthly 5:30-7:30pm



## ∴∴∴∴∴ On the Vine

**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN MISSION** will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on the following date: **Wednesday, September 1**

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather at the home of Miriam Hibbs, beginning at 1 PM, on the following date: **Thursday, September 9**

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

**Tuesday, September 14**

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

**Tuesday, September 14**

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

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

**Sunday, September 19**

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

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

**Tuesday, September 21 at FLC**

**NO WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY, September 1st**

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE on Wednesday September 8th, 9 AM, at FLC. Pastor will be with us to help guide the study. Coffee will be available. Bring your Bibles. The sessions will be for 1 hour.

**CANCELLED STAMP UPDATE:** Cancelled Stamps will continue to be collected until **September 5**. There is a shoe box located on the desk in the Fireside Room where you can place your stamps. **We have successfully filled 2 shoeboxes full! Let's fill the 3<sup>rd</sup>!** Thank you for your help with this project!

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

9/	Justin Sharp	9/11	Marcia Heimdal
9/1	Jaxon Kuball	9/14	Dana Holland
9/2	Katie Wilson	9/15	Larry Wheeldon
9/4	Julie Goetsch	9/20	Alan Miller
9/5	Fay Utesch	9/23	Connie Holland
9/5	Mike Patterson	9/25	Rhonda White
9/5	Susan Seuferer	9/27	Dalton Lukavsky
9/8	Megan Aulwes	9/28	Ava Krutsinger
9/8	Pastor Dick		

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!)*





**First Lutheran Church**  
**Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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September

**\*\*WORSHIP PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**\*\*GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**

-Sunday, September 12

**\*\*SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS**

- Sunday, September 19

**\*\* Farewell Reception Photos**

**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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Pastor Dick Hutton

Christ the Servant Corydon, IA  
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 Worship 11 AM

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tiffany's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous		<b>1</b> 1:30pm– Prayer Shawl/ Baby Afghan Mission at FLC Library 8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>2</b> 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> 8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>5</b> Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship 11 am – Corydon Worship 2 pm – Homestead Service 3 pm– Chariton Care Initiative Service	<b>6</b> Office Closed <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am – Worship and Music Committee Mtg. 11:30 am– Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	<b>8</b> 9 am–Bible Study at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>9</b> 1 pm – Women of the ELCA 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>10</b> Office Closed WELCA Fall Gathering September 10-11	<b>11</b> 8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>12</b> God's Work our Hands Sunday Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship 11 am – Corydon Worship Noon – CTS Task Force	<b>13</b> 2 pm–Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm–Council at FLC	<b>14</b> 8 am – Breakfast Gals In Fireside Room 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making at CTS	<b>15</b> 9 am–Bible Study at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>16</b> 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>17</b> Office Closed <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>18</b> 8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>19</b> Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9 am–Outdoor Worship/Sunday School at First, Chariton 10 am – Sunday School at CTS 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon 6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	<b>20</b> 6 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	<b>21</b> Noon – CTS & FLC Women's Bible Study at FLC	<b>22</b> 9 am–Bible Study at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>23</b> 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b> 8 pm – AA @ CTS
<b>26</b> Holy Communion 9 am–First, Chariton Worship & Sunday School 10 am – Sunday School at CTS 10 am – FLC Congregation MTG. 11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 am–Bible Study at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	<b>30</b> 7 pm–Slavic Worship at FLC		