

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

REMEMBERING ALL GOD'S SAINTS



On Sunday, November 7, we will remember all God's saints. In the prayers that day, we will remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday 2020. If you have a family member or close friend that you would like to include in this remembrance, please notify Tiffany in the church office via a note, email, or call by November 3.

CHARITON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 22,
6:30 PM
First Lutheran
Church



Thankoffering Sunday

On **Sunday, November 21**, the Women of the ELCA will once again present their Thankofferings that will be sent to the Women of the ELCA of

America to support their programs. Our offerings are given to represent the many good times and/or things we have been blessed with this past year. If you write a check for your Thankoffering, please make the check out to The Women of the ELCA.

NEW WINDOWS!

The last 5 windows were installed on October 19 and 20. All of the windows in the entire church have been replaced now and are in great condition!



MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

This year we are planning to have mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings at First Lutheran beginning December 1 at 7 PM. We will have a light supper before the services at 6 PM.



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 Tiffany (641-774-4875).

November 7 Fay & David Utesch in celebration of their 47th Wedding Anniversary

November 14 Rod & Gayle Bortz

November 21 Susan Seuferer

November 28 Rod & Gayle Bortz

Radio Ministry



TREE REMOVAL AT FLC

On October 2 at 8:00 a.m. 13 members showed up at church to cut down a tree. The members cut it down, loaded the wood into a trailer, picked up sticks and branches, a lot of them and raked the area. The job took 40 minutes and we are grateful for their time. Many hands make light work!! The wood was delivered to two families who were grateful to receive it.

At the same time Randy Paige and his crew cut down and hauled away the two trees by the South front entrance. This job took 3 hours and what a difference it made. The stumps will be removed when the grinder is available. Thank you to all who volunteered. It was a beautiful morning!



Pastoral Pondering

The psalmist writes in the 52nd psalm: "I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good" (Ps. 52:8b-9).

All of your appreciation cards and the reception last Sunday were very gracious! Carolyn and I truly appreciate your affirming thoughts and actions, as they came in cards, comments, and treats – thank you for everything that you did and do to make ministry special and joyful! And so, with joy we continue to keep all of you in prayer that Almighty God may continue to bless you as we journey together into the future!

Now, November is promising to be a very special month

On the second Sunday of November, the 14th, we will honor the loyal saints of both First and Christ the Servant congregations – as we honor all members over 80 years of age during worship and at a reception following.

Then, on Monday evening, November 22nd, at 6:30 PM First Lutheran will host a Community Thanksgiving Service with special speakers, music, and coffee following. I pray all of you can join us at this festive service, as all the congregations of Chariton gather together to thank God for the blessings of this past year.

Finally, on the first Sunday of November, the 7th, we will celebrate a very special surprise during worship and following. Therefore, I pray and hope all of you will be present to celebrate with us. For it is amazing how God leads and provides, blesses, and inspires. God has throughout history surprised His people in His presence, commitment and love. So, a surprise will be part of the worship service as we celebrate All Saints Sunday – celebrating both past and present saints - God's active, living grace!

And so I pray, that all of you will put these special dates on your calendars and join us in thanking God for all He has done among and with us. For, you are all living saints worthy of honor and thanks, praise and affirmation. So, let us continue to "trust in the steadfast love of God" which truly is "forever and ever." And, with delight let us give thanks in proclaiming His mighty name.

As the poet writes:

In Everything Give Thanks

For all that God in mercy sends -
 For health and children, home and friends;
 For comfort in the time of need,
 For every kindly word and deed,
 For happy talks and holy thoughts;
 For guidance in our daily walk -
 In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,
 For the returning morning's light,
 For the bright sun that shines on high,
 For the stars glittering in the sky -
 For these and everything we see,
 O Lord our hearts we lift to thee;
 In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
 For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
 For song of birds, for horn of bees,
 For the refreshing summer breeze,
 For hill and plain, for streams and wood,
 For the great ocean's mighty flood -
 In everything give thanks!

Blessing and thanks to all of you!
 Pastor Dick

Discipleship Ministry

Our Loyal Servants



Please join us on Sunday **November 14, 2021** at 9:00 a.m. at FLC and 11:00 at CTS as we honor our loyal servants 80 year olds and beyond. We have been blessed to have so many loyal and faithful servants.

We have **21** at FLC and **5** at CTS. A dessert bar will follow the service at FLC and a potluck will follow the service at CTS.

Please join us in congratulating our members!



Pastor's Appreciation Celebration

Pastor Dick and Carolyn Hutton were celebrated with a reception following worship at FLC on Sunday Oct. 24. We celebrated our appreciation for everything they have done for our congregation. Thank you Pastor Dick and Carolyn!



Stewardship Ministry

Angel Tree Project

The Methodist church is partnering with other churches to engage in the "Angel Tree Project" this Christmas season. (This is different from the Angel Tree at Midwest Heritage Bank).

Our Council approved participating in this project. We will receive names of children 0-18 years old in Lucas County and then we will purchase a \$25.00 unwrapped gift for each name.



A Thrivent Action Team led by Gayle and Rod will use our \$250.00 card from Thrivent to purchase the gifts for 10 children. The youth will purchase the gifts as a service project. If you would like to participate "in addition" to the 10 names please contact Gayle by Nov. 30 and she will see that you receive a name.

BLESSING BOXES

The youth are participating in a service project during November and December involving the blessing boxes. Chariton has 5 boxes around town and Russell has one. These boxes contain non-perishable and small toiletry items to aid those in our community in need.

The items will be purchased with a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Card and the youth will be involved in purchasing the items and in delivering them to the boxes.

We thank the youth for their volunteerism and their time. If you are interested in helping with this project please let Gayle know. One or two people would be sufficient. Thank you.

On the Vine



PLEASE KEEP THE FAMILY OF BARBARA AANONSON, in your prayers. Barbara passed away on October 11, 2021.

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

Wednesday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 9

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 date:

Thursday, November 11

WEEKLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES AT FLC will gather on Wednesday's in November at 2 PM. The sessions will be for 1 hour.

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

Sunday, November 21

Please bring a food item to share.

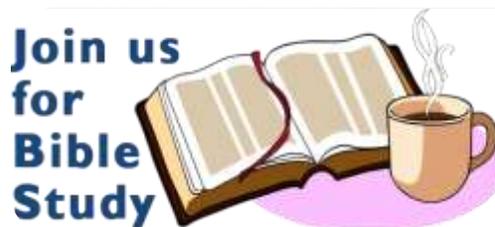


THE SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE is now posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Please check your schedule to see when you may be able to help with this ministry, and sign up on the posted schedule. If you prefer, you can call the church office (641-774-4875) and have Tiffany put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



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

Tuesday, November 16



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT FLC will gather on Wednesday's in November at 9 AM. Pastor will be with us to help guide the study. Coffee will be available. Bring your Bibles. The sessions will be for 1 hour.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE: the center is providing meals again. Please call the Senior Center the day before picking up your meal, to be added to the list. Thank you!
Senior Center phone number: 641-774-2821.





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November

****WORSHIP PLANS FOR NOVEMBER**

**** PASTOR'S APPRECIATION CELEBRATION**

**** LOYAL SERVANTS CELEBRATION**

****ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

****ADVENT SERVICES**

**** COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**** FLC TREE REMOVAL**

**** BLESSING BOXES**

**** ANGEL TREE PROJECT**

**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

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 Sunday School 10 AM
 Worship 11 AM

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Tiffany's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM</p>	1	<p>2 <u>10 am</u> – Worship and Music Committee Mtg. <u>11 am</u>– Lucas Co. ICC Meeting</p>	<p>3 <u>9 am</u>–Bible Study at FLC <u>1:30 pm</u>- Prayer/Shaw Meeting <u>2 pm</u>– Confirmation <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	4	5	<p>6 AA – Alcoholics Anonymous <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>7 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship/ All Saint & Sunday School <u>10 am</u>- CTS Sunday School <u>11 am</u>– Corydon Worship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</p>	8	<p>9 <u>8 am</u> – Breakfast Gals In Fireside Room <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making at CTS</p>	<p>10 <u>9 am</u>–Bible Study at FLC <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>11 <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA</p>	12	<p>13 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>14 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship/ Loyal Servant honor & Sunday School <u>10 am</u>- Sunday School at CTS <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship Noon- CTS Task Force MTG. <u>2 pm</u>- Homestead Service <u>3 pm</u>- Chariton Care Init. Service</p>	15	<p>16 Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study <u>1 pm</u>- Book club at FLC Fireside Room</p>	<p>17 <u>9 am</u>–Bible Study at FLC <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	18	19	<p>20 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>21 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u>–Chariton Worship/ Thankoffering & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> – Sunday School at CTS <u>11 am</u>–Christ the Servant, Corydon <u>6 pm</u> – Lutheran Adult Fellowship</p>	22	23	<p>24 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>25 Office Closed THANKSGIVING</p>	26	<p>27 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>28 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u>–Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> – Sunday School at CTS <u>11 am</u>–Christ the Servant, Corydon</p>	29	30				