

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry



CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, October 28, five young people confirmed their faith at First Lutheran. In the picture are (l-r): Logan Newsum, Devon Brown, Pastor Sally Wilke, Max Aulwes, Megan Aulwes, and Brad Sobotta. Following the service, a reception was held in the Fireside Room to honor the confirmands. Please continue to support these young people as they continue their faith journey.


Thanksgiving
WORSHIP SERVICE
CHARITON COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7 PM

Location to be announced.
Please watch the bulletins for updates!!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT CTS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10 AM – Judd Kruse presentation on his trip to Nepal and Tibet

11 AM – Joint worship service

Noon – Potluck meal

Please bring a dish to share

At 10 AM on Sunday, November 11, we will all gather at CTS for a presentation by Judd Kruse who spent three weeks traveling with the Cancer and Beyond group to Nepal and Tibet, culminating in a week-long hike around the base of Mount Kalish. Judd will talk about the work they did, the challenges of the trip, and the prayer flag ceremony at Mount Kalish. Dr. Deming, Mercy Cancer Center, was the leader of the group. He takes a group of survivors on a challenging trip every year.

This will be followed by a joint worship service and potluck at CTS.

(There will not be a worship service or Sunday School at FLC on this day.)



SAVE the DATE (S):

Advent midweek worship will be on Tuesdays again this year.

There are only three Tuesdays between the First Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve, so there will be three services, December 4, 11, and 18.

We will be singing Holden Evening Prayer and reflecting on the theme: The Magnificat, with readings from the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. Supper is at 6 PM and Worship will follow at 7 PM.

Worship Ministry



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS?

Your pastor continues to learn about how we do worship at First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. My way of keeping announcements outside the parameter of worship was to have them before the prelude. I recently discovered “my way” was getting in the way of the musicians’ roles as greeters and gatherers of the assembly with their prelude and I want to correct that. The solution – NO Announcements at all, unless a service note is needed or there is an emergency. Should it become necessary to provide a time for announcements, they will come (just as they had before I got here) just prior to the dismissal.



LEARNING NEW SONGS!

We will continue to learn and use a new song each month, learning the song at the beginning or end of the first worship service of the month and then using it in various places throughout the service each Sunday the rest of the month.

In October, we grew accustomed to using, “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*” during the prayers of Intercession. This month, November, we will learn “*Dancing at the Harvest*” (a timely song for November) and in December, we will learn John Ylvisakar’s Apostle’s Creed song, “*I Believe, I Do Believe.*”

While “*Dancing at the Harvest*” will become a song in our regular repertoire of hymns for worship, “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*” and “*I Believe, I Do Believe*” will occasionally be substituted for the spoken prayer response and the Apostles’ Creed.

Stay tuned for more new songs in the new year!

Discipleship Ministry

TWO GREAT BOOK FAIRS STARTING NOVEMBER 4 AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas giving, we are having a book fair



at First Lutheran Church. Two book fairs, simultaneously!

The **Fortress Press Wellness Book Fair** for adults offers books that help you heal, grow and thrive. These books will help you deal with difficult concerns and will help open the door for continuing conversations about difficult or stigmatized topics, reinforcing the church’s role as a safe, welcoming place where people can seek help and support.

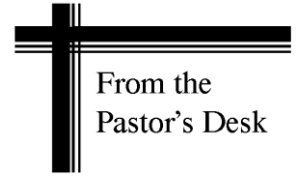
The **Children’s’ Christmas Book Fair** offers special titles that will help kids thrive emotionally, socially and spiritually. The books on display include holiday titles from books and videos that tell the biblical nativity story to picture books that share the spirit and meaning of the season. Any of the non-holiday titles can be ordered at special Book Fair pricing for gift-giving. Recommended for ages 3-10, preschool through grade 4. All books are sold at discounted prices.

Stop by and look through the sample books and place your order for any of them and others being offered. **The Book Fairs will close on December 5 at noon and orders will be submitted so books may be received in time for Christmas-giving.**

Sign up any time at the Book Fair to be eligible for a monthly \$100 cash drawing.

First Lutheran Church will receive 20% of all sales over \$200 (the value of the sample books we get to keep).

Dear Partners in the Gospel,



I've been thinking about Thanksgiving. No, not the approaching holiday, but the idea of living a life of gratitude. Diana Butler Bass just released her latest book, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. Great timing, I say. Just in time for Thanksgiving, typically a time of overindulging, but also a mentality of thankfulness.

We have much for which to be thankful – not the least of which is the death and resurrection of Jesus, who continues to give us life, the abundant life. As Bass pointed out in a recent presentation on her book, we tend to think of giving thanks as an individual action. If you're depressed, make a list of all the things you can be thankful for; if you've hit a wall, be grateful for the slow down; when you're tired, give thanks for your bed and your home; keep a gratitude journal; send thank you notes to people from your past who helped make you who you are today... and so on. There is some serious benefit in being personally thankful for all that we have.

But Bass suggests something beyond individual gratitude and that is the transformation that results when communities of people see themselves as grateful. She says, "Gratitude is not just a private feeling but is also inherently social, connecting us as individuals with others." She says we need to practice radical gratitude and stop thinking of thanksgiving as some kind of "pay back" for a gift. If we can do that, we can change ourselves and society. Listen to what we say in showing appreciation, "I owe you a debt of gratitude."

The Bible does not teach us to treat appreciation as a payback or an exchange for something. It's pretty obvious from this primary example: There is no reciprocity possible with respect to what Jesus did for us. Our gratitude for redemption and healing needs to be expressed in ways other than trying to "pay Jesus back." Forget the, "It's the least I can do after what Jesus did for me," and think instead of the abundance provided, the table fellowship and the sharing of gifts without any expectation of return.

It's a good book, a helpful book, and it could be life-changing if a number of people were to read and discuss her book in view of our congregation and our life together as grateful people. Bass said this about writing her book, "Part of my dream in writing this book is to help people in congregations get to levels of gratitude that they never thought about before. I would love to see churches actually live that way, and if we can live that way, then we become models for how that can happen in other places as well." Not a bad dream, Ms. Bass. Thank you.

As we gather at the end of the month to give thanks in our ecumenical community, with our families, or in service to others, it is good to give thanks for all that we can do as a community of gratitude.

With gratefulness for each one of you,

Pastor Sally

Stewardship Ministry

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

On **Sunday, November 18**, 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.



**THANK YOU CHRIST
THE SERVANT AND
FIRST LUTHERAN!!**

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the LWR projects that were delivered to Ankeny in October. Maybe you helped make quilts, purchased supplies, helped assemble kits, helped pack quilts & kits, or gave money for shipping – **THANK YOU** – it was all appreciated. **THANK YOU** to the Brown family for loading and delivering all the boxes to Ankeny!!

CTS & FLC together completed:

- 66 quilts - 40 personal care kits
- 2 baby layettes - 204 school bags

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the “Noisy Offering” that was collected at CTS and FLC from September 9 through October 14 for the Rostered Ministers Appreciation Event. Together we collected \$398.59 for the fund.



THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL SIGN HAS BEEN PLACED in its new home at FLC!! It is setting on a brand new slab of cement and is hanging from the original bell carriage from the old church. Thank you to Roger Blunk, Don Brown, and Earl Comstock for all your hard work!

After these pictures were taken, the sign was cleaned and polished up.



Re:Newed

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

11/5	Melissa Goering	11/22	Jackson Allen
11/5	Scott Morrett	11/23	John Thiel
11/5	Maverick Goben	11/24	LuAnn Mosbach
11/6	Canon Wilson	11/25	Brooklin Atwell
11/9	Hadley Dachenbach	11/27	Patti Bisgard
11/11	Jeanie Johansen	11/27	Lisa Wood
11/13	Lana Kuball	11/27	Alison Cornwell
11/13	Alex Wright	11/27	Abby Cunningham
11/17	Mary Ann Evitt	11/27	Rae Luehring
11/18	Ashley Wright	11/28	Dennis Bisgard
11/19	Grant Goering	11/28	James Moore
11/20	Amanda Neer	11/29	Amanda Buckalew
11/21	Patty Mason	11/29	Mary Fisher
11/21	Mike Thiel		

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will gather on **Wednesday, November 7**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM. All are invited to participate.

Women, Wine & Witness Group

(WWW): The Women, Wine and Witness group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the parsonage. In November, we will meet on **November 5 & 19**.



“COFFEE, CONVERSATION, CAMARADERIE” CCC@CTS

Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry has begun a new community project, “Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie,” (CCC@CTS). Their Thrivent Action Team Coffee shop will be open from 9-11 AM and will serve fair trade coffees and teas, and anyone is invited to attend. Community residents are invited to come with friends or come alone and make friends.

Here are the scheduled CCC@CTS events:

November 2

November 30

There will not be an event in December due to the holidays. We will resume on Friday, January 4.

LAF :: Lutheran Adult Fellowship

A small group ministry of First Lutheran Church that gathers monthly to share food and fun. Newcomers are always welcome.

We will gather in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran beginning at **6 PM** on **Sunday, November 18**. Your hosts will be Geralda Wiig and Harlan & Delores Ranshaw. (Please note that this is the 3rd Sunday of the month instead of the 2nd Sunday.)



The Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, **November 8**, at the home of Geralda Wiig, beginning at 1 PM. All women are invited!

“Sharing the Weight” Blanket Making Parties at CTS are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9 AM-3 PM. **Our next gathering will be on November 13**. We invite everyone to come and join us. We have sewing and non-sewing jobs so all skills are welcome. Come as early as you can and stay as long as you like.

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women’s Bible Study has been increased to TWO studies per month! The first Bible study will be held on the first Tuesday at the church, from 1:30-3 PM. The topic/book/ theme will be determined on Tuesday, November 6. The second Bible study will continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday, from Noon-3 PM at member homes (TBA a week prior) and will focus on the *Gather* study for the month. All are welcome to these studies, whether you can attend all the time or once in a while. So here are the meeting times for November:

November 6: 1:30-3 PM at CTS

November 20: Noon-3 PM at a member’s home. Location to be announced.

CHRISTMAS WITH WARTBURG



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 7:30 PM
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HOPE
WEST DES MOINES

Tickets went on sale Monday, October 22

Order online:

www.wartburg.edu/christmas

Ticket Office: 319-352-8691



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November

- ** CONFIRMATION PICTURE**
- ** BOOK FAIRS AT FLC**
 - Beginning November 4
- ** JOINT SERVICE AT CTS**
 - Sunday, November 11, 10 am
 - (see details inside)
- ** THANKOFFERING AT FLC**
 - Sunday, November 18
- ** CHARITON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Tuesday, November 20**

**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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November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AA – Alcoholics Anonymous	Wendy Vacation November 19-26 Pastor Sally on Vacation out of State: November 18-23			1 9 am – FLC Quilting	2 9-11 am – CCC at CTS Office Closed 7 pm – Slavic Worship	3 8 pm – AA @ CTS
4 All Saints Sunday Holy Communion 10:15 am – Sunday School at FLC 1 pm – Slavic Worship (Daylight Savings Time Ends)	5 6 pm – WWW at the parsonage	6 11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC at Presbyterian Church 1-3 pm – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	7 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	8 9 am – FLC Quilting Noon – WCMA Meet at LaBota's 1 pm – Women of the ELCA	9 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline! 7 pm – Slavic Worship	10 8 pm – AA @ CTS
11 Holy Communion 10 am – Presentation at CTS 11 am – Joint Worship Service at CTS – No service at FLC Noon – Potluck at CTS 1 pm – Slavic Worship	12 2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 7 pm – Council at FLC	13 8 am – Breakfast Gals 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS 10 am – FLC Worship Committee 2 pm – CTS Worship Committee	14 2-5 pm – GiF: Year 1 8 pm – AA @ CTS	15 9 am – FLC Quilting	16 Pastor to Boundaries Workshop in DM Office Closed 7 pm – Slavic Worship	17 8 pm – AA @ CTS
18 Holy Communion Thankoffering at FLC Cinnamon Roll Sunday 10:15 am – Sunday School at FLC 1 pm – Slavic Worship 6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	19 6 pm – WWW at the parsonage 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	20 Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study- Location TBA 7 pm – Chariton Thanksgiving Service Location TBA	21 8 pm – AA @ CTS	22 THANKSGIVING Office Closed 	23 Office Closed 7 pm – Slavic Worship	24 8 pm – AA @ CTS
25 Christ the King Sunday Holy Communion 10:15 am – Sunday School at FLC 1 pm – Slavic Worship 2 pm – Homestead Service 3 pm – Specialty Care Service	26	27 3:30 pm – CTS Worship Committee 4:30 pm – CTS Task Force	28 8 pm – AA @ CTS	29 9 am – FLC Quilting	30 9-11 am – CCC at CTS Office Closed 7 pm – Slavic Worship	

