

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

FIRST LUTHERAN
SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 5
FOLLOWING THE 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
To discuss and vote on the
proposed cement projects.

Baccalaureate Service

A Baccalaureate Service for the 2019 graduating class of Chariton High School will be held at the Chariton First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 8, beginning at 7:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Interchurch Council of Lucas County. All are welcome to attend.



ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, FIRST LUTHERAN WILL RECOGNIZE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, HUNTER AND JACKSON, during the 9 AM morning worship service. A reception, sponsored by Thrivent Financial, will follow in the Fireside Room.

Chariton Graduation Ceremonies

Chariton High School Graduation will be Sunday, May 19, at the Chariton High School Gymnasium beginning at 3:00 PM. **HUNTER CLARK** and **JACKSON FISHER** will be graduating. Hunter is the son of Deb & Chuck Clark. Jackson is the son of Mary Jo and Chris Fisher.

DAY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 9



You are invited to bring red geraniums and to wear red on this fiftieth day of Easter as we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit.



OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.

Stewardship Ministry



OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN OFFERING
this year totaled \$444.

This was divided equally between the ELCA Hunger Appeal and the Lucas County Ministry Center food pantry. Thank you for your generosity to those in need!



THE BREAKFAST GALS WILL AGAIN BE HAVING A BASEMENT "GARAGE" SALE ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, FROM 8 AM-4 PM; AND SATURDAY, JUNE

1, 8-11 AM, IN THE BASEMENT AT FLC. Clothing, kitchen items, toys, etc. may be dropped off in the church basement any time prior to the sale. Please note that we will not be able to accept TV's or computers. If you have any questions or need items picked up, please contact Linda Comstock (641-774-4406) or Fay Utesch (515-451-1232).

MAY 19 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, May 19, in



exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

Dear Friends,

Nothing can compare with the Celebration of the Resurrection, especially after the winter and Lent we experienced. The Lent of our hearts came early this year with the unexpected death of Denny Goetsch, a beloved member of our faith community. Ash Wednesday services were amazingly well-attended, despite the cold and driving conditions. As we experienced the usual, and sometimes unanticipated struggles of our messy lives, we gathered each Wednesday to hear once again the remarkable stories of God's redemption of humanity. Getting to evening midweek services was often challenging and people who longed to participate were not able to attend. We didn't have many soup makers but managed to have a nice meal and conversation before worship began.

You don't need me to remind you just how dark our days were as it appeared winter would never end. Too many of us struggled in silence during those days of Lent when being depressed and going out of the house was more than we could bear. Without comparing our struggles to the dreadful pain of Jesus' final days, we could still appreciate just how much he put up with and survived on our behalf. Yes, it was quite a winter and quite a season of Lent as well.

Holy Week brought us into greater awareness of Christ's abiding presence in our lives. At First Lutheran, on Maundy Thursday, we gathered in the Fireside Room to hear the ancient story of the Passover and John's good news of Jesus washing his disciples' feet (That means he washed Judas' feet.). Our foot washing, following Jesus' command, was not a solemn and sober event, but rather a chaotic activity with water splashing and some people jumping in response to water that was a little less warm than desired. The children had their feet washed as well and then gathered the used towels. Communion was served around the same tables at which we conduct church business and discuss world issues, each person passing bread and wine to the next. That too, involved a little spillage and temporary awkwardness, and provided a setting for thinking about the table at which Jesus served. There was a lot more to that service, including dessert and a time of deep silence in the worship area as the paraments and other altar materials were removed, but I'm running out of space.

Our observance of Good Friday, at Christ the Servant, was a very different service; one that gathered our faith community as one, and provided time for individual meditation, reflection and response to the Goodness of God's gift of Jesus.

Whether you were at the worship services or not, we came through Lent to gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate the central event of our Christian faith, the resurrection of Jesus. Oh, what a morning!! Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. All the altar paraments were back, the lilies blooming, balloons celebrating the good news, and Light – light everywhere! It was a beautiful morning, the worship area filled to overflowing, and voices rang out to the music, accompanied by horns. Glory be to God!

With great love and appreciation,
Pastor Sally



PS: MORE FROM PASTOR SALLY:

I am very grateful for the following people who contributed to worship during Lent:

Del Kray, Julie Goetsch, Madison Buckalew, Sydney Cain, Addie Peterson, and Logan Shore for worship leadership during Lent. Karen Kray, for making soup whenever needed. For the ladies of CTS for making and serving lunch after worship at the Methodist Church.

Dave Jurgens for sharing his gift of vocal music on Palm Sunday.

All of the Maundy Thursday worship assistants: Those who brought desserts; Ronda White for all the set up and clean up; Linda Jurgens, Karen Kray, Allison Krutsinger and Gayle Bortz for bringing supplies and washing feet; Ava, Kate and Mya Krutsinger for towel and other clean up. (Also Brad Krutsinger for removing the wasp.) Susan Seuferer for serving as an amazing assisting minister all night.

Good Friday worship assistants: Cross bearer, Logan Shore; Assisting minister, Ava Krutsinger; Banner bearer, Carson Oxenreider; Sidney Cain and Addie Peterson, Candle bearers. Thanks, Doug Thiel and Dave Mason, for doing whatever was needed (and Roger Blunk for bearing the cross).

Thank you, Cindy Thiel, Anne Kruse, and Jean Heston for the beautiful music, Easter Sunday; and the Ranshaw's granddaughters for the horn accompaniment.

Much gratitude to Wendy Blue for all the prep work, keeping me on schedule, and creating all the printed resources we needed throughout Lent and Easter.

Sunday School Staff did it Again!

When you see Allison Krutsinger, Nicki Brown, Sarah Peterson, classroom teachers; Gayle Bortz, music teacher and program coordinator; and Katie Shore, Superintendent; please thank them for their work this school year. They did a great job.

I know I'm taking a chance putting these names out there. If you were an integral part of our worship and I've failed to thank you, my deepest apologies. There were so many amazing people involved. Thank you all. You are an amazing community of faith.

Stewardship Ministry

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CTS GARDENING FOR PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

Several members of the faith community at Christ the Servant have already set aside garden plots and even planted specifically for a monthly free produce stand. Please consider a special planting and/or donation of produce to either the stand at Christ the Servant or the local food bank. A few feet of space and a couple of extra pickings will make a big difference to those who are hungry.



Discipleship Ministry

LIBRARY NEWS

Sharon Neel has volunteered to get our library in order to make it more accessible and helpful to you. She has already assembled a collection of books (many are duplicates) that could be removed from the library and given to anyone who would like them or sold at the Breakfast Gals' sale.

If you have concerns about any of these books being removed from the library, please look through the stacks on the library table and put any such books back on any shelf by May 6. You will have until May 20 to take any of the remaining books on the table for your personal use. Any leftover books will then be donated to the sale, May 31 and June 1.

More news:

The shelves will be re-named, and books will be reassigned to those shelves in alphabetical order by author (or publisher, if there is no author). Look forward to shelves labeled Parenting/Family, Luther/Lutheran faith, Christian Fiction, Devotional, and more.

DONATIONS may be left in the plastic tub, marked *Donations*. Making a donation does not guarantee books will become part of our library. Unused donations will be given away, sold or discarded. If you want a donated book returned to you, please note that.

CONFIRMATION CAMP UPDATE

For those who notice we are not going to camp this year: An error was made in selecting the date and only two of six were able to participate. As a result, we've postponed to next year and will be very careful in selecting a date much later in the summer. Gayle Bortz is taking Ava, Trey, and Morgan, along with her grandchildren, for a Juniors Week beginning June 9.

Re:Newed

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

5/	Martha Milnes
5/	Gayle Bortz
5/1	Kyle Narber
5/2	Shirley Schmitt
5/4	Logan Shore
5/5	Marleen Oxenreider
5/8	Coleton Atwell
5/8	Kelsey Seufferer
5/10	Kay Tighe
5/10	Jody Draper
5/13	Gert Patterson
5/20	Scott Luehring
5/22	Deb Carlton
5/22	Trish Sharp
5/22	Mya Krutsinger
5/23	Bob Schmitt
5/24	Karen Kray
5/24	Keara Storm
5/26	Bob Prather
5/27	Jessica Goben
5/29	Dustin Otto
5/29	Beckett Dachenbach

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, May 1**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM. All are invited to participate.

“Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie” CCC@CTS on Friday, May 3. Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry will have their Thrivent Action Team Coffee shop 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.

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 May, we will meet on **May 6 & 20.**

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women’s Bible Study opportunities:

** On Tuesday, **May 7**, from 1:30-3 PM, at Christ the Servant. We will be using the book, *Twelve Women of the Bible.*

** On Tuesday, **May 21**, we will meet at Noon for our *Gather* study. Watch the bulletins for the place to be announced.



The Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, **May 9**, at the home of GERALDA WIIG, beginning at 1 PM. All women are invited!

The Book/Bible Study *We Make the Road by Walking* will meet once in the month of May, on **May 12**, from 4-5:30 pm, at FLC.

“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 May 14.** 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.

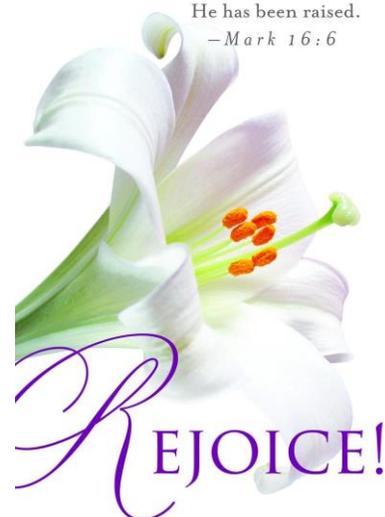
LAF :: Lutheran Adult Fellowship

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, May 19.** Miriam Hibbs and Joann Narber will be your hosts.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!!

He has been raised.
— Mark 16:6





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May

**** FLC SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

- May 5 following worship service

**** SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

- May 10-11 in Des Moines

**** HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

- Sunday, May 12, at FLC

**** BREAKFAST GALS GARAGE SALE**

- Friday, May 31: 8 am-4 pm

- Saturday, June 1: 8 am-Noon

**** FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN DONATE
YOUR EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE!**

**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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May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AA – Alcoholics Anonymous			1 1:30 pm –Prayer Shawl Ministry at FLC 8 pm – AA @ CTS	2 9 am – FLC Quilting Noon–WCMA at LaBota's 7 pm–Slavic Worship	3 9-11 am–CCC at CTS Office Closed	4 8 pm – AA @ CTS
5 Holy Communion 10:15 am – FLC Special Congregation Meeting 1 pm – Slavic Worship	6 6 pm – WWW at the parsonage	7 10 am–FLC Worship Committee 11:30 am–Lucas Co. ICC at Russell Methodist 1:30 pm–CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	8 7 pm – Baccalaureate at Chariton Methodist 8 pm – AA @ CTS	9 9 am – FLC Quilting 1 pm – Women of the ELCA 7 pm–Slavic Worship	10-11 Office Closed May 10-11 Synod Assembly in Des Moines 8 pm – AA @ CTS	
12 Mother's Day Holy Communion FLC High School Graduate Recognition 10:15 am – Executive Committee 1 pm – Slavic Worship 4-5:30 pm – Book/Bible Study/FLC	13 2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm–Council at FLC	14 8 am–Breakfast Gals 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS	15 8 pm – AA @ CTS	16 9 am–FLC Quilting Noon – WCMA 7 pm–Slavic Worship	17 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	18 8 pm – AA @ CTS
19 Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday 1 pm – Slavic Worship 6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	20 6 pm – WWW at the parsonage 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	21 Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study (place TBA) 3:30 pm–CTS Worship Committee 4:30 pm–CTS Task Force	22 2 -5 pm– GiF: Year 1 8 pm – AA @ CTS	23 9 am – FLC Quilting 7 pm–Slavic Worship	24 Office Closed	25 8 pm – AA @ CTS
26 Holy Communion 1 pm – Slavic Worship 2 pm – Homestead Service 3 pm – Chariton Sp. Care Service	27  Office Closed	28	29 8 pm – AA @ CTS	30 9 am – FLC Quilting 7 pm–Slavic Worship	31 8 am – 4 pm – Breakfast Gals Garage Sale in FLC Basement Office Closed	