

## Worship Ministry



**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 1 - 7 PM**  
Special Joint Worship at  
First Lutheran in Chariton  
Holy Communion

**Good Friday**  
**April 2 - 7 PM**  
Special Joint Worship at  
Christ the Servant Lutheran in  
Corydon



**Easter Sunday**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**April 4**

8-9 AM – Drive-Thru Communion at  
First Lutheran

9 AM – Chariton Worship

11 AM – Corydon Worship  
(no Sunday School)

**Corydon Easter Breakfast**  
served at 9:30 AM

**There will NOT be an Easter Breakfast  
at Chariton this year.**



### EASTER LILY SIGN-UP AT CHARITON

If you plan to donate a lily for Easter Sunday at First Lutheran, you may designate it as a memorial or in honor of someone. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex or you can call Wendy in the church office (641-774-4875). **Please let Wendy know by Tuesday, March 30**, if you want added to the list. The list of names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.



**At Corydon:** Corydon members please bring your Easter lilies to the church with you on Easter Sunday morning.

**A STUDY OF ECCLESIASTES**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, AT FIRST LUTHERAN**  
**ALL ARE INVITED!!**  
Led by Dr. Mark Mattes,  
Endowed Chair of the Theology and Philosophy  
Department at Grandview

8:30 AM	Coffee
9-10:30 AM	Study
10:30-10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM-Noon	Study
Noon	Q & A

The author of Ecclesiastes (traditionally thought to be Solomon) enjoyed power, wealth and access to all of life's pursuits and pleasures. After experiencing a full measure of life "under the sun", he declares it all to be futile and unsatisfying. Only as he lives "above the sun" – with an eye toward God – does life become meaningful and fulfilling. Ultimate satisfaction comes not from the good things of life but from the Giver of Life, the one we are to fear, honor and obey.

# Discipleship Ministry

**THE RADIO BROADCAST OF PASTOR HUTTON'S SERMONS WILL BE 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 HAVE A DATE IN 2021 THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR**, please contact Wendy in the church office (641-774-4875). The dates filled up fast in 2020! For more information on sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office and talk to Wendy – 641-774-4875.

## **Broadcast Sponsors:**

April 4: Marlene Oxenreider

April 11: John & Sharon Neel in honor of their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which they will celebrate on April 14

April 18: Harlan & Delores Ranshaw in honor of their great grandchildren

April 25: Rod & Gayle Bortz in honor of Gayle's birthday

# Stewardship Ministry

**UPCOMING WORKDAYS  
AT CHRIST THE SERVANT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, at 9:30 AM:**

We will assemble and pack personal care kits to go to the Lutheran World Relief ingathering on April 17.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, FOLLOWING WORSHIP:**

Following worship we will enjoy a potluck meal and then do work around the outside and inside of our church building.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM (FRED) AND CHARLENE HORN** on their purchase of the parsonage! Closing was held on February 26. The Council and Task Force are each working on the investment of their proceeds from the sale.



## Circle of Freedom

**WORKDAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 10**

**8 AM – 1 PM**

**At the Circle of Freedom Building  
400 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Seymour, IA**

Lunch, snacks, bottled water, and coffee will be provided. Porta potty available on site.

Tools to bring: work gloves, safety goggles, hammer, sledge hammer, shovel, sawzall, flat crowbars, skill saw, cordless drill, stepladders, wheelbarrows, yard tools (rakes, pruning shears). Please mark your tools.

Release forms are required to be signed by everyone and must be signed by parent/guardian for everyone under 18. They are available at both CTS & FLC. They will also be available to sign at the event.

RSVP by text, phone call or email by noon Tuesday, April 6th if possible so we know how many to plan for lunch.

Thank you so much for partnering with us!

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**A BIG THANK YOU AND SHOUT OUT TO THE CREW FROM CHRIST THE SERVANT WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST WORKDAY AT THE CIRCLE OF FREEDOM BUILDING.** Pictures from that workday can be found on the Circle of Freedom's Facebook page.



## Pastoral Pondering . . . . .

Recently, I was asked what determines when we celebrate Easter Sunday? Before you read any further, do you know the answer?

Easter Sunday is held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox, the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator (the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator) from south to north. In other words, Easter Sunday is tied to the transitions of nature so that the date moves from year to year.

There are lots of reason why it was set up this way. Here are two: First, Easter is connected to a change in the seasons. Something new is happening. The world is on the brink of change and will look different soon. Second, Easter doesn't have a specific date. This connects with the church's view that every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. It isn't just once a year that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Easter is the way we live our faith, ask our questions, offer our prayers, gather as the body of Christ, serve in and through our shared ministry, mature as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Bible never says celebrate Easter on one specific day. Instead, it encourages disciples to live Easter's good news of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ every day. The greatest way we can do that is to do what the first disciples did. They spoke openly to how they saw the Lord.

Jesus appeared in all kinds of places – in locked rooms, along the road, in the midst of fear and doubt, injustice and despair, to people who longed for meaning, purpose, wholeness and faith, and certainly in the joys of being found, healings, people being feed, the discovery of God's way and will.

Where do you see Jesus? How are you experiencing new life in this Easter season? The good news of Easter tells us that wherever we look, regardless of what day it is, Jesus is there, waiting to be seen, waiting for our eyes to open and see new life and new possibilities.

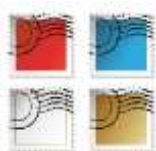
As you look through this edition of "First Fruits," I hope that your eyes will be opened to the wonderful ways God is working through us and calling you into new life and encouraging you to be a part of sharing it in your own life and in our life together. God's new life is at work in us and around us! When I see the ways many of you offer to help in our ministry, I can't help but say, "I have seen the Lord!"

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

Blessings! See you in church,

*Pastor Dick*

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**THE COLLECTING OF STAMPS WILL CONTINUE!!** The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is working with other Women of the ELCA

groups to donate canceled stamps to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. The canceled stamps are sent to a group that sorts and sells used stamps to collectors around the world. To help you participate, we provide the following information: not only canceled stamps but unused ones as well; commemorative and seasonal stamps are most valued. Cut the stamps from the envelope leaving 1/4 inch around the stamps so as not to damage the stamps. Continue to save your stamps and drop them into the container on the desk in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran.

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

4/2 John Neel	4/14 Angela Dachenbach
4/3 Christina Umbenhower	4/14 Laura Wilson
4/4 Kent Seuferer	4/14 Emma Kempen
4/4 Ian Luehring	4/16 Duane Bedford
4/5 Sarah Fuhs	4/22 Troy Trzpc
4/7 Nicole Brown	4/23 Shari Harders
4/7 Zach Fisher	4/24 Axel Cunningham
4/8 Kate Krutsinger	4/24 Blaze Cunningham
4/10 Joseph Morrett	4/25 Trayton Brown
4/11 Linda Comstock	4/27 Julie Horstmeier
4/11 Allison Krutsinger	4/28 Joanne Aulwes
4/11 Bradley Sobotta	4/29 Judd Kruse
4/13 Dave Kuball	4/29 Anna Nayeri

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 WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, April 8, at the home of Miriam Hibbs, beginning at 1 PM.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet on Tuesday, April 13, in the Fireside Room at FLC, beginning at 8 AM.

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** at CTS will take place on Tuesday, April 13, from 9 AM-3 PM. Come when you can and leave when you need to!! We have something for everyone to do: sewing and non-sewing!

**THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at Christ the Servant beginning at Noon.

### NOT MEETING IN APRIL:

#### LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP

##### Minutes and Reports

Copies of recent meeting minutes and financial reports are available on site at both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. At FLC, please look on the bulletin board outside the church office. At CTS, check the table by the windows on the lower level.





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

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April

**\*\* HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- April 1: Maundy Thursday at Chariton
- April 2: Good Friday at Corydon

**\*\* EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 8-9 AM: Drive-Thru Communion at Chariton
- 9 AM: Worship at Chariton
- 11 AM: Worship at Corydon

**\*\* A STUDY OF ECCLESIASTES AT CHARITON**

- Saturday, April 17, 8:30 AM
- All are invited!!

**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 &  
 Sunday School 9 AM

Pastor Dick Hutton

Christ the Servant Corydon, IA  
 Office: 641-774-4875  
 Worship 11 AM

**April 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous			<b>1</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>JOINT WORSHIP</b> <b>7 pm – CHARITON</b>	<b>2</b> Office Closed  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>JOINT WORSHIP</b> <b>7 pm – CORYDON</b>	<b>3</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>4 EASTER SUNDAY</b> Holy Communion <u>8-9 am</u> – Chariton Drive-Thru Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship <u>9:30 am</u> – Corydon Brunch <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	<b>5</b>  Pastor's Day Off	<b>6</b> <u>9:30 am</u> – CTS "Personal Care Kit" Work Day <u>11:30 am</u> – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	<b>7</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>8</b>  <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>9</b>  Office Closed	<b>10</b>  <u>8:30 am-1 pm</u> : Circle of Freedom Workday  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>11</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	<b>12</b>  <u>2 pm</u> –Laplancers Quilt Guild at CTS  <u>6:30 pm</u> –Council at FLC	<b>13</b>  <u>8 am</u> – Breakfast Gals In Fireside Room <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making at CTS	<b>14</b>  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>15</b>  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>16</b>  Office Closed  Newsletter Deadline!	<b>17</b>  <u>8:30 am</u> – A Study of Ecclesiastes at FLC  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>18</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship <u>Noon</u> – CTS Task Force	<b>19</b>  <u>6 pm</u> – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	<b>20</b>  <u>Noon</u> – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	<b>21</b>  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>22</b>  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>23</b>  Office Closed	<b>24</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>25</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship <u>Noon</u> – Corydon Workday & Potluck	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>29</b>  <u>7 pm</u> –Slavic Worship at FLC	<b>30</b>  Office Closed	