

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry



WORSHIP PLANS:

AT CHRIST THE SERVANT IN CORYDON:

Christ the Servant will worship at 11 AM each Sunday in the church sanctuary.

There will not be a service on January 17 at Christ the Servant Lutheran in Corydon due to the joint worship service and Annual Meeting at Chariton.

AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

Drive-thru Communion will be held on the following dates:

January 17 from 8-9 AM

Please note the change for January. In January, drive-thru communion will be held on the 3rd Sunday. This is a change for January only. Drive thru communion will be followed by joint Chariton & Corydon worship & annual meeting.

February 7 and March 7 8:45-10 AM

There will not be a worship service at First Lutheran on the first Sunday of February and March. Please listen to the sermon on the radio at KIIC – 96.7 FM at 10:30 AM.

ALL OTHER SUNDAYS AT FIRST LUTHERAN WILL BE HELD INSIDE IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9 AM.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE REGARDING THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

There will not be Sunday School on December 27 and January 3. Sunday School will resume on January 10.

AT CHRIST THE SERVANT:

Sunday School will not resume until further notice.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

4-5:30 PM—Chariton Drive-Thru Communion

6 PM – Chariton Worship in Sanctuary

6:30 PM – Radio Broadcast on KIIC

Radio – 96.7 FM out of Albia

7:30 PM – Corydon Worship in Sanctuary

THE LIVE NATIVITY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Christmas Poinsettias

Please consider providing a poinsettia plant for the season of Christmas.



IN CHARITON, please have them at the church by Christmas Eve morning.

IN CORYDON, please bring them with you on Christmas Eve.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, January 10, we will confirm six youth at First Lutheran. Madison Buckalew, Sydney Cain, Carson Oxenreider, Addison Peterson, Logan Shore, and Kendall Watson will be confirmed on that day. Please hold these youth in your prayers as they complete this milestone in their journey.



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
(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 have a date in 2021 that you would like to sponsor, please contact Wendy in the church office (641-774-6645). 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:

January 3: Dave & Lana Kuball in honor of their Wedding Anniversary and the birthday of their son, Chris, which were both celebrated on December 28.

January 10: The Family of Beverly Johnson in Memory of their father and husband of Beverly, Paul Johnson.

January 17: Anonymous

January 24: Del & Karen Kray

January 31: Beverly Johnson

ANNUAL MEETINGS

CHRIST THE SERVANT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

The meeting will begin about noon following regular Sunday worship. The meeting will be followed by a potluck meal.

FIRST LUTHERAN & CHRIST THE SERVANT
JOINT WORSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

Here is the schedule for Sunday, January 17:

8-9 AM: Drive-Thru Communion at First Lutheran. Please read the message below regarding dropping off ballots.

9 AM: Joint FLC & CTS Worship at Chariton & Sunday School

10 AM: Annual Meeting

** There will not be a service at Christ the Servant Lutheran in Corydon on that day.

** There will not be a potluck meal this year following the Annual Meeting at Chariton.

PLEASE READ!!!!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE ANNUAL MEETING, VOTING & BALLOTS:

We have received information from the Synod in regards to the annual meetings and voting. **Our constitution does not allow voting by proxy or by absentee ballot.** The Synod has approved a few ways for members to vote who do **not** attend the meeting. FLC Council has approved the following voting procedure:

- Pastor has agreed to have drive thru communion from 8-9 AM on January 17.
- At this time, (8-9 AM) you may drop off your ballot with Pastor if you do **not** plan to attend the meeting at 10 AM. These ballots **will** be added to the final vote.
- We cannot accept any mailed in ballots.
- We cannot accept a ballot for a voting member who is not in the car. Example: A family of 2 and only one comes to drive thru with 2 votes the one vote will not count.
- A member of council will be present to accept the votes at that time.

This will be the procedure for the 2021 annual meeting on January 17 only.

Annual Reports & Ballots will be e-mailed/mailed on January 8 to give you time to read them over.

Pastoral Pondering

*“Come bow beneath the flowing wave.
Christ stands here by your side and raises you
as from the grave God raised the crucified.”*

– Thomas Troeger

When the crab boat Scandies Rose went down in frigid Alaskan waters, rescuers managed to save two of the seven crew members, plucking them from a life raft in the middle of the night in high seas and a -10° wind chill.

As hard as it is for me to imagine crewing on a crab boat, it’s even harder for me to imagine being on a Coast Guard rescue crew that would be called to action under conditions such as these. The truth is the Coast Guard’s rescue diver training program is the toughest and most demanding of any branch of the military. The attrition rate for the training program hovers around 50%. The base physical fitness requirements are daunting—performance minimums include: 50 push-ups, 60 sit-ups, 5 pull-ups, 5 chin-ups, swim a 500 yard crawl in 12 minutes, an underwater swim (repeated four times), and a buddy tow of 200 yards.

Add to these training demands the need to think clearly and perform challenging tasks while submerged, holding your breath, and getting tossed around by 10-20 ft. waves. Then, mix in the harsh and frigid conditions that are the norm for boats sailing Alaskan waters in the winter. With all the challenges facing these Coast Guard Rescue Sailors, my awe and admiration for those who feel called to this work grows ever higher.

In her book on the Rule of Benedict, Joan Chittister writes about another kind of discipline, the discipline of the spiritual life:

“The spiritual life is not something that is gotten for the wishing or assumed by pretense. The spiritual life takes discipline. It is something to be learned, to be internalized. It’s not a set of daily exercises; it’s a way of life, an attitude of mind, an orientation of soul. And it is gotten by being schooled until no rules are necessary.”

She relates a story from the ancients:

“What action shall I perform to attain God?” the disciple asked the elder.

“If you wish to attain God,” the elder replied, “there are two things you must know. The first is that all efforts to attain God are of no avail. The second is that you must act as if you did not know the first.”

Chittister concludes: *“The secret of the spiritual life is to live it until it becomes real.”*

If your experience is like mine, the challenges of 2020 persist as we enter 2021. And, as in years past, the events of daily life will continue to confront us both within and beyond our control. So, one might ask: How shall we respond?

I believe the best strategy, in addressing the challenges facing us in the new year, is to follow the path of Jesus within the context of community. For Jesus promised: *“where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them...and, remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

May the blessings of Christ’s presence inspire and comfort us as we await the wonderful unknown of a new year!

Blessing to all!

Pastor Dick

Stewardship Ministry



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Corydon was a host site for the SHARE Iowa program which provided affordable groceries to our community. It has been over a year since SHARE Iowa ceased their business. After selling and auctioning the equipment and building, as a host site, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church received a monetary contribution of \$3,333. A contribution brought the total to \$3,500 which was presented to Patty Jones at SCICAP Food Pantry by Cindy Thiel.

January Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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| 1/3 | Karen Wilker | 1/18 | Rod Bortz |
| 1/7 | Del Kray | 1/19 | Sarah Peterson |
| 1/9 | Addison Peterson | 1/21 | Kenadee Peterson |
| 1/13 | Leanne Norton | 1/21 | Jackson Fisher |
| 1/14 | Lucas Harders | 1/27 | Karen Patterson |
| 1/15 | Becky Allen | 1/30 | Angie Wilson |

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!)



PLEASE KEEP THE FAMILY OF GLEN HOUGLAND IN YOUR PRAYERS. Glen passed away on December 15 at the age of 100. Cards and memorials may be sent to his niece Pat Rauch at 2901 NW 5th Street, Ankeny, IA 50023.

∴∴∴∴ On the Vine

“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING at CTS will take place on Tuesday, January 12, from 9 AM-3 PM.

THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, January 26, at Christ the Servant beginning at Noon.

NOT MEETING IN JANUARY:

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA
 THE BREAKFAST GALS
 LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP**





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- ** CORYDON ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK**
 - January 10 following worship**
- ** JOINT WORSHIP FOR CHARITON & CORYDON**
AT CHARITON FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL MEETING
 - January 17**
 - Please read important information inside**
regarding the Annual Meeting

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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January 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM</p> | <p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous</p> | | <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> | <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p> | <p>1 Office Closed</p> | <p>2 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> |
| <p>3 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship 11 am – Corydon Worship</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5 11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting</p> | <p>6 2 pm – Confirmation Practice 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> | <p>7 7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p> | <p>8 Office Closed</p> | <p>9 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> |
| <p>10 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship, Confirmation & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship NOON – Corydon Annual Meeting & Potluck</p> | <p>11 2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm – Council at FLC</p> | <p>12 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making at CTS</p> | <p>13 2 pm – Confirmation 6th-7th Grade 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> | <p>14 7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p> | <p>15 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!</p> | <p>16 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> |
| <p>17 Holy Communion 8-9 am – Drive-Thru Communion at Chariton 9 am – Joint Chariton & Corydon Worship / Sunday School at Chariton 10 am – Annual Meeting at Chariton</p> | <p>18 6 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20 2 pm – Confirmation 6th-7th Grade 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> | <p>21 7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p> | <p>22 Office Closed</p> | <p>23 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> |
| <p>24 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26 Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS</p> | <p>27 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> | <p>28 7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p> | <p>29 Office Closed</p> | <p>30 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p> |
| <p>31 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship</p> | | | | | | |