

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.



AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

Drive-thru Communion will be held at First Lutheran on the first Sunday of the months of November, & December beginning at 8:45 AM:

November 1

December 6

There will not be a worship service at First Lutheran on those Sundays. 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.

REMEMBERING ALL GOD'S SAINTS

On Sunday, November 8, we will remember all God's saints. In the prayers that day, we will remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday 2019. If you have a family member or close friend that you would like to include in this remembrance, please notify Wendy in the church office via a note, email, or phone call by November 3.



SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, November 15

10 AM at First Lutheran

Noon at Christ the Servant



At the request of the Executive Committee and the Church Council, a special congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2020, at 10 AM at FLC and Noon at CTS for the purpose of approving the selling of the parsonage and secondly to grant the Executive Committee authority to accept the highest offer. Thank you.

Gayle Bortz, President

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

On **Sunday, November 22**, 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.



MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

This year we are planning to have mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings at First Lutheran beginning December 2 at 7 PM. We will



NOT have a soup supper before the services. We will be doing the evening prayer service "Joyous Light".

Worship Ministry

BAPTISM OF BRYNN ELISE ALLEN



On Sunday, October 18, we celebrated the baptism of **BRYNN ELISE ALLEN** at Christ the Servant Lutheran in Corydon. Brynn is the daughter of Jason & Christy Allen.



THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION & FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATED



At First Lutheran in Chariton on Sunday, October 18, **KATE KRUTSINGER** received her Third Grade Bible and **MYA KRUTSINGER** celebrated her First Communion. Kate & Mya are the daughters of Allison & Brad Krutsinger.



PREVIEW OF THE CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

- 4 PM—Chariton Drive-Thru Communion
& Live Nativity by the Youth
- 6 PM – Chariton Worship
- 6:30 PM – Radio Broadcast on KIIC
Radio – 96.7 FM out of Albia
- 7:30 PM – Corydon Worship

Christmas Program News!

The traditional Christmas Program just didn't seem like a good idea this year, even though everyone enjoys it so much. After much thought and prayer I have decided to have a **Live Nativity** on Christmas Eve at the 4 PM Drive Thru communion service on December 24. Speaking with Pastor, we both decided this would be a great alternative. The Nativity would be set up on the west side of the church on the concrete pad. You can view the scene (with our youth as the characters) as you finish communion. For those attending only the drive thru communion, Pastor will have his Christmas sermon at 6:30 PM on KIIC. We will also have the traditional Christmas Eve service at 6:00 PM. We pray this will accommodate our family at First Lutheran. More information will be forthcoming for the youth and their families.

Gayle Bortz

Pastoral Pondering

Generosity.

How age and life experiences influence giving. Picture this; you're hosting a senior high dance at church, and you begin the evening with Glenn Miller, the Bee Gees, and Motown classics. The youth group stares at you, baffled, as if you had stepped out of an unwelcome time capsule.

Every autumn, we pause to focus on our Christian stewardship, and the gathering isn't a dance, and the subject isn't music. The gathering is about Stewardship. Money is the subject. We have taught the same theology of stewardship for decades, and it's time for an update.

Whenever we talk about stewardship, it doesn't take long before the topic of gratitude enters the conversation. The two are commonly linked, possibly because giving thanks and being generous are naturally understood as appropriate responses to God's abundant blessings.

Perhaps it's a surprise then that the Benedictine monk, David Steindl-Rast, implies that gratitude can be a disposition that precedes goodness, instead of just a logical response that follows. Quite provocatively he says, "In daily life, we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy." Or, said another way, being grateful is a perspective we can cultivate that helps us see that God is good and our lives are blessed, as opposed to a quid pro quo acknowledgment after the fact.

Independently, the professor and researcher, Brené Brown, writes that grateful people don't just have an inclination or "attitude of gratitude," but instead, these people engage in specific practices that fuel their sense of gratefulness. Saying grace before a meal, offering a prayer of thanks at the beginning or end of the day, or taking time to worship God are disciplines that exercise our trust in God's very nature of goodness. These practices don't just focus on blessings that have already materialized. Similarly, generosity and stewardship are faith practices that increase our confidence, our faith in God and God's ability to provide for our well-being in the present and future.

To learn more about gratitude, it seems to me there is a need to better understand its relevance to a life of faith and living life as stewards.

As a congregation we are energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. We find delightful joy in helping one another, in supporting the needs of the community, and in acknowledging God's blessings by our weekly/monthly offerings.

Nothing is more obvious to me than the blessings of our gracious God, and His invitation to share those blessings, so that many might be blessed as well.

Carolyn and I enjoy the ministry we share together with all of you, and so have decided to increase our giving next year to both First and Christ the Servant. Perhaps, you too will enjoy taking time to pray, and talk with your spouse and family, about your plan for next year's giving. God has truly been gracious to all of us, and life is more enjoyable as we share it with others. Our generosity is an act of personal and spiritual devotion, which secondarily benefits the church and its mission.

As we do this, there will be much for all of us to dance about.

Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Dick

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!!

For more information on sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office and talk to Wendy – 641-774-4875.

Broadcast Sponsors:

November 1: Anonymous

November 8: Del & Karen Kray

November 15: LuAnn Mosbach & Family

November 22: Anonymous

November 29: Anonymous

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Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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 Abby Cunningham
11/17 Mary Ann Evitt	11/27 Rae Luehring
11/20 Amanda Neer	11/28 Dennis Bisgard
11/21 Patty Mason	11/28 James Moore
11/21 Mike Thiel	11/29 Amanda Buckalew
11/22 Jackson Allen	11/29 Mary Jo Fisher

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!)

Stewardship Ministry

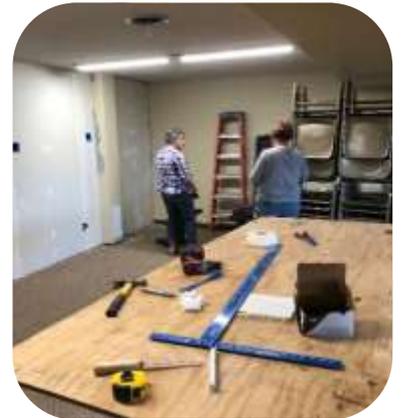


THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated money or school supplies for our school bag kits. We filled 187 school bags and took them to the

ingathering in Cedar Rapids on October 17. From a contact at the ingathering, they collected over 2,000 boxes of quilts and kits. Although total numbers aren't finalized, items collected were 3,000 quilts, 700 baby kits, over 9,167 school bag kits, over 941 health kits and 200 fabric kits. The semi was filled and arrangements are being made to get the rest of the items to Minneapolis. Thank you!!

CHRIST THE SERVANT WORKDAY

On Tuesday, October 6, a crew of 8 worked to repair the basement wall and do some miscellaneous cleaning at Christ the Servant. They got a lot accomplished in a short amount of time!!



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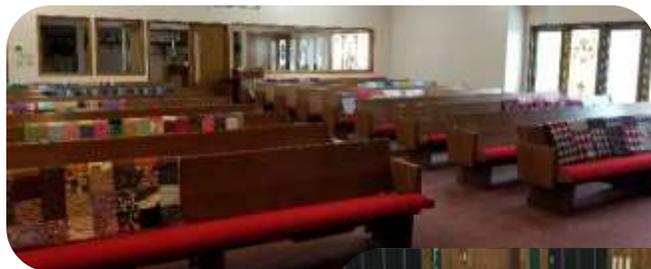
NEW SHRUBS AT FIRST LUTHERAN!

Hopefully you will notice and admire the new shrubs that have been planted at our main entrance at First Lutheran. This was made possible by a Thrivent Action Team Grant. Strong backs were needed to break up the hard dirt and do the planting. Thanks to all who were involved.



QUILTS ON DISPLAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

On Sunday, October 18, several quilts were placed on the pews at First Lutheran. These quilts are being delivered to the Cedar Rapids area. The quilts on the organ side of the church were recognized as being made by Geralda Wiig, who passed away this past year. Special recognition was also given to Martha Milnes as the organizer of the quilting group in Chariton who had made the remainder of the quilts. Martha passed away in 2019.



On the Vine

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAMILY OF DAVID DEERING, JR in your prayers. David passed away on September 26, 2020.



THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 12, at 1 PM, in the Fireside Room at FLC.

THE BREAKFAST GALS will meet on Tuesday, November 10, in the Fireside Room at FLC, beginning at 8 AM.

“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING at CTS will take place on Tuesday, November 10, from 9 AM-3 PM.

NEW DIRECTORY!!

Wendy is working on an updated directory to be printed sometime this fall. PLEASE call or e-mail Wendy at the church office with any updated information to your address, phone numbers, & e-mail addresses – or even just to verify the contact information that she has for you. Thank you!



NOVEMBER 15 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, November 15, in exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering! The Gathering has been rescheduled for July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!



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November

- ** ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OBSERVED**
- November 8
- ** SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING**
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- 10 am at First Lutheran
- Noon at Christ the Servant
- ** THANKOFFERING SUNDAY**
- November 22
- ** PREVIEW OF ADVENT &**
CHRISTMAS EVE

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Holy Communion <u>8:45 am</u> —Drive-Thru Communion at Chariton <u>10 am</u> – Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> —Corydon Worship	2	3 <u>11:30 am</u> – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	4 <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation Class at FLC 6 th thru 9 th Grade <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	5 <u>7 pm</u> —Slavic Worship at FLC	6 Office Closed	7 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
8 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OBSERVED Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> – Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	9 <u>2 pm</u> —Laplenders Quilt Guild at CTS <u>6:30 pm</u> —Council at FLC	10 <u>8 am</u> – Breakfast Gals in Fireside Room at FLC <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making at CTS	11 <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation Class at FLC 6 th thru 9 th Grade <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	12 <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA at FLC <u>7 pm</u> —Slavic Worship at FLC	13 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	14 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
15 Holy Communion Cinnamon Roll Sunday <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> —Chariton Congregation Meeting <u>10 am</u> – Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship Noon - Corydon Congregation Meeting Noon – CTS Task Force	16 <u>6 pm</u> – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	17	18 <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation Class at FLC 6 th thru 9 th Grade <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	19 <u>7 pm</u> —Slavic Worship at FLC	20 Office Closed	21 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
22 Holy Communion Thankoffering Sunday <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> – Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	23	24	25 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	Pastor Vacation: November 25 – December 1		28 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
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