



First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

WORSHIP PLANS FOR MARCH:

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 on:

March 7 8:45-10 AM

There will not be a worship service at First Lutheran on Sunday, March 7. Please listen to the sermon on the radio at KIIC – 96.7 FM at 10:30 AM.

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



MID-WEEK LENTEN

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Every Wednesday through Lent, beginning at 7 PM, First Lutheran will hold mid-week Lenten

services: March 3, 10, 17 & 24. Please join us as we gather for worship. Our journey to the cross this year will focus on the love of our Savior and the world which received him. Join us for this journey to Calvary.

(There will not be soup suppers this year prior to the worship service.)

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. The list of names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.



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.

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 (641-774-4875). 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:

March 7: Beverly Johnson
 March 14: Del & Karen Kray in Memory of their Mothers: Famie Schuldt & Elsie Kray
 March 21: The Family of Beverly Johnson
 March 28 Rhonda & Mark White

2021 Task Force (Christ the Servant)

Dave Mason (Chair)	Brian Sipma
Ann Sipma (Secretary)	Mary Ann Evitt
Emmy Forbes (Treasurer)	Tom Schilling
	Cindy Thiel

 Cindy Thiel (Council Rep)
 Dave Mason (Council Rep)
 Doug Thiel (V. Chair)

2021 Church Council

Gayle Bortz (President)	Cindy Thiel
Justin Sharp (Vice-President)	Dave Mason
Susan Seufferer (Secretary)	Ronda Morrett
Brad Krutsinger (Treasurer)	Angie Dachenbach
Julie Goetsch	



VIRTUAL LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL!

We will gather virtually from 9:30 - 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 11. Registration is required! To register, please go to LSIowa.org/advocacy and click on Lutheran Day on the Hill. Please join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for the 2021 Lutheran Day on the Hill event. This year, in an effort to protect the health and safety of our participants, we have decided to transition to a virtual event with digital support materials. Thank you for standing with LSI and the ELCA as we advocate together for policies that empower individuals, strengthen families, and build communities.

Stewardship Ministry

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

DURING LENT, CTS WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. An Action Team Grant has been applied for to purchase bath towels and members are being asked to donate combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, and bar bath soap or a monetary donation to complete the kits. On April 6th, at 9:30 AM, we will assemble and pack the kits to go to the ingathering on April 17.

AT FIRST LUTHERAN DURING LENT:

* Our Wednesday mid-week offerings this year will be given to the Circle of Freedom Ministry.

* The “Noisy Offerings” taken on Sundays and the drive-thru communion during Lent will go to ELCA World Hunger.



Pastoral Pondering

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Every day I thank God for all of you as we continue together our journey of faith. Over the past year, we have experienced the devastating effects of the Covid-19 virus – cancelling worship for a month and a half; finding joy in celebrating drive thru communion on the first Sunday of each month; then again, gathering for worship – even though with masks and socially distanced from one another; and now, hearing many of you are getting their first or even their second Covid vaccine shot.

During these difficult times I want to thank all of you for your gracious support and encouragement, and your financial support that has enabled the church to continue its ministry – confirmation classes on Wednesday afternoons, worship with masks at both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran and being open to continued pastoral visits. After Easter (April 4th), I hope to continue and be able to visit those members whom I have not already visited; currently, I have been able to visit a little more than 50% of all the members of both congregations. In regard to my visiting you, if it be better to have me take you out for lunch rather than have an appointment, just let me know when I call – I'd be happy to come and visit at your home, your office, or take you out for lunch – feel free to let me know which works best for you.

As the family of God, we “are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation – God's own people – that we might proclaim the mighty works of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.” To live the wonder of God's grace is to live by realizing that God came, walked among us, bore the cross for us, and rose from the grave so that we might arise each day thankful for the blessings of our loving God. As we go about our daily labor, as we talk with one another, and as we pause to pray, there is always on our minds the “mighty acts” of our loving, Heavenly Father. One of the members said to me after worship one Sunday, “I need to be here with my friends every Sunday. These folks are my brothers and sisters; they lift me up and bring me joy of each week.” That member realized the wonderful blessings in pausing to worship and talk with each other about the journey we share as “God's people.”

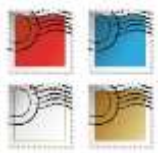
I pray, that as you get the Covid-19 vaccine, you'll join that member who is here each and every Sunday waiting to greet and talk with each of you. Yes, we broadcast our worship Sunday at 10:30 AM on 96.7 FM radio, but that's not a substitute for the face to face contact with brothers and sisters who long to celebrate the wonder of being the “people of God” – face to face, mask to mask, greeting and affirming each other.

You have all been very faithful in your financial support of our mission and we truly want to thank each of you for your faithfulness. So now, as we look to the future, let us begin to dream new dreams; as the prophet Joel said “ your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.”

With joy I look forward to the mission God has called all of us to share together. And, as we look forward to celebrating Easter on April 4th – a new day is about to dawn. May we invite all of you to join us as we thank God for life, opportunity, and challenge. Blessings to All!

Pastor Dick

Stewardship Ministry



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. Thus far, 65 million stamps have been collected by this group in Kyle, Texas, and they have donated \$42,000 to the shipping fund of Lutheran World Relief to ship quilts and kits 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 March, we remember and give thanks for the baptisms of:

Beverly Johnson	3/25	Jeff Farrell
3/20 Jean Heston	3/25	Makala Farrell
3/23 Easton Wilson	3/25	Kaiti Farrell
3/24 Geneva Wilson	3/26	Tom Schilling
3/25 Chris Farrell	3/27	Tanner Duey
3/25 Doug Farrell	3/29	Karen Orwig
	3/30	Jason Allen

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

BREAKFAST GALS will meet on Tuesday, March 9, in the Fireside Room at FLC, beginning at 8 AM.

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

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather at the home of Kary Blunk on Thursday, March 11, at 1 PM. In case of bad weather, we will meet at First Lutheran.

THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 16, at Christ the Servant beginning at Noon.

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.





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March

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**** LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL**

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From 9:30-11:30 AM

**** LENT MID-WEEK SCHEDULE**

**** HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- April 1: Maundy Thursday at Chariton

- April 2: Good Friday at Corydon

**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 School 9 AM

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Christ the Servant Corydon, IA
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 Worship 11 AM

March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM</p> <p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 am – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm – Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Chariton 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Holy Communion 8:45-10 am – Chariton Drive-Thru Communion 11 am – Corydon Worship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm – Council at FLC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8 am – Breakfast Gals In Fireside Room 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making at CTS</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 pm – Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Chariton 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30-11:30 am – Virtual Lutheran Day on the Hill 1 pm – Women of the ELCA 7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship Noon – CTS Task Force</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room</p>	<p>Wendy Vacation March 15-19</p>			<p>19</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline!</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm – Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Chariton 8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm – Slavic Worship at FLC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8 pm – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>28 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>1 MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION JOINT WORSHIP 7 pm – CHARITON</p>	<p>2 GOOD FRIDAY JOINT WORSHIP 7 pm – CORYDON</p>	<p>3</p>