

# First Fruits

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## Worship Ministry

First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Joint Worship was held on Sunday, January 16. Following the business items of the day, we joined in the sharing of a potluck meal in the Fireside Room. A bountiful feast and fellowship was enjoyed by ALL!



We congratulate our newly elected Task Force & Council members!!

### 2022 Task Force (Christ the Servant)

Dave Mason (Chair)	Brian Sipma
Doug Thiel (V. Chair)	Mary Ann Evitt
Ann Sipma (Secretary)	Tom Schilling
_____	Cindy Thiel
Judd Kruse (Council Rep)	
Dave Mason (Council Rep)	
Emmy Forbes (Treasurer)	

### WORSHIP PLANS :



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP with  
HOLY COMMUNION &  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
MARCH 2**

**CORYDON WORSHIP – NOON  
CHARITON WORSHIP – 7 PM**



### AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

**Beginning Wednesday, March 9, at 7 PM**, First Lutheran will host midweek Lenten services throughout the season of Lent for both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. Please join us as we gather for worship. There will be a soup supper prior to worship. Please sign up to provide and serve an evening meal. The signup sheet is located in the Fireside Room.

### 2022 Church Council

Denny Bisgard (President)	Gayle Bortz
Linda Jurgens (Vice-President)	Dave Mason
Ronda Morrett (Secretary)	Susan Seufferer
Angie Dachenbach (Treasurer)	Judd Kruse
Brad Krutsinger	

# 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:**

February 6: Laura Wilson

February 13: Dave & Lana Kuball

February 20: Karen Orwig

February 27: Paul & Diane Havick



*Special  
Offering*

During the Advent Mid-Week Service, the offering taken went to support “Lutheran Lakeside Camp”.

Our total received was \$170.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT FLC** will gather on Wednesday's in February at 10 AM. Pastor will be with us to help guide the study. Coffee will be available. The sessions will be for 1 hour.

**Join us  
for  
Bible  
Study**



## Pastoral Pondering . . . . .

The word “love” brings to mind a familiar phrase: “*Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude ... Love rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things....*”

I’m sure you have heard these verses recited in wedding ceremonies or seen them written on Valentine’s Day cards. They are found in 1 Corinthians 13, often called the “love chapter” of the Bible.

*Love never ends ...*

At a certain point, some might say 1 Corinthians 13 has been quoted too much. The words have seemingly lost some of their meaning. People might think, “*Yeah, yeah, ok. ‘Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.’ I know. I’ve heard it all before.*”

Others have heard someone say, “I love you,” but a happy ending didn’t follow. For some, the word “love” has been exhausted. That’s because if we read or speak beautiful words about love again and again, but do not do it with intention or understanding, the words begin to sound like empty statements.

A better way to say that is, “*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal*” (1 Corinthians 13:1).

In fact, 1 Corinthians 13 teaches that people must connect to love, specifically the love of God, in order to live meaningful lives.

Valentine’s Day brings good news because—whether single, married, divorced, separated, or any other sort of status—people can connect to the best kind of love, God’s love. And Valentine’s Day recognizes a holiday of taking time to show affection, to bring a little more meaning into everyday actions.

Instead of mentioning romance in 1 Corinthians 13, the great love chapter teaches about the love of God: agape love, everlasting love, unconditional love, unselfish love. God’s love is wide open. His love is available to any people who will yield their hearts and lives to Him.

On one popular reality TV show, a bachelor meets several single women. As he gets to know them a little better, he eliminates the women he is not interested in. Sounds cruel, right? It is. But it’s all done in the name of “love”—and entertainment.

As the women on the show are publicly rejected, one by one, they feel awful. One woman expressed her hopelessness, saying, “If I could have opened myself up to him, I think, if he saw the real me, he would definitely reconsider.”

But God does not line people up, inspect them, and then reject the ones He doesn’t like because that is not what real love does. Sometimes cultural expressions and ideas about love are so cheap that it’s almost impossible to fathom, in contrast, the wonderful extent of God’s love.

The Bible teaches that God is love.

In the language of mathematics, that means  $God = love$ . In the language of teenagers, it means that *God is, like, totally all about love*. In a philosophical sense, God is so wrapped up in love that He is one with love itself.

Unlike a lovesick admirer, God does not simply profess His love in words. God proves His love in action. “*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Romans 5:8).

1 Corinthians 13 challenges people to do everything out of love, specifically the kind of love that God has shown through Jesus. Love is the motive. That means loving friends, enemies, neighbors, co-workers, spouses, children, parents, and even strangers with the merciful and selfless love that comes from God.

**Blessings! Pastor Dick**

# Stewardship Ministry



## THE COLLECTING OF STAMPS

**WILL CONTINUE!!** The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA is continuing its collection of canceled postage stamps as a fundraiser to help Lutheran World Relief pay for shipping quilts and kits to where they're needed. So our unit is resuming collection in our congregations; we'd sure appreciate your participation; what an easy way to donate to LWR!

The canceled stamps are sold to collectors by an organization in Texas.

Updated information has come to us on which stamps are valued by collectors and which common ones are not. U.S. flag stamps and Christmas stamps have little value so you need not save those; stamps that are ordered online or have a barcode have no value to collectors. But save everything else.

Commemorative stamps are especially **VALUABLE** so watch for any of those on your mail.

You do not need to save the postmark. Be sure to leave a quarter inch of the envelope all around the stamps when you cut.

A container for the stamps is on the desk in the Fireside Room.

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

2/15	David Jurgens
2/15	Leah Goben
2/20	Hunter Wilson
2/24	Chris Kuball
2/26	Madison Bucklalew

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

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** at CTS will take place on Tuesday, February 14, from 9 AM-3 PM.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather at the home of Miriam Hibbs on Thursday, February 10, at 1 PM.

**THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, February 15, at Christ the Servant beginning at Noon.

**THE BREAKFAST GALS** will gather at Hardee's on Tuesday, February 8, at 8 AM.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, February 20, at 5 PM. Please bring a food item to share.

**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN MISSION** will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, February 2.



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**Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry**  
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**\*\* ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

-- Corydon: NOON

-- Chariton: 7 PM

**\*\* LENT MID-WEEK SCHEDULE**

**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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Christ the Servant Corydon, IA  
 Office: 641-774-4875  
 Sunday School 10 AM  
 Worship 11 AM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <u>10 am</u> - Worship and Music Comm. Mtg.  <u>11:30 am</u> – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	<b>2</b> <u>10 am</u> - FLC Bible Study <u>1:30 pm</u> - Prayer/Shawl <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Office Closed	<b>5</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
<b>6</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> - Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u>8 am</u> - Breakfast Gals at Hardee's  <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making at CTS	<b>9</b> <u>10 am</u> - FLC Bible Study <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	<b>10</b> <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA	<b>11</b>  Office Closed	<b>12</b>  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS

<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Holy Communion  <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship &amp; Sunday School  <u>10 am</u>– Corydon Sunday School  <u>11 am</u>– Corydon Worship</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><u>2 pm</u>–Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS  <u>6:30 pm</u>–Council at FLC  Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><u>Noon</u> – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><u>10 am</u>– FLC Bible Study  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Office Closed    Newsletter Deadline!</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Holy Communion  <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship &amp; Sunday School  <u>10 am</u>– Corydon Sunday School  <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship  <u>5 pm</u> – Lutheran Adult Fellowship</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><u>6 pm</u> – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room    <u>Presidents Day</u></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><u>10 am</u>– FLC Bible Study  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS    <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Holy Communion  <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship &amp; Sunday School  <u>10 am</u>– Corydon Sunday School  <u>11 am</u>– Corydon Worship</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>			<p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>Tiffany's Office Hours:  Monday – Thursday  8 AM – 3 PM</p>	