

## Worship Ministry



**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 14 - 7 PM**  
Special Joint Worship at  
Christ the Servant Lutheran in  
Corydon

**Good Friday**  
**April 15 - 7 PM**  
Special Joint Worship at  
First Lutheran in Chariton



**Easter Sunday**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**April 17**  
First Lutheran in Chariton  
7 Am- Chariton Easter Breakfast  
9 am – Chariton Worship

Christ the Servant Lutheran in Corydon  
Corydon Easter Breakfast  
served at 9:30 AM  
11 am – Corydon Worship  
(no Sunday School)



### 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 Tiffany in the church office (641-774-4875). **Please let Tiffany know by Friday, April 8**, 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.



THE SET ME FREE PROJECT  
DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022  
TIME: 10:00AM – NOON  
Location: First Lutheran Church  
1004 Curtis Ave  
Chariton, IA 50049

<https://www.setmefreeproject.net/>

The Set Me Free Project is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring prevention education to youth and families to stop human trafficking before it begins. The curriculum is informative, interactive, and flexible – reaching students, educators, parents and leaders in every facet of our communities.

# 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 Tiffany 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 Tiffany – 641-774-4875.

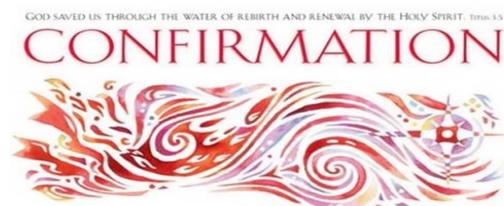
## **Broadcast Sponsors:**

April 3: Anonymous

April 10: John & Sharon Neel in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

April 17: John & Arta Harman

April 24: Anonymous



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will resume on Wednesday, April 20 at First Lutheran beginning at 2pm. The sessions will be for 1 hour.



# Stewardship Ministry



## Circle of Freedom

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8 am – 4 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.

Projects include: tearing off old guttering and putting up new metal fascia, painting some soffits, yard work, and some painting to do on the inside of the building.

Tools to bring: step ladders, work gloves, safety goggles, hammer, chain saw, cordless drill, tin snips, flat bars, torque tips, yard tools (rakes, pruning shears) and painting supplies (paint brushes, rollers, paint pans). 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 19th if possible so we know how many to plan for lunch.

Thank you so much for partnering with us!

Kim Crawford Cell: 641-414-2999

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

### 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 during Lent will go to Circle of Freedom Ministry.



## Pastoral Pondering . . . . .

### Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Now what do we do? Soon our Lenten Journey will be over. We will have traveled to the upper room with Jesus and his disciples. We will hear Jesus say those powerful words that are still effective when we hear them on Sunday mornings, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.” We will travel to the foot of the cross on Good Friday and hear Jesus utter a lonely cry of abandonment, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” We will hear once again the words of finality that Jesus spoke with his last breath, “It is finished!” paying in full the price for our Sin that separates us from God. And we will travel to the empty tomb to hear again about the group of women that traveled there early on the first day of the week to find it empty. And, we will hear once more the words of the angels at the empty tomb, “He is not here, but has risen.” The final, culminating Day of the Resurrection will be celebrated once again on Sunday, April 17th. Now what do we do?

The month of April reminds us that Easter is *more than just one day*. Easter is an “every Sunday” celebration during which we come together to receive the fruit of the cross and resurrection of Jesus—the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. Easter is also an “every day” celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” for all of us.

So, *what* do we do now, in light of the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, St. Luke tells us that “they remembered the words, and *returning from the tomb they told all these things* to the eleven and to all the rest.” They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an “every day” witness of God’s power over Sin, death, Hell, and Satan himself.

So *where* do we go, once we leave the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus’ first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business. They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary labor and responsibilities given to them.

Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are “every day” witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe! We have the hope of eternal life! We have the joy of the resurrection *living* inside of us! Also, like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we have vocations in life that God has given to us as a gift. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have one or more of these callings: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. As repentant Christians, by God’s grace we wrap the daily duties and responsibilities of our vocations in the joy and love, the peace and forgiveness of Christ. And, more than likely, others will take notice that God has blessed your faithful work by giving you opportunities to “tell all these things to all the rest.”

So let us look forward to celebrating Easter as the children of God in Christ, and realize that we are empowered by God’s Spirit to live the joy of the resurrection in our daily life by telling that old, old story of Jesus and His love to all!

Blessings to all of you!

*Pastor Dick*

# Stewardship Ministry

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

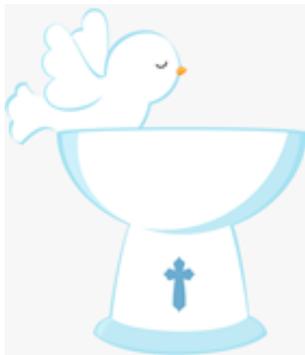
4/2 John Neel	4/14 Angela Dachenbach
4/3 Christina Umbenhower	4/14 Laura Wilson
4/4 Kent Seuferer	4/14 Emma Kempen
4/4 Ian Luehring	4/16 Duane Bedford
4/5 Sarah Fuhs	4/22 Troy Trzruc
4/7 Nicole Brown	4/23 Shari Harders
4/7 Zach Fisher	4/24 Axel Cunningham
4/8 Kate Krutsinger	4/24 Blaze Cunningham
4/10 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!)*

### 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.



## :::..: On the Vine

**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN MISSION** will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, April 6.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at Hardee's, beginning at 8 AM.

**"SHARING THE WEIGHT" BLANKET MAKING** at CTS will take place on Tuesday, April 12, from 9 AM-3 PM.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran on Thursday, April 14, at 1 PM.

**THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, April 19, at Christ the Servant beginning at Noon.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, April 10, at 5 PM. Your host will be John and Sharon Neel. Please bring a food item to share.





**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 14: Maundy Thursday at Corydon
- April 15: Good Friday at Chariton

**\*\* EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 9 AM: Worship at Chariton
- 11 AM: Worship at Corydon

**\*\* CIRCLE OF FREEDOM WORKDAY**

- Saturday, April 23rd
- 8 am- 4 pm

**\*\* THE SET ME FREE PROJECT**

- Saturday, June 4
- 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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 (641)774-4875  
 Worship &  
 Sunday School 9 AM

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

**April 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tiffany's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous				1  Office Closed	2  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
3 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> - Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship <u>2 pm</u> - Homestead Worship <u>3 pm</u> - Care Initiatives Worship	4	5  <u>10 am</u> - Worship & Music Committee Meeting  <u>11:30 am</u> – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting	6 <u>9:30AM</u> - Bible Study at Chariton <u>Noon</u> – Mid-Week Lent Worship at Corydon <u>7pm</u> –Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Chariton <u>1:30 pm</u> – Prayer/Shawl Meeting <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	7	8  Office Closed	9  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
10 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> - Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship <u>5 pm</u> -Lutheran Adult Fellowship	11  <u>2 pm</u> -Laplanners Quilt Guild at CTS  <u>6:30 pm</u> -Council at FLC	12  <u>8 am</u> – Breakfast Gals At Hardees  <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making at CTS	13  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	14  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION JOINT WORSHIP <u>7 pm</u> – CORYDON</b>  <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA	15 Office Closed  <b>GOOD FRIDAY JOINT WORSHIP <u>7 pm</u> – CHARITON</b>  Newsletter Deadline!	16  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
17 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Holy Communion <u>7 am</u> - Chariton Easter Breakfast <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship <u>9:30 am</u> - Corydon Easter Breakfast <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	18  <u>6 pm</u> – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	19  <u>Noon</u> – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	20  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	21	22  Office Closed	23  <u>8:00 am- 4 pm</u> : Circle of Freedom Workday  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS
24 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship & Sunday School <u>10 am</u> - Corydon Sunday School <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship	25	26	27  <u>2 pm</u> – Confirmation  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS	28	29  Office Closed	30  <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS

