

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

**ON SUNDAY, JULY 3,
FIRST LUTHERAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE
GAZEBO ON THE CHARITON SQUARE.
THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.**

Please bring your lawn chairs!!

This service is sponsored by the Lucas County Interchurch Council. Pastor Dick will be one of the clergy participating in the service.



There will not be a worship service at First Lutheran on July 3 - we encourage all to attend the worship service on the Chariton square. Please give any offering that you would have given on July 3 either on June 26 or July 10.

CHRIST THE SERVANT WILL WORSHIP AT THEIR REGULAR WORSHIP TIME OF 11 AM ON JULY 3.

FIRST LUTHERAN OUTDOOR WORSHIP & BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JULY 17

At 9:00 AM, on Sunday, July 17, First Lutheran will have an outdoor worship service followed by a potluck brunch. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs. Drinks and table service will be provided.

CHRIST THE SERVANT OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND BARBEQUE SUNDAY, JULY 17

At 11 AM, on Sunday, July 17, Christ the Servant will have an outdoor worship service followed by a barbeque. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided. Please bring side dishes to share and your lawn chairs.

**PLEASE WELCOME YOUR NEW OFFICE STAFF
FOR CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN and
FIRST LUTHERAN**

ANGIE DACHENBACH

Angie is the Treasurer for First Lutheran Church and has taken over all of the financial responsibilities. She started in April. Angie is the Treasurer for Beverage Equipment Service, Inc. and previously worked in Information Technology (IT) for HyVee.



SUSAN SEUFERER

Susan is the new Office Manager for Christ the Servant Lutheran and First Lutheran. She will begin on July 5. Susan just retired from the Chariton Community School District where she was a Business Teacher and the FBLA Advisor.



CONFIRMATION – JUNE 12

On Sunday, June 12, 2022 First Lutheran celebrated with four young people as they confirmed their faith. Pictured are (l-r): Pastor Dick Hutton, Connor Shore, Ava Krutsinger, Alex Oxenreider, and Dalton Lukavsky.

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!!

SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST! We are in need of radio sponsors until the end of the year. With three members now in care facilities, the broadcast brings our worship to those, plus we have listeners all across southern Iowa. Sponsorships are \$35. Please call the church office to sponsor a Sunday.
641-774-4875 Thank you!

Broadcast Sponsors:

- June 26: Dave & Patty Mason in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 17
- July 3: Rod & Gayle Bortz
- July 10: Rod & Gayle Bortz in honor of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary
- July 17: Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton in honor of Carolyn’s Birthday and their 58th Wedding Anniversary
- July 24: Angie Dachenbach
- July 31: Janice Goetsch in honor of all of the Blessings provided to God’s people

CHARITON FIRST RESPONDERS FREE DRIVE THROUGH DINNER A SUCCESS

THANK YOU EVERYONE for making our May 24th Chariton First Responders Free Drive Through Dinner a success. Despite the rain, and thanks to the Bigard’s and Hutton’s tents, everything went smoothly and almost everyone stayed dry.

We had 40 volunteers help serve steak, chicken or hamburger sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, a cookie, and drinks. 120 dinners were served to Responders and their families, and 40 dinners to our helpers, and even though the fire department was called to a fire, and the ER was overwhelmed, everyone was served and from the responses we received, food was warm and good.

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, and conversation, and a true show of our Love for those people that protect and care for us every day. So, whether you volunteered, donated financially, or did both, we thank you sincerely for being a part of this event. You are so appreciated!! Let’s do this again!

God Bless You All,
Your Evangelism Committee



Pastoral Pondering

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

It is interesting to note that when Jesus’ disciples had been working hard, getting swamped while preaching about the Kingdom of God, healing the sick and casting out demons, that Jesus did not break out the organizational charts. He didn’t suggest that they start to multitask. He didn’t chew them out to get more done with the limited time they had. He called them together to go with Him to a quiet place and get some rest.

And it is interesting that often when Jesus was faced with difficult moments, or had been in battle with demonic forces, He would take time to get away to rest and pray. Particularly after dealing with the foul and evil forces of darkness, He found balance by spending time in the cleansing, pure presence of His Father.

When God finished His creative work, He rested from it and blessed that day of rest, and even commanded His children to observe that day – to take time and be rested and refreshed in Him.

Do you see the pattern? And pattern is a key word there, for our Lord has designed us with a flow and pattern to our life – a time for work, and a time for rest. And by rest, I mean not only physical rest (which includes getting plenty of peaceful sleep, trusting in the gracious care of our Heavenly Father), but even more to be renewed and truly rested by being in the presence of our Lord, the very thing we were created for!

My father used to tell me “The week doesn’t go well, unless I’ve been to church and spent time with God.” Now this may not be the best theology, but there is a lot of truth in my father’s non-ecclesiastical words. He knew we were created to find our rest and peace in our heavenly Father, to live in relationship with one another, and to praise God from whom all blessings flow! My father loved to go to church, where he talked with his friends, drink coffee with those people he only saw once in a while, and meet people he didn’t know. I suspect that what my father loved we all love as well. Yes, there are some Sundays that the sermon speaks to us and some Sundays it just doesn’t quite do it for us. But, to sing and pray always seems to touch the heart.

The hymn writer says: “Give me Jesus. In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus . . . And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.” Do you remember the Old Testament story of Job? He lost everything close and dear to him, but in spite of all the pain and challenge he experienced his faith in God’s love never waned. God’s love for us endures to the end of time. So, I invite you to take some time - rest and come worship our God, the Giver of all we have. God loves us and enjoys drinking coffee too. Come, rest in the loving peace of our Heavenly Father!

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

Stewardship Ministry

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO WOMEN

The Cluster Organization of the Women of the ELCA is giving scholarships for the academic year of 2022-2023 to **any female of any age** attending an institution of higher learning who is a member of a church in our Conference 9. Those just graduating and those returning to college are all encouraged to apply. Total scholarship dollars will be determined at the fall cluster meeting. **Applications are to be received by the scholarship committee by August 15, 2022.** Forms are available at First Lutheran on the desk in the Fireside Room. In Corydon, you will find them on the table in the basement. You can also call Wendy in the church office (641-774-4875) and she will mail one to you.

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

7/	Carol Brown	7/19	Hannah Fuhs
7/	Diane Lukavsky	7/19	Alena Umbenhower
7/	Jamie Aulwes	7/22	Linda Schilling
7/1	Anne Kruse	7/24	John Harman
7/3	Eric Johnson	7/27	Brad Krutsinger
7/13	Barb Vogel	7/31	Miriam Hibbs

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

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

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, July 10, at 5 PM. Your hosts will be Earl & Linda Comstock. Please bring a food item to share.

THE BREAKFAST GALS will be going to Seymour on Tuesday, July 12, for their regular monthly meeting. They will be visiting The Renewed Thrift Shop at Circle of Freedom. Please meet at FLC at 8:00 AM to carpool. You may bring any items you wish to donate. Please call Fay Utesch at 515-451-1232 with any questions.

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

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, July 14, at Homestead, at 1 PM.

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

WENDY’S SCHEDULE:

Wendy plans to be in the office from Monday thru Wednesday from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (some afternoons if needed). **THE BULLETINS WILL BE PRINTED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING – SO PLEASE GIVE HER YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETINS ACCORDINGLY.**

We are thankful that the cement project is completed. We are also thankful to Andy McNeish and his crew at G.M. Builders & Son for a job well done.



GETTING STARTED



PROGRESS BEING MADE



THE FINAL POUR OF CEMENT!!



THE FINISHED NORTH SIDE



THE FINISHED EAST SIDE





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God's work. Our hands.

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JULY

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INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP**
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AND BRUNCH**
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OUTDOOR WORSHIP & BBQ**
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- ** MEET OUR NEW STAFF!!**
- ** PICTURES! PICTURES! PICTURES!!**

**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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 Worship 11 AM

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Wendy's Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Afternoons if Needed)</p>	<p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous</p>				<p>1 Office Closed</p>	<p>2 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>3 <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Community Service at the Gazebo on the Square (No service at FLC on this day) <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship</p>	<p>4 Office Closed </p>	<p>5 <u>11:30 am</u> – Lucas Co. ICC Meeting</p>	<p>6 <u>1:30 pm</u> – Prayer Shawl Group <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>7 Office Closed</p>	<p>8 Office Closed</p>	<p>9 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>10 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship <u>Noon</u> – CTS Task Force <u>5 pm</u> – Lutheran Adult Fellowship</p>	<p>11 <u>2 pm</u> – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS <u>6:30 pm</u> – Council at FLC</p>	<p>12 <u>8 am</u> – Breakfast Gals to Seymour <u>9 am-3 pm</u> – Blanket Making at CTS</p>	<p>13 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>14 <u>1 pm</u> – Women of the ELCA at Homestead Office Closed</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline! Office Closed</p>	<p>16 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>17 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Outdoor Worship followed by brunch <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Outdoor Worship followed by BBQ</p>	<p>18 <u>6 pm</u> – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room</p>	<p>19 <u>Noon</u> – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS</p>	<p>20 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>21 Office Closed</p>	<p>22 Office Closed</p>	<p>23 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>24 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>	<p>28 Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Office Closed</p>	<p>30 <u>8 pm</u> – AA @ CTS</p>
<p>31 Holy Communion <u>9 am</u> – Chariton Worship <u>11 am</u> – Corydon Worship</p>						