



First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

**ON SUNDAY, October 30,
PASTOR ERIKA UTHE**

ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

**will be here to preach at First Lutheran and
Christ the Servant Lutheran.**



**ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT FIRST
LUTHERAN, BREAKFAST WAS SERVED BY THE
CHURCH COUNCIL AFTER THE WORSHIP
SERVICE.**



Thank you to the Church Council members and
Del Kray for providing the breakfast.

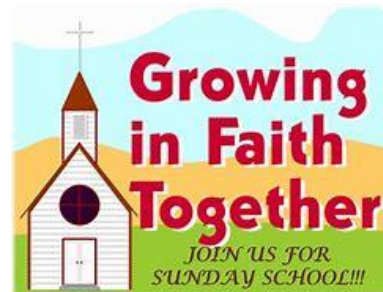
REMEMBERING ALL GOD'S SAINTS



On Sunday, November 6, we will remember all God's saints. In the prayers that day, we will remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday 2021. If you have a family member or close friend that you would like to include in this remembrance, please notify Susan in the church office via a note, email, or call by November 2.

First Lutheran Sunday School 2022-2023

Sunday School is back in session once again. Sunday School is held during the worship service. The chart is set up in the narthex and the members are invited once again to sign up to teach one Sunday this year. (Or more if you want!) The children will be released as we begin the Gospel reading. The classes will be held in the Library and will last approximately 15-20 minutes. All materials will be readily available for you. Very little preparation is required. Thank you in advance for sharing your faith with our youth!



Christ the Servant Sunday School 2022-2023

Sunday School is back in session at Christ the Servant. Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. prior to worship.

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

WE ARE NOW TAKING SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2023!

THANK YOU for your support of this ministry!! 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:

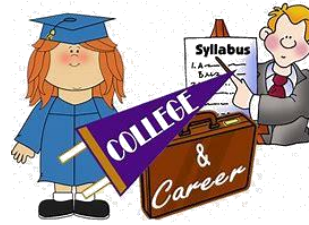
- October 2: Susan Seuferer
 October 9: Kim Francisco, in memory of his wife, Marsha Francisco
 October 16: Karen Orwig
 October 23: John & Emmy Forbes
 October 30: Joanne Fletcher in honor of her 85th birthday

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Susan in the church office by October 12. A one-year subscription is \$8.95. (641-774-4875 or flcchariton@iowatelecom.net)



COLLEGE STUDENTS



Listed below are our college students for the 2022-23 school year. Please remember our youth in your prayers.

Jackson Fisher: University of Illinois – Chicago

Devon Brown: Indian Hills Community College

Megan Aulwes: University of Northern Iowa

Max Aulwes: University of Iowa

(If we have missed any college student, please let the church office know.)



CONFIRMATION

CLASSES have begun and will meet on Wednesday’s at FLC beginning at 2pm. The sessions will be for 1 hour.

Stewardship Ministry

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS

In September we filled 50 school bags at FLC on “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day!



Thank you to all the people who helped with the school bags. Those who donated

supplies, or money, and those who helped fill the bags, and packed the boxes. The bags will need to be taken to Des Moines on October 15th. If someone would be able to do so, please let me know. –Thanks, Jean Heston



Circle of Freedom

UPDATE

Kim Crawford and crew have been working hard and are getting close to opening the Women’s Residential Home! Some upcoming events include:

- October 1 – Annual Celebration Supper/Auction
- October 8 & 15 – 2 workdays – final demo days for last wing of the building!
- Now through November 15- Housewarming Shower

See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room for details.

:::..: On the Vine

PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, October 5.

CONFIRMATION AT FLC on Wednesday, October 5, at 2 p.m.

THE BREAKFAST GALS will meet on Tuesday, October 11, at Hardee’s at 8:30 AM. They will be carpooling to John & Sharon Neel’s in Indianola.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, October 13, at Homestead, at 1 PM.

“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING at CTS will take place on Tuesday, October 11, from 9 AM-3 PM.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, October 16, at 5 PM.

THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, October 18, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT FLC will gather on Wednesday’s starting on October 5 at 10 AM. Pastor will be with us to help guide the study. Coffee will be available. Bring your Bibles. The sessions will be for 1 hour. This will be a six-week study.

OCTOBER IS PERSONAL HYGIENE MONTH at the Ministries Center. Examples would be bath and hand soap, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, band-aids, and hand lotion. **THE MINISTRY CENTER IS STILL IN NEED OF ½ GALLON MILK JUGS.** Thank you!

Pastoral Pondering

Last Monday as I headed home, I watched a farmer harvesting his corn crop. There was a huge semi loaded with corn at the edge of the field, and the picker was moving down the field harvesting more. As I watched, I couldn't help but think that soon our calendars will flip from September to October; and, not only will we flip the calendar page, but our seasons will change as well. The eighty-degree days will quickly become fifty and sixty-degree days, the warm nights will give way to cooler temperatures, and there will be a chill in the air. Those bright green leaves, which we have enjoyed all summer, have begun to change color - and now red, yellow, and orange leaves hang in beautiful display on the trees. Pumpkins, gourds, and mums sit in full display on many a front step. And soon, we'll be racking leaves Fall has come!

And with the coming of October comes Halloween, a day to dress up in costume and run door to door asking for candy. Oh, how I love to greet the kids standing at the front door in their wonderful costumes – space astronauts, princesses, cowboys and cowgirls, plus a variety of other magnificent costumes – what a fabulous day!

But also, in October there is a moment when we celebrate our Lutheran heritage. October 31st (Reformation Day), a day to celebrate God's work through his servant, Martin Luther, who fought to preserve the message of the gospel as the free gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ through faith alone.

On October 31st, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (or disputes) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther taught at the University in Wittenberg and preached at the local Church. The theses were written against the teachings of indulgences, purgatory, and other beliefs and practices of the church in the 16th century that were inconsistent with the teaching of the Bible. As a pastor of Wittenberg's Church, Luther was concerned about the large number of people who no longer came to confession, and who sought to justify this with an indulgence they bought. Indulgences were slips of paper, sold by officials of the church and signed by the pope. These slips of paper granted God's forgiveness of sins and reduced time in purgatory for the purchaser. The church was selling God's gift of forgiveness of sins that was intended to be free!

In order to preserve the true teachings of Scripture, Luther began to challenge the leaders of the church. As Paul wrote to the Romans Luther asserted: "I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'" (Rom. 1:16-17)

Luther began to proclaim, we are saved:

By **"Grace alone:"** Christian faith is the assurance that salvation is based on the unearned free gift of God's grace. Though we are sinners, disobedient children, deserving of God's wrath and anger, we receive the riches of God's love and forgiveness.

By **"Faith alone:"** God's gift of grace is received through faith in what Jesus has done for us. Our good works and the good things that we do flow out of having a right relationship with God, but these good things do not have the power to make us right with God. In Ephesians Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

By **"Scripture alone:"** The Bible is the Word of God, and It alone is the source for what we believe and what we practice in the Christian church. All other gifts that God has given to us and to the church such as tradition, experience, and human reason function to serve our understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

By **"Christ alone:"** Our basis and assurance of salvation is the person of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. The Gospel writer John tells us that, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).

So, as we walk through October, I encourage you to take some time to remember the Reformation, the core teachings of Christianity that were preserved by God through Luther, and be comforted by the fact that God continues to work through His people (the church) - so that all might find refuge and safety in that rock of Jesus Christ. As Luther said in stanza two of his famous hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*: "now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus our Lord, God's only Son adored. He holds the field victorious."

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick



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October

- ** PASTOR ERIKA UTHE, OCTOBER 30**
- ** FLC & CTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- ** SPONSOR 2023 RADIO BROADCASTS**
- ** CIRCLE OF FREEDOM UPDATE**

**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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8 pm – AA @ CTS
2 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & SS 10 am – Corydon Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship	3 11 am – CTS Worship & Music Committee	4 10 am – FLC Worship & Music Committee 11:30 am – ICC Meeting 6:30 pm – Southgate Service	5 10 am – Adult Bible Study at FLC 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 8 pm – AA @ CTS
9 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & SS 10 am – Corydon Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship	10 2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm – Council at FLC	11 8:30 am – Breakfast Gals meet at Hardee's (carpool to Neel's) 9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making at CTS	12 10 am – Adult Bible Study at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	13 1 pm – Women of the ELCA at Homestead Office Closed	14 Newsletter Deadline! Office Closed	15 8 pm – AA @ CTS
16 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & SS 10 am – Corydon Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship 5 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship	17 6 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	18 11:30 am – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	19 10 am – Adult Bible Study at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed	22 8 pm – AA @ CTS
23 Holy Communion 9 am – Chariton Worship & SS 10 am – Corydon Sunday School 11 am – Corydon Worship	24	25	26 10 am – Adult Bible Study at FLC 2 pm – Confirmation 8 pm – AA @ CTS	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 8 pm – AA @ CTS
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Susan's Office Hours:
 Monday – Wednesday
 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 (Afternoons if Needed)

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous