

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry

PASTOR ERIKA UTHE, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

ON SUNDAY, October 30, PASTOR ERIKA UTHE, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP, will preach at First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran.



First Lutheran will enjoy fellowship time with Pastor Uthe following worship. Christ the Servant will hold a potluck after worship with Pastor Uthe as guest.

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.

CHARITON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday, November 21, 6-7:30 PM
Christian Church



THANKOFFERING SUNDAY– NOVEMBER 20

Thankofferings are a long-standing custom amount Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don’t we! And we are so grateful. That’s why we give Thankofferings.

Thankoffering will be during worship on Sunday, November 20, hosted by our congregational unit of Women of the ELCA. Everyone is welcome to give thankoffering that day!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- All Saints Day, November 6
- Thankoffering, November 20, is for Everyone!
- Community Thanksgiving Service, November 21
- Advent Begins November 27

Worship Ministry (Continued)



Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry welcomed **LUCY LOUISE HELBING** into their membership on October 15, 2022 by baptism. Lucy is the daughter of Haley & Benjamin Helbing.

Pictured (L to R): Grace, Benjamin, Lucy, Josie, and Haley

Discipleship Ministry

COLLEGE STUDENT

Missed last month!

Logan Newsum: Iowa State University

Please remember all our college youth in your prayers.



RADIO BROADCAST

The radio broadcast of Pastor Hutton's sermons is 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 (Albia)

kiicradio.com—website
(Click on "Listen Live")

If you miss Sunday, catch it as a podcast on church's website!



Broadcast Sponsors:

November 6: Roger & Kary Blunk

November 13: Karen Orwig

November 20: John & Emmy Forbes

November 27: Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton

THANK YOU for your support of this ministry!!

We are now taking sponsorships for 2023! 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!

Stewardship Ministry



NOVEMBER IS BABY MONTH for the Ministry Center. Examples would be diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, any baby items.

THE MINISTRY CENTER IS STILL IN NEED OF ½ GALLON MILK JUGS. Thank you!

THE SNOW REMOVAL SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room at FLC. Please check your schedule to see when you may be able to help with this ministry!

ON THE VINE



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

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT FLC will gather on Wednesday, November 2 and Wednesday, November 9 at 10 AM. The bible study ends on the 9th.

CONFIRMATION AT FLC on Wednesdays at 2 PM. Confirmands will not meet on November 30. Instead, they will be attending midweek advent service at 7 PM.

WELCA CLUSTER 9 FALL GATHERING will be held on Saturday, November 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia. Morning begins with coffee and rolls at 8:30 and program at 9 AM. Cost for lunch is \$7.

THE BREAKFAST GALS will meet on Tuesday, November 8, at Homestead in the Library at 8:30 AM.

“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING at CTS will take place on Tuesday, November 8, from 9 AM-3 PM.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, November 10, at 1 PM at First Lutheran.

THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, November 15, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

THANKOFFERING will be collected on Sunday, November 20 at FLC during the worship service.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, November 20, at 5 PM with Roger and Kary Blunk as hosts. Please bring a food item to share.

CHARITON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Monday, November 21 at the Christian Church from 6-7:30 PM.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE AT FLC begins on Wednesday, November 30 at 7 PM.

FLC SECOND DRIVE THROUGH DINNER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS A SUCCESS!

First Responders from Lucas County were provided dinners for Responders and their families on September 27. Over 100 meals were served by the 25 volunteers. Again, special thanks to the Evangelism Committee of Del and Karen Kray, Roger and Kary Blunk, and Scott and Rae Luehring. Their dedicated work on these projects is appreciated! One Responder stated “you are the only group to think of our families also.”



Pastoral Pondering

Thanksgiving is almost here, and of course that means Christmas isn't far away, nor is Friday shopping after Thanksgiving. Often, we put a lot of emphasis at this time of year on Christmas, because retailers are pushing us in that direction. In the process, we can very easily forget this beautiful holiday called Thanksgiving. Originally established by President Washington in 1789, it initially was a religious holiday and, more to the point, a Christian holiday. But today, we think of Thanksgiving only in the context of a national holiday.

Of course, our Thanksgiving today is about gathering with friends and family and having a great meal with turkey and gravy, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. But let us not at this particular time of the year forget how thankful we ought to be. We never should forget that God has blessed us to live, in my opinion, in the greatest country on the face of the Earth, the United States of America.

And, as someone wrote, "If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world. If you attend a church service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost 3 billion people in the world. . . . If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy."

That puts things in perspective, doesn't it? We have a lot to give thanks for, and certainly the Bible urges us to give thanks to the Lord. The psalmist wrote, "Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever" (Psalm 106:1).

We have much to be thankful for this year: there was the joy of serving meals to the First Responders in all of Lucas County; there was the baptism of Lucy Helbing at CTS Lutheran Church; the joy of parking on concrete instead of gravel; helping Circle of Freedom get started and now look forward to their opening for residents soon, the birth of baby calves and pigs and the joy of showing them at fairs and livestock shows; the laughter of children and adults during worship; hugs from those close to us; the fascination of learning in school; the joy of getting up and going to work – even driving 70+ miles to do so; the love of sitting down at the table for supper with those we love; and countless other things you can add to this list. We have been blessed with a wonderful life! And, it is a joy to share it together at church.

Thinking of sharing reminds me that we will pause to pray about how we might thank God for all His blessings. And two things come to mind – first, we'll gather as a community at the First Christian Church on November 21st to thank God in worship, and secondly, Carolyn and I have begun to think about what we will offer to God as a weekly gift in our offering. At this point we are thinking of increasing our giving at least 10% - and I know it's been a difficult year in many ways with high inflation, high gasoline and heating prices, but we trust that God, who has walked with us in the past and will continue to share His blessings and inspiration in the coming months. We will see that increased gift is added to both congregations – each getting at least a 10% increase.

We truly do have much for which to be thankful!

Blessings!

Pastor Dick

Thank you for the supper you provided for the first Responders and their families. It was delicious and very much appreciated.

-Mose and Bev Bear



Thank you for your generous contributions to the ICC Food Pantry of Chariton. Those who need and use these items are very thankful for the generosity of the churches and individuals who give so much.

-God Bless! ICC

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Baptismal Anniversaries

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

11/5	Scott Morrett	11/23	John Thiel
11/5	Maverick Goben	11/24	LuAnn Mosbach
11/6	Canon Wilson	11/25	Brooklin Atwell
11/9	Hadley Dachenbach	11/27	Patti Bisgard
11/13	Lana Kuball	11/27	Lisa Wood
11/17	Mary Ann Evitt	11/27	Abby Cunningham
11/21	Patty Mason	11/27	Rae Luehring
11/21	Mike Thiel	11/28	Dennis Bisgard
11/22	Jackson Allen	11/28	James Moore
11/22	Alex Oxenreider	11/29	Amanda Buckalew
11/22	Carson Oxenreider	11/29	Mary Jo Fisher

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!)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON BIRTHDAYS

11/2	Judd Kruse
11/9	Arta Harman
11/27	Brad Harman

CHARITON BIRTHDAYS

11/14	Glenda Johansen
11/14	LuAnn Mosbach
11/16	Hunter Wilson
11/17	Angela Wilson
11/19	Beckett Dachenbach
11/20	Easton Wilson
11/20	Alex Oxenreider
11/22	Deb Clark
11/28	Andy Peterson
11/28	Bernie Aulwes
11/29	Paul Havick

CORYDON ANNIVERSARIES

11/8	Jason & Christy Allen
11/19	Nathan & Grace Forbes
11/29	Ann & Brian Sipma

CHARITON ANNIVERSARIES

11/2	Fay & David Utesch
11/11	Courtney & Hilary Shriver
11/23	Dana & Connie Holland
11/28	Angela & Keith Dachenbach



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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 Worship & Sunday School 9 AM

PASTOR DICK HUTTON
NOVEMBER 2022

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 Sunday School 10 AM
 Worship 11 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Susan's Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM </div>						
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9 AM—Chariton Worship & SS 10 AM—Corydon Sunday School 11 AM—Corydon Worship 1 pm—Lonna Wantland Recital at FLC	7 11 AM—CTS Worship & Music Committee	8 8:30 AM—Breakfast Gals meet at Homestead in Library 9 AM-3 PM—Blanket Making at CTS	9 10 AM—Adult Bible Study at FLC 2 PM—Confirmation 8 PM—AA a@ CTS	10 1 PM—Women of the ELCA at FLC Office Closed	11 Newsletter deadline Office Closed	12 8 PM—AA a@ CTS
13 9 AM—Chariton Worship & SS 10 AM—Corydon Sunday School 11 AM—Corydon Worship	14 2 PM—Laplanners Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 PM—Council at FLC	15 11:30 AM—CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	16 2 PM—Confirmation 8 PM—AA a@ CTS	17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed	19 8 PM—AA a@ CTS
20 THANKOFFERING AT FLC 9 AM—Chariton Worship & SS 10 AM—Corydon Sunday School 11 AM—Corydon Worship 12 PM—CTS Task Force 5 PM—Lutheran Adult	21 6 PM—Quilt Guild in Fireside Room 6-7:30 PM—Chariton Community Thanksgiving	22	23 2 PM—Confirmation 8 PM—AA a@ CTS	24 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 8 PM—AA a@ CTS
27 ADVENT 9 AM—Chariton Worship & SS 10 AM—Corydon Sunday School 11 AM—Corydon Worship	28	29	30 2 PM—Confirmation 7 PM—Midweek Advent Worship Service at FLC			

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous