

# First Fruits

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## Worship Ministry



### AT CHRIST THE SERVANT:

**Wednesday, March 1, at noon**, Christ The Servant will host mid-week Lenten service and lunch at the Corydon United Methodist Church. Lunch will follow the service. Throughout March, Wayne County Ministerial Association will continue to host mid-week Lenten services at UMC. Everyone is welcome!



### AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

**Beginning Wednesday, March 1, at 7 PM**, First Lutheran will host mid-week Lenten services throughout March for both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. Please join us as we gather for worship. There will be a light supper at 6 PM prior to worship. Please sign up to provide and serve an evening meal. The sign up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex.

### HOSTS NEEDED FOR MID-WEEK SUPPERS!

Please sign up to provide and serve a light supper during Lent! The sign up is on the table in the Narthex. Several openings are available!!

### EASTER LILY @ FLC

If you plan to donate a lily for Easter Sunday at First Lutheran, the sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. You may designate it as a memorial or in honor of someone. The list of names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL — FIRST LUTHERAN

Please sign up to teach Sunday School during worship. The sign up chart is in the Narthex. Lessons cover “The Story” for that week.

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### Palm Sunday April 2 - 9 AM

*First Lutheran will celebrate with palms—members gather in Fireside room and process into sanctuary on opening hymn*



### Maundy Thursday April 6 - 7 PM

*Special Joint Worship at First Lutheran in Chariton*



### Good Friday April 7 - 7 PM

*Special Joint Worship at Christ the Servant Lutheran in Corydon*

### Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord April 9

#### First Lutheran

7-8:45 AM—Easter Breakfast  
9 AM—Festival Worship

#### Christ The Servant

9:30-10:45 AM—Easter Breakfast  
11 AM – Corydon Worship



# Discipleship Ministry

## Lutheran Day on the Hill is back in person! Registration now open!

This March 14th, join Lutheran Services in Iowa at Lutheran Day on the Hill! Lutheran Day on the Hill is LSI's biggest advocacy event of the year. Join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines. The morning kicks off with a keynote speaker, a welcome from LSI's CEO -- John Twardos -- and a brief message from one of Iowa's three bishops. Following the welcome, participants will break into groups to learn how different service lines at LSI are supporting the most vulnerable Iowans. After learning how to advocate from LSI's lobbyist, everyone will head to the Iowa State Capitol for lunch and an afternoon of advocacy. Stay up to date with the latest news regarding Lutheran Day on the Hill by following Lutheran Services in Iowa on Facebook and Instagram and checking our webpage at [lsiowa.org/LDH](https://lsiowa.org/LDH)

Highlights:

- Bus Transportation from Iowa City and Newton
- T-shirts (register by Feb. 28)
- Excellent speakers and education on the Iowa legislative process
- Advocate for those marginalized in our state



## LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP WANTS YOU!!

It's that time of year again! Early Registration is open. First Lutheran has agreed to send our youth to camp and has budgeted for this cost.

Register by February 28, 2023 to get the early bird discount of \$50 off a full week.

**Parent Deposit \$100.00 per youth. First Lutheran will pay \$375.00 per youth.**

There are also camps available for adults and families. Check them out on the website!!

Please register **today** at [Lutheranlakeside.com](https://Lutheranlakeside.com) to save \$50.00!



Lutheran Lakeside Camp

## RADIO BROADCAST



## THANK YOU for your support of this ministry!!

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](https://kiicradio.com)—website  
(Click on "Listen Live")

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

### Broadcast Sponsors:

**March 5:** Dennis & Patti Bisgard in memory of Jim & JoAnn Willis

**March 12:** Susan Seufferer in honor of Kelsey Seufferer's birthday

**March 19:** Nelda Johansen

**March 26:** Holly Blunk & Scott Dorsey in honor of Roger Blunk's 80th Birthday

***Over 20 dates are still open for 2023! With two 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

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT!

- Wednesday mid-week offerings at First Lutheran this year will be divided 50/50 with Lucas County Ministry Center and ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- “Noisy Offerings” taken on Sundays during Lent will also be divided 50/50 with Lucas County Ministry Center and ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

## SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS!

Please trim the stamps off the envelope, leaving 1/4" around each. Deposit them into the box on the desk in the Fireside Room. They will go to a woman in TX who gets them to stamp dealers who in turn sell them to stamp collectors. The money goes to Lutheran World Relief for shipping quilts and kits. Collecting stamps will not stop!



## ON THE VINE



**“THE STORY” DISCUSSION GROUP** will be meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10 AM.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP AT CORYDON UMC** at noon every Wednesday in March. Christ The Servant is hosting the service and lunch on March 1.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN LIGHT SUPPER AT FIRST LUTHERAN** at 6 PM every Wednesday in March followed by the worship service.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN** at 7 PM every Wednesday in March.

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

**CTS TASK FORCE** will meet on Sunday, March 5 at noon.

**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, March 6 at 11 AM.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 10 AM.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, March 9, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** on Monday, March 13 beginning at 2 PM.

**FLC COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 PM.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, March 14 at Hardees.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday, March 14 at 11:30 AM.

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

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, March 19, at 5 PM.

**THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.



## MARCH IS KITCHEN SINK MONTH

for the Ministry Center. Examples would be dish soap, comet, scouring pads, Lysol, wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, etc. **The Ministry Center is currently in need of toilet paper. Start saving ½ gallon milk jugs again!**

**Please consider helping with this ministry!**

## MARCH LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP!

LAF will meet on March 19 at 5 PM. Marleen Oxenreider will be sharing the highlights of her recent Panama cruise. Don't miss it! All adults are welcome and please bring a small treat to share. Please wear green as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

Another season of the church year is upon us...

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday. During the forty days of self-examination and reflection, which begins on Ash Wednesday, many Christians make a commitment to give up something in their lives, typically chocolate, coffee, sweets, watching TV, or whatever. This period is meant to be a time of spiritual discipline and self-denial, fasting, repentance and moderation.

The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside intentional time for reflection on the suffering and sacrifice, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And in common with Advent, to slow down our lives for some time.

The forty-day period is based a well-known biblical measurement of time around which many events revolve. During the Flood, It rained 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7), Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights in Gods' presence on the mountain; the Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness after the flight out of Egypt (Deuteronomy 1:3 and Numbers 33:38), the spies spent 40 days in Canaan (Numbers 13:25); Elijah travelled for 40 days and 40 nights to reach Sinai, the mountain of God; and Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness as he was tempted by Satan (Mathew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13).

Every story that revolves around the 40 days involves changed lives through spending a long time doing something!

So, what if instead of giving something up without we'll easily survive, we take something on during this year's 40 days of Lent?

What if we try to restore balance in our lives, to walk outside each day for exercise, or stop a few minutes to marvel at rivers, trees, and marshlands— the beauty around us?

Or to be intentionally friendly and nice with everyone that we meet, and see the risen Christ in the face of every person around us?

Let us share together these 40 days of Lent!

Blessings!

*Pastor Dick*





Thank you for paying for all the fun stuff we got to do in Branson especially the play. I enjoyed it so much. -Austin Cain

Thank you for letting us go to Branson and paying for all the stuff that we could do. -Tray Brown

Thank you for this fun experience. The play was really, really good, I will never forget it. We all had a really good time! - Ava Krutsinger

Thank you for sending us on this trip! It was an amazing experience that we will never forget. We had so much fun! -Morgan Peters

Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of the church and experience all of these things. -Delaney Fogle

#### 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.

## Re:Newed

### March Baptismal Anniversaries

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

3/20	Jean Heston	3/25	Makala Farrell
3/23	Easton Wilson	3/25	Kaiti Farrell
3/24	Geneva Wilson	3/26	Tom Schilling
3/25	Chris Farrell	3/27	Tanner Duey
3/25	Doug Farrell	3/29	Karen Orwig
3/25	Jeff Farrell	3/30	Jason Allen

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!)*

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON BIRTHDAYS

- 3/7 Madison Harman
- 3/15 Jason Allen



### CHARITON BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Karen Patterson
- 3/1 Mary Jo Fisher
- 3/3 Cynda Mehlert
- 3/4 Canon Wilson
- 3/8 Trayton Brown
- 3/9 Karen Orwig
- 3/10 Marissa Coleman
- 3/11 Blaze Cunningham
- 3/11 Coleton Atwell
- 3/12 Ryan Dachenbach
- 3/13 Jo Aulwes
- 3/13 Lana Kuball
- 3/13 Jim Moore
- 3/14 Betty Pepping
- 3/15 Kelsey Seuferer
- 3/18 Taylor Duey
- 3/19 Carol Brown
- 3/20 Julie Horstmeier
- 3/23 Nancy Stansbery
- 3/23 Pastor Dick Hutton
- 3/24 Jodi Draper
- 3/26 Brooklin Atwell

### CORYDON ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/14 Dr. David & Wendy Foster

### CHARITON ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/31 Roger & Kary Blunk



**BEGINS March 20!!**



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

Daylight savings time begins on March 12. Please remember to move your clock ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 11.