

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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### OUTDOOR WORSHIP RETURNS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!



#### FLC OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK BRUNCH—JUNE 18, 2023

On June 18, outdoor Worship will be held on the west side of First Lutheran Church on the concrete pad beginning at 9 AM. A potluck brunch will follow the service. Please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Come for the service and stay for the potluck!

#### JULY 16 AND AUGUST 20 AT FLC

On the third Sunday of July and August, outdoor Worship will be held at First Lutheran Church at 9 AM. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Thank you to Rod & Gayle Bortz for hosting the outdoor worship service at their new home on Sunday, May 21!



Thank you to all who helped with landscaping and cleanup around FLC on May 7.



### ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, 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. There WILL NOT be a worship service at First Lutheran on July 2—we encourage you to attend the worship service on the Chariton square. Please give any offering you would have given on July 2 either on June 25 or July 9. CHRIST THE SERVANT WILL WORSHIP AT THEIR REGULAR WORSHIP TIME OF 11 AM ON JULY 2.

#### JUNE FLC WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Intercessor	Bell Ringer
June 4	Logan S.	Joanne F.	Morgan P.	Susan S.	Don B.
June 11	Dana H.	Don & Carol B.	Conner S.	Dave K.	Scott L.
June 18	Nicki B.	Karen O.	Trayton B.	Angie D.	Duane B.
June 25	Stephanie L.	Duane B.	Dalton L.	Dana H.	Rod B.

#### JUNE CTS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Cookies
June 4	Doug T.	Bill & Judie M.	Doug T.	Mary Ann E.
June 11	Dave M.	John & Emmy F.	John F.	Becky A.
June 18	Mary Ann E.	Brian & Ann S.	Dave M.	Ann S.
June 25	Patty M.	Paul & Mary Ann E.	Doug T.	Arta H.

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# Discipleship Ministry

## 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—website  
(Click on "Listen Live")

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

### **Broadcast Sponsors:**

**June 4:** Luann & Tom Mosbach in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary

**June 11:** Kay Tighe in remembrance of Ed & Kay's 71st wedding anniversary

**June 18:** Geneva Wilson in memory of Clarence and their wedding anniversary

**June 25:** Janice Goetsch in memory of their wedding on June 22, 1958

***Several dates starting in October 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

Thank you to Kay Tighe for choosing to have a tree planted at FLC in memory of Ed. Thank you to Duane Bedford for planting the sugar maple tree.



**UPDATE ON FLC CONCRETE PROJECT.** We are almost halfway through the final year for pledges with only a little over \$8,800 to be received. The total cost of the project was \$90,372. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this great improvement of our church property!!

# Stewardship Ministry (Continued)

## NOISY OFFERINGS WILL CONTINUE!

“Noisy Offerings” will continue to be taken on Sundays. FLC donations through July will go to Disaster Relief. Please consider bringing your loose change to church and “noisily” depositing it in the pot!!



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE FLC EASTER BREAKFAST!** Your donations totaling \$106.34 were given to Circle of Freedom.

## ON THE VINE



**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, June 5 at 11 AM.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 10 AM.

**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP** will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, June 7.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, June 8, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** on Monday, June 12 beginning at 2 PM.

**FLC COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 PM.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, June 13 at Hardees.

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** will take place on Tuesday, June 13 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday, June 13 at 11:30 AM.

**FLC POTLUCK BRUNCH** on Sunday, June 18 at 10 AM following worship.

**CTS TASK FORCE MEETING** on Sunday, June 18 at 12 noon.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, June 18, at 5 PM. Duane & Cindy Bedford will be hosts. Please bring an item to share.

**THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

## ELCA WORLD HUNGER & LUCAS COUNTY INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

Each of these organizations received \$251.79 from FLC collections during midweek Lenten services and the noisy offerings through April!

Thank you to all who contributed!!



## JUNE IS BREAKFAST MONTH

at the Ministries Center. Examples would be pancake & waffle mix, syrup, biscuit mix, muffin mix, coffee, tea, and juice boxes. Thank you! Please consider helping with this ministry!



**COUNTERS NEEDED!** Please consider the ministry of counting the offering after church services. We could use your help! There will be counter training scheduled so you will know what to do. Please email or call the office to be put on the list!!

# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

*“The individual is the meeting place of the four elements,” writes John O’Donahue of the ancient Celtic perspective. “We have come up out of the depths.” We have this privilege, and with it a sacred obligation to live with meaning. The word obligation sounds burdensome but is rooted beautifully in the Early French ligament – that which binds us together.”*

*“June is busting out all over,” and with it comes Pentecost.*

On the last Sunday of May, Tray Brown, Austin Cain, and Morgan Peters stood before the congregation in front of their families and friends as well as the entire congregation and promised to God and the entire church that they would “live among God’s faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” Do you remember when you shared those same words in the Rite of Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)? This is truly one of those days we never forget, a day during which we accepted greater responsibility for our faith and began to contemplate how we would express our faith in daily life.

The quote above comes from Lyanda Lynn Haupt’s 2021 book, ROOTED: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit. Lyanda, an urban naturalist invites us on a journey of rediscovering a core truth which sacred scriptures, mystics, artists, and indigenous communities across the globe have proclaimed for millennia: that all life is radically interconnected. Lyanda seeks to rekindle our rediscovery of practices that will more faithfully embody God’s dream of Shalom for this world God so loves.

The notion of “binding” lies not only at the heart of the word “obligation,” as the book points out in the quote above. It lies at the heart of the word “religion” as well –

*re-ligio: to re-bind.* Jesus says as much when using an image that comes straight from the vineyard: ***I am the vine – you are the branches.*** The more rooted we are in Christ, the more solidly attached to the Vine, the better we are nourished and the more we become our true selves by becoming more like him—a process that produces wonderful fruit for us to share. This abiding, connecting, and producing begins right at the baptismal font and is reaffirmed when we celebrate our Confirmation as a young adult.

Being bound together was also evident as we blessed the new home of Rod and Gayle Bortz during outdoor worship May 21<sup>st</sup>. What impacts one, impacts all of us! Not only are there joyful celebrations, there are also tornadoes that touch our lives, and we are a family bound together in our Lord Jesus Christ. As many helped gather the pieces scattered by the tornado winds, so the family gathers for worship and cinnamon rolls to thank God for protection and blessing!

Jesus said in the Gospel of John: *“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.”* (Jn. 15:4-5).

Together we acknowledge our commitment “to live ... to hear ... to proclaim ... to serve ... and to strive for peace in all the earth.” Shalom!

Blessings!

*Pastor Dick*





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



## June Baptismal Anniversaries

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

Delores Ranshaw	6/16 Taylor Duey
6/1 Earl Comstock	6/20 Logan Newsum
6/2 Joann Narber	6/21 David Rich
6/3 Kary Blunk	6/21 Evan Wood
6/5 Bethany Lahart	6/21 Julius Murray
6/5 Ben Wantland	6/21 June Murray
6/5 Cynthia Thiel	6/22 Kendall Watson
6/7 Sheri Rogier	6/23 Jennifer Goben
6/14 Natalie McGee	6/26 Sharon Anstey

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!)*

*Thank You*

### CORYDON

6/19 Doug Thiel	6/7 Randal Heimdahl
6/20 Anne Kruse	6/11 Shelly Greving
6/29 John Allen	6/12 Sydney Cain
	6/12 Kent Storm
	6/17 Roger Heston
<b>CHARITON</b>	6/18 Jaxon Kuball
6/1 Laura Wilson	6/26 Jake Mosbach
6/2 Marcia Heimdahl	6/26 Mike Mosbach
6/3 Jamie Aulwes	6/27 Megan Aulwes
6/6 Delores Ranshaw	6/30 Alex Kuball
6/7 Connor Shore	

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON

6/8 Sheri & Kyle Rogier
6/17 Dave & Patty Mason

### CHARITON

6/1 LuAnn & Tom Mosbach
6/2 Shelly & John Greving
6/6 Emma & Jacob Kempen
6/7 Joe & Katie Shore
6/11 Larry & Jean Wheeldon
6/11 Jamie & Ann Aulwes
6/12 Bill & Sharon Anstey
6/14 Randal & Marcia Heimdahl
6/15 Monte & Nicki Brown
6/16 Lisa & Chay Wood
6/27 David & Colleen Rich
6/30 Karen & Mike Patterson

### OUR THANKS FOR YOUR KIND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

upon the unexpected passing of Curtis Lampe. Your memorial donations, phone calls, emails, the beautiful cards, your prayers and thoughts are deeply appreciated. **-Barbara and Vern Vogel**

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits after my surgery. It all meant so much to me. I feel so blessed to be a member of such a wonderful church family. God Bless You! **-Joanne Fletcher**

Whether you kept us in your thought and prayers, sent flowers, gave a memorial, or helped out in any way, your kindness brought us comfort, and your care was much appreciated. Thank you. **-The Family of Todd Narber**

Thank you everyone for the wonderful birthday cards and get well wishes sent my way. Your prayers and kind words are appreciated very much! We have an amazing church family who are so willing to demonstrate the love of Jesus! We are touched by how special you all are! **-Karen and Del**

**THE LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE** is now posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room.

Primary duties in this ministry involve mowing and trimming the area immediately surrounding the church building (inside the circle driveway) and sweeping off the sidewalks. If you prefer, you can call the church office (641-774-4875) and have Susan put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



### 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.