

First Fruits

Worship Ministry

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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.**

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

On Sunday, July 16 and Sunday, August 20, outdoor Worship will be held at First Lutheran Church at 9 AM. Please bring your lawn chairs.



Confirmation May 28, 2023

On Sunday, May 28, 2023 First Lutheran celebrated with three young people as they confirmed their faith. Pictured are (l-r): Pastor Dick Hutton, Trayton Brown, Morgan Peters, and Austin Cain.



Receiving 3rd grade Bibles!

JULY FLC WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Intercessor	Bell Ringer
July 2		Community Service on the Square			
July 9	Lana K.	Roger & Jean H.	Logan S.	Duane B.	Roger B.
July 16	Roger B.	Angie D.	Roger B.	Kary B.	Earl C.
July 23	Angie D.	Mark & Rhonda W.	Dalton L.	Stephanie L.	Duane B.
July 30	Allison K.	Scott & Rae L.	Ava K.	Patti B.	Rae L.

JULY CTS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Cookies
July 2	Doug T.	Doug & Cindy T.	John F.	Patty M.
July 9	Dave M.	John & Becky A.	Dave M.	Judie M.
July 16	Mary Ann E.	Dave & Patty M.	Doug T.	Becky A.
July 23	Patty M.	Tom & Linda S.	John F.	Mary Ann E.
July 30	Doug T.	Bill & Judie M.	Dave M.	Cindy T.

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Discipleship Ministry



Outdoor worship was held on Sunday, June 18 at First Lutheran followed by a potluck brunch. Since it was Father's Day, the fathers were honored by going through the food line first!!



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:

July 2: Laura Wilson with loving memories with our sisters

July 9: Friends in Des Moines area

July 16: Pastor & Carolyn Hutton in honor of Carolyn's 80th birthday

July 23: Marleen Oxenreider

July 30: Kim Francisco

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

NOISY OFFERINGS WILL CONTINUE!

“Noisy Offerings” will continue to be taken on Sundays. First Lutheran donations through July will go to Disaster Relief.

At Christ The Servant, the offerings will be collected for a local family in need through November.

Please consider bringing your loose change to church and “noisily” depositing it in the pot!!



JULY IS CONDIMENTS & BAKING MONTH

at the Ministries Center. Examples would be ketchup, mustard, oil, mayo, salad dressing, pickles, sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder, cornstarch, and cocoa. Thank you! **The Ministry Center is currently OUT OF toilet paper and laundry soap.** They also need $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon milk jugs. Please consider helping with this ministry!

ON THE VINE



CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, July 3 at 11 AM.

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

LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS on Monday, July 10 beginning at 2 PM.

FLC COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, July 10 at 6:30 PM.

BREAKFAST GALS will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, July 11 at Hardees.

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

FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 10 AM.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, July 13, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

FLC OUTDOOR WORSHIP on Sunday, July 16 at 9 AM on west side of church.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, July 16, at 5 PM. Earl & Linda Comstock will be hosts. Please bring an item to share.

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



Living Lutheran will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. You can access the magazine's online platform LivingLutheran.org.

Pastoral Pondering

Holding Hands! Isn't it wonderful to walk with another person hand in hand, chatting, and experiencing life through someone else's eyes?

Jesus walked the lonely pathways of Palestine years ago encountering people where they were (in the big city, along the river bank, at wayside inns, and in quiet places). Where ever Jesus walked and with whom ever he talked, the grace of God came alive. In Jesus we witness the love and forgiveness of a gracious God, who cares so much about us, that he is willing to walk where we walk, listen to our thoughts, and offer us blessings at some of the amazing times in life - one of the most wonderful gifts is the love of another person.

I still get "ducky bumps" when I see a young couple walk down the street holding hands, laughing and chatting, celebrating the joy of a date. It seems to me that young people exemplify the innocence and enthusiasm of life and love.

As Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save it, to give his life that we might live, and to help us see the joy found in God's kingdom, may we find the wonderful joy that comes in walking together. Jesus said "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Our neighbors see and experience the love of God in the words and deeds we share with each other.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his little book "The Cost of Discipleship" helps us understand that grace is not cheap, it calls for personal commitment and involvement. For Bonhoeffer that meant: - living what he wrote, - faith manifested in action, - persecution faced with courage and perseverance. He understood sanctification (growing in grace) with being part of the Body of Christ, in which we are encouraged to avoid being a "lone wolf" Christian. Our spiritual health is directly tied to the church - so that we can minister to others and be ministered to as well. He helps us understand how our relationship with Christ prods us to examine our relationship with each other and our neighbor.

I pray we are all living our faith in ways that exemplify the presence and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John in his first epistle writes: *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. . . . This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."* (1 Jn. 3:7-12)

Blessings!

Pastor Dick

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June Baptismal Anniversaries

During this month, 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		

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 for a very special Happy 90th Birthday on June 6. I have enjoyed reading all of the many cards with good wishes and special notes. Thank you!!!

-Delores Ranshaw



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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



	CORYDON	7/8	Fred Wilker
7/2	Linda Schilling	7/10	Dave Rich
7/3	Judie Miller	7/10	Evan Havick
7/6	John Forbes	7/14	Brad Krutsinger
7/29	Lucas Harders	7/15	Angelynne Coleman
7/29	George Harders	7/17	Connie Holland
7/30	Alice Thiel	7/19	Linda Comstock
7/31	Cindy Thiel	7/24	Dana Holland
7/31	Lois Jacobsen	7/25	Katie Wilson
	CHARITON	7/27	Doug Farrell
7/2	Susan Seufferer	7/28	Julie Goetsch
7/4	Macy Wood	7/31	Dalton Lukavsky
7/5	Janice Goetsch		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON

7/8	Greg & Becky Harman
7/25	Bill & Judie Miller
7/27	Jennifer & Cole Goben

CHARITON

7/8	Chad & Stephanie Lukavsky
7/9	Justin & Trish Sharp
7/11	Jeff & Valerie Farrell
7/14	Rod & Gayle Bortz
7/15	Tim & Natalie McGee
7/16	Mary Jo & Chris Fisher
7/19	Dennis & Patti Bisgard
7/19	Paula & Gene Wright
7/21	Mark & Rhonda White
7/23	Paul & Diane Havick
7/24	Bethany & John Lahart
7/30	Joe & Jenny Morrett

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.