

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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### OUTDOOR WORSHIP ONE

**LAST TIME THIS SUMMER  
AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!**

On Sunday, August 20, outdoor Worship will be held at First Lutheran Church at 9 AM. Stay for fellowship of French toast bake provided by the Worship & Music Committee. Please bring your lawn chairs.

### CHRIST THE SERVANT

will be participating in the church service on the courthouse lawn in Corydon on August 20 at 10 AM. There will not be a service at CTS that day.



### PASTOR HUTTON WILL BE ON VACATION

July 28—August 11. In case of an emergency, contact Dave Kuball at 515-689-0103.

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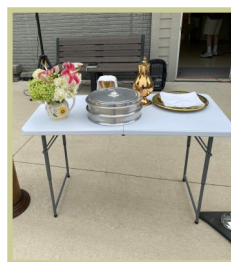
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**ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, FIRST LUTHERAN PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE GAZEBO ON THE CHARITON SQUARE.**

Gayle Bortz, Lana and Dave Kuball singing during the service sponsored by Lucas County Interchurch Council.



**SUNDAY, JULY 16,** the members at First Lutheran enjoyed an outdoor worship service followed by a time of fellowship with coffee cake. Thanks to Kary Blunk, Lana Kuball, Angie Dachenbach, Allison Krutsinger, Jean Heston, and Sharon Anstey for providing the coffee cakes!



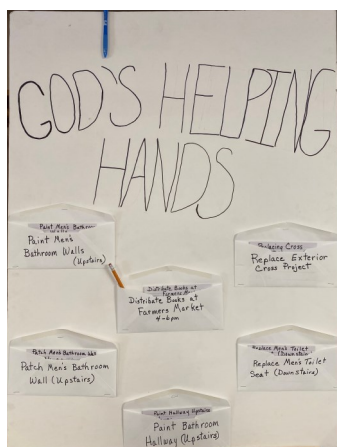
### AUGUST FLC WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Intercessor	Bell Ringer
Aug 6	Susan S.	Roger & Kary B.	Morgan P.	Lana K.	Don B.
Aug 13	Allison K.	Carolyn H.	Roger B.	Susan S.	Rod B.
Aug 20	Duane B.	Susan S.	Rod B.	Carolyn H.	Earl C.
Aug 27	Roger H.	Dana & Connie H.	Kate K.	Dan M.	Don B.

### AUGUST CTS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Cookies
Aug 2	Dave M.	John & Emmy F.	Doug T.	Ann S.
Aug 13	Mary Ann E.	Brian & Ann S.	John F.	Arta H.
Aug 20	Patty M.	Paul & Mary Ann E.	Dave M.	Patty M.
Aug 27	Doug T.	Doug & Cindy T.	Doug T.	Judie M.

# Discipleship Ministry



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Check out the poster board in the Narthex to see how you can help!!

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS

We will be filling school bags at FLC on “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day on September 10. If anyone wants to contribute there will be a list of items needed in the Narthex. There will be a box in the Narthex to leave your items. If you wish to contribute money for shipping, make out your checks to First Lutheran or bring money to the church office. If you have questions contact Jean Heston or LuAnn Mosbach.



## MEMORIAL GARDEN IN MEMORY OF ALEX

**OXENREIDER** is in the planning stages by the youth of FLC. Watch in the coming months for updates or how you can get involved.

## 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:**

**August 6: Deb Clark**

**August 13:** Doug & Cindy Thiel  
in honor of their 50th wedding  
anniversary

**August 20:** Pastor & Carolyn Hutton

**August 27:** Friends in Des Moines area

**THANK YOU!! All Sundays are filled for 2023!** With three members now in care facilities, the broadcast brings our worship to those, plus we have listeners all across southern Iowa. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast for 2024, please call the church office. Sponsorships are \$35. 641-774-4875 Thank you!

# Stewardship Ministry

## NOISY OFFERINGS WILL CONTINUE!

“Noisy Offerings” will continue to be taken on Sundays. First Lutheran and Christ The Servant will both have donations through November go to a local family in need.

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



## ON THE VINE



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

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

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

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, August 10, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, August 13, at 5 PM. Marleen Oxenreider and Joanne Fletcher will be hosts. Please bring an item to share.

**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, August 14 at 11 AM.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** will meet on Monday, August 14 beginning at 2 PM.

**FLC COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, August 14 at 6:30 PM.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, August 15 at 10 AM.

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

**FLC OUTDOOR WORSHIP** on Sunday, August 20 at 9 AM on west side of church.

**CTS WORSHIP ON AUGUST 20** will be participating in the church service on the courthouse lawn in Corydon. No service at CTS.



**AUGUST IS A MEAL IN A BOX MONTH** at the Ministries Center. Examples would be Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Suddenly Salad, and Complete Meals. Thank you! **The Ministry Center is currently OUT OF toilet paper and laundry soap. They DO NOT need ½ gallon milk jugs. Please consider helping with this ministry!**



**Living Lutheran** will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. You can access the magazine’s online platform [LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org).

# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

As I begin to write this month's Pondering, my thoughts are of casting a fly on the trout stream in Colorado, visiting friends and family, and the oppressive heat that has invaded Iowa. Perhaps my thoughts are also about reality – joy and challenge, relaxation and work. Yesterday after leaving church I went home and mowed the lawn and last Sunday after worship at Christ the Servant as we headed home, we had a flat tire. As the tire went thump, thump on the highway; I thought, this is a nice way to begin some time off.

Pulling over to the side of the road on Highway 2, I got out and checked the tire, and sure enough the tire was flat. So, I opened the trunk, got the jack out and began to jack the car up – but before I could do that, I had to get the manual out of the glove compartment to read where I was to place the jack before jacking the car up. Once I understood where to place the jack, I started to jack up the car. As I worked, my wife called John Forbes to come and help; then a lady from Arkansas stopped and asked if she would help, and then Doug Thiel saw us and stopped. The lady from Arkansas said she could replace the tire and moved me aside, took the jack wrench and began to jack up the car, take off the tire, put on the spare, and honestly she did it much faster than I could have done it. Doug got the spare out of the trunk, gave the spare tire to the lady, and then John arrived. The lady from Arkansas was the daughter of a former U.S. Marine soldier – who taught her how to take care of her automobiles. Her Dad said “if you're going to drive, you need to know how to take care of your car.” And she certainly knows how to care for an automobile. When everything was fixed, I asked her how much I owed her and she said “nothing,” reached out her hand and said “hope you have a wonderful drive home.” She was an angel God sent to help us on a warm Sunday afternoon.

With all the conflict and challenge it seems our world faces, God is still active and His loving presence is amazingly present when we face a challenge or dilemma. The prophet Isaiah wrote: “For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.” (Isa. 25:4) The angel from Arkansas, whom I do not know even her name, came and said “let me help.” She was knowledgeable, strong, and caring – but more importantly she stopped to help on a hot Sunday afternoon and enjoyed helping. Isn't this a fantastic blessing from our loving God? She was an angel to Carolyn and me.

So, as I look forward to two weeks of vacation, I go with the comforting thought that God is still active in the lives of His creation. Even when I had planned to mow the lawn, God brought clouds and cool breeze to watch over me.

In a few weeks school will once again resume, football, cross country, and volleyball will beckon as does the classroom and homework. At church we will begin another year of Confirmation Classes, continue our study of “The Story,” and look forward to some youth bonfires with games and pizza.

God has blessed us in many ways and to share that joy with you is a fantastic privilege. Each Sunday I delight in greeting you, speaking with you, and hearing the stories of what happened in your life this past week or of what plans you have for the future. As a congregation, we are a big family, and what happens to one of us, happens to all of us. Therefore, as the Psalmist says: “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Ps. 118:24).

Blessings to all of you as we proceed to live in joy!

*Pastor Dick*



## Re:Newed

### August Baptismal Anniversaries



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

8/1	Janice Goetsch	8/17	Mark Harders
8/1	Morgan Peters	8/19	Fred Wilker
8/2	Don Brown	8/22	Max Aulwes
8/8	Shelly Greving	8/22	Connor Shore
8/12	Charles Clark	8/24	Evan Havick
8/12	Hunter Clark	8/31	Alice Thiel

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!)*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### CORYDON

8/3	Emmy Forbes
8/22	Jean Wilson
8/29	Lucy Helbing
8/31	Brynn Allen

### CHARITON

8/5	Kaiti Farrell
8/6	Laura Duey
8/6	Ava Krutsinger
8/8	Hadley Dachenbach
8/15	Chad Lukavsky
8/19	Fay Utesch
8/22	Jackson Fisher
8/23	Austin Cain
8/24	Don Brown
8/25	Kim Francisco
8/28	Eric Junkman
8/28	Lonna Wantland
8/28	Rachel Cohen
8/30	Stephanie Lukavsky



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Longmont, CO 80503

Deb Carlton  
Ramsey Village  
1611 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50310

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON

8/11	Doug & Cindy Thiel
8/22	Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton
8/28	Tom & Linda Schilling

### CHARITON

8/2	Jamie & Keara Storm
8/6	Duane & Cindy Bedford
8/7	Barb & Vern Vogel
8/20	Dan & Ronda Morrett
8/22	Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton
8/25	Bruce & Lisa Junkman
8/27	Earl & Linda Comstock
8/28	Christina & Troy Umbenhowe
8/30	Kim & Dusty Cain



**THANK YOU** everyone for making my confirmation a special day!  
– Tray Brown

**THANK YOU** to everyone for all the cards, gifts, and sweet words for my confirmation. A special thank you to the church for the support and wonderful lessons I have received.  
– Morgan Peters

**THANK YOU** for the gifts and supporting me through my confirmation. I look forward to helping out in the church.  
– Austin Cain

### 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.