

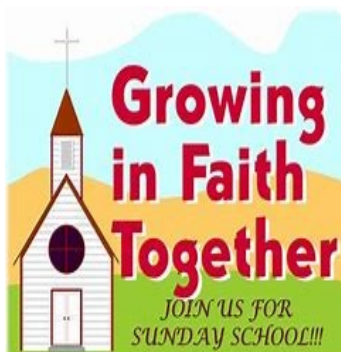
First Fruits

September 2023
Volume 27, Number 9

Worship Ministry

First Lutheran Sunday School 2023-2024

School is back in session and we will once again have Sunday School during the worship service. **September 10** we will begin teaching the youth using *The Story* as our lessons. The chart will be set up in the narthex and the members are invited once again to sign up to teach one Sunday this year. (Or more if you want!) The children will be released as we begin the Gospel reading. The classes will be held in the Library and will last approximately 15-20 minutes. All materials will be readily available for you. Very little preparation is required. Thank you in advance for sharing your faith with our youth!
—Gayle Bortz

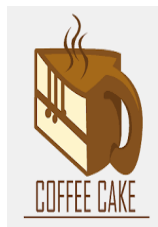


CALLING ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!!

On Sunday, August 27, there will be a blessing of backpacks and teachers during the worship services at FLC and CTS! Please plan to attend and bring backpacks for a special blessing for the 2023-24 school year!



Members at FLC enjoyed coffee cakes after the outdoor worship service on July 16. The coffee cake recipes have been collected and are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex at FLC.



Thanks once again to those who provided the coffee cakes and for those who pick up a copy of the recipes—enjoy!!



Due to the heat, the FLC outdoor worship on August 20 was moved inside! Thank you to members of the FLC worship & music committee for the French toast breakfast after worship.

SEPTEMBER FLC WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Intercessor	Bell Ringer
Sept 3	Gayle B.	Dave & Lana K.	Roger B.	Kary B.	Scott L.
Sept 10	Logan S.	Luann M.	Conner S.	Dave K.	Duane B.
Sept 17	Ann A.	Joanne F.	Austin C.	Angie D.	Rod B.
Sept 24	Angie D.	Dan & Ronda M.	Trayton B.	Gayle B.	Monte B.

SEPTEMBER CTS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Cookies
Sept 3	Dave M.	John & Becky A.	John F.	Cindy T.
Sept 10	Mary Ann E.	Dave & Patty M.	Dave M.	Ann S.
Sept 17	Dave M.	Tom & Linda S.	Doug T.	Arta H.
Sept 24	Doug T.	Bill & Judie M.	John F.	Patty M.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Radio Broadcasts	2
Volunteer Opportunities	2
God's Work Our Hands	2
Noisy Offerings	3
On The Vine	3
Ministry Center	3
Pastoral Pondering	4
Birthdays & Anniversaries ...	5
Calendar	6

Discipleship Ministry

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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



BOOKS AT FARMER'S MARKET

FLC members handed out bible story books to

children during the Chariton Farmer's Market on Thursdays in August.



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 your checks out to First Lutheran or bring money to the church office. If you have questions contact Jean Heston or LuAnn Mosbach.

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:

September 3: Marleen Oxenreider

September 10: Roger & Kary Blunk in memory of Kary’s sister

September 17: Kay Tighe in memory of Ed’s 93rd birthday on September 19

September 24: Roger & Jean Heston in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary

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



ON THE VINE



FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 10 AM.

PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, September 6.

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

LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS will meet on Monday, September 11 beginning at 2 PM.

FLC COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 PM.

BREAKFAST GALS will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, September 12 at Hardees.

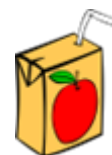
“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING will take place on Tuesday, September 12 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

“THE STORY” DISCUSSION GROUP will begin meeting on Wednesdays, starting on September 13 at 10 AM.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, September 14, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, September 17, at 5 PM. Roger & Kary Blunk will be hosts. Please bring an item to share.

THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, September 19, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.



SEPTEMBER IS JUICE MONTH at the Ministries Center. Examples would be fruit juices, vegetable juices, (tomato & V8), and juice boxes. Thank you! **They DO NOT need ½ gallon milk jugs.** Please consider helping with this ministry!

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINISTRY CENTER IS IN NEED!

The following items are needed: large bottles of shampoo & conditioner, soap, razors, shaving cream, mouthwash, toothpaste, and other personal care items. Donations can be dropped off on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30-11:15 at 410 S. 7th Street . You can also drop off at Lucas County Public Health or Methodist Church.

Pastoral Pondering

Students are back in the classroom, college students have returned to campus, and preschool is once again in session. It's a time of exploration, growth, and learning. Do you wonder if learning ever stops? As the years pass, we quickly realize that there is always something new to learn. The wisdom writer in Proverbs writes: "Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning" (Proverbs 9:9).

Let me suggest that we never exhaust finding new insights and meaning as we read and study God's word, as we share conversation with one another. Knowing what the Bible says firsthand and having some knowledge of the context is helpful in understanding not only current events, but key ideas the Bible addresses such as the nature and existence of God, the human condition, the biblical pattern of redemption and salvation and ethics.

For thousands of years the Bible has been read not only as history and God's Word, but also for personal edification. This, of course, is a more meaningful reason for studying the Bible for those who believe in God, but the Bible is also surprisingly edifying for those who do not believe. It is full of individuals facing moral choices, life challenges, and, frankly, situations that are applicable to us even today. As Paul wrote, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV).

But the Bible is not just for us to keep to ourselves as individuals. It is also useful in helping others. We gain centuries of wisdom and are thus able to help others by studying the Bible. Proverbs, for instance, contain general principles and ideas to assist anyone in living their lives in a way that is helpful and pleasing to God.

Studying the Bible in order to help others is not just for ministers, priests or pastors, but is something everyone can do. By knowing what the Bible says on different subjects, we can help others through difficult circumstances, encourage them and so forth.

Since the Bible is God's Word, studying it is a way to know God better. Through His words we come to know not only the nature and attributes of God, but we also come to understand His plan for each of us. In a larger sense, we also come to know God's plan in history, His sovereignty and love, and more. There is only so much we can learn about God apart from the Bible. But with it we can know God better.

In a pluralistic world with many religious and non-religious ideas competing for attention, studying the Bible provides us with a firm foundation in God's truth rather than the errors of the world. Knowing the Bible also helps us respond to error and answer questions that skeptics and others may have about it.

The Bible is not just for theologians and scholars. It is God's Word in plain language intended for everyone. Together, we can explore the importance of Bible study and its relevance to everyday life. Far from being a stuffy or boring book, the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, helpful in building us up so that we may serve, love and glorify God and His Son, Jesus Christ, as we are intended to do.

Come let us study and grow together.

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

Re:Newed



September Baptismal Anniversaries

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

9/1	Jaxon Kuball	9/11	Marcia Heimdal
9/2	Katie Wilson	9/13	Justin Sharp
9/4	Julie Goetsch	9/14	Dana Holland
9/5	Fay Utesch	9/15	Larry Wheeldon
9/5	Mike Patterson	9/23	Connie Holland
9/5	Susan Seuferer	9/25	Rhonda White
9/8	Megan Aulwes	9/27	Dalton Lukavsky
9/8	Pastor Dick	9/28	Ava Krutsinger

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!)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CORYDON

9/2	Greg Harman	9/18	Dave Mason
9/3	Tom Schilling	9/22	Shari Harders
9/5	Patty Mason	9/24	Brian Sipma
9/10	Heidi Collins	9/30	Mike Thiel
9/10	Tammy Mason	9/30	John Thiel

CHARITON

9/2	Jean Wheeldon	9/15	Rob Johansen
9/3	Axel Cunningham	9/15	Gene Wright
9/4	Addison Peterson	9/18	Chris Farrell
9/8	Joe Shore	9/22	Patti Bisgard
9/9	Callen Coleman	9/23	Lori Moore
9/12	Diane Havick	9/27	Leanne Norton
9/13	Scott Morrett	9/29	Jeff Farrell



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON

9/1	Michael & Jennifer Thiel
9/12	Heidi & Matt Collins
9/29	John & Becky Allen

CHARITON

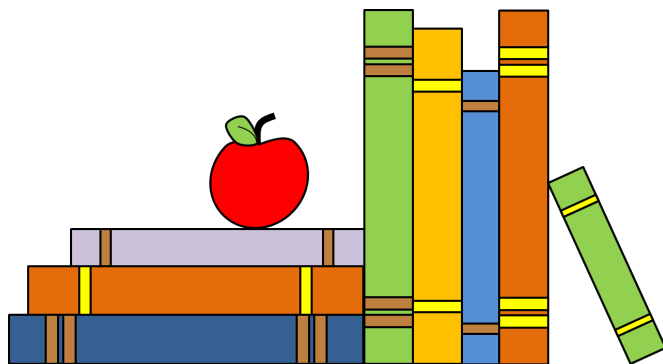
9/2	Bernie & Jo Aulwes
9/3	Anna & Amir Nayeri
9/13	Don & Carol Brown
9/14	Avery & Mallory Fuhs
9/15	Betty & Gary Pepping
9/15	Fred & Karen Wilker
9/19	Laura & Brent Duey
9/20	Jodi & James Draper
9/26	Chris & Tiffany Kuball
9/30	Roger & Jean Heston

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Listed below are our college students for the 2023-2024 school year. Please remember our youth in your prayers.



Max Aulwes:	University of Iowa
Megan Aulwes:	University of Northern Iowa
Jackson Fisher:	University of Illinois-Chicago
Logan Newsum:	Iowa State University



Back To School

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.