

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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### FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023-2024

Sunday School has begun! The children are released as we begin the Gospel reading. We are teaching the youth using *The Story* as our lessons. The chart is set up in the narthex and members are invited once again to sign up to teach one Sunday this year. (Or more if you want!) 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

**FLC YOUTH SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 22.** Plan to attend the worship service on Sunday, October 22. Ava Krutsinger will be sharing her trip to Alaska as the message that morning and other youth will be assisting ministers.

### REMEMBERING ALL GOD'S SAINTS

On Sunday, November 5, we will remember all God's saints. In the prayers that day, we will remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday 2022. If you have a family member or close friend that you would like to include in this remembrance, please notify Susan in the church office via a note, email, or call before November 1.



### 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!!



### "THE STORY" DISCUSSION GROUP

will meet on Wednesdays, at 10 AM at First Lutheran. The discussion will be based on the previous Sunday's sermon.



#### OCTOBER FLC WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Intercessor	Bell Ringer
Oct 1	Nicki B.	Monte & Nicki B.	Roger B.	Carolyn H.	Duane B.
Oct 8	Rod B.	Rod & Gayle B.	Morgan P.	Carolyn H.	Rae L.
Oct 15	Lana K.	Tim & Natalie M.	Ava K.	Dana H.	Roger B.
Oct 22	Logan S.	Morgan P. & Kate K.	Conner S.	Lana K.	Don B.
Oct 29	Susan S.	Bill & Sharon A.	Logan S.	Dan M.	Scott L.

#### OCTOBER CTS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte	Cookies
Oct 1	Dave M.	John & Emmy F.	Dave M.	Judie M.
Oct 8	Mary Ann E.	Brian & Ann S.	Doug T.	Becky A.
Oct 15	Dave M.	Paul & Mary Ann E.	John F.	Mary Ann E.
Oct 22	Doug T.	Doug & Cindy T.	Dave M.	Cindy T.
Oct 29	Dave M.	John & Becky A.	Doug T.	Ann S.

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# Discipleship Ministry

## STAMP COLLECTING

The Lutheran contributor of canceled stamps as a fundraiser for shipping Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts over the world is discontinuing this program at the end of 2023. Our Texas contact who connected all the stamp savers with the stamp collectors is looking to retire from this and no replacement has been found. She has written us, "Probably best to just quit saving as general public is not mailing envelopes like in past years." ☹️ So, we'll make one final effort to gather stamps and mail what we have in a few weeks. Please trim with ¼" around the stamps whatever canceled stamps you have and bring them to the box on the desk in the Fireside Room. Skip the U.S. Forever "flag" and Christmas stamps (unless for a designated amount), the nonprofit, bulk mail, and presorted. Especially look for commemorative stamps, "duck" stamps, high-value stamps (\$1 or more), and foreign stamps.

## GOD' WORK OUR HANDS DAY!

Thank you to all the people who helped with the School bags. We filled 50 bags. The boxes will need to be taken to Des Moines on Saturday, October 21. If anyone is available to do that, please talk to Jean Heston.



## 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:

**October 1:** Friends in the Des Moines area

**October 8:** Karen Orwig

**October 15:** Karen Orwig

**October 22:** Karen Orwig

**October 29:** Joanne Fletcher in honor of her 86th birthday

***THANK YOU!! We are now filling 2024 dates! 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

## **CIRCLE OF FREEDOM FUNDRAISER DINNER/**

**AUCTION** will be held on Saturday, October 14 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Event Center in Corydon. Silent Auction and Fundraiser Dinner from 5-6:30 pm and the live auction with special guest, Auctioneer Jason Dent, at 7 pm. Soup dinner menu includes chili, vegetable soup, cheesy bacon potato, and dinner rolls. 100% of all proceeds will benefit Circle of Freedom!



## Circle of Freedom

## **ON THE VINE**



**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, October 2 at 11 AM.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, October 3 at 10 AM.

**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP** will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, October 4.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** will meet on Monday, October 9 beginning at 2 PM.

**FLC COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, October 9 at 6:30 PM.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, October 10 at Hardees.

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** will take place on Tuesday, October 10 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, October 12, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, October 15 at 5 PM. Earl and Linda Comstock will be hosts. Please bring an item to share.

**THE CTS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, October 17, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.



## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

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**CLASS** will be held on Wednesdays, at 2 pm during the month of October.

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

## **FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

will be hosting Cluster 9 Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 7. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program at 9 a.m. Lunch will be available on site for \$7.

Featured speakers include Rev. Emily Peasley and Kim Crawford. All women are welcome!

# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

I am grateful to God ... when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.  
Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.  
I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois  
and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.  
2 Timothy 1:3-5

I remember with fondness and gratitude the letters Carolyn, now my wife, wrote, faithfully and dependably, during the year when I was in England. We were separated by miles and miles plus the Atlantic Ocean but her letters, in her neat, careful script, (this was before emails and social media were a thing!) that brought her love half-way around the world and made our connection stronger. During the year of our separation, the Cuban Missile Crisis erupted in the Caribbean Sea and B-52 bombers flew over England heavily loaded with bombs. It was an intense time and I longed for the joy of traveling “over the river and through the woods” to join my family and those I loved for holidays and special occasions. Today those letters remind me that even though we are sometimes separated by miles upon miles, love brings comfort and assurance – they have a wonderful way of uniting people. Those letters certainly brought joy to me in the midst of life with all its upheavals.

Paul’s second letter to Timothy is like those letters I received from Carolyn – personal, affectionate, encouraging. Paul longs to see his young co-worker in the flesh. He knows there is no substitute for the joy of being physically together. Because we are, as Paul says elsewhere, members of the one body of Christ, we need each other to be whole. No one can be a Christian alone. This is a primary reason why we desire and seek to invite everyone back into the rhythm of in-person worship and activities at First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran. In baptism God has made us brothers and sisters - siblings called into community together. Ours is an EMBODIED faith, and you, dearly beloved, are physical embodiments of the gracious presence of the triune God. Gathering together around God’s word and sacraments, beholding each other, making new connections, strengthening bonds for mission, discovering gifts—all this grows from being together.

October is a month of harvests. It’s the time Carolyn and I made our annual pilgrimage to the nursery to purchase mums, pumpkins, gourds, and decorations for the front of the house. It’s also a time when we begin to see farmers harvesting their corn and beans. Plus, we remember the days when milk, bread, butter, and eggs were almost non-existent in the grocery store because deer hunters were stocking up. And then, there are those homes inundated with toilet paper hanging from every tree branch in the front yard. Soon the maples will turn orange and red, and jack-o-lanterns will adorn many a front step. In many ways we see God’s benevolent and, abundant design unfolding before our eyes.

Just as Christ did not live for himself alone, we do not live for ourselves alone. The gifts and resources with which God has blessed us are meant to be celebrated and shared. Just as Carolyn shared her love through faithful letters, I pray you may share the excitement of the Fall and find great joy in walking with your friends and neighbors, those close and special to you. God’s love and creation are always new each and every morning. Enjoy the Fall!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Dick*



# Re:Newed

## October Baptismal Anniversaries



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

10/ Stephanie Lukavsky	10/11 Chad Lukavsky
10/ Dan Morrett	10/11 Rachel Cohen
10/1 Jake Mosbach	10/12 Macy Wood
10/1 Mike Mosbach	10/13 Ben Morrett
10/2 Diane Havick	10/15 Ryan Dachenbach
10/4 Eric Junkman	10/18 Brynn Allen
10/5 John Allen	10/21 Avery Fuhs
10/6 Laura Duey	10/23 Linda Jurgens
10/10 John Forbes	10/28 Sydney Cain
10/10 Lonna Wantland	10/28 Weston Umbenhower
10/10 Tammy Mason	10/29 Liam Cunningham

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!)*

## OCTOBER IS PERSONAL HYGIENE MONTH at the

**Ministries Center.** Examples would be bath and hand soap, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, band-aids, and hand lotion. **Please consider helping with this ministry!**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ian Luehring and Raechel Comstock on the birth of their son, Odin Wayne, born on August 2, 2023. Proud grandparents are Scott & Rae Luehring.

## Thank You

Thanks to those who mowed the lawn and kept it looking nice at First Lutheran this year. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### CORYDON

10/1	Wade Harman
10/7	Leah Goben
10/15	Mary Ann Evitt
10/19	Jackson Allen

### CHARITON

10/2	Julius Murray
10/2	June Murray
10/3	Wesley Coleman
10/7	Duane Bedford
10/7	Monte Brown
10/8	Paula Wright
10/9	Dennis Bisgard
10/9	Lisa Wood
10/10	Colleen Rich
10/10	Linda Jurgens
10/12	Ronda Morrett
10/14	Mike Patterson
10/22	Weston Umbenhower
10/22	Keara Storm
10/27	Joanne Fletcher



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON

10/7	John & Emmy Forbes
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### CHARITON

10/6	Scott & Madison Morrett
10/12	Chris & Karli Farrell
10/27	Glenda & Rob Johansen

### 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.