

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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### AT FIRST LUTHERAN:

First Lutheran will have mid-week Lenten services with viewing of "The Jesus Film" at **7 PM**. There will be **soup and sandwiches** prior to worship at **6:15 PM** with meal provided from Piper's.



### AT CHRIST THE SERVANT:

Christ the Servant will be viewing "The Jesus Film" during the Sunday worship service throughout Lent.

If you miss a week, please let Pastor know and he can send you the part you missed!



### BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK

will continue through Lent on Wednesdays at 10 am at FLC. The last Bible Study will be on March 20.



### CHARITON EASTER



**BREAKFAST SIGN UP** on the table in the Narthex. There

are **TWO** sign-up sheets—one for those willing to help with breakfast and another for those planning on attending. Please sign up so enough food is prepared!



**ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, FIRST LUTHERAN** welcomed Lucy, Chance, and Colton Wilson by baptism and Mike Wilson by affirmation of faith.

### EASTER LILY AT FIRST LUTHERAN



If you plan to donate a lily for Easter Sunday at First Lutheran, the sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. You may designate it as a memorial or in honor of someone. The list of names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.



**Palm Sunday**  
**March 24 - 9 AM**

First Lutheran will celebrate with palms—members gather in Narthex and process into sanctuary on opening hymn

### HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**Maundy Thursday**  
**March 28 - 7 PM**

Special Joint Worship at  
Christ the Servant in Corydon

**Good Friday**  
**March 29 - 7 PM**

Special Joint Worship at  
First Lutheran in Chariton

**Easter Sunday**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**March 31**

#### First Lutheran

7:30-8:45 AM—Easter Breakfast  
9 AM—Festival Worship

#### Christ The Servant

9:30-10:45 AM—Easter Breakfast  
11 AM – Corydon Worship

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# Discipleship Ministry

## LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP WANTS YOU!!

It's that time of year again and Early Bird Registration is open. Register before March 1, 2024 to get the early bird discount of \$50 off a full week.

There are camps available for kids, adults, and families. Check them out on the [Lutheranlakeside.com](http://Lutheranlakeside.com) website!!

Please register **today** at [Lutheranlakeside.com](http://Lutheranlakeside.com) to save \$50.00!



## 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](http://kiicradio.com)—website  
(Click on "Listen Live")

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

### **Broadcast Sponsors:**

**March 3:** Del & Karen Kray

**March 10:** Dennis & Patti Bisgard in memory of Jim & JoAnn Willis' wedding anniversary

**March 17:** Karen Orwig

**March 24:** Kim Francisco

**March 31:** Friends in Des Moines area

***THERE ARE 11 SUNDAYS AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR FOR 2024! With two members 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

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT!

- Wednesday mid-week offerings at First Lutheran this year will be divided 50/50 with Lucas County Ministry Center and ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- "NOISY OFFERINGS" WILL CONTINUE** to be taken on Sundays. Please consider bringing your loose change to church and "noisily" depositing it in the pot!! CTS offerings through March will go to school lunches. FLC offerings through March will benefit Homestead Activity Department.

# Stewardship Ministry (Continued)

## CHRIST THE SERVANT TO CELEBRATE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, April 7, 2024 Christ the Servant Lutheran Church will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As they do so, they would like to invite everyone to join them for this festive celebration of worship at 11:00 AM, and to be followed by a catered dinner at Ludlow's Steakhouse in Corydon. **Please pick up an invitation from the table in the narthex which includes an RSVP for dinner. PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 6.**

## ON THE VINE



**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, March 4 at 11 AM.

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

**GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY** will take place at 10 AM on Wednesdays—March 6, 13, and 20—at First Lutheran.

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

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SUPPER AT FLC** at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays—March 6, 13, and 20—with worship to follow at 7 PM.

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

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

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

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

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, March 17, at 5 PM. Roger & Kary Blunk will host. Please bring an item to share.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 PM at FLC.

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



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday school is held during the worship service. There are still a few spots that need filled to teach! Lesson plans are provided.



## MARCH IS KITCHEN SINK MONTH for the Ministry

Center. Examples would be dish soap, comet, scouring pads, Lysol, wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, etc.

**Please consider helping with this 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!! CTS offerings through March will to school lunches. FLC offerings through March will benefit Homestead Activity Department.



# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

Easter provides us the opportunity to celebrate every aspect of our Christian faith. As Easter represents the culmination of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in all its fullness, it is a day of wonderful joy!

The joy of Easter revolves around the freedom that God only can give. As Americans, we often look to freedom as one of our great societal gifts. But the freedom that God offers is something much deeper. As individuals, created in the image and likeness of God, we are called to see freedom as the gift to love as God loves. On its negative side, cultural freedom can be an invitation to do what one wants, when and how one wants it. The freedom found in Christ is the blessing of God's grace, His undeserved love for us. When we sit and pray quietly and think of those times when we have truly been loved by someone else, we get a taste of the freedom God gives us. God invites every one of us to live freely in order to inspire others to reach their personal potential. True love is the gift of self to another. When someone is truly loved by another, we experience the inspiration to love in return.

On Easter morning the ladies heard the messenger say: *"He is not here, for he has been raised!"* (Matt. 28:6), to which we respond: *"He is risen indeed!"*

Do you know people who always walk around with a tune in their head, singing it for everyone to hear? As I reflect on the awesome and wonderful journey with our confirmation students over the past few years, I am reminded of the wonderful stories (tunes) that they shared about baseball and softball, cattle and pigs, prom music and dancing – stories about special friends and moments in their lives. Stories of life! Stories of faith! Stories grounded in the love of their gracious God.

In the Gospel of Matthew we read how an angel appeared to the women at the tomb early that first Easter morning. The angel explained to them that Jesus was not there because he had been raised from the dead, just as he said! Matthew tells us that the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid - yet filled with joy.

That's what the resurrection does. It takes our fear, our worry, our hurt, our sadness...and it puts it all into perspective.

The fact that Jesus is risen from the dead, that he was victorious over death and sin, is reason for all of us to continue celebrating. The resurrection of Jesus from the grave brings joy to all of us despite doubt and challenge which confront us each and every day. What happened on that first Easter morning continues to inspire us with joy; and, changes our outlook about the future.

I pray you will join with us on Easter Sunday (March 31) to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. And as you do, you will find a fantastic joy and blessing in celebrating the awesome gifts of faith and assurance in all that you do! Come, rejoice, and sing as we celebrate how Jesus continues to inspire us to walk and live by faith and in the assurance of His risen presence each and every day!

Blessings!

*Pastor Dick*



## Re:Newed

### March Baptismal Anniversaries



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

3/20	Jean Heston	3/25	Makala Farrell
3/23	Easton Wilson	3/25	Kaiti Farrell
3/24	Geneva Wilson	3/26	Tom Schilling
3/25	Chris Farrell	3/27	Tanner Duey
3/25	Doug Farrell	3/29	Karen Orwig
3/25	Jeff Farrell	3/30	Jason Allen

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!)*

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

#### CORYDON

3/7	Madison Harman
3/15	Jason Allen



#### CHARITON

3/1	Karen Patterson	3/13	Jim Moore
3/1	Mary Jo Fisher	3/14	Betty Pepping
3/3	Cynda Mehlert	3/15	Kelsey Seuferer
3/4	Canon Wilson	3/18	Taylor Duey
3/8	Trayton Brown	3/19	Carol Brown
3/9	Karen Orwig	3/20	Julie Horstmeier
3/10	Marissa Coleman	3/23	Nancy Stansbery
3/11	Blaze Cunningham	3/23	Pastor Dick Hutton
3/11	Coleton Atwell	3/24	Jodi Draper
3/12	Ryan Dachenbach	3/26	Brooklin Atwell
3/13	Jo Aulwes		
3/13	Lana Kuball		

### MARCH LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP!



LAF will meet on March 17 at 5 PM. All adults are welcome and please bring a small treat to share. Please wear green or get pinched as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Roger and Kary Blunk will be hosts.

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

#### CORYDON

3/14	Dr. David & Wendy Foster
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#### CHARITON

3/31	Roger & Kary Blunk
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#### PLEASE TAKE NOTE!



Daylight savings time begins on March 10. Please remember to move your clock ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 9.

#### 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.