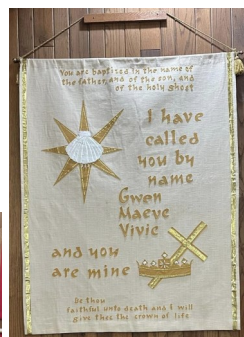


First Fruits

Worship Ministry

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ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24, FIRST LUTHERAN welcomed Gwen Marie Shanks, Maeve Sidney Shanks, and Vivie Beth Nichols by baptism. Gwen and Maeve are daughters of Tracy and Casey Shanks. Vivie is the daughter of Maggie Stansbery and Jeremy Nichols. Rusty and Julie Stansbery are the grandparents.



FLC ALTAR FLOWERS DURING EASTER SEASON. If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers one Sunday through the Easter season (April 7—May 5), there is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex or call the office. Cost will be \$35 and can be paid to the church.



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

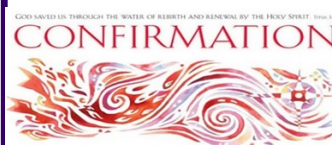
Christ The Servant
9:30-10:45 AM—Easter Breakfast
11 AM – Corydon Worship

BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK will continue through April on Wednesdays at 10 am at FLC. The last Bible Study will be on April 24.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 3 at First Lutheran beginning at 2 pm.



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Women of the ELCA

WELCA CLUSTER 9 SPRING GATHERING will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Knoxville. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. with worship, program, business meeting, and lunch following. It will end about 1:00 p.m. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fireside room.

Discipleship Ministry



The First Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee would like to invite Mothers, Daughters, Granddaughters and Great-granddaughters to a ladies luncheon to be held at Carpenter's Hall in Chariton on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 12:30 pm.

Dr. Rachele K. Keck, President of Grand View University will be our guest speaker. There will also be musical entertainment as part of our program.

Please invite the female members of your family to accompany you to this luncheon. If you are the only female member of your family, please feel free to bring a guest.

Please RSVP with the names of attendees by calling First Lutheran Church office at 641-774-4875 or emailing flcchariton@iowatelecom.net by May 10, 2024.

We look forward to enjoying this celebration together!

Evangelism Committee members,
Kary Blunk, Karen Kray, and Rae Luehring



LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP MARCH MEETING was held on Sunday, March 17 with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Hosts were Roger and Kary Blunk.



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:

April 7: Marleen Oxenreider in memory of Alex Oxenreider

April 14: Karen Orwig

April 21: Deb Clark in honor of her grandchildren

April 28: Friends in Des Moines area

THERE ARE 10 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 (Continued)

CHRIST THE SERVANT TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, April 7, 2024 Christ the Servant Lutheran Church will celebrate their 50th 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.

ON THE VINE



CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, April 1 at 11 AM.

FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 10 AM.

GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY will take place at 10 AM on Wednesdays—April 3, 10, 17, and 24—at First Lutheran.

PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, April 3.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 2 PM.

LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS will meet on Monday, April 8 beginning at 2 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 PM at FLC.

BREAKFAST GALS will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, April 9 at Hardees.

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

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, April 11, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

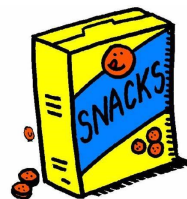
THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, April 16, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, April 21, at 5 PM. Marleen Oxenreider and Joanne Fletcher will host. Please bring an item to share.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — FIRST LUTHERAN

The last Sunday School for the year will be April 28.



APRIL IS SNACK MONTH

for the Ministry Center.

Examples would be cake

mixes, frostings, fruit

snacks, Jell-O, popcorn,

pudding, cookies, etc. Thank

you! 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

April through July will go

to Wayne FFA. FLC

offerings April through

July will go to Disaster

Relief.



Pastoral Pondering

*As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together". **Luke 24:25-33***

[I would urge you to read the entirety of the Road to Emmaus story; Luke 24:13-35.]

Imagine walking down the road ...

Luke doesn't say why the two disciples were on the road to Emmaus. They may have been going home, going there on business, or just going there to get away from the terrible things they had witnessed in Jerusalem. We all have our Emmaus, don't we! It is the place we go, in order to escape: the golf course, the garden, the lake, a bar, a movie, the hot tub, the river, the boat, or in a plane. Emmaus may be buying a new suit, shoes, sunglasses, new clubs, new rod and reel, new tools, or a new car. Emmaus may be immersing yourself in your favorite music or reading a new book (or two). Emmaus may be going to church on Sunday and expecting those old familiar songs, prayers, texts, flowers, scents...then again maybe the new experiences. What is your Emmaus? Emmaus is whatever we do or wherever we go to make ourselves forget that the world is a crazy place.

I believe that our risen Lord always meets us on the road to our Emmaus-es, in the ordinary places and experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. The story comes with a warning to us however, that the Lord may come to us in unfamiliar appearances and when we least expect him. He is right in front of us, in plain sight, yet we still fail to recognize him.

However, experiencing God's presence is not meant as a private gift. It is never meant for us alone... we are called to share the experience. Neither in the discovery of the empty tomb nor in the discovery of the identity of the fellow traveler is there the familiar command to go and tell which is typical of other resurrection appearance scenes. Nevertheless, in both... when revelation is received there is immediately and spontaneously a yearning to return from the empty tomb and shared table to share the experience joyfully with others: "He is risen"; "He is risen indeed!"

These words may seem an idle tale to others, but to those of us who have witnessed God's divine presence in our lives at a tomb, or on a lonely road, or in hospitality extended to a fellow traveler, the events are a transforming reality.

Easter is not over at sundown Easter Sunday. It stretches into the rest of our lives. The women could not call back the angels, and the two disciples might never meet the stranger again, but it would not and does not matter. Life would never be the same. All the rest of the story will be an extension of the Easter reality: The Lord is risen, and he continues to meet us on the road to Emmaus.

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

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April Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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|------|----------------------|------|-------------------|
| 4/3 | Christina Umbenhower | 4/14 | Angela Dachenbach |
| 4/4 | Kent Storm | 4/14 | Emma Kempen |
| 4/4 | Ian Luehring | 4/16 | Duane Bedford |
| 4/5 | Sarah Fuhs | 4/16 | Tracy Shanks |
| 4/7 | Nicole Brown | 4/16 | Maggie Stansbery |
| 4/7 | Zach Fisher | 4/22 | Troy Trzpuc |
| 4/8 | Kate Krutsinger | 4/23 | Shari Harders |
| 4/10 | Joseph Morrett | 4/24 | Axel Cunningham |
| 4/11 | Linda Comstock | 4/24 | Blaze Cunningham |
| 4/11 | Allison Krutsinger | 4/25 | Trayton Brown |
| 4/11 | Bradley Sobotta | 4/27 | Julie Horstmeier |
| 4/13 | Dave Kuball | 4/28 | Joanne Aulwes |
| 4/14 | Angie Dachenbach | 4/29 | Judd Kruse |
| 4/14 | Laura Wilson | 4/29 | Anna Nayeri |

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!)

MANY, MANY THANKS to all who have helped keep the church sidewalks free of ice and snow at First Lutheran and Christ the Servant this winter. Your help with this ministry is greatly appreciated by all!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who signed up to teach the Sunday School classes. Our last class will be April 28 and we have all the positions filled. If anyone is interested in planning for next year, let Gayle know!! Thanks everyone!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thank you for supporting Lutheran Lakeside Camp. We received your generous donation. We are so excited to receive your gift. It will be used to provide necessary equipment and staffing. This will help us to provide the best experience for campers and all guests. Peace & Blessings. Lutheran Lakeside Camp

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

CORYDON

4/4 Maverick Goben
4/14 Ann Sipma



CHARITON

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 4/2 Ben Morrett | 4/19 Bethany Lahart |
| 4/10 Logan Shore | 4/23 Kay Tighe |
| 4/11 Evan Wood | 4/25 Avery Fuhs |
| 4/12 Marleen Oxenreider | 4/25 Julie Stansbery |
| 4/12 Justin Sharp | 4/26 Gayle Bortz |
| 4/16 Kary Blunk | 4/26 Dan Morrett |
| 4/17 Karen Wilker | 4/28 Max Kuball |
| 4/17 Rusty Stansbery | 4/30 Karen Kray |
| 4/19 Ben Wantland | |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON

4/10 George & Shari Harders

CHARITON

4/2 Allison & Brad Krutsinger
4/10 Chad & Cynda Mehlert
4/25 Jim & Lori Moore

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.