

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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### DAY OF PENTECOST

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

You are invited to bring red geraniums and to wear red on this fiftieth day of Easter as we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit.

### EASTER SUNDAY

#### AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Pastor Hutton shared the Easter story with the children.



**JUNE 16 – JULY 21 –  
AUGUST 18 AT FLC**

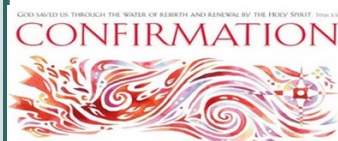
On the third Sunday of June, July & August, outdoor Worship is being planned on the west side of First Lutheran on the large cement pad to begin at 9 AM. Please bring your lawn chairs.

**ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, FIRST LUTHERAN** welcomed Rowyan Bethel Ballanger by baptism. Rowyan is the daughter of Brooklin Atwell. Grandmother is Chrissy Atwell and great-grandmother is Linda Jurgens.



### CONFIRMATION NEWS

Classes will resume in September.



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**ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, FIRST LUTHERAN WILL RECOGNIZE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, MADISON BUCKALEW AND CARSON OXENREIDER** during the 9 AM worship service. Madison and Carson will be graduating from Chariton High School on May 19.

# Discipleship Ministry



## Ladies Luncheon

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 [flchariton@iowatelecom.net](mailto:flchariton@iowatelecom.net) by May 10, 2024.

We look forward to enjoying this celebration together!

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



**FIRST LUTHERAN MEMBERS** worked on cleanup outside the church after worship on Sunday, April 21. Members helping out were Don Brown, Duane Bedford, Patti Bisgard, Denny Bisgard, Dan Morrett, Dave Kuball, and Lana Kuball. Not pictured but helping were Roger Heston, Ava Krutsinger, and Ronda Morrett.

## 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:**

**May 5:** Emmy & John Forbes

**May 12:** Karen Orwig

**May 19:** Emmy & John Forbes

**May 26:** John & Arta Harman in honor of Dr. John Harman's 91st birthday

***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

## CHRIST THE SERVANT CELEBRATED 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, April 7, 2024 Christ the Servant Lutheran Church celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Members, guests, and former pastors filled the church and Ludlow's for the celebration.



### ON THE VINE



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

**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, May 6 at 11 AM.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 10 AM.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, May 9, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** will meet on Monday, May 13 beginning at 2 PM.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 PM at FLC.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, May 14 at Hardees.

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** will take place on Tuesday, May 14 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, May 19, at 5 PM. Lonna Wantland and Paula Russo will host. Please bring an item to share.

**THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, May 21, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

### 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 . . . .

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

The month of May is a month of transition, a change from one season to another. The grass that begins to turn green in April, begins to grow. The lawn mowers that had been put in storage, are given an oil change, blades are sharpened, new gas fills the tank and preparation for the new season of cutting grass that is now growing. The trees begin to bud with new leaves in April. But by the end of May, we can once again hear the wind rustle through the new green leaves. The fields are awakened from their long winter slumber. Tractors and planters, like the lawn mowers, have been tuned and prepared to begin a new season. The fields are fertilized. The earth is prepared for the seeds and the seeds are planted. In the beginning of the month, we drive a little slower by some fields looking and waiting for the crops to sprout. By the end of May, one can easily row the corn and the soybeans.

Most of the time, when April transitions into May, winter has finally let go of its grasp upon the land and the warm spring days have arrived. Flower beds that were sleeping, suddenly have hands of gardeners digging in them once again. Suddenly, there is color in the yards, colors different than the white snow blanket. Added to the green of the grass and the green of new leaves are bright yellow, red and blue flowers.

There are several life transitions that also occur in the month of May. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will honor all the ladies in the congregation, who have shared their love and faith with all of us. On Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18, the Southeast Iowa Synod will meet in Coralville, IA. On May 19, two of our young adults will graduate from Chariton High School – Madison Buckalew and Carson Oxenreider; they will finish up a journey and walk across the stage to receive a diploma, and from that moment will look forward to continuing their education at college. And finally, on May 27<sup>th</sup> we'll pause to remember those who have shared their lives with us, as we honor them on Memorial Day.

May is a month of continuing transitions. May brings transitions and changes in our spiritual journey as well. March and April led us on a journey of Lent, when we focus upon our Lord's suffering, leading up to the cross. During Holy Week, Jesus sets an example for us to be servants as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and gives us a new commandment to love one another, on Good Friday we contemplated our Lord taking on the powers of sin and death as he dies on a cross, and then on Easter we joined Mary and Peter by shouting to the world "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" The tomb is empty. Jesus lives to die no more. The power of God's love continues to create new change in the world. Jesus reconciles with the disciples and gives them his peace. Jesus gives them the power and authority in his name to forgive sins. The Holy Spirit recreates us from sinner to saint. From brokenness to being restored. From standing in sin, to being forgiven. From loving with our love that can be weak and lost to being claimed by God's unconditional love. Of course, God's love and grace that creates newness of life is never restricted to just one given moment but is always making life new. Enjoy the transitions of May and the new life that Christ gives you!

Blessings!

*Pastor Dick*

# Re:Newed



## May Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|
| 5/   | Gayle Bortz        | 5/22 | Deb Carlton        |
| 5/4  | Logan Shore        | 5/22 | Trish Sharp        |
| 5/5  | Marleen Oxenreider | 5/22 | Mya Krutsinger     |
| 5/8  | Cynda Mehlert      | 5/23 | Bob Schmitt        |
| 5/8  | Coleton Atwell     | 5/24 | Karen Kray         |
| 5/8  | Kelsey Seuferer    | 5/24 | Keara Storm        |
| 5/10 | Kay Tighe          | 5/26 | Bob Prather        |
| 5/10 | Jodi Draper        | 5/29 | Beckett Dachenbach |
| 5/13 | Gert Patterson     | 5/29 | Grace Helbing      |
| 5/20 | Scott Luehring     | 5/29 | Josie Helbing      |

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!)*



**MAY IS CANNED VEGGIES AND CANNED FRUITS MONTH** for the Ministry Center. Please consider

helping with this ministry!

**THE LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE** is now posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Primary duties in this ministry involve mowing and trimming the area immediately surrounding the church building (inside the circle driveway) and sweeping off the sidewalks. If you prefer, you can call the church office (641-774-4875) and have Susan put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

### CORYDON

- 5/1 Mark Harders
- 5/6 Sheri Mason Rogier
- 5/27 John Harman



### CHARITON

- 5/3 Bill Anstey
- 5/3 Ian Luehring
- 5/5 Natalie McGee
- 5/6 Debra Carlton
- 5/6 Scott Luehring
- 5/7 Ann Aulwes
- 5/9 Larry Wheeldon
- 5/11 Madison Buckalew
- 5/16 Lisa Junkman
- 5/18 Earl Comstock
- 5/19 Eric Johnson
- 5/20 Joann Narber
- 5/23 Leigha Mehlert
- 5/23 Gary Pepping
- 5/24 Hunter Clark
- 5/25 Bruce Junkman
- 5/25 Max Aulwes
- 5/27 Sharon Anstey
- 5/30 Diane Lukavsky
- 5/31 Liam Cunningham

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON

- 5/25 Wade & Angela Harman

### CHARITON

- 5/28 Scott & Rae Luehring
- 5/28 Angela & Mike Wilson
- 5/30 Julie & Eli Horstmeier

### 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.