

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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**FIRST LUTHERAN CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, MAY 19** the baptism of Layton Grace Smith.

Layton is the daughter of Clint and Amanda Smith.



**FIRST LUTHERAN ALSO WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 19.** Clint, Amanda, Taytum, Payton, and Layton Smith; and Tom and Kim McGee.



**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, JUNE 30, FIRST LUTHERAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE GAZEBO ON THE CHARITON SQUARE. THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.**

Please bring your lawn chairs!!

This service is sponsored by the Lucas County Interchurch Council. There WILL NOT be a worship service at First Lutheran on June 30—we encourage you to attend the worship service on the Chariton square. Please give any offering you would have given on June 30 either on June 23 or July 7. **CHRIST THE SERVANT WILL WORSHIP AT THEIR REGULAR WORSHIP TIME OF 11 AM ON JUNE 30.**



**CHRIST THE SERVANT** will have a potluck

dinner after worship service on Sunday, June 30.

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# 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.

If you have not signed up yet, please RSVP to the church office via email or phone with the names of attendees **as soon as possible!**

We look forward to enjoying this celebration together!

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

## 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:**

**June 2:** Rod & Gayle Bortz in honor of Shelly & John Greving's anniversary

**June 9:** Laura Wilson in memory of Lynn Wilson

**June 16:** Karen Orwig

**June 23:** Roger & Jean Heston in honor of Roger's birthday

**June 30:** Friends in Des Moines area

***THERE ARE 7 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!***

**JUNE IS BREAKFAST MONTH** at the Ministries Center. Examples would be pancake & waffle mix, syrup, biscuit mix, muffin mix, coffee, tea, and juice boxes. Thank you!

Please consider helping with this ministry!



# Stewardship Ministry

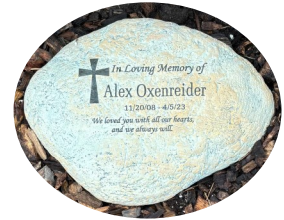
**IT IS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TIME!**  
**ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, FIRST LUTHERAN**  
**RECOGNIZED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES,**  
**MADISON BUCKALEW AND CARSON**  
**OXENREIDER** during the 9 AM worship  
service followed by a reception. Madison  
plans to attend Iowa Central College in Fort  
Dodge where she will play softball and take  
general studies. Carson plans to work after  
graduation.



**A NEW BIRD BATH**  
**PLANTER AT FLC** was  
donated by Marleen  
Oxenreider in memory of  
her grandson, Alex  
Oxenreider.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Chariton's noisy offering through March was \$107.36  
which was donated to Homestead Activity  
Department. The noisy offering at CTS through March  
of \$77.36 was given to the school lunch fund.



## ON THE VINE



**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, June 3 at 11 AM.  
**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, June 4 at 10 AM.  
**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP** will gather in the FLC Library,  
beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, June 5.  
**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** will meet on Monday, June 10 beginning  
at 2 PM.  
**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, June 10 at 6:30 PM at FLC.  
**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, June 11 at Hardees.  
**"SHARING THE WEIGHT" BLANKET MAKING** will take place on Tuesday, June  
11 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.  
**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, June 13, at 1:00 PM at  
First Lutheran.  
**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, June 16, at 5 PM. Earl  
& Linda Comstock will host. Please bring an item to share.  
**THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, June 18, at  
Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

## NOISY OFFERINGS!!

Please consider  
bringing your  
loose change to  
church and "noisily"  
depositing it in the pot!! CTS  
offerings through July will  
go to Wayne FFA. FLC  
offerings through July will  
go to Disaster Relief.



# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

Spring is a time of new life, and this spring we have seen lots of new life – 8 baptisms, 7 new members, and a wedding that we look forward to celebrating. It's amazing how God works.

At the South East Iowa Synod Assembly in Coralville,

there was a workshop that focused on shrinking communities. Many small, rural communities in Iowa are shrinking and people are fearful; but in reality, is there anything we can do to change the shrinking? So, should we celebrate the blessings that our Heavenly Father continues to pour out in our lives? We do have much to be thankful for and reasons to celebrate every day, regardless of whether or not our community shrinks.

Do you remember the first time you walked into our church? Did you walk in not knowing anybody? Did you encounter unknown faces, music, and habits? What made you feel welcome? What brought you back?

Each of us at one time walked in for the first time.

We are a congregation built upon honest relationships with God and each other – not pretense or false piety. Because we know we are sinners saved by grace we seek to extend that grace towards others. Each person participates and contributes as they are able. People are involved rather than just spectators – a family rather than an audience. The concerns and joys of each person are shared by the others. Our greatest coordinated efforts are to serve others in Jesus' name rather than ourselves. These are marks of the body of Christ.

God has called us to love one another, walk in relationship with one another, and to share in the joys and sorrows of each other. As each member reaches out to their neighbor and coworker, we are far more effective than the costliest advertising campaigns. Personal contact is always far more effective than fancy brochures and unwanted mail stuffed in a mailbox.

So, let us continue to dedicate ourselves to reaching out to those God brings in our doors on Sunday mornings.

When you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. If you forgot someone's name, ask.

Try sitting in different places so you can meet different people.

Invite a visitor or someone you do not know to sit with you.

Don't ask, "Is this your first time?" Instead, just introduce yourself and say that you are glad that they are here.

Say hello to a few people you don't know before spending time with your good friends.

If someone wants to help – let them!

I rejoice that Jesus left his comforts and privileges to reach out to us. I pray that we will continue to demonstrate this love to others.

Blessings to all!

*Pastor Dick*

# Re:Newed



## June Baptismal Anniversaries

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

	Delores Ranshaw	6/16	Taylor Duey
6/1	Earl Comstock	6/20	Logan Newsum
6/2	Joann Narber	6/21	David Rich
6/3	Kary Blunk	6/21	Evan Wood
6/5	Bethany Lahart	6/21	Julius Murray
6/5	Ben Wantland	6/21	June Murray
6/5	Cynthia Thiel	6/22	Kendall Watson
6/7	Sheri Rogier	6/23	Jennifer Goben
6/14	Natalie McGee	6/26	Sharon Anstey

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!)*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### CORYDON

- 6/19 Doug Thiel
- 6/29 John Allen

### CHARITON

- 6/1 Laura Wilson
- 6/2 Marcia Heimdal
- 6/3 Jamie Aulwes
- 6/6 Delores Ranshaw
- 6/7 Connor Shore
- 6/7 Randal Heimdal
- 6/11 Shelly Greving
- 6/12 Sydney Cain
- 6/12 Kent Storm
- 6/17 Roger Heston
- 6/18 Jaxon Kuball
- 6/26 Jake Mosbach
- 6/26 Mike Mosbach
- 6/27 Megan Aulwes
- 6/30 Alex Kuball



## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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**Please let the office know of any changes to directory information. A new directory will be coming out late fall of 2024. Current directories are still available in the fireside room.**

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON

- 6/8 Sheri & Kyle Rogier
- 6/17 Dave & Patty Mason

### CHARITON

- 6/1 LuAnn & Tom Mosbach
- 6/2 Shelly & John Greving
- 6/6 Emma & Jacob Kempen
- 6/7 Joe & Katie Shore
- 6/11 Larry & Jean Wheeldon
- 6/11 Evan & Taylor Havick
- 6/11 Jamie & Ann Aulwes
- 6/12 Bill & Sharon Anstey
- 6/14 Randal & Marcia Heimdal
- 6/15 Monte & Nicki Brown
- 6/16 Lisa & Chay Wood
- 6/16 Katie & Jason Peters
- 6/27 David & Colleen Rich
- 6/30 Karen & Mike Patterson

### 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.