

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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**BLESSING OF FAIR PROJECTS AND EXHIBITORS** was held on Sunday, July 14 during worship at First Lutheran . Austin Cain, Sydney Cain, Kate Krutsinger, Dalton Lukavsky (represented by Stephanie), and Bodie Shriver (grandson of Linda Jurgens) were in attendance and talked about their projects. The Lucas County Fair was July 20-24 and Wayne County is July 22-29. Bodie showed at the Bates County Fair.



### OUTDOOR WORSHIP—ONE LAST TIME THIS SUMMER— AUGUST 18 AT FLC

On the third Sunday of 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. Cake will be provided for fellowship following the worship service.

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS** will be held on Sunday, August 25 during worship at both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. Students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks for the blessing. Chariton's first day of school is Friday, August 23 and Wayne's first day of school is Monday, August 26.

**FIRST LUTHERAN SUMMER FELLOWSHIP** will be donuts all summer after worship in the Fireside room. Outdoor worships will have fellowship following the service in the basement. See the announcements each month for the outdoor worship fellowship goodies!



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** was held on Sunday, June 16 at First Lutheran followed by fellowship. **Thank you** to Lana Kuball, Kim Francisco, Gayle Bortz, Carolyn Hutton, Jean Heston, and Patti Bisgard for providing coffee cake for the fellowship time!

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# Discipleship Ministry



**IT IS TIME FOR SCHOOL BAGS!** We will be filling school bags at FLC on August 25<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants to contribute, there will be a list of items needed in the Narthex. There will be a box in the Narthex to leave your items. If you wish to contribute money for shipping, make your checks to First Lutheran or bring money to the church office. If you have questions, contact Jean Heston or LuAnn Mosbach.

## FLOOD IMPACTS LUTHERAN LAKESIDE IN JUNE

**Our spaces affected:** Our main campfire worship site and water front was under water. Several road were washed away. The Zipline platform floated away. Miltner Chalet had the most water inside. We will need to replace flooring, trim, and lower parts of walls. We had large amounts of debris everywhere. **\*Things are getting better.** The streams and waterfalls around camp have stopped. The floor in Chalet is dry and ready for repairs. The main roads have been repaired so all areas of camp are driveable again.

**Our solutions during the worst of it:** We had a temporary bridge getting us on foot to and from the dining hall. We used paper products to limit the strain on the cities water infrastructure. We had extra porta potties, potable water, and generators in case any services became limited. We tied any and all boats on our docks up to make sure they didn't float away. We moved all of our small watercrafts into the boat house.

**How to help:** Right now we need \$3,000 worth of gravel, assistance cleaning up trees and debris, assistance putting gravel back on the roads, supplies to clean and sanitize spaces once water recedes more, and supplies and hands to repair Chalet.

**Thank you** to all the staff, neighbors, volunteers and communities who have helped us and all those suffering from this flooding.

We appreciate all prayers and support so we can continue serving our campers and additional campers who are affected by this disaster.



## 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:**

**August 4:** Anonymous

**August 11:** Anonymous

**August 18:** Anonymous

**August 25:** Anonymous

***THERE ARE 2 SUNDAYS AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR FOR 2024! The available dates are November 10 and December 1. 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 one of these broadcasts, please call the church office. Sponsorships are \$35. 641-774-4875 Thank you!***

# Stewardship Ministry

## FIRST LUTHERAN MEMORIAL

**GARDEN IS PROGRESSING!** If you haven't been around the back of the church lately, you may not know what has been done on the memorial garden. Thanks to Brad Krutsinger for spearheading this project!



## ON THE VINE



**PRAYER SHAWL/BABY AFGHAN GROUP** will gather in the FLC Library, beginning at 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, August 7.

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will gather on Thursday, August 8, at 1:00 PM at First Lutheran.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** will meet on Monday, August 12 beginning at 2 PM.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 PM at FLC.

**BREAKFAST GALS** will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, August 13 at Hardees.

**“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING** will take place on Tuesday, August 13 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 10 AM.

**CTS TASK FORCE** meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18 at noon.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, August 18, at 5 PM. Joanne Fletcher and Paula Russo will host. Please bring an item to share.

**THE CTS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, August 20, at Christ the Servant beginning at 11:30 AM.

**CHARITON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** classes begin on Friday, August 23.

**WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** classes begin on Monday, August 26.



**AUGUST IS A MEAL IN A BOX MONTH** at the Ministries Center. Examples would be Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, and Complete Meals. Thank you! Please consider helping with this ministry!

The Ministry Center also needs volunteers!

**Ministry Center hours:**

**Open M/W/F 9:30-11:30 am**

**410 S. 7th St.—774-8146**

**Salvation Army Assistance available during open hours.**

**Don't forget the blessing boxes found around town can use donations, too!!**

## NOISY OFFERINGS!!

Please consider bringing your loose change to church and “noisily” depositing it in the pot!! Offerings August through December for both congregations will go to a needy family.



# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

I have noticed that people in Lucas and Wayne Counties put a lot of work into their gardens - planting, watering, weeding, pruning and harvesting. There's something wonderful about green plants and colorful flowers which call us to endure the heat and bugs. It's pretty amazing all the work people put into such a short, growing season. All that work, and in just few weeks the wind will blow from the north, cool temperatures will return, and all the plants and flowers will be gone. Why work so hard for something that is here today and gone tomorrow? Because! It gives us life.

There's a reason green is the color of the Church during the summer. Green is the color of life and growth. Green is the color we wait for all winter long. I remember one winter that was very long and white; and I got very excited the first time I saw brown earth. Brown, as we know, comes before green. Green is the color of the plants pushing up from the brown earth, reaching for the sun. Green is the color of the leaf buds, sprouting out on branches. Like those plants and buds, we reach for life. Maybe people in Lucas and Wayne Counties work so hard on their gardens because the winter was very cold, or because the summer is too short. But still, it is a lot of work for something that ends so quickly. Human beings must be very determined creatures to work so hard for such brief results.

We are determined creatures. We work hard to raise our children well. We spend time preparing a meal that will be eaten and gone an hour later. We put energy into building and rebuilding things. We sit with God and breathe and pray, even though we're not sure what we have to show for it. Human beings seek life.

When we stare at the shades of green in the garden or walk in the woods, we receive life. When we dig and plant and even weed, we receive life. Yes, the green leaves will be gone before we know it, but we will have seen and touched and smelled them. That fleeting moment will have given us life.

Do we receive life when we plant and dig in the garden, when we create or build or fix something with our hands? Do we receive life when we're at the lake, taking a walk through the neighborhood, or driving the tractor in the field? Do we receive life when we pause for a moment and remember God, when we worship with friends? Think about all those things into which you put your time, and ask yourself - does this give me life? If it does, be glad, for God, the giver of life, is with you.

However, if that which you put time into doesn't give you life, God is still with you; but, you might reconsider how you use your time and energy. Maybe it's something you have to do regardless, or maybe it's something you can change. In life, there are beginnings and endings. In the spring, we plant our gardens. In the fall, we dig them up. The school year ends, and we look forward to summer, but eventually, summer ends, and we head back to school.

When we were babies, our parents cared for us. At some point, we will have to care for our parents. Just because something ends, doesn't mean it wasn't worth giving our heart to. Endings may be heartbreaking or perhaps a relief. Beginnings may be joyful or anxiety-producing. But if we give ourselves to that which gives life, it will not only be worth it; it will be good. Yours will be a deep life, a full life, a God-filled life.

Blessings!

*Pastor Dick*



# Re:Newed



## August Baptismal Anniversaries

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

8/1	Janice Goetsch	8/19	Fred Wilker
8/1	Morgan Peters	8/22	Max Aulwes
8/2	Don Brown	8/22	Connor Shore
8/8	Shelly Greving	8/24	Evan Havick
8/12	Hunter Clark	8/31	Alice Thiel
8/17	Mark Harders		

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!)*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

	<b>CORYDON</b>	8/22	Jackson Fisher
8/3	Emmy Forbes	8/23	Austin Cain
8/22	Jean Wilson	8/23	Colton Wilson
8/29	Lucy Helbing	8/24	Don Brown
8/31	Brynn Allen	8/25	Kim Francisco
	<b>CHARITON</b>	8/25	Payton Smith
8/2	Odin Luehring	8/28	Eric Junkman
8/5	Kaiti Farrell	8/28	Lonna Wantland
8/6	Laura Duey	8/28	Rachel Cohen
8/6	Ava Krutsinger	8/30	Stephanie Lukavsky
8/7	Otto Luehring		
8/8	Hadley Dachenbach		
8/12	Mike Wilson		
8/15	Chad Lukavsky		
8/19	Fay Utesch		



**FORMER MEMBERS JOHN AND SHARON NEEL**, are moving to Urbandale to be closer to family who can

support them as they have increased care needs. If you would like to send them a note, their new address is:

John & Sharon Neel  
Senior Suites of Urbandale  
4700 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
Urbandale, Iowa 50322



I just want to say thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards during this time of my surgery, hospital stay, and healing at home. The doctors are positive on the healing process and pleased with how the wound is healing. Again, thank you all very much. **-Keith Dachenbach**



**THANK YOU.** The gift of juice boxes to the ICC Food Pantry is much appreciated! Thank you from those in need and the volunteer staff who serve! —**Inter Church Council**



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

	<b>CORYDON</b>
8/11	Doug & Cindy Thiel
8/22	Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton
8/28	Tom & Linda Schilling
	<b>CHARITON</b>
8/2	Jamie & Keara Storm
8/6	Duane & Cindy Bedford
8/7	Barb & Vern Vogel
8/20	Dan & Ronda Morrett
8/22	Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton
8/25	Bruce & Lisa Junkman
8/27	Earl & Linda Comstock
8/28	Christina & Troy Umbenhower
8/30	Kim & Dusty Cain



## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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.

## 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.