

First Fruits

Worship Ministry

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SEPTEMBER WAS YOUTH MONTH!

Sunday, September 14—A special worship service featured Ava Krutsinger and Dalton Lukavsky sharing their personal experiences for the sermon. The Rainbow Ringers also played bells that day. Thank you to all the youth for participating in services this month.



CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY IS BACK!! The youth are raising money for future activities.

The third Sunday of every month (September-May) cinnamon rolls will be available after church for a free will donation.

Buy 1 or 2 or even 6! They will be delicious! Mark your calendar for the third Sunday of the month—the youth will be happy to serve you!!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. The study will be on the Bonhoeffer movie. Everyone is welcome to attend for the study and fellowship. The coffee pot will be on!!

REMEMBERING ALL GOD'S SAINTS

On Sunday, November 2, we will remember all God's saints. In the prayers that day, we will remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday 2024. If you have a family member or close friend that you would like to include in this remembrance, please notify Susan in the church office via a note, email, or call before October 28.



FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025-2026

Sunday School has begun! Thank you to all the members who signed up to teach this fall. All Sundays are covered! The spring signup sheet will be available later this year. The children will be released as we begin the Gospel reading. The classes will be held in the basement and will last approximately 15-20 minutes. Thank you in advance for sharing your faith with our youth!



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Discipleship Ministry

QUILTS FOR THE ALTAR!

Members are sharing quilts to be displayed on the altar starting in September until Advent season.
Thanks to those sharing their quilts in September.

First Lutheran: Dalton Lukavsky and Deb Clark

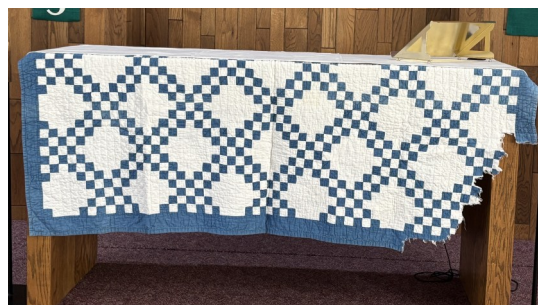
Christ the Servant: John & Arta Harman and Bill & Judie Miller



Dalton's farm quilt made for him by his grandmother.

DEB CLARK'S QUILT HAS A STORY YOU WILL ENJOY! "The quilt, handed down from my mother's side, I chose for the altar is not perfect. It was at one time. One day, our dog decided to chew on it and made tears due to

her anxiety. I still loved the quilt and saved it, using it now occasionally as a tablecloth. When it came time to choose which quilt I'd share, I knew right away I wanted the one that wasn't perfect, because none of us are perfect. We are all broken, yet beautiful. God still loves us, uses us, and saves us."—Deb Clark



CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on Wednesdays, at 2 PM through November 19. Class will resume January 7.



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:

October 5: Jeanine & Bernard Walters in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on October 3

October 12: Friends in Des Moines area

October 19: Chad & Stephanie Lukavsky in memory of her grandma's birthday

October 26: John & Emmy Forbes

We are now taking sponsors for 2026. 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 2026, please call the church office. Sponsorships are \$35. 641-774-4875 Thank you!

Stewardship Ministry

Women of the ELCA Cluster 9 Fall Gathering will be hosted by First Lutheran Women of the ELCA on Saturday, October 4. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the program at 9 AM. Larry and Terri Lamb, Counting Sheep Project, will be the featured speakers. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room or contact Barb Vogel.



ON THE VINE



ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10 AM on Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, and 29 at 2 PM.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CLUSTER 9 FALL GATHERING will be held at First Lutheran on Saturday, October 4 at 9 AM.

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

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

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, October 9, at 1 PM.

CTS TASK FORCE will meet on Sunday, October 12, at 12 PM.

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

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

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

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

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP will meet on Wednesday, October 15 at 1:30 PM at First Lutheran.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, October 19.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, October 19, at 5 PM. Roger & Kary Blunk will host. Please bring a food item to share.

ALPHA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at 2 PM.

NOISY OFFERINGS !

Please bring your loose change to church and “noisily” deposit it in the pot!! Offerings July through November at First Lutheran will go to needy families.

Offerings September through November at Christ the Servant will go to the Empty Stocking project.



OCTOBER IS PERSONAL HYGIENE MONTH at the

Ministries Center.

Examples would be bath and hand soap, feminine hygiene products,



shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, band-aids, and hand lotion. 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!!

Pastoral Pondering

There's an old story about a family with four children, who was celebrating Mom's birthday. Dad and the kids decided to create their own birthday presents for Mom that year. Mom sat in her favorite chair expectantly.

The oldest girl wrote Mom a poem. "Roses are red, violets are blue; You are the best Mom, It really is true." She had written it on a piece of paper and decorated the edges like a certificate. After reading it, she placed it on a silver tray and presented it to Mom.

The oldest boy took the tray and placed a carefully drawn and painted scene of their house and family. For a seven-year-old, it wasn't bad.

The youngest boy took the tray and set a paper dessert plate which he had colored and decorated on the tray. The plate contained 3 Oreo cookies from his school lunch. They were his favorites, so this was quite a sacrifice. (There had been four but temptation got the better of him when he was setting everything up. Mom could see cookie crumbs in the corner of his mouth.)

The youngest girl was a little distraught. She hadn't thought of anything or made anything and in their excitement Dad and the other children forgot her. But she took the silver tray, set it on the floor in front of Mom, stepped onto the tray and said, "I give you me."

I love that story. Partly because it's just cute. But partly because I think it teaches us about what God expects in our everyday Christian walk. You see, I think what God expects can be summed up in the old Willie Nelson song, "All of me." "All of me, why not take all of me, can't you see I'm no good without you. You took the part that once was my heart, so why not take all of me."

And that's the truth; we are no good without God. God wants all of us. Not just our heart, not just our mind, not just our soul, not just our strength but every bit of us. And God wants us to bring it to God like that little girl, and place all we are and have and ever will be at God's Altar.

Stewardship is not just about money. For years we have tied the whole concept of Stewardship strictly to money. But by doing that we've missed the full spiritual depth of what Stewardship is all about and hobbled our spiritual lives with unnecessary clutter and prejudice. Stewardship is not just about giving. Yes, part of it is about giving. But Stewardship is so much more. It's about being a Disciple. It's about learning those practices and patterns which help us grow as servants and faithful followers of Christ.

From Australia a few years ago came amazing stories of a kindly nurse who was doing wonderful things to enable children, who had been crippled with infantile paralysis, to walk. The name of Sister Elizabeth Kenny became known all around the world. Sister Kenny visited the United States and gave her treatments in several large hospitals. To one who spoke to her admiringly one day, Sister Kenny said quietly, "I'm no genius. I'm just a very ordinary person who still remembers and puts into action the stories my mother told me from the Bible." Sister Kenny had learned about Jesus, and had come to desire above everything else to live as he lived, and to love as he loved. That's the way Christ intends for us to live also.

May we all seek to follow in the footsteps of Christ!

Blessings!

Pastor Dick

Re:Newed October Baptismal Anniversaries



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

10/ Stephanie Lukavsky	10/11 Rachel Cohen
10/ Dan Morrett	10/12 Macy Wood
10/1 Jake Mosbach	10/13 Ben Morrett
10/1 Mike Mosbach	10/15 Ryan Dachenbach
10/5 John Allen	10/18 Brynn Allen
10/6 Laura Duey	10/23 Linda Jurgens
10/10 John Forbes	10/28 Sydney Cain
10/10 Lonna Wantland	10/28 Weston Umbenhowe
10/10 Tammy Mason	10/29 Liam Cunningham
10/11 Chad Lukavsky	

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!)

ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CALENDAR



is available in the office. Please
contact Susan for possible dates to
provide flowers for the altar.



the family of Duane Dredske who joined
the Church triumphant on September 15.
Duane was an associate member at First
Lutheran. A celebration of life was held
on September 20 at 10:30 am at First
Lutheran Church. Memorial donations may be made to First
Lutheran Church.

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CORYDON

10/1	Wade Harman
10/7	Leah Goben
10/15	Mary Ann Evitt
10/19	Jackson Allen

CHARITON

10/2	Julius Murray
10/2	June Murray
10/2	Layton Smith
10/4	Raechel Comstock
10/5	Taytum Smith
10/7	Duane Bedford
10/7	Monte Brown
10/8	Paula Wright
10/9	Dennis Bisgard
10/9	Lisa Wood
10/10	Colleen Rich
10/10	Linda Jurgens
10/12	Ronda Morrett
10/14	Mike Patterson
10/22	Weston Umbenhowe
10/22	Keara Storm
10/23	Gwen Shanks
10/27	Joanne Fletcher



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON

10/7	John & Emmy Forbes
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CHARITON

10/1	Rusty & Julie Stansbery
10/6	Scott & Madison Morrett
10/27	Glenda & Rob Johansen



THANKS to those who mowed the
lawn and kept it looking nice at First
Lutheran this year. Your dedication is
greatly appreciated!

Bell Ringing Coordinator & Secretary Needed for The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign will soon be in full swing in Chariton, and it promises to be another successful year of raising funds to provide much needed assistance in Lucas County. Have you ever wondered just how this is accomplished? A local volunteer bell ringing coordinator organizes this effort, scheduling organizations and individuals to ring bells at several locations in Chariton beginning the Saturday after Thanksgiving and continuing on Fridays and Saturdays through Christmas. She is assisted by a secretary/revenue tracker.

The current bell ringing coordinator, as well as the secretary, are retiring from these positions at the end of this year. They have served in their respective positions for several years and are ready for a change. Now would be a good time for other volunteers to accept these positions, as they could shadow the current coordinator and secretary, and learn first-hand about the steps involved in organizing the Red Kettle Campaign. There is a procedure in place, so the new volunteers would not need to start from scratch, but would certainly have the liberty of making changes the future.

The transition to a new bell ringing coordinator must take place prior to Sept. 30, 2026, for the Salvation Army to continue to operate in Lucas County. Please consider volunteering for these essential and rewarding positions with The Salvation Army. If you are interested or have any questions, please call 641-774-5023. Many thanks to all who support The Salvation Army with gifts of service and donations.



CIRCLE OF FREEDOM FUNDRAISER DINNER/AUCTION will be held on Saturday, October 11 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Event Center in Corydon. Fundraiser Dinner will be from 5-6:30 PM with a celebration program from 5:30-7:00 PM. See flyer in Fireside Room for dinner menu. All proceeds will benefit Circle of Freedom!



Circle of Freedom