

First Fruits

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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.



CHARITON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25** at 7 PM, the Chariton Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Lutheran. Everyone is welcome to come and join in this worship celebration!



THANKOFFERING SUNDAY– NOVEMBER 23

Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Thankoffering will be during worship on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**, hosted by our congregational unit of Women of the ELCA. Everyone is welcome to give thankoffering that day!

QUILTS FOR THE ALTAR!

Members have been sharing quilts to be displayed on the altar during October. Thanks to:

- **FLC:** Ann & Jamie Aulwes; Jean & Roger Heston
- **CTS:** Mary Ann & Paul Evitt; Patty & Dave Mason



CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY IS BACK!!

The youth are raising money for future activities.

The third Sunday of every month (through 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!!

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Discipleship Ministry

CIRCLE OF FREEDOM NEEDS DRIVE

During September, members at Christ the Servant and First Lutheran collected items for Circle of Freedom in Seymour.



Circle of Freedom is a faith-based women's shelter. Thank you to all members who donated items from both congregations. A special thank you to Doug and Cindy Thiel for gathering and delivering the items!

LAST CALL FOR LIVING

LUTHERAN SUBSCRIPTIONS!

Living Lutheran magazine is back in print and cost is \$17 each in a group subscription of 10 or more. Please let Susan know by November 5 if you are interested. If there are not 10 members who would like to subscribe, you can subscribe as an individual for \$19.95. This is a quarterly magazine for ELCA.



IN SEPTEMBER, CHRIST THE SERVANT members filled 80 school bags and 12 personal care kits which will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief where needed.



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:

November 2: Susan & Mark Muehlenthaler

November 9: Friends in Des Moines area

November 16: Del & Karen Kray

November 23: Rod & Gayle Bortz

November 30: Del & Karen Kray

We are now taking sponsors for 2026. With a member and friends 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

NOVEMBER IS BABY MONTH at the Ministries Center. Examples would be diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, or any baby item. 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!!



ON THE VINE



CHRIST THE SERVANT POTLUCK will be held on Sunday, November 2 after worship.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10 AM on Wednesday, November 5, 12, & 19.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 12, and 19 at 2 PM.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE on Sunday, November 16, 23, and 30.

FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 4.

LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS will meet on Monday, November 10 beginning at 2 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, November 10 at 6:30 PM at FLC.

BREAKFAST GALS will meet at 8 AM on Tuesday, November 11 at Hardees.

“SHARING THE WEIGHT” BLANKET MAKING will take place on Tuesday, November 11 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather on Thursday, November 13, at 1 PM.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, November 16.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, November 16, at 5 PM. Joann Narber and Joanne Fletcher will host. Please bring a food item to share.

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP will meet on Wednesday, November 19 at 1:30 PM at First Lutheran.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE begins on Sunday, November 16 and continues each Sunday through December 7. The program will be during worship on Sunday, December 14.



Pastoral Pondering

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Fall is my favorite time of the year, hands down.

Now, I know, I know...it's the signaling of the end of the warm summer weather, the imminent colder weather will soon be here. I get that, I really do.

But I just love the fall. I'm sure that you have a favorite season, and this is mine.

It could be that your birthday is in later summer or early fall; it could be because you have fond memories of excitement at the start of school; or, it could be a host of other things...but all I do know is that the season of fall is "my happy place."

I saw this picture recently and it just gave me another reason to love fall.



The Leaves are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go

It's true, isn't it? Again...I know, I know...but we have to clean up those leaves that fall in our backyard. It's a lot of darn work, right!?

But even as that is true, I would invite you not just to dread the hard work that comes in the fall, but to take moments of silence to take that sight in...

Leaves falling from trees. The hush of it all.

The simplicity and the beauty of it.

The gracious and healthy thing that another living thing on our planet does on a regular basis.

Every year, trees let their leaves fall to the ground and they start anew. (Sure it takes a whole winter season to get there, but sometimes death and resurrection are like that!)

And we are called to remember that we are able to do the same.

As we get ready to celebrate thanksgiving, we can give thanks that we have a God that allows us to "let our leaves fall."

That we can let those things fall from our lives that we are overburdened by or that steal away our joy and life. We can let go of the things that we've done and the things we've left undone. That we can "let go...and let God."

We can let go and let God do what God will always do, bring life after death. We see that truth in the falling of the leaves and we remember it when we think of Jesus and his fall on the cross... the gift of his life for us all...and his new life in his resurrection that he offers to all people each and every day.

So, whatever life is like for you right now...let your leaves fall and trust in the new life that Jesus has for you, always!

Blessings and Thankfulness are Awesome – as are the falling leaves!

Pastor Dick

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November Baptismal Anniversaries



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

11/5 Scott Morrett	11/23 John Thiel
11/5 Maverick Gobin	11/24 LuAnn Mosbach
11/6 Canon Wilson	11/25 Brooklin Atwell
11/9 Hadley Dachenbach	11/27 Patti Bisgard
11/13 Lana Kuball	11/27 Lisa Wood
11/17 Mary Ann Evitt	11/27 Abby Cunningham
11/21 Patty Mason	11/27 Rae Luehring
11/21 Mike Thiel	11/28 Dennis Bisgard
11/22 Jackson Allen	11/28 James Moore
11/22 Carson Oxenreider	11/29 Amanda Buckalew
	11/29 Mary Jo Fisher

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CORYDON

11/9	Arta Harman
11/27	Brad Harman

CHARITON

11/6	Chance Wilson
11/6	Lucy Wilson
11/14	Glenda Johansen
11/14	LuAnn Mosbach
11/16	Hunter Wilson
11/17	Angela Wilson
11/19	Beckett Dachenbach
11/19	Amanda Smith
11/20	Aislin Carroll
11/21	Katie Peters
11/22	Deb Clark
11/27	Jeremy (Moe) Nichols
11/28	Andy Peterson



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON

11/8	Jason & Christy Allen
11/19	Nathan & Grace Forbes
11/29	Ann & Brian Sipma

CHARITON

11/2	Fay & David Utesch
11/11	Courtney & Hilary Shriver
11/23	Dana & Connie Holland
11/28	Angela & Keith Dachenbach



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 Geneva Wilson who joined the Church triumphant on October 18. Geneva was a member at First Lutheran and mother of LuAnn Mosbach. A celebration of life was held on October 23

at 10:30 AM at First Lutheran Church. Memorial donations may be made to First Lutheran Church or Lucas County Health Center.

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.

FIRST LUTHERAN SNOW

SHOVELING SCHEDULE is now posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Please consider helping with this ministry!

