

First Fruits

Worship Ministry

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Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
with **HOLY COMMUNION & IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CORYDON WORSHIP – NOON

CHARITON WORSHIP – 7 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES will begin on Wednesday, February 25 with soup and sandwich supper provided at 6 PM and worship at 7 PM. There is a host sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex to bring dessert, make coffee, and clean up. Dates are February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.



let's make it loud and generous!



Lutheran Lakeside Camp

Every gift makes extra noise! The Church Council will match all Noisy Offering donations—up to \$500—with funds supporting Lutheran Lakeside Camp equipment. This matching opportunity runs through March, so

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!!

This month it will be **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**



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Discipleship Ministry

LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP WANTS YOU!!

It's that time of year again! Registration is open for the 2026 camps. Early Bird Discount deadline is **February 28!** There are camps available for youth, adults, and families. First week of camp is June 14-19 and the last week is July 26-31. There is a flyer with all dates and camps that are available!

Want to Make a Difference with your Summer and Work at Camp? Positions available are the leadership team, kitchen assistant, media intern, cabin leader, day camp leader, or support staff. See the flyer with more information.

BEST VACATION EVER at Family Camp July 12-17 might be for you! Flyers are available with more information.

FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE in the Narthex with camp dates **OR**
for more information and registration, visit www.lutheranlakeside.com



Lutheran Lakeside Camp

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:

February 1: Roger & Jean Heston
February 8: Angie & Keith Dachenbach
February 15: Friends in Des Moines area
February 22: Roger & Kary Blunk in honor of Roger's birthday

WE ARE NOW FILLING DATES FOR 2026!! With a member and friends in care facilities, the broadcast brings our worship to those, plus we have listeners all across 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

FEBRUARY IS PASTA MONTH for the Ministry Center. Examples would be pasta, processed cheese, boxed macaroni & cheese, sauces, boxed pasta salads, etc. 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!!

ON THE VINE



FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, February 3 at 10 AM.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesdays, February 4 and February 11 at 10 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, February 4 at 2 PM.

CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, February 9 at 11 AM.

LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS will meet on Monday, February 9 beginning at 2 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, February 9 at 6:30 PM.

BREAKFAST GALS meet on Tuesday, February 10 at 8 AM at Hardees.

"SHARING THE WEIGHT" BLANKET MAKING will take place on Tuesday, February 10 from 9 AM-3 PM at CTS.

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP will meet at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11.

ALPHA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 2 PM.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 1 PM at First Lutheran.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY will be on Sunday, February 15 after worship.

CTS TASK FORCE will meet on Sunday, February 15 at noon.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, February 15 at 5 PM. Earl & Linda Comstock will host. Please bring an item to share.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be at 12 PM in Corydon and at 7 PM in Chariton on Wednesday, February 18.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE will be on Wednesday, February 25 with supper at 6 PM and service at 7 PM at First Lutheran.

NOW YOU CAN GIVE EASILY THROUGH ONLINE GIVING!

Be part of the amazing work God is doing in our church! Instead of writing checks, you can now give to the church's general fund easily by scanning the QR code with your smartphone's camera and following the secure link to make a quick, secure donation **OR** use the link below to reach the same secure link.



<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXZE>

Thank you for your support!

NOISY OFFERINGS!!

Please consider bringing your loose change to church and "noisily" depositing it in the pot!! Offerings December through March at First Lutheran will go to Salvation Army-Heating Assistance. Offerings December through August at Christ the Servant will go to Wayne School needs.



Pastoral Pondering . . .

Have you ever stood at the foot of a mountain and stared at the summit? If your heart is responsive, then there is a challenge to climb. Mountaintops are not to live on, but to visit for new perspectives and fresh insights. Mountaintops are symbols of quests that challenge us to reach out with every fiber of our bodies and souls for the fullness of life. They thrust upward as if God were calling the human spirit to soar in the sky of His grace.

Lent has traditionally been a time of contemplation and confession. It can also be a time when we are challenged by Christ as we “lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and ... run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:1-2).

God loves mountains. Travel with Him this year during Lent from Mount Ararat to Sinai, and on to Calvary and Olivet. On these mountains He revealed to people His will and gave them some dynamic discoveries. The mountains of scriptural history beckon us to scale them and view the everyday world from their vantage points. When we have done that, God sends us forth with courage to conquer the mountains that confront us.

Dag Hammarskjold said, “The road to holiness necessarily passes through action.” For me, Lent is not a time to subtract something from life, but to add. Jesus asked, “... what more are you doing than others?” (Matt. 5:47). Thus some challenges and discipline can unite and excite us – the people of God – as together we enter the season of Lent.

And just before we begin our Lenten journey on February 18th, we’ll celebrate Valentine’s Day and acknowledge our loved ones, those who are special to us. Love is a very special gift – it is the giving one’s self to another, putting the other before ourselves. God created us in His image and gave us this wonderful, beautiful world with lots of mountains and lovely people all around us. God loved us so much that He gave us His son, that believing in him we might have eternal life (John 3:16). No one has ever seen God, but as we love one another God abides in us. “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us” (1 John 4:7-12).

Lent and Valentine’s Day share much in common – the love of God and our love for one another. Let us share our Lenten journey together!

Blessings to all!

Pastor Dick

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February Baptismal Anniversaries

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

- 2/4 Chance Wilson
- 2/4 Colton Wilson
- 2/4 Lucy Wilson
- 2/9 Dean Whaley
- 2/15 Leah Goben
- 2/20 Hunter Wilson
- 2/24 Chris Kuball
- 2/26 Madison Bucklalew

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!)



Thank You

First Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you so much for choosing the Vision II Theatre as a recipient of your benevolence offering. We appreciate you thinking of us and we hope you all had a blessed Christmas season!

—V2 Family, Will & Sarah



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

CORYDON

- 2/14 Riverlynn Helbing
- 2/21 Cynthia Thiel
- 2/28 Troy Trzpuc



CHARITON

- 2/1 Kendall Watson
- 2/2 Trish Sharp
- 2/3 Allison Krutsinger
- 2/4 Barb Vogel
- 2/4 Logan Newsum
- 2/6 Anna Nayeri
- 2/6 Clint Smith
- 2/8 Kate Krutsinger
- 2/9 Vivie Nichols
- 2/15 Makala Farrell
- 2/15 Joe Morrett
- 2/22 Mya Krutsinger
- 2/22 Dave Kuball
- 2/24 Abby Luehring
- 2/24 Angie Dachenbach
- 2/26 Roger Blunk
- 2/28 Rae Luehring
- 2/28 Chrissy Atwell

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON

None

CHARITON

None



IF YOU WISH TO PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS, let the office know. We will no longer have a flower chart hanging in the hallway.



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.