

# First Fruits

## Worship Ministry

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On Sunday, May 10, First Lutheran recognized our high school graduate, **AVA KRUTSINGER**, during the 9 am worship service. Ava graduated from Chariton High School on May 17. Her plans are to attend Northwest Missouri State University where she will major in Biology and Psychology. While at NWMS, she will also run track. After receiving her degree, Ava plans to attend medical school. **CONGRATULATIONS, AVA!**



**CONGRATULATIONS** also to **MAX AULWES** as he graduated with his BBA in Finance on May 16<sup>th</sup> from the University of Iowa. Max plans on continuing his education at the University of Iowa College of Law in the fall of this year. Max says, "I can't thank you enough for all your support and faith in my journey thus far. I'll carry it with me everywhere I go."

**ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, FIRST LUTHERAN** welcomed Victoria Crystal Vania Barton by baptism and Colin Barton by affirmation of faith. Victoria is the daughter of Kaitlyn Farrell and Collin Barton. Grandmother is Shari Farrell.



**OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:**

**KAREN KRAY:** Karen passed away on May 1, 2026. Karen was the wife of Del and mother of Angie Dachenbach.

**BILL ANSTEY:** Bill passed away on May 5, 2026. Bill was the husband of Sharon Anstey.

**JOHN NEEL:** John passed away on April 27, 2026. John was a former member of First Lutheran.

**Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.**



**JUNE 21 – JULY 19 – AUGUST 16 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 June 21, a brunch potluck in honor of Father's Day will be held following the service.**

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# Discipleship Ministry

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN UP SHEET** for those wanting to provide a meal for staff or provide cookies for the week, or a pan of bars for the Wednesday night program is available in the Narthex. You are also welcome to donate money to help with snacks and lunch. Please indicate on your check or envelope that it is for VBS.

**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!



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!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!  
First Lutheran Church  
1004 Curtis Ave  
Chariton, IA 50049  
**JUNE 15-18**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
Scan to sign up or  
Call: 641-774-4875  
Online: [bit.ly/3GptHiz](https://bit.ly/3GptHiz)

## RADIO BROADCAST



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!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY!!

### Broadcast Sponsors:

**June 7:** Friends in the Des Moines area

**June 14:** Randy & Marcia Heimdal in honor of their birthdays and anniversary

**June 21:** Dave & Patty Mason

**June 28:** Susan & Mark Muehlenthaler in honor of their wedding anniversary

**ALL BROADCASTS ARE SPONSORED FOR 2026!! Thank you to all who sponsored a broadcast. For those who didn't get a chance to grab one at the end, be sure to watch for the notice of 2027 broadcast signups so you can get your date set!**

# Stewardship Ministry

**THE LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE** is now posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Primary duties in this ministry involve mowing and trimming the area immediately surrounding the church building (inside the circle driveway) and sweeping off the sidewalks. If you prefer, you can call the church office (641-774-4875) and have Susan put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



**2026 CLUSTER 9 WELCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE** in the office. An applicant must be a female member associated with a Cluster 9 church and be accepted for enrollment at a post-secondary institution for the 2026-27 school year. Deadline is September 1, 2026. For applications and scholarship procedures, contact Susan at the office.

## ON THE VINE



**CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, June 1 at 11 AM.

**FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, June 2 at 10 AM.

**LAPLANDERS QUILT GUILD AT CTS** will meet on Monday, June 8 beginning at 2 PM.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 PM.

**BREAKFAST GALS** meet on Tuesday, June 9 at 8 AM at Hardees.

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

**KNIT & CROCHET GROUP** will meet at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, June 10.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will meet on Thursday, June 11 at 1 PM at First Lutheran.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18 from 9 AM—1 PM at First Lutheran.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT FLC** on Sunday, June 21 at 9 AM with brunch potluck following the service in honor of Father’s Day.

**LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, June 21 at 5 PM. Paula Russo and Lonna Wantland will host. Please bring a food item to share.

## 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](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXZE)

Thank you for your support!

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



## NOISY OFFERINGS!!



Please consider bringing your loose change to church and “noisily” depositing it in the pot!! Offerings April through July at First Lutheran will go to the Counting Sheep project. Offerings through July at Christ the Servant will go to school lunches.

# Pastoral Pondering . . . .

June is the month that we turn the page from spring to summer and lean into the warm, sunny days we so often miss during other times of the year. Will you spend time at the lake this month, or take a hike on a trail? Will you gather for a picnic or BBQ with family and friends? Will you spend late nights on the porch gazing at the stars?

Almost every month, I see a new headline or news article reminding readers about the benefits of spending time outdoors. Being in nature helps calm our nervous systems and regulate emotional and mental health. Exposure to “green spaces” can also help reduce risks of disease, lower blood pressure, and improve sleep. Sign me up!

For Christians, spending time in nature also helps us remember our creator and connect with God. Psalm 24: 1-2 says, “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.” May our beautiful surroundings remind us of God’s good gifts in our lives and embolden us to steward those gifts with love and care.

We will welcome all the young people from Kindergarten through 5th Grade to spend four days with us here at First Lutheran in Vacation Bible School from June 15th to the 18th. The staff from Lutheran Lakeside Camp will lead the group in Bible Study and Song, making leather Bookmarks and Beaded bracelets (one for themselves and one to give away), decorating a cap for themselves, and memorizing a Bible verse. Plus, they will make the short walk to Homestead on Thursday of that week to sing to the residents. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the love of our gracious Creator and God. I hope each of you will send your children and invite your neighbors to join us.

Summer is also a time we take time to worship outdoors at First Lutheran Church the third Sunday of June, July, August and September – and August 23rd at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. First Lutheran will have a breakfast brunch in June in honor of Father’s Day, and Christ the Servant Lutheran a Potluck Picnic in August. It is a joy to gather outdoors, sing, pray and fellowship.

On July 5th, the entire Chariton Community will gather at the town square on the Northeast side of the Court House to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation at 9:00 A.M. in worship. So put your lawn chairs in the trunk of your car this summer and plan to worship outdoors a number of times.

Then there are softball, baseball, and numerous other family and friends’ gatherings when you will find yourself outside. God created this wonderful world as our home, and Louie Armstrong celebrated this wonderful place we call home in his song “What a Wonderful World:”

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and for you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed days, dark sacred nights  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"  
They're really sayin', "I love you"

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow  
 They'll learn much more than I'll never know  
 And I think to myself  
 What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself  
 What a wonderful world

Oh, yes

I pray you'll enjoy this summer outdoors!

Blessings!

*Pastor Dick*

## Re:Newed

### June Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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



#### 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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### CORYDON

6/19	Doug Thiel
6/20	Anne Kruse
6/29	John Allen



### CHARITON

6/1	Laura Wilson
6/2	Marcia Heimdal
6/3	Jamie Aulwes
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

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### CORYDON

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



### CHARITON

6/1	LuAnn & Tom Mosbach
6/2	Shelly & John Greving
6/7	Joe & Katie Shore
6/11	Larry & Jean Wheeldon
6/11	Jamie & Ann Aulwes
6/14	Randal & Marcia Heimdal
6/15	Monte & Nicki Brown
6/16	Lisa & Chay Wood
6/17	Katie & Jason Peters
6/22	Susan & Mark Muehlenthaler
6/27	David & Colleen Rich
6/30	Karen & Mike Patterson