

First Fruits Worship Ministry

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP—ONE LAST TIME AT FLC THIS SUMMER—AUGUST 16



On the third Sunday of August, outdoor worship is being held on the west side of First Lutheran on the large cement pad to begin at 9 AM. Please bring your lawn chairs. **Please plan to stay for the fellowship! Coffee cake will be served after the service.**

Coffee cake sign up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex.



ALTAR FLOWERS

SIGN-UP CALENDAR

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

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS will be held on Sunday, August 23 during worship at both First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. Students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks for the blessing. First day of school for Chariton and Wayne is Monday, August 24 .

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, CHRIST THE SERVANT will hold worship at the Corydon Reservoir Park at 11 AM.

A picnic will be held after the worship service.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,

First Lutheran will be holding the 9 AM worship service at Red Haw State Park in the stone shelter. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the outdoor service by the lake!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21!

On Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30 pm, there will be a congregational birthday dinner at First Lutheran for all members of First Lutheran and Christ the Servant. Plan to attend and celebrate everyone's birthday on the same day!

Watch for registration information in September. A catered meal will be provided and birthday cake will be the dessert. Registration deadline will be Sunday, October 4. Plan now to attend and celebrate with your church family!

Discipleship Ministry

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!!



IT IS TIME TO FILL SCHOOL BAGS!

We will be filling school bags at FLC on August 30th. 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. Please have your items here by August 23rd so we can have them ready for filling on the 30th. If you wish to contribute money for shipping, make your checks payable to First Lutheran or bring money to the church office. If you have questions, contact Jean Heston or LuAnn Mosbach.

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 2: Anonymous

August 9: Anonymous

August 16: Anonymous

August 23: Anonymous

August 30: Anonymous

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

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 in the office.



**CHARITON AND WAYNE—1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
MONDAY, AUGUST 24**



ON THE VINE



PASTOR HUTTON ON VACATION through August 8.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Sunday, August 9, at 5 PM. Please bring a food item to share. Earl & Linda Comstock will host.

CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet at 11 AM on Monday, August 10.

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

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

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

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

FLC WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, August 11.

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT FLC on Sunday, August 16 at 9 AM with coffee cake fellowship following the service.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS on Sunday, August 23 during regular worship services.

CTS WORSHIP on Sunday, August 23 at 11 am at the Corydon Reservoir Park with a picnic to follow.

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!

NOISY OFFERINGS!!

Please consider bringing your loose change to church and “noisily” depositing it in the pot!! Offerings **August through November** at First Lutheran will go to a **needy family**. Offerings through November at Christ the Servant will go to the **Food Pantry**.



Pastoral Pondering

Like many people, I am interested in genealogy and where I come from. Over the years, I have done a little research into my family history. I've even looked into our family history via Ancestry.com, together with a DNA kit. My DNA kit turned out to confirm what I already knew; namely, that I come from northern European stock (English and Dutch).

To know one's identity is a pivotal task in life. In our formative years, we may be swayed by who or what others want us to be, leading us to become someone we really are not. Sometimes this information is welcome, sometimes it is not. In the search process, we may discover previously unknown facts about who we are and where we come from that are in conflict with what we thought to be true. Finding your roots can be tricky business. I recall something my dad once told about a question he asked his dad (my grandfather). He asked his dad why he didn't look up his relatives who happened to live in a different part of the state? My grandfather's reply was very pragmatic: "Either they would be so high-toned that they wouldn't know you, or they would be so poor that they'd want to borrow money." But still, we want to know who we are and where we come from.

When it comes to faith, many people are also in a search process. We are looking for who we really are in life. This becomes more urgent at different points in life: as we grow in our youth; as we leave home and start off on our own; as we settle on a career path; as we marry and have a family; as we retire, cope with aging, and face our own mortality. We can spend a lot of time and energy in life fretting about the identity question as this relates to the big picture of who God is and what is our relationship to Him. We need not worry about this. The good news is that God himself has declared who we are. The wonderful words of the Lord to his people through the prophet Isaiah remind us of this: *"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."* ([Isaiah 43:1-3a](#)). *"I have called you by name, you are mine."* Those are wonderful words! We have been given an identity and a sense of belonging in the Lord. He tells us that not only has He created us, but He has also redeemed us. To redeem, in its original sense, means to buy something back that has been taken from you. So what does that mean?

If God has created us (and this is what Scripture teaches in Genesis 1-2), then we originally belonged to him. But our identity and belonging as God's own children, created in his own image, were hijacked by a force bent on our destruction. This is what Scripture calls sin; a twisting and perversion of God's original plan and purpose for his creation (of which we are but one part). Our human history has been one constant rebellion against God as we try to make God in our own image with all of the terrible things that have come about through this warped reality. Like genealogy, when we start digging in our history, we may find some pretty ugly things.

However, our faith story doesn't end with brokenness and shattered plans. God's plans are not so easily thwarted! In amazing love, God chose to send his only Son on a rescue mission to deliver his creation from destruction and death. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God's own Son, we have been given a new identity. In fact, in Jesus we have been given a new life! In the cleansing waters of Holy Baptism, we are united with Jesus and everything that Jesus has done becomes ours (see [Romans 6:1ff.](#)). A great exchange has taken place through which Jesus takes our sin and shame, bestowing on us his righteousness and blessing. This is where our new life and identity begin – in Jesus and what He has done for us.

Finding our roots means that this takes work on our part. We press on, we persevere, even when the work we are doing doesn't seem to produce any results. It is big-picture stuff as the pieces slowly come together. The same is true in our faith story. We press on and persevere, even when it feels like there's nothing to show for it. We trust that *"he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Christ Jesus"* ([Philippians 1:6](#)). Knowing who we are begins with knowing Whose we are. The same word that God spoke through Isaiah He speaks to us today: *"I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Blessings!

Pastor Dick

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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!)



Thank You

Our congregation recently made a financial gift to support the ministry of Lutheran Lakeside Camp. The camp leadership sends their deepest thanks to all of you! Your generosity helps provide scholarships, maintain sacred spaces, and share Christ's love with campers of all ages. Because of your support, youth, young adults, and families are discovering a lifelong sense of belonging and faith on the shores of Spirit Lake. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for outdoor ministry! To learn more about what is happening at camp, visit www.lutheranlakeside.com.



Lutheran Lakeside Camp

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

CORYDON	
8/11	Doug & Cindy Thiel
8/22	Pastor Dick & Carolyn Hutton
8/28	Tom & Linda Schilling
CHARITON	
8/2	Keara & Jamie 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 Umbenhowe
8/30	Kim & Dusty Cain

