

First Fruits

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Worship Ministry



REMEMBERING ALL GOD'S SAINTS

On Sunday, November 1, we will remember all God's saints. In the prayers that day, we will remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday 2025.

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 20,
7:00 PM at
CHRIST THE
SERVANT
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**



QUILTS FOR THE ALTAR!

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

FLC: Jean Heston, Jo Aulwes, and Angie Wilson

CTS: Arat Harman, Cindy Thiel, and Mary Ann Evitt.



MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

This year we are planning to have one mid-week Advent service on Wednesday evening at First Lutheran December 2nd at 7 PM.



RADIO BROADCAST

Ways to listen at 10:30 AM each Sunday morning:

KIIC Radio – 96.7 FM (Albia)

kiicradio.com -- website

(click on the “Listen Live” button)

If you miss the broadcast on Sunday, you can also catch it as a podcast on the church's website.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR

A WEEKLY BROADCAST for any occasion, an anniversary, a birthday, in memory or honor of someone, or some other reason, we invite you to consider giving a gift to sponsor the broadcast. The cost of a weekly sponsorship is \$35, or you can just give any amount to help us pay for the broadcast. It will be our intent to acknowledge the sponsor each week at the conclusion of the broadcast, unless you prefer to remain anonymous. To check and find out if the Sunday you'd like to sponsor is available, please call the church office and talk to Tracy (641-774-4875).

Broadcast Sponsors:

November 1 Friends in the Des Moines Area

November 8 Paula Russo

November 15 Susan & Mark Muehlenthaler

November 22 Dana & Connie Holland in honor of their wedding anniversary

November 29 Brian & Ann Sipma in honor of their wedding anniversary

Radio Ministry



Discipleship Ministry

CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAY PARTY



On October 21, First Lutheran hosted a joyful congregational birthday celebration for all members of **First Lutheran and Christ the Servant**. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, sharing a **catered meal, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts** together.

As part of the festivities, several fun prizes were awarded:

- **Born the Furthest from FLC:** Earl Comstock
- **Born the Closest to FLC:** Don Brown
- **Oldest Male in Attendance:** Del Kray
- **Oldest Female in Attendance:** Kay Tighe
- **Youngest Member in Attendance:** Julie Goetsch
- **Longest-Standing Member:** Kay Tighe

Congratulations to all our prize recipients and thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration a meaningful and memorable gathering for our church families.



Stewardship Ministry

Christmas Program

The Christmas program is fast approaching, at least it feels that way to me! As usual we will practice for the program during Sunday school time. The dates follow:

November 22 practice in the Fireside room during Sunday school time.

November 29 practice in the Fireside room during Sunday school time.



December 6 practice in the Fireside room during Sunday school time. This is also the date of the dress rehearsal. **EVERYONE** needs to be present because the **program is December 13!** The **dress rehearsal** will be held after church on **December 6** from **10 AM - 11 AM**. Please let me know if you are unable to be at any of the practices. Thanks everyone!!

NOVEMBER IS BABY MONTH at the Ministries Center.

Examples would be diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, or any baby item. Please consider help 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



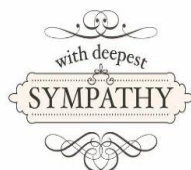
Salvation Army Assistance available during open hours. **Don't forget the blessing boxes** found around town can use donations, too!

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31.



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PLEASE KEEP THE FAMILY OF Bob Prather in your prayers. Bob passed away on October 11, 2021.

CTS WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, November 2 at 11 AM.

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18 at 10 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18 at 2 PM.

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

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

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

CTS BLANKET MAKING will meet on Tuesday November 10, 9 AM – 3 PM.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will gather at FLC on Thursday November 12, at 1 PM.

LUTHERAN ADULT FELLOWSHIP (LAF) will meet on Sunday November 15, at 5 PM. Roger and Kary Blunk will host.

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY will be on November 22 at First Lutheran during worship.



NOISY OFFERINGS!! Please consider bringing your loose change to church on Sundays and “noisily” depositing it in the pot! Offerings July through November will go toward needy families. Offerings August through November at Christ the Servant will go to the Food Pantry.



THE SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE is now posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Please check your schedule to see when you may be able to help with this ministry, and sign up on the posted schedule. If you prefer, you can call the church office (641-774-4875) and have Tracy put you on the schedule. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth are raising money for future activities. The third Sunday of the month cinnamon rolls will be available after church for a free will donation. Mark your calendars for the third Sunday of the month – the youth will be happy to serve you.

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22

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 22, hosted by our congregational unit of Women of the ELCA. Everyone is welcome to give thankoffering that day!

Pastoral Pondering



¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
² Sing to the LORD; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods. (Ps. 96:1-4)

We have just celebrated everyone's birthday in the parish at a festive evening with a catered meal; 16 young people gathered in the Fireside Room for fellowship and inspiration; and, then there was the Festival of the Reformation – remembering the freedom that God has given us, freedom as disciples of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, who prompted Martin Luther on October 31, 1517 to nail the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany declaring that we are saved by the grace of our loving, wonderful God. St. Paul wrote to the Romans: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith, as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."* (Rom. 1:16-17)

As we enter the month of November, we quickly become aware that the year (2026) is rapidly coming to a close; but, there is still much for us to thank God. On November 1st we'll remember the saints that have gone before us – especially those who died this past year. Within First Lutheran and Christ the Servant Lutheran we remember six saints – Bill Anstey, Paula Dredske, Karen Kray, Lois Jacobsen, Diane Lukavsky, and Bob Prather; plus all of your family and relatives who also were precious in the eyes of our gracious God.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, we're free to cast our ballot for the leadership of our wonderful State of Iowa. So, please exercise your freedom and either go to the polls or cast your Absentee Ballot.

Then on Tuesday evening, November 24th, we'll gather at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Corydon at 7:00 p.m. for a service of Thanksgiving. Hopefully this year's crops will all be harvested and put in bins, ready for sale and to be passed on to those who will make food for our tables in the coming months. Put this date on your personal calendar and plan to gather with us to thank God for the blessings of this past year.

Finally, on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 29th, we begin a new Ecclesiastical Year with the First Sunday of Advent; shortly after which we'll have our one and only Advent Service this year on December 2nd, 7 PM, to sing Christmas Carols and fellowship with hot chocolate, hot cider, and cookies made by Ashley Carroll. So, come join us in singing Carols and thanking God for all His wonderful blessings. Truly we have a great God! So let us sing to the Lord a new song!

Blessings!

Pastor Dick

Re:Newed Baptismal Anniversaries



During November, 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
11/21 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 baptism!)

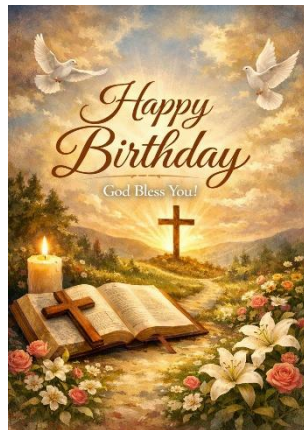
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CORYDON

11/9 Arata 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 Angie 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 Sipa

CHARITON

11/2	Fay & David Utesch
11/11	Courtney and Hillary Shriver
11/23	Dana & Connie Holland



Retirement Celebration for Susan Muehlenthaler



A retirement celebration was held at FLC to honor Susan Muehlenthaler's years of dedicated service as Office Manager and to wish her well as she begins her retirement.

*Thank you for the card and Clubhouse 34 gift card. It has been a pleasure serving in the church office. This was a great transition for me and I am leaving knowing Tracy will do a great job! Blessings,
Susan Muehlenthaler*

