

THE SERVANT

The monthly newsletter of Servants of Christ
Lutheran Church, a congregation of The North
American Lutheran Church serving the
Cedar Rapids area

Meeting at Robins City Hall Community Room, 265 South Second
St., Robins, Iowa 52328
Worship: 9:00 am; Fellowship & Coffee: 10:00;
Bible Class and Sunday School: 10:15
Ron Voss, Pastor

*****September 2017*****

Dear Servants of Christ,

O. Hallesby in his devotional book, "God's Word For Today," writes the following:

Childlike prayer for the Spirit of prayer will little by little bring a change into our prayer life such as we had scarcely thought possible. Without our noticing the change, prayer will become the unifying center of our busy and distracted lives. All that we experience from day to day will draw our hearts and minds quietly and naturally toward God. A desire to speak with God about everything will arise from time to time.

The things we see and hear in connection with our dear ones, our friends, our enemies, the converted, the unconverted, in connection with things temporal and spiritual, little things and greater things, the easy and the difficult . . . All the observations and experiences which give form and content to our daily lives will begin in a natural and happy way to formulate themselves into prayer.

Two people who love each other have not really experienced the things of love until they have told each other of their experiences. So also in prayer. The Spirit of prayer unites your soul with God in such a way that you speak with God about your experiences even before you are through experiencing them, whether you do this only in petition, or in sighing, grieving, fervent desire, or in thanksgiving and adoration.

You will experience it as blessed release thus to be able go speak with God about everything in your daily life, especially to be able to speak with Him about it at once, while it is still warm with interest and of actual import.

It will dawn on you more and more that prayer is the most important task in which you engage. And that you cannot employ your time to better advantage than in prayer, either while you are resting or while you are working . . . wherever you are!

Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

In Christ's love,

Ron

STAY INFORMED

Gospel of Mark continues through September. Join us at 10:15 following worship as we study the shortest gospel. Major themes of our study are: 1) Jesus Christ alone is the Son of God. In Mark, Jesus demonstrates His divinity by overcoming disease, demons, and death. Although He had the power to be the king of the earth, Jesus chose to obey the Father and die for us. 2) As the Messiah, Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament by coming to earth. He did not come as a conquering king; He came as a servant. By giving His life as a sacrifice for sin, He did the ultimate act of service.

And if you need a study Bible for this class and/or your home use, just ask Ron. He can provide you one at no cost to you.

Beginning in September, the congregation will be using the hymnal, *With One Voice*, for liturgy and for many hymns. The first Sunday in September we will “practice” the new liturgy. We plan to use this liturgy for six months. Hymns for the coming months will be chosen both from *With One Voice* and the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

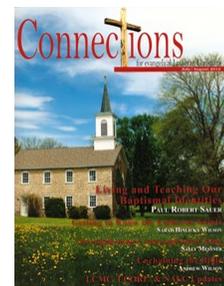


September Servants

Called to Serve

Greeter/Usher: Tami Gerdemann
Communion Assistant: Jackie Opperman
Snacks:
**September 3 - Mary Collins
**September 10 - Jackie Opperman
**September 17 - Becky Cooper
**September 24 - Lenore Heckart

Connections is a magazine of evangelical faith and renewal. If you would like to read a copy or have a two year subscription provided for you by the congregation, please let Ron know. Learn about your faith, be encouraged in your faith walk, find inspiration to share that faith.



CONVOCATION

The Iowa Mission District Convocation will be held on Saturday, September 16, at Old East Paint Creek Lutheran Church, rural Waterville, Iowa. You are encouraged to attend this gathering to meet and visit with other believers in our Mission District. Worship with others, be informed, and take an active part in the decisions affecting our mission district. Talk with Ron to obtain more information about the event and directions to the host congregation.

August Brunch Update

The proposed congregational constitution and bylaws were distributed and discussed at our August brunch. Additional copies are available on the information table. Be sure to take one if you were not at the brunch.

Please share any comments or suggestions you have regarding our proposed organizational structure. We plan to vote on adopting the constitution and bylaws at our October brunch with implementation of the structure on January 1, 2018.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Individuals who have qualifying Thrivent Financial annuities and/or insurance products will accumulate Choice Dollars. If you qualify, please consider designating them to Servants of Christ Lutheran Church. Visit the Thrivent website or call 1-800-847-4836.

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Pray for our Mission Partners:



- **Friends of Madagascar Mission
- **Water Mission
- **Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrenton, Virginia
- **Iowa Mission District
- **The North American Lutheran Church
- **The North American Lutheran Seminary



**Share any prayer requests with Ron.
Send them by email or talk
with him on Sunday morning.**

