

## **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

\*\*\*\*\***October 2017**\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Servants of Christ,

### CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS: A History of the Truth

In a recent edition of "The Lutheran Witness," I found the following chart. Hopefully, it is as helpful to you as it is to me.

33-325—Creedal Phrases and Statements. When the early Church taught the faith to new Christians, it often used short, memorable phrases and sentences to help them learn. When new Christians were baptized, they were asked if they believed these statements. Over the centuries these grew into creeds very much like the Apostles' Creed.

410-810—The Apostles' Creed. The churches in Rome used a creed in their Baptism services that we would recognize as the Apostles' Creed. It would reach its final form under Charlemagne's church reforms around 800.

373-810—The Nicene Creed. The Roman emperor Constantine convened a church council in the year 325 to address the heresy of Arianism. After a second revision in Constantinople, the Creed was adopted as the Church's faith.

450-810—The Athanasian Creed. A creed written to reflect the theology of Athanasius appeared sometime in the fifth century.

1529—The Small & Large Catechism. Luther wrote these to help parents and pastors train youth in the basics of the Christian faith.

1530—The Augsburg Confession. Lutheran princes presented a common confession of Faith to Emperor Charles V on June 25, 1530, at the Diet of Worms. This confession is accepted by the whole Lutheran Church as its statement of faith.

In Christ,  
Ron

**S T A Y I N F O R M E D**

Gospel of Mark continues in October. 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.

The congregation has been positive about the use of *With One Voice*. We will use this liturgy and some of the hymns for the next six months. If there are any hymns you especially like in this hymnal, let Ron know. Every effort will be made to incorporate them into the service.



**October Servants**



- Greeter/Usher: Ray Collins  
Communion Assistant: Dan Heckart  
Snacks:  
\*\*October 1 - Mary Collins  
\*\*October 8 - Cliff & Judy Waugh  
\*\*October 15 - Ron Voss  
\*\*October 22 - Tami Gerdemann  
\*\*October 29 - Brunch served by Collins

**October 29 Brunch**

We will vote on the proposed congregational constitution and bylaws. We will also formally vote to incorporate under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Additional copies of the constitution are available on the information table. Be sure to take one if you haven't read this proposal.



The Iowa Mission District Convocation was held Saturday, September 16, at Old East Paint Creek Lutheran Church, in rural Waterville, Iowa. Over 80 attended including Pastor Ron Voss. The following were elected to three year terms:

The Dean: Re. Marshall Hahn, re-elected to a second three year term.  
Iowa Mission District Council: clergy, Rev. Mark Lund; Lay, Roger Moning

Dr. Mark Mattes of Grandview College addressed the gathering, speaking on the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

Forums on a number of topics were held; the 2017-18 budget was approved.

It was encouraging to spend time with fellow NALC members from across the state.



**Lutheran World Relief (LWR)** school kits were packed by member following worship on September 17. Each kit included: a backpack; four notebooks; a box of crayons; a ruler; pencil sharpener; scissors; pencils; pens; eraser. Nearly forty kits were assembled.

This is the second year we have participated in this outreach effort. Thanks to all who donated!

Pray for our Mission Partners:

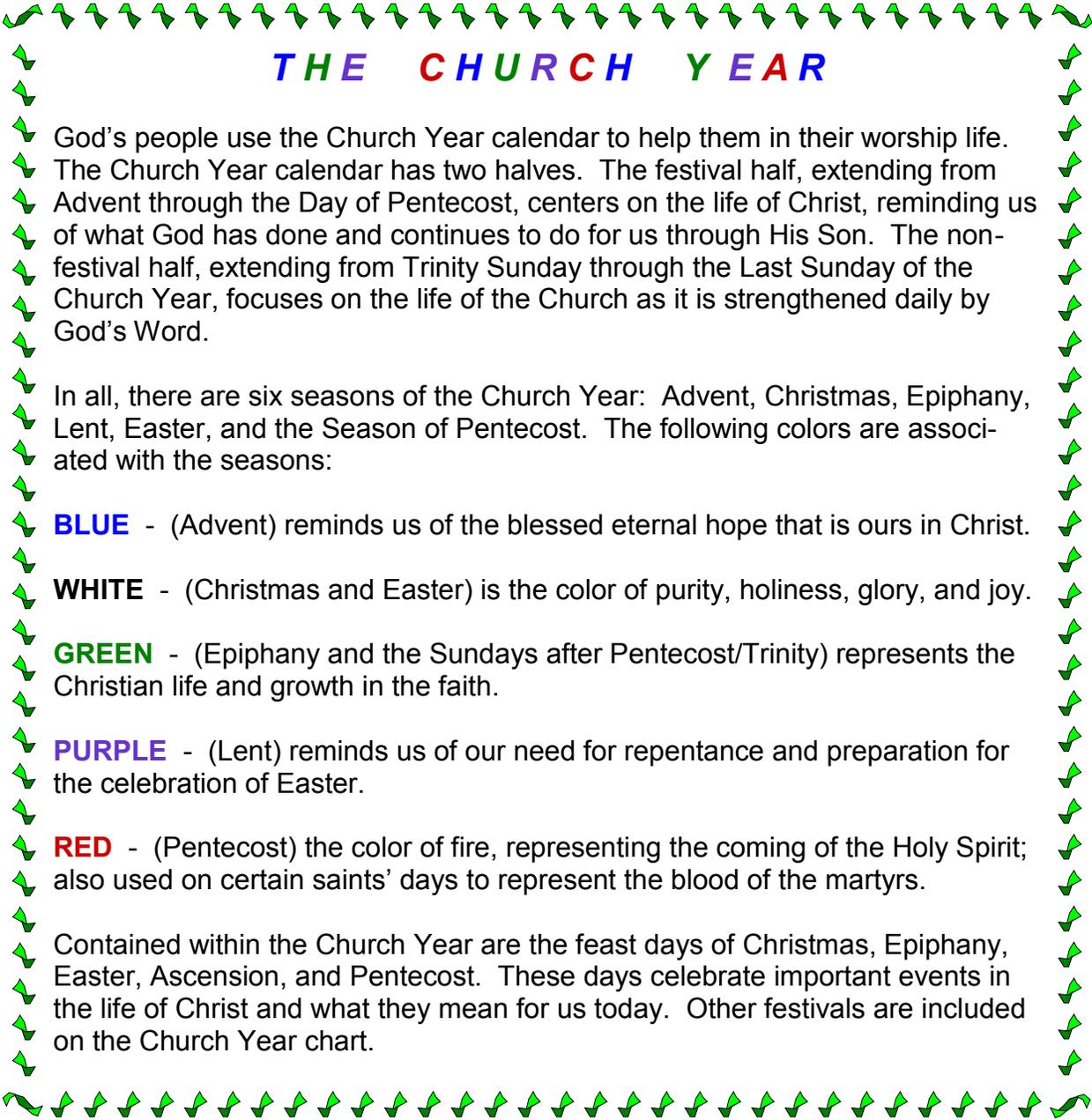


- \*\*Friends of Madagascar Mission
- \*\*Evangelist Tsakamana Daniel
- \*\*Water Mission
- \*\*Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrenton, Virginia
- \*\*Iowa Mission District
- \*\*The North American Lutheran Church
- \*\*The North American Lutheran Seminary



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





## THE CHURCH YEAR

God's people use the Church Year calendar to help them in their worship life. The Church Year calendar has two halves. The festival half, extending from Advent through the Day of Pentecost, centers on the life of Christ, reminding us of what God has done and continues to do for us through His Son. The non-festival half, extending from Trinity Sunday through the Last Sunday of the Church Year, focuses on the life of the Church as it is strengthened daily by God's Word.

In all, there are six seasons of the Church Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and the Season of Pentecost. The following colors are associated with the seasons:

**BLUE** - (Advent) reminds us of the blessed eternal hope that is ours in Christ.

**WHITE** - (Christmas and Easter) is the color of purity, holiness, glory, and joy.

**GREEN** - (Epiphany and the Sundays after Pentecost/Trinity) represents the Christian life and growth in the faith.

**PURPLE** - (Lent) reminds us of our need for repentance and preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**RED** - (Pentecost) the color of fire, representing the coming of the Holy Spirit; also used on certain saints' days to represent the blood of the martyrs.

Contained within the Church Year are the feast days of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. These days celebrate important events in the life of Christ and what they mean for us today. Other festivals are included on the Church Year chart.

## NALC Disaster Response

Go to the North American Lutheran Church webpage for updates on how you can help with disaster relief for those affected by recent hurricanes in the southern states of the United States. If you choose to send a financial gift to aid with efforts, send it to:

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