

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

******November 2017******

Dear Servants of Christ,

Attached to this newsletter is an information brochure on the Great Commission Society. Please read it over and consider becoming a member for the coming year. You will be used by God to be a blessing to many, and you, in turn, will be blessed by your participation in the society.

Quoting from the brochure, "The Great Commission Society fully believes that new life is to be found in Jesus Christ. Society members are therefore expected to reflect this new life through focused prayer, Bible study, contributions of time and talent and financial support of missions locally and globally. Society membership funds will be used to support global workers, mission starts, and renewal initiatives."

In Christ's love,
Ron

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Christ the King Sunday is November 26. This Sunday, the last in the church year, celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of all things. The earliest Christians identified Jesus with the predicted Messiah of the Jews. The Jewish word "messiah," and the Greek word "Christ," both mean "anointed one," and came to refer to the expected king who would deliver Israel from the hands of the Romans. Christians believe that Jesus is this expected Messiah. Unlike the messiah most Jews expected, Jesus came to free all people, Jew and Gentile, and He did not come to free them from the Romans, but from sin and death.



LOOKING AHEAD

STAY INFORMED

All About Jesus Study Begins November 26 at 10:15, following worship.

Topics to be discussed include:

1. Why is Christianity all about Jesus?
2. What's in a name?
3. Prophet, Priest, and King: Jesus is all three.
4. The greatest mystery and miracle of the Christian faith: the two natures of Christ.
5. What does Jesus do for you, then and now?
6. Christ's word of redemption and atonement: Holy Week and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
7. Why is Lutheranism all about Jesus?



Putting it all together: Christian meditation is focusing on Jesus.

Join us for this class!

October Servants



Greeter/Usher: Tami Gerdemann
Communion Assistant: Katheryn Opperman
Snacks:
**November 5: Mary Collins
**November 12: Jackie Opperman
**November 19: Cliff & Judy Waugh
**November 26: Becky Collins

Prayer for Christ's Return

Lord Jesus, you are the Alpha and Omega. You began this world, and because of sin, you will bring it to an end. For this reason, give me patience and diligence in the brief hours you have graciously given me here on this earth. Fill me with the wisdom and willingness to look ahead and above to the days of everlasting life won by you and waiting for me in heaven. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen

DUTY AND DELIGHT: 2017 Stewardship Response Effort

During November our Sunday morning Bible studies will focus on our theme, **DUTY AND DELIGHT**.

DUTY: something familiar to Lutherans. **DUTY** historically has received strong emphasis among Lutherans. We owe this in part to Luther himself. For Martin Luther, **DUTY** was not only an important subject, but also an important motivator in living for God. In Luther's Small Catechism, in Luther's explanation to the first article of the Apostles' Creed, after noting all of God's gifts—both past and present—Luther writes, "For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him." An older version put it this way, "For all which it is my **DUTY** to thank and praise, to serve and obey him."

DELIGHT is a gift of grace. Thanks be to God that, even after the coming of sin into the world, God continues to take **DELIGHT** in being a God of grace and to find **DELIGHT** in those who hope in Him. God's **DELIGHT** is sign and proof of His love and grace. In Psalm 147:10-11, we read "His **DELIGHT** is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

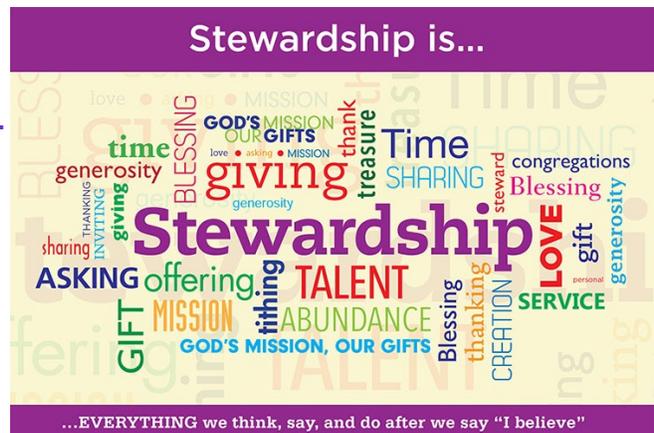
God's **DELIGHT** finds its fullest expression in Jesus.

Join us for this study the first three weeks of November. It will deepen your knowledge of and love for God, the God who is our **DUTY AND DELIGHT**.

On Sunday, November 19, we will fill out our Time and Abilities sheets as well as our financial commitments for the coming year (effective December 3, 2017). As you consider your financial commitment for the coming year, focus on tithing: giving the first 10% of your income to Christ and the work of the Church. Do this, not only because it is your **DUTY**, but because you **DELIGHT** in the Lord because HE **DELIGHTS** IN YOU!!!



Come ye thankful
People come...



Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23.

We will meet at the home of Lyle Gerdemann.

Come, worship, give thanks to the God who has showered us with blessings.