

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

******January 2018******

Our Security is in God

Dear Servant of Christ,

Oswald Chambers, an early 20th century evangelist, spoke the following at a New Year's Eve service in 1916 to soldiers stationed in Cairo, Egypt. His message was based on Isaiah 52:12: *For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord God will go before you and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*

Security from Yesterday. "God requireth that which is past." At the end of the year we turn with eagerness to all that God has for the future, and yet anxiety is apt to arise from remembering the yesterdays. Our present enjoyment of God's grace is apt to be checked by the memory of yesterday's sins and blunders. But God is the God of our yesterdays, and He allows the memory of them in order to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual culture for the future. God reminds us of the past lest we get into a shallow security in the present.

Security for Tomorrow. "For the Lord will go before you." This is a gracious revelation that God will garrison where we have failed to. He will watch lest things trip us up again into like failure, as they assuredly would do if He were not our reward. God's hand reaches back to the past and makes a clearing-house for conscience.

Security for Today. "For ye shall not go out with haste." As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, unremembering delight, nor with the flight of impulsive thoughtlessness, but with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us. Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; it is true that we have lost opportunities which will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ.

Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands and step out into the Irresistible Future with Him.

In Christ's love,
Ron

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

ALL ABOUT JESUS Bible Study continues through January

January 7—The Greatest Mystery and Miracle of the Christian Faith: the Two Natures of Christ. Related features: What’s in a name? The miracles of Jesus.

January 14—The Essential Nature of Jesus: Two Natures. Related Feature: False teachings about Christ in church history.

January 21—The State of Humiliation. Related feature: The challenge of the virgin birth.

January 28—Christ’s Work of Redemption and Atonement. Related features: Passion week map and explanation; the crucifixion of Jesus; the meaning and purpose of the season of Lent.



Join us on Sundays as you are able. Study books are available.

***Please remember the following
in your daily prayers:***

Don & Sherry Bathgate; Dannie Buhs; Eric Hahn; Amy Cooper; Carol Duwa; Ken Maleske; Tom Pocobradsky; Stand Richenberger; Bishop John Bradosky and the leaders of the North American Lutheran Church; Micheale; Velma; Evangelist Tsaramana Daniel.

Also, please keep in your prayers the following news from Madagascar: “Officials are struggling to contain a widespread and deadly outbreak of the plague that’s been wreaking havoc in Madagascar since late August. At least 45 deaths have been attributed to the outbreak, with more than 385 confirmed cases reported in 27 of the country’s 114 districts. The outbreak is worrisome because a majority of the confirmed illnesses include cases of the pneumonic plague which can be transmitted through the air through coughs and is 100 percent fatal if left untreated.”

January Servants

Called to *Serve*

Greeter/Usher: Cliff Waugh
Communion Assistant: Aaron Opperman
Snacks:
** January 7—Mary Collins
** January 14—Judy Waugh
** January 21— Jackie Opperman
** January 28— Lenore Heckart



GLOSSARY

GLOSSARY Of FAITH WORDS

Absolution: The announcement of the forgiveness of sins from God Himself to the penitent sinner through the word of the pastor.

Advocate: One who pleads for a cause; Jesus is our Advocate with the Father.

Ascend: To go or move upward; Jesus ascended to heaven.

Blameless: Free from guilt, especially the guilt of our sin.

Church: The gathering of all believers in Christ around Word and Sacrament; the communion of saints.

Communion: The very body and blood of Christ under the form of consecrated bread and wine, given to us for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith; also known as the Sacrament of the Altar, the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist.



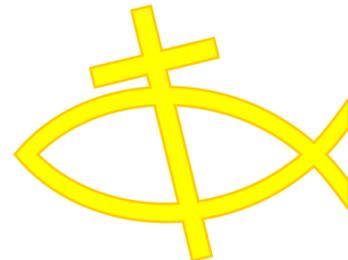
Outreach Visitation continues through the winter months as weather permits. Let Ron know if you would like to tag along. We invite, we share the good news of Jesus, we encourage.

January Outreach/Mission Support

\$333 - The North American Lutheran Church
General Fund

\$600 — Friends of Madagascar Mission

Thank you for your faithful giving that allows us
to support various mission efforts!



God is faithful; by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9