

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

***** **April 2018** *****

Dear Servant of Christ,

We are Easter people with a mission to “**declare the wonderful deeds** of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.” We read this in 1 Peter when the writer proclaims, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may **declare the wonderful deeds** of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.”

Declare the wonderful deeds to your children and grandchildren. Explain the plan of salvation to them: God created the world; humankind rebelled/sinned; Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead; we accept the gift of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; we spend our lives in worship and service of the living God.

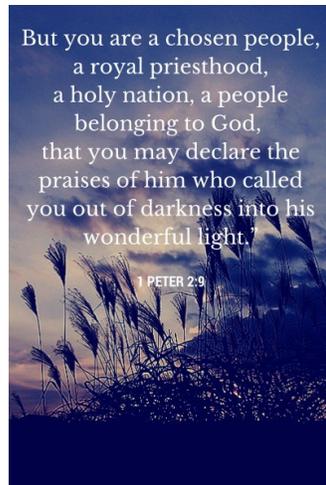
Declare the wonderful deeds to your fellow congregational members. It might be difficult at first, but repetition brings confidence. Sharing the message reinforces the message for you in your own life.

Declare the wonderful deeds to people in your community. Invite one of your friends or neighbors to worship on Sunday. Share how God has made a difference in your life and that Jesus Christ is Good News in the midst of a world of bad news.

Declare the wonderful deeds by sending an email or text to a friend in need, by letting them know you are praying for them. Remind them that God cares for them and that you will help as you are able.

Easter people “**declare the wonderful deeds** of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

In Christ’s love,
Ron



Easter Images and Words

“**He is risen!**” and the reply, “**He is risen, indeed!**” are the most ancient—and always new—shouts of Christian people at Easter. “*Jesus Christ is risen today . . .*” is the same shout in form of a well-known Easter hymn, a Latin carol from the 14th century, which was set in English by Charles Wesley in the 18th century.

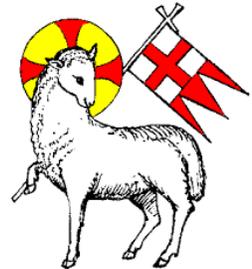


Alleluia is a Hebrew word meaning “praise the Lord,” which appears in the New Testament as part of the grand victory celebrations in the book of Revelation (ch. 19).

White is the color for the Easter’s joyous celebration, although gold often accompanies white as the color for Easter Day and the following week.

Butterfly: The butterfly, emerging from its tomb-like cocoon, symbolizes Christ emerging from His empty tomb.

The **Easter (paschal) Lamb of God** is now pictured, no longer in sacrificial death, but standing proudly with a victory banner.



The **egg** contains the new life of a chick within it, and its yoke is a symbol of the eternally rising sun.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Personal Care Kit supplies were purchased by members, assembled on Maundy Thursday, and will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in late April. Thrivent Financial matched our efforts by sending \$250 that added to our supply purchase. Thanks for your outreach in love!

Bits and Pieces

Ascension Day is forty days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pentecost is fifty days following the resurrection.

The North American Lutheran Church has over 400 congregations in the United States and Canada.

One-third of our congregational income goes to mission work.

We are thankful that we continue to worship at the Robins City Hall for a modest rent of \$50 each month.

Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are distributed to members on a quarterly basis. Be sure to spend time daily in the Word.

STAY INFORMED

The Prophets Speak Again class

April 1 - Daniel

April 8 - Hosea

April 15 - Joel

April 22 - Amos



Join us on Sunday following worship and learn how God used men of faith to share His Word with His people.

Our mid-week Lenten offerings were sent to Water Mission!!

Water Mission has provided safe water or sanitation to over 3,300,000 people in 53 countries. Donations are allocated as follows: 83% for programs; 11% for fundraising; 6% general and administration. *Water Mission* focuses on three things:

1. Safe Water Solutions: develop the water source; test and treat the water; store and protect the water; create access points to distribute water.
2. Sanitation Solutions: The most economical and effective solution provided is the Healthy Latrine pour flush toilet.
3. WASH Promotion: Community developers work with trained volunteers to promote awareness and practice of healthy water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) behaviors.



There's an old phrase: "Give a cup of water in the Master's name."
Here is your opportunity!

Bi-monthly
brunch, Sunday,
April 29, follow-
ing wor-
ship.
Come,
eat,
learn!



April Servants

Greeter/Usher: Ray Collins
Communion Assistant: Jackie Opperman
Snacks:
**April 1—Mary Collins
**April 8—Lenore Heckart
**April 15—Judy Waugh
**April 22—Tami Gerdemann
**April 29—Brunch: Mary Collins
FLOWERS: Mary Collins

Called to *Serve*



GLOSSARY

GLOSSARY Of FAITH WORDS

Repentance - A genuine sorrow before God on account of sin and belief in Jesus as our Savior.

Righteousness - Having a freedom from the guilt of sin because Christ made us right with God by His perfect life, suffering, and death.

Saint - A faithful believer in Jesus Christ, either still living or already in heaven.

Statute - A rule, law, or commandment.

The Ascension - The event in Christ's exaltation that occurred forty days after His resurrection in which He took His place at the right hand of the Father.

Transgressions - Specific sinful acts.

Wisdom - An understanding heart; trust in the Lord's promises given in His Word.



Outreach Visitation will increase during April. Let Ron know if you would like to tag along. We invite, we share the good news of Jesus, we encourage.

March Outreach/Mission Support

\$333 - The North American Lutheran Church General Fund

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

THE GREAT COMMISSION SOCIETY

The purpose of the Great Commission Society of the NALC is to mobilize disciples for the work of the Great Commission. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that is in desperate need of the Good news. We propose to do this by networking congregations and individuals who have a passion for the proclamation of the Gospel and a commitment to the calling of the Great Commission.

Brochures available on the information table.