



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 2018*******

Dear Servant of Christ,

A year ago we distributed “Luther’s Small Catechism” with explanation. Two-hundred ninety-five pages in length, this book is full of meaningful information regarding the faith.

The Catechism written by Martin Luther presents Christian teaching and truth in a question and answer format. This specific Catechism presents not only questions and answers on basic faith issues, it also provides the Biblical basis for the answer.

In addition to the explanations for all the Articles of the Catechism, there is an appendix which provides information on the following topics:

- Luther’s Preface
- Books of the Bible
- Creeds and Confessions
- Explanation of Luther’s Seal
- The Church Year
- Terms Relating to Worship and God’s House
- The Time Between the Testaments
- Symbols and Their Meanings
- Index of Biblical Quotations



When you have your daily devotions, include some time to read from this book which is a rich resource for faith formation and growth. You will be blessed in doing so.

Free copies are available on the resource table. Take one if you do not already possess a copy.

May God bless and enrich your faith journey.

Ron

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

**October Outreach/
Mission Support**

\$333 - The North American Lutheran Church General Fund

\$500 - The Iowa Mission District

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

How your contributions are distributed:

- Approximately 1/3 goes to mission work, 1/3 pays for local expenses, 1/3 is set aside for a future facility or rental space.
- Prayerfully consider including the north American Lutheran Church and Seminary in your will and estate planning.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

October Servants



Greeter/Usher: Tami Gerdemann
Communion Assistant: Jackie Opperman

Snacks:

**October 7 — Mary Collins

**October 14 — Jackie Opperman

**October 21 — LaDonna Retzlaff

**October 28 — Brunch

FLOWERS: Mary Collins

Outreach Visitation continues and on Saturday, October 13, we will gather at 9:30 am at the Robins City Hall where we will be joined again by youth and adults from Norway Lutheran Church, St. Olaf, Iowa. At least ten youth are expected to aid members of our congregation in outreach calling.

Plan to join us at 9:30 on the 13th where we will pray, review the outreach plan, and receive our assignments. Then, it's hit the streets and knock on doors!

This is the third year Norway Lutheran has joined us. We are thankful for and encouraged by their support.



Really Free!

a study of the book of Romans

Study Continues Through October

Do you long for a Christian life which is characterized by more joy and victory? Do you sometimes feel that the struggle with sin is hopeless? Are you plagued with feelings of guilt? Do you wonder sometimes whether or not you really are a Christian? Do you long for a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then the book of Romans is for you. For this letter shows clearly how we can escape the bondage to sin into a life of growing freedom and joy. Jesus promised this freedom: "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "If the Son sets you free," He says, "then you will be *really free*" (John 8:32, 36 TEV). In Romans Paul explains the basis for this freedom and shows how it may become ours.

It was this book of the Bible that changed the life of Martin Luther and led him into a deep, personal, joyful, *free* relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us every Sunday as you are able.

By-monthly brunch will be held October 28 following



worship. We will review our 2019 spending plan and our ongoing activities.

Thanks are extended to all who donated school items for our Fall 2018 LWR outreach effort. Thanks also to Thrivent Financial which provided \$250 in matching funds.



Thanks to Mary Collins who weekly provides lovely flowers to enhance our worship.

CROP HUNGER WALK

CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 14. We will use the northbound trail starting from Thomas Park, 343 Marion Blvd., Marion, Iowa. Registration starts at 1:00; the walk begins at 1:30.

In 2017, 107,928 people joined 906 CROP Hunger Walks and raised over \$9 million. Twenty local agencies participated in last year's Hunger Walk, and we raise over \$21,000. Our successful fundraising effort ranked us in the top 100 Cream of the CROP event to end hunger and poverty around the world.

This the first year our congregation, Servants of Christ, will be participating in the local CROP Hunger Walk. Let's have a good representation. You can go online at www.crophungerwalk.org/cedarrapidsia to register.

Connections magazine will be sent to anyone who desires a subscription. This magazine contains many articles to enrich your faith walk. Let Ron know if you are interested in a subscription.

All things work together
for good to those who love God,
who have been called according
to his purpose.
Romans 8:28 (NIV)



**Prayer requests can be updated at anytime.
Give any information to Ron on Sunday or email him.**

