



## **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

\*\*\*\*\* **May 2019**

### **MAY IS SEMINARY MONTH**

Dear Servant of Christ,

*Christ is Risen, we shout with joy through the Easter Season.  
The Lord is risen indeed!*

This cry of victory is at the center of every sermon, of every liturgy, of every time of fellowship. Daily we give thanks to God that our North American Lutheran Seminary students are being well-prepared to go out and continue this glorious proclamation. The NALS is committed to preparing the next generation of pastors who will be bold in their proclamation, wise in their judgments, and merciful in their relationships with their neighbors.

**We pray daily** for our seminarians that the Lord will bless them in their studies and prepare them to share the news of the living Christ in Word and deed in such a way that many will be brought into living servant faith in Jesus.

**Look for individuals** who have the faith and gifts for ministry that you can encourage them to consider pastoral ministry as their vocation (call) in life. Speak to them about how their gifts might be used to share the Gospel with others. Your word of affirmation and encouragement can make a difference in someone's life.

**Consider a special gift** to the Seminary this month. Envelopes and donation slips are on the information table. In addition, prayerfully consider including the Seminary in your will or estate planning. Note: Servants of Christ has included \$2,000 for the Seminary in its 2019 budget. This money will be sent in May.

**Pray! Encourage! Give!**

In Christ's love,  
Ron

**POWER** is the word that best describes the Christians in the Book of Acts. They were a dynamic people in a dynamic church . . . And what they said and did changed their world.

We will study the people, the Church, and its message when we begin our study of The Book of Acts on Sunday, May 5. We will come to a greater understanding of:

- ◆ The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church.
- ◆ How to be an effective witness for Christ.
- ◆ How to turn persecution into blessing.
- ◆ How to understand and solve Church problems.



The Holy Spirit of God is with us today, and His triumphant power is available to God's people. The invitation to you is to yield to the Spirit and its dynamic power. Join us on Sunday mornings. Learn how God used early converts to share the Good News of the resurrection.

### IOWA MISSION DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12, 3:00 pm - Dedication of building for Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

June 9, Sunday at 3:00 - Dedication of Faith Lutheran Church in Monona.  
Details to follow. All are invited.

July 21-28 - Youth Mission Trip. Contact Pastor Jason Cooper (cooper\_jd@yahoo.com) or Pastor Tony D. Ede (tonyede@gmail.com) for more information

August 5-9 - Lutheran Week in Indianapolis (NOTE: Election of NALC Bishop)

September 14 - Iowa Mission District Convocation, First Lutheran, Manchester, IA

### May Servants



Greeter/Usher: Michelle Hosch  
Communion Assistant: Tamara Gerdemann

Snacks:  
\*\*May 5—Mary Collins  
\*\*May 12—Linda Drake  
\*\*May 19—Judy Waugh  
\*\*May 26—LaDonna Retzlaff

Flowers: Mary Collins

### May Mission Giving

\$417 - The North American Lutheran Church General Fund

\$2,000 - The North American Lutheran Seminary

Your faithful giving allows us to support various mission efforts.