



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 2019

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 24

Dear Servant of Christ,

Prayer is the Key

Prayer is a fundamental expression of our faith. We pray and ask for the guidance and wisdom in our dis-praying. A key to spiritual growth, prayer. Many of us grew up with "Prayer Changes Things!" It was ché, but it is true. Paul wrote, nians 5:17). Probably one of the to pray for our congregation that we will continue to reach out with the Good News of Jesus, with the Holy Spirit blessing our efforts.



Before we embark on any ministry, we power of the Holy Spirit to give us cernment. So, we pray and we keep and a key to growth in giving, is little plaques in our homes that said, so common, it became almost a cli- "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalo- most important things you can do is

We need to pray about the congregation's and our own personal stewardship. Stewardship includes many things (you've seen the list), and that includes money. Money enables us to do ministry for Christ's sake. Money enables our presence where we cannot physically go. For example, most of us cannot go to a mission field, but we can extgend Christ's great commission around the world through giving. Probably none of us will dig a well but strong stewardship allows us to support Water Mission.

Our NALC has a Great Commission Society that enables us to do ministry in many places. "The purpose of the Great Commission Society of the NALV 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. (continued on next page)



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” (from our GCS Brochure).

St. Paul wrote, “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving in God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you’re and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift.” 2 Corinthians 9:11-15



Our 2020 Spending Plan calls for increased levels of funding for all of our mission outreach efforts. We will do this as our local expenses remain low and as we continue to build our financial reserves for our future ministry needs.

Thank you for all you have done to make this possible over the past year and do give prayerful consideration to what your gift will be for the coming year.

In Christ’s love,

Ron

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held at the home of Cliff and Judy Waugh, 735 Kaitlynn Ave., Anamosa. We had outstanding attendance at this services last year (We gave thanks that Waughs had enough chairs!). Mark your calendars now to gather with Christian friends to praise and thank the God who generously provides for all our needs.



November Mission Giving

\$417 will be sent to The North American Lutheran Church General Fund.

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LEGACY GIFTS MATTER!

Prayerfully consider including the North American Lutheran Church and/or the Seminary in your will or estate planning. Pass on the love of Jesus to future generations.



November Servants

Greeter/Usher: Ray Collins
Communion Assistant:
Richard Drake

Snacks:

**November 3—Mary Collins
**November 10—Lenore Heckart
**November 17—Linda Drake
**November 24—LaDonna
Retzlaff

Flowers: Mary Collins

NEW STUDY BEGINS NOVEMBER 3RD

The Bible as the Word of God

This study on Holy Scripture prepared by the NALC Commission on Theology and Doctrine, as well as a study guide for congregational use, affirms the strong commitment of the North American Lutheran Church to the Bible as God's gift to the Church. It also affirms that "the Bible not only makes known this holy, loving purpose . . . to free His fallen human creations from the wrong and corruption of sin, the tyranny of the devil and the threat of death, draw them into communion with Himself," the Bible is also "a means by which God achieves His purpose."

Learning and discussion topics include:

- **Where does the Bible come from?
- **What kind of book is the Bible
- **How many we understand the Bible?
- **What is the authority of Scriptures in the Church?

JOIN US!





All Saints' Sunday
November 3

A **saint** is a holy person. ... In Christianity, the word "**saint**" refers to any person who is "in Christ", and in whom Christ dwells, whether in Heaven or in earth.

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday is always the last Sunday of the Church year. Advent begins the following Sunday. On this festival day, we remember that Jesus Christ, victorious over death, is seated at the right hand of the Father. He WILL return to take all believers home to live with Him eternally.

Hallelujah!



Faith + Sharing = Evangelism

PRAY—for friends who do not believe in Jesus that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to the saving truth of the Gospel.

INVITE—friends and neighbors to worship with you or at a Christian church of their choice.

BECOME—outreach-oriented. Become an outreach visitor in your community.

WITNESS—to Christ in your daily life. Outreach explanatory brochures are available to help you in this endeavor.

TALK—with your family members about your personal faith in Christ. Your witness will be a blessing to all who hear.