

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
Ronald Voss, Pastor


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COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 22 Prayer is the Key



Dear Servant of Christ,

 Prayer is a fundamental expression of our faith. Before we embark on any ministry, we pray. We pray and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to give us guidance and wisdom in our discernment. So, we pray and we keep praying. A key to spiritual growth, and a key to growth in giving, is prayer. Many of us grew up with little plaques in our homes that said, "Prayer Changes Things!" It was so common, it became almost a cliché, but it is true. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Probably one of the most important things you can do is 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.

 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 extend 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. 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).

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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 2021 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

**Bible study—*Pastor Epistles: 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus*—
continues through November**

We are still focused on Paul's Pastoral Epistles. The Office of the Holy Ministry (or pastoral office) has always been of key importance to the life and vibrancy of the Church. That is especially true in our 21st century culture. With literally everything up for grabs, the strength, biblical rootedness and consistency of the parish pastor is vital.



As we study, let us be earnest in prayer for all Christian pastors . . . and leaders . . . and teachers. Join us on Sunday morning as we study and pray together.

**November Mission
Giving**

**\$500 will be sent to The North
American Lutheran Church
General Fund.**





**All Saints' Sunday
November 1, 2020**

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. That includes you and me!!

Sunday, November 22

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you . . . And I will return and take you to myself that where I am you may be also."

On Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year, we remember that Christ WILL return . . . He will come back for **ALL** believers. And He will reign forever and ever, surrounded by His bride, the Church.



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.