

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

*******February 2023**

WHAT IS LENT?

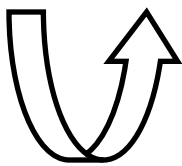


- ◇ It's the 40 day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter.
- ◇ Derived from the Middle English word for "springtime," Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends Easter Sunday.
- ◇ The final week of Lent—Holy Week—commemorates Christ's last week of life on earth: triumphal entry, instituting the Lord's Supper, His arrest, trial and crucifixion.

Christ lived and died to redeem the world from sin. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, our lives can be renewed. We can renounce sin and begin to live for God. The Lenten period allows us time to recall the Easter story and focus on its meaning.



WHY IS LENT IMPORTANT?



OUTREACH

Water Mission is our Lenten outreach focus. In addition to the 2023 budgeted line item, all mid-week offerings will be directed to Water Mission. Lenten offering envelopes will be in the Sunday bulletin, beginning February 26. Monies placed in these envelopes will be added to the mid-week offering. Brochures explaining Water Mission are available on the information table.

See other page for Lenten mid-week schedule and theme.

Excerpts from letter from the NALC, January 2023:

Dear Servants of Christ Lutheran Church,

We praise God for you and your faithful support of the work and ministry of the NALC. The NALC exists to serve and support the pastors, congregations, and missions in North America and globally.

The year 2022 was not a good year economically. With corporate layoffs, stock market pullbacks, and the Federal Reserve raising interest rates, many have felt the effects of inflation. Yet God's people continued to serve and give to their local congregations, which in turn has supported the mission and ministry of the NALC.

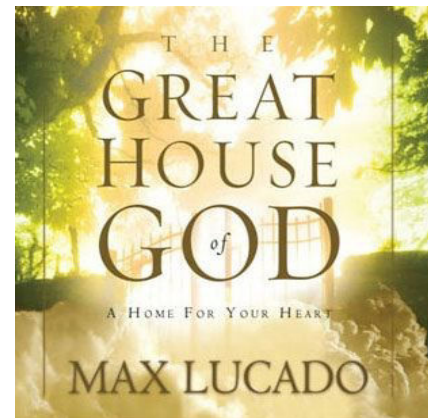
Here are just some of the areas your generosity helped support in 2022:

- There is a new focus on Youth and Family ministry.
- Three online courses were taught on renewal and aging.
- Relations between NALC and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania were solidified.
- There are now 483 NALC congregations.

May God continue to bless us as individual congregations and as a national

All of us are familiar with the Lord's Prayer. Max Lucado takes a new look at this beloved prayer, assigning each petition to a specific room in a house. In his usual brilliant and understandable way, he provides to new riches to this prayer of Jesus.

This book study—*The Great House of God*—begins on Sunday, February 12, at 10:10. Please join us.



At the quarterly meeting held January 29, the congregation approved a \$10,000 gift to the **20/20 TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER** campaign of the NALC. In addition \$1800 was donated by individuals and sent in at the end of 2022.

20/20 donation envelopes will be available through 2023 in the weekly bulletin.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.