



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

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The Heart of Lent

The heart of Lent begins with self-examination and inner healing. This happens when each of us sets aside these forty days to examine and evaluate our lives as Christian. Notice that Lent is forty days. This is not a quick “where I am in life” quiz that you come across in a magazine. It’s not even a day’s retreat offered by your employer where the goals of the company are reviewed and you are asked to assess where you stand and how you contribute to those goals. No, this is forty days of re-reading Scripture, reflection upon your life in Christ, targeted prayer . . . and sincere repentance. Spiritual renewal demands a willingness to repent of our sins and change our lives to reflect God’s will.



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The heart of Lent means reconciliation with God. Reconciliation occurs when:

- ⇒ there is sorrow for sin.
- ⇒ there is spiritual growth (strive to carry out His will).
- ⇒ there is commitment (not just attending worship but daily living to His glory).
- ⇒ there is perseverance (running the race, keeping the faith, persisting in hope even when trials and tribulations plague us).

Every year growing up my mom engaged in spring cleaning. It was an intense time of attacking dirt, grime, cobwebs in every room of the house, every nook and cranny, under every piece of furniture, involving every window. This spring event was to uncover and clean up any dirt that had missed through daily cleaning throughout the year.

May the heart of Lent be that time of “spring cleaning” that intensifies our daily confession and devotional life.

In Christ’s love,
Ron