



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

***** May 2022

MAY IS SEMINARY MONTH

Servant of Christ,

HE IS RISEN! HE 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.



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, then 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. Donations in any amount can be made at anytime throughout the year to the Seminary. In addition, prayerfully consider including the Seminary in your will or estate planning. Look over the Seminary newsletter on the information table. Note: Servants of Christ has included \$6,000 for the Seminary in its 2022 budget.

Pray! Encourage! Give!

In Christ's love,
Ron

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Bible study on the book of Psalms

AIM: To know God through the world He created, through His Word, and through experiences with Him. To gain assurance that God will sustain us through life.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to help us hear God's message every time we read His Word. It is possible to read without hearing. We want to learn to let God speak very personally to us as we read the psalms.

WHAT IS A PSALM? A psalm is a song or poem distinguished by its devotional character and deep piety. It is the faith of the Old testament set to music, a poem springing from an encounter with God. It is worship literature.

To us, poetry must have meter, and it usually rhymes. But the psalms are Hebrew poetry which is not concerned with meter and rhyme but instead uses *parallelisms*. This is where the same thought is expressed in different ways. The psalms also use word pictures, contrasts, and repetitions.

This Sunday morning study begins on May 1. Join us!

WATER MISSION GIFTS DURING LENT TOTALED \$1262. OUR 2022 BUDGET INCLUDES \$500 FOR WATER MISSION.

- ◇ Water Mission delivers safe water and shows God's love to those in need. More than 7,000,000 people have been served.
- ◇ Water Mission implements best-in-class solutions in developing countries and refugee settlements. It has had the top Charity Navigator rating for 14 consecutive years.
- ◇ Water Mission responds to disasters with immediate relief and solutions for long-term resiliency.
- ◇ Water Mission stands ready to follow the Lord's prompting to transform lives. It has done this with 110 projects in 11 countries.

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support to this work of the Church.