



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

*****July 2017*****

Dear Servants of Christ,

Following are some Scripture passages I have found to be helpful in my life. You are encouraged to reflect on them, memorize them. May God use His Word to bless your life and ministry!

In view of Your mercy, O God, may I present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You, which is my reasonable service. May I not be conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of my mind, that I may prove that Your will is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

But Your fruit, O Holy Spirit, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:19-23

I will seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. Matthew 6:33

I want to love You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind, and I want to love my neighbor as myself. Matthew 23:37-39
Love, the love we have from You is patient, it is kind, it does not envy; love does not boast, it is not arrogant, it does not behave rudely; it does not seek its own, it is not easily provoked, it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

O God, I know that all things work together for good to those who love you, to those who have been called according to Your purpose. Romans 8:28

Since I have been raised up with You, O Christ, I will keep seeking the things above, where You are at the right hand of God. I will set my mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:1-2

In Christ's love,

Ron

STAY INFORMED

Gospel of Mark study begins in July. Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, just 16 chapters. Interestingly, Mark records more of Jesus' miracles than His sermons. Jesus was clearly a man of power and action, not just words. The study Bible we use will enrich our understanding of the texts and give us helpful historical and social context in which the events took place.



Looking Ahead

2017 NALC Lutheran Week
Theme: Holding Fast Being (RE)Formed. Held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, TN. August 7-11, 2017. Ron will be attending.

Iowa Mission District Convocation is September 16 at East Paint Creek Lutheran Church, rural Waterville, IA.



JULY SERVANTS

Greeter/Usher: Mike Arnold
Communion Assistant: Aaron Opperman
Snacks:
** July 2—Mary Collins
** July 9—Tami Gerdemann
** July 16—Arnolds
** July 23—Ron Voss
** July 30—Lenore Heckart





- Any prayer additions or changes? Let Ron know.
- Be sure to include a “spiritual sandwich” in your daily routine. Two “helpings” of prayer with a thick “serving” of Bible reading in the middle. The two devotional booklets—*Portals of Prayer* and *Our Daily Bread*—are a good place to start.

Tag Along??

If you would ever like to go with Ron as he does door-to-door canvassing, let him know. You do not have to say anything, just observe the process.



Martin Luther Early Years

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



Childhood: Luther's parents worked hard for a living. Like most parents of the time, they were strict disciplinarians. They taught young Martin to pray to the Saints, do good works and revere the Pope and the Church.

Education: At age five, Martin began to study Latin in a local school. At thirteen he attended the school of a religious brotherhood in Magdeburg, German. A brilliant student, Luther received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Erfurt in 1505 and began to study law.



Augustinian Friar: Shortly after beginning his law studies, Luther was caught in a violent storm and knocked to the ground by a lightning bolt. "Help me, St. Anne, and I'll become a monk," he cried. Shortly after he joined the Augustinian Cloister in Erfurt.

Ordination: Luther was ordained in 1507. He left Erfurt to teach moral philosophy at the University of Wittenberg. In 1510 he journeyed to Rome on business for the Augustinians. The spiritual laxity that Father Luther found in the Holy City was shocking to him.

Doctor Martin Luther: Continuing his studies after returning from Rome, Luther soon earned his Doctorate of Theology. From 1513 to 1518 he lectured on Biblical Theology at the University of Wittenberg. He became widely known. He 1515 Doctor Luther was appointed District Vicar for the Augustinian Order.

A Crisis of Conscience: Throughout his career, Luther was torn by inner turmoil. If people are ruled by sin, how could they hope to gain redemption in the eyes of God? He continually sought peace through "good works," including fasting and punishing his flesh. His failure to cleanse himself drove him to the edge of despair.

