

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

*****August 2018*****

THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Servant of Christ,

In August the NALC meets in annual Convocation. This year it is being held in Denver, Colorado (see enclosed article). Pray that the actions taken by those present will further the work of sharing the Gospel in North America and around the world.

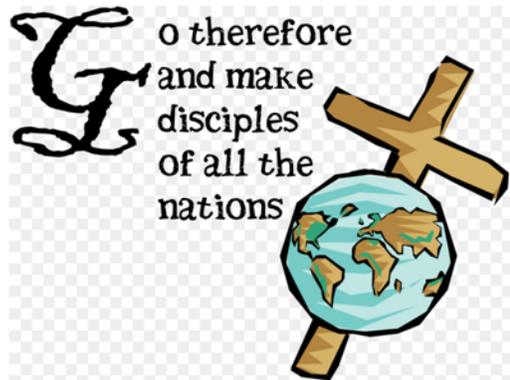
I would encourage you to review the work of our church; you can do this online. During the week of the Convocation, many of the speakers will be available to you by streaming video.

When we gather for our brunch at the end of this month, Dan, Lenore, and I will share experiences from our time in Denver and answer any questions you may have.

The North American Lutheran Church is Christ-centered, Mission-driven, Traditionally-grounded an Congregationally-focused.

Give thanks for our church, pray for it daily and do all in your power to build it up in love.

In Christ,
Ron



S T A Y I N F O R M E D

The Parables of Jesus

The parables of Jesus is the focus of our Sunday morning Bible studies through the summer. Our resource book is *The Parables of Jesus* by William Barclay.



August 5 - Faithful in Little
Luke 19:11-27, chapter 29

August 12 - Joy in Heaven
Luke 15:1-7 chapter 27

August 19 - He Counted the Cost
Luke 14:25-33 chapter 31

Join us whenever you can. Use your study book at home.

August Servants



Greeter/Usher: Ray Collins
Communion Assistant: Cliff Waugh
Snacks:
**August 5—Mary Collins
**August 12—Jackie Opperman
**August 19—LaDonna Retzlaff
**August 26—Brunch

FLOWERS: Mary Collins

Outreach Visitation will continue throughout the summer months. Let Ron know if you would like to tag along. We invite, we share the good news of Jesus, we encourage.

August Outreach/ Mission Support

\$333 - The North American Lutheran Church General Fund

Thank you for your faithful giving that allows us to support various mission efforts!

Bi-monthly Brunch will be held Sunday, August 26, at 10:15. We will review and discuss the actions taken at the 2018 NALC Convocation.



2018 Lutheran Week

August 13-17, Denver Colorado

The annual convocation of The North American Lutheran Church will be held at the Crown Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center. The theme focuses on the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8. The Holy Spirit is always:

Calling

Gathering

Enlightening

Sanctifying



The week's events include:

- **a Youth Ministry symposium
- **Discipleship Coaching
- **Women of the NALC annual gathering
- **Braaten/Benne lectures on theology
- **NALC Mission Festival and Convocation

Representing Servants of Christ will be lay delegates Dan and Lenore Heckart and Pastor Voss.

"You will be my *witness*
in Jerusalem and in all
Judea & Samaria,
& to the ends
of the earth"

Acts 1:8



Really Free!

a study of the book of Romans

Begins September 2

sometimes whether or not you really are a Christian? Do you long for a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ?

Do you long for a Christian life which is characterized by more joy and victory? Do you sometimes feel that the struggle with sin is hopeless? Are you plagued with feelings of guilt? Do you wonder

If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” then the book of Romans is for you. For this letter shows clearly how we can escape the bondage to sin into a life of growing freedom and joy. Jesus promised this freedom: “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” “If the Son sets you free,” He says, “then you will be *really free*” (John 8:32, 36 TEV). In Romans Paul explains the basis for this freedom and shows how it may become ours.

It was this book of the Bible that changed the life of Martin Luther and led him into a deep, personal, joyful, *free* relationship with Jesus Christ. You will want to be part of this study.

The Church is only as strong as its individual members who are rooted and grounded in the Word, in prayer, in worship, in study. To help in these areas, look over the resource and study materials that are available free of charge on the information table each Sunday morning. Take copies for yourself and for a friend.

For more in-depth study and growth, consider requesting a subscription (again, at no charge) to the magazine *Connections*. This magazine of evangelical renewal is filled with many articles that will encourage and inspire your faith walk. See Ron if interested.