



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 cell: 563-206-4611; land: 563-682-7359

*******June 2021**

Brunch/Discussion Resumes

Dear servant of Christ,

In June we resume our normal post-worship fellowship/sharing times with coffee and snacks. All are welcome to stay; if you are not yet comfortable with the ending-pandemic socialization, please do not feel obligated to stay.

The last Sunday in June will also see the return of our bi-monthly brunch. This meal and discussion time provides an additional time not only to visit but also to learn about NALC beyond our local congregation: within our district and through America. It also reminds us of the global Christian church and of the needs and challenges faced by many. We worship together because God commanded that we praise Him, glorify Him, and hear His Word. We study together and inform ourselves on current happenings in the Church to equip us for mission and service.

Our June brunch discussion will highlight the administrative and jurisdictional changes occurring in 2022 as the North American Lutheran Church continues to grow. A copy of those changes will be distributed June 27. The changes hopefully enable the NALC to move forward as a thriving, growing denomination, building on our Mission-Driven and Congregationally-Focused core values. What is unchanged is NALC's commitment to a lean denominational structure. We will also look at the NALC Council's decision to establish a centralized office in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas metro area.

June 27 Worship Fellowship Learn and Discuss.

Peace to you,

Ron

Mission Giving for June

NALC General Fund: \$667 (2021 support for this outreach is \$8,000)

NALC Seminary: \$1,000

Our 2021 Mission Spending Plan has been expanded to \$24,550, a \$10,000 increase from 2020.

Remember in prayer our missionaries in Madagascar Tsaramana Daniel and Fagnaky-Josoa Omena.

The NALC 2020 Vision: a 10-Point Plan

The NALC is a mission-minded, mission committed church.

The following represents a 2020 Vision for the North American Lutheran Church. The development of this Vision has included input from NALC Staff, Executive Council, Mission District Deans, the NALS President and Board of Regents, and other appropriate parties. This was approved by the NALC Convocation this past August.

This plan supports the Four Core Values of the NALC. It also represents the commitments we are striving to accomplish withing the nest four years. By the year 2023, we see . . .

5. A denomination with the strongest and most highly-respectged Lutheran seminary Training System in North America. Center in Ambridge, PA, with Learning Hubs/Extension Centers in multiple locations. Disciple-making emphasis incorporated in Seminary Training and First Call support. Double the number of seminarians by 2023.

Dancing with a Shadow: The Book of Esther

Study begins in June

An intensely personal look at God's providence in difficult circumstances, this study will take us through the often overlooked book of Esther to make sense of God's silence. The author discusses the uncommon features of this fascinating Old Testament book and how they apply to our lives. First, Esther makes no mention of God; second, the book makes no reference to miracles of God. And yet the events recorded there can only be attributed to God, and the books outcome is clearly miraculous



Plan to attend and marvel how God ordinarily works in our daily circumstances.



June Servants

Greeter/Usher: Tami Gerdemann
 Communion Assistant:
 Gerald Retzlaff

Snacks:
 ** June 6—Mary Collins
 ** June 13—Judy Waugh
 ** June 20—Tami Gerdemann
 ** June 27—Brunch

Flowers: Mary Collins



Back to the Brunch

Great food, enjoyable fellowship, information on the changes in the NALC administrative structure. Join us on the Sunday, June 27, following worship.



Legacy Gifts Matter!

Prayerfully consider including the North American Lutheran Church and/or the Seminary in your will or estate planning. Pass on the love of Jesus to future generations.



In early May my wife was at a nursery purchasing outdoor plants. As she was leaving, she saw a lady wearing a long-sleeved tee-shirt. Printed on the back of the shirt was a Bible verse. My wife called out to the lady, "I like your shirt." The lady turned around with a smile and said, "I bought this shirt at my church. Have you ever visited our church (she named it)? We would love to have you!" That lady is what you call a missionary in a parking lot. Never ignoring an opportunity to witness and invite. May it be so for each of us.

"Let your light shine."