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As the disciples were looking up into the sky while Jesus was going up, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:10-11

There has been a lot of talk recently about the end of the world. The movie “2012” made some people worried. Will the world end on Dec. 21, 2012? No. The ancient Mayan people in South America made several kinds of calendars, and one ends on Dec. 21, 2012. Some people think that means the world will end on that date. But that makes no sense. Many of you have calendars that ended on Dec. 31, 2009. That only means you need to buy a new calendar. The world didn’t end. We don’t need to worry. The world will not fall apart on Dec. 21, 2012.

What about global warming? Some scientists and politicians scare us with stories about the earth becoming warm, causing floods and droughts, the icecaps to melt, and maybe even destroying life on earth. The truth is, earth may warm or cool as God allows, but that will not destroy life on earth. As Christians, we are responsible to take care of God’s creation. But we don’t need to fear that global warming will destroy us.

When we think about natural disasters and the end of the world, there are two things we should remember. One, natural disasters (and other troubles of all kinds) remind us that we live in a sinful world. The reason we see so much trouble in the world is because of sin.

Two, these things are signs and reminders that Jesus is coming again. When He comes, the world will end. All the dead will rise alive again. Jesus will judge unbelievers and send them into hell forever. That is the terrible end that unbelievers should fear. They should repent and trust in Jesus for life. Everyone who trusts Jesus as their Savior will go to heaven to live in perfection and peace forever.

There will always be news stories to make people afraid. People will always talk about possible destruction. Don’t fear. We know the world will not get destroyed until Jesus comes again. Instead of worrying about the earth, Christians spend their time being ready for Jesus and watching for Him.

Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

Congratulations to the officers elected in Davenport. Officers for 2010 are Brian Byer (president), Shirley Hampton (treasurer), Kris Baltzer (secretary), Joan Plumb (financial secretary), Cynthia Byer and Neita Dommer (auditors). New officers in Cedar Rapids are Jeanette Kern (president), Gerald Mitchell (vice president), Theresa Legg (secretary), Barbara Zimmerman (treasurer), and Bill Zimmerman (elder).

The Chili Supper will be at Word of God, Cedar Rapids, on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. For cost and other information, please contact the church. Come for great food and fellowship! Also check out the new stove, bought with the help of Thrivent money!

Roof Update: The roof on the church in Cedar Rapids was finished in late November! Praise God! Since that time, there have been no water leaks, and the temperature in the church has been warmer. We thank God that this good work is finally done.

Welcome to Susan Sacco, who was confirmed on Nov. 15 as a new member of Word of God, Davenport!

Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of surgery recovery, physical challenges and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Rose Correa, Matt Frimml, Julie Lahane, Ruth Teepe, Dwayne Teepe, Darlene Twatchmann, Julie Ryzek, Barb Saeugling, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Paul Matzen, Ruby Oelberg, Linda Sparks, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Jay and Lisa Oelberg, Kathy Anderson, and Floyd Neely.
- ✦ The family of Harold (and Joan) Postel, whose mother was recently called to her eternal home at the age of 97.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Terry Ann Check, Martha Wrage, Cheryl McLeod, Bob Orr, Larry and Joan Plumb, and Curtis Ketelsen, Madonna Moore.
- ✦ For all Christians to be faithful to God in everything they believe, say, and do. Also for all Christians to be faithful in their witness to others in words and actions.
- ✦ For all non-Christians, that they will see who Jesus Christ truly is; their God and Lord, the Savior who died to give us true life now, and new life with Him in heaven forever.



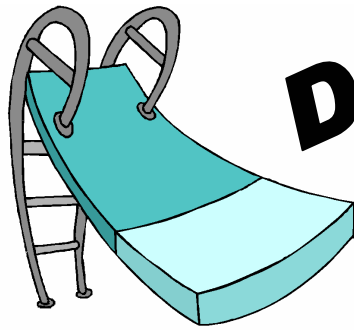
January

- 7 Curtis Ketelsen
- 9 DeWayne Teepe
- 14 Janelle Legg
- 15 Diane Yotter
- 16 Joanne Postel
- 19 Marian Edwards
- 26 Janice Wilson
- 30 Rosie Glime
- 31 Ruby Oleberg



February

- 3 Neita Dommer
- Gerald Mitchell
- 5 Rebecca Daggett
- 12 Curtis Bethurum
- 14 Roselyn Schultz
- 15 Ruth Teepe
- 16 Rickie Rowray
- 19 Lorne Schultz
- Sarah Eckert
- 24 Gail Hanson
- 29 Melody Eiben



Dive Into God's Word

Who is Jesus?

Epiphany. That is a Greek word that means to show, or appear, or give light. Epiphany is the time in the church year after Christmas and before Lent, usually January and February. The Bible readings in church all help us see who Jesus is. We see Jesus show the Jews that He is the Son of God and our Savior. In your daily readings, how did God show who Jesus is, or how did Jesus show who He is?

Matthew 2:1-12. Who were the wise men looking for? What did they name Jesus (verse 2)?

The Jewish teachers quoted an Old Testament verse, Micah 5:2. That verse says Jesus is who?

Luke 3:1-22. What did John the Baptizer say about Jesus?

What happened when Jesus got baptized? What did the dove and the voice show about who Jesus is?

Luke 4:31-44. Jesus threw out many demons. Who did they say Jesus was (verses 34, 41)?

Luke 5:17-32. Jesus forgave a man's sins and then healed him. What does that show about Jesus?

Why did Jesus visit with sinners? What did Jesus say about why He came (verses 30-32)?

Luke 9:28-36. What did the disciples see on the mountain? Who did God the Father (the voice) say Jesus is?

Daily Bible readings for next 3 months.

January	24 Luke 19:1-10	15 Psalm 51	9 2 Samuel 22:1-25
1 Colossians 1:1-23	25 Acts 9:1-25	16 Isaiah 58:1-14	10 2 Samuel 22:26-56
2 Colossians 1:24-2:5	26 Acts 9:26-43	17 Joel 2:1-17	11 1 Kings 3:1-15
3 Colossians 2:6-23	27 Acts 10:1-33	18 Hosea.11:1-11	12 1 Kings 8:1-21
4 Colossians 3:1-17	28 Acts 10:34-48	19 Hosea 14:1-9	13 1 Kings 8:22-53
5 Colossians 4:2-18	29 Acts 11:1-18	20 John 1:1-10	14 1 Kings 8:54-66
6 Matthew 2:1-12	30 Acts 11:19-30	21 1 John 2:1-17	15 Ezra 9:1-15
7 Matthew 2:13-23	31 Acts 12:1-19	22 1 John 2:18-29	16 Nehemiah 1:1-11
8 Luke 3:1-22	February	23 1 John 3:1-10	17 Nehemiah 8:1-18
9 Luke 4:16-30	1 Matthew 22:15-46	24 1 John 3:11-24	18 Nehemiah 9:1-14
10 Luke 4:31-44	2 Mark 12:28-44	25 1 John 4:1-21	19 Nehemiah 9:15-37
11 Luke 5:1-16	3 Luke 10:25-42	26 1 John 5:1-21	20 Esther 4:1-17
12 Luke 5:17-39	4 Leviticus 19:1-18	27 2 John	21 Job 42:1-17
13 Luke 7:1-17	5 Deuteronomy 6:1-9	28 3 John	22 Daniel 9:1-19
14 Luke 7:18-35	6 Galatians 1:1-24	March	23 Jonah 2:1-10
15 Luke 7:36-50	7 Galatians 2:1-21	1 Matthew 6:1-18	24 Habakkuk 1:1-17
16 Luke 9:1-17	8 Galatians 3:1-20	2 Luke 11:1-13	25 Habakkuk 2:1-20
17 John 17:1-26	9 Galatians 3:21-4:7	3 Luke 18:1-14	26 Habakkuk 3:1-19
18 Luke 9:18-36	10 Galatians 4:8-31	4 Psalm 32	27 Psalm 86
19 Luke 9:37-62	11 Galatians 5:1-26	5 Psalm 33	28 Luke 19:28-48
20 Luke 10:1-24	12 Galatians 6:1-18	6 Psalm 34	29 Luke 20:1-18
21 Luke 8:19-39	13 1 Corinthians 12:1-26	7 Numbers 14:1-25	30 Luke 20:19-47
22 Luke 8:40-56	14 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	8 1 Samuel 2:1-11	31 Luke 22:1-38
23 Luke 18:15-30			

Names for Jesus

Created on <http://wordsearch.armoredpenguin.com/>

Who is Jesus? These names show who He is and what He does. All these are from the Bible. He has many more names not listed here!

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A K I N G O F T H E J E W S E E
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B K I L L A M B O F G O D S I I
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I A S I T D F I O O E K G R C A
N G K A A S S H T O W D S W M D
R M O M A T D O I H M L F O D I

Word List

Alpha and Omega
Author of life
Bread of life
Christ
First and Last
God
Good Shepherd
I Am
Immanuel
King of Kings
King of the Jews
Lamb of God
Light of the world
Lord
Rabbi
Redeemer
Rock
Savior
Son of God
Son of Man
Word of God



January 2010

					1 Happy New Year!	2
3 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	4	5	6 9:30 QC – DeafPah study 11:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	7 6:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	8	9 2:00 DU – Bible Study
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 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 WL – Waterloo. Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S Hackett Rd., Waterloo. Every Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 pm. 2nd Wednesday Worship/Study at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. Bible study at 2:00 p.m. on 2nd Saturday.
 MC – Mason City. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 419 N. Delaware Ave., Mason City. 1st and 3rd Thursday, Worship and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Bible study at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday.

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This is from the e-mail pile, not from the Bible. But God gave us common sense, and common sense can give us some good practical advice. Submitted by Pastor Anderson (with a few edits).

HANDBOOK 2010

Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy 5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games.
7. Read more books than you did in 2009.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts over things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy right now in a positive way.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake.
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your spouse or friends about their mistakes of the past.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Remember to speak the truth in love.

Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything, the same as God forgives you.
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. The best is yet to come.
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
39. Live in the joy that God gives you. Live joyfully.