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**January –  
February  
2011**

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*Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10*

The teacher gave the class their assignment. He said, "Please stay in your seats and do your math problems on pages 15 and 16. I will be back soon." Then he left the room.

- One student put his head down on the desk and slept. He said, "My sleep is more important than homework right now."
- Another student did a few problems, then got out her phone and started texting her friends. She said, "I can't do this work without help."
- A third student stood on his chair and started throwing paper balls at other students. He said, "I'm staying in my seat, like the teacher said!"
- Another student walked around yelling at the other students for doing wrong and told them to get busy on their work. He said, "I need to make sure everyone does what they should."
- A fifth student put away her math book and worked on history homework. She said, "I'm behind on history, so I need to get that done first."
- The last student sat quietly at her desk and worked on her homework until the teacher came back.

Which one did what the teacher asked? Only the last student did what the teacher wanted. Every other student did something wrong, but they all had an excuse ready to explain why they did what they did.

Which student are we? We are not the last student. No one does everything God wants. We all have done wrong. But now what? Do we repent, confess our sin, and ask God to forgive us? Or do we give God excuses and try to make ourselves look right?

Our culture is strong with excuses. Too many Christians also try to excuse their behavior. They think they can do wrong and it doesn't matter.

Don't fool yourselves. God doesn't accept excuses. He only accepts Jesus' death for your sins. If you live in sin and try to excuse yourself, then you are still stuck in your sin. Instead, repent of your sin, admit your wrong and change your ways, and trust Jesus' payment for your sin.

Living in excuses will only lead to death. Live in God's forgiveness that leads to life!

Pastor Eckert

## The Latest Word...

**Future Events!** Watch for these future events: St. Patrick's party and Movie Night in Davenport, and the annual Pancake Breakfast in Cedar Rapids. They will all be coming in March and April.

**ILDA Convention** is this August near Columbus, Ohio. Your church should have the registration forms for you to registration. Make sure you attend, support ILDA, enjoy fellowship with other Deaf Lutherans, and study and learn God's word!

**Congratulations** to Pastor Mark and Pam Anderson, first-time grandparents! Evelyn May Anderson was born to their son and daughter-in-law, Seth and Carri Anderson, on January 15, 2011, at 5:13 p.m.



## Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of surgery recovery, physical challenges, and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Rosa Correa, Julie Lahane, DeWayne Teepe, Darlene Twatchmann, Julie Ryzek, Barb Saeugling, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Linda Sparks, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Jay and Lisa Oelberg, Cathy Ruchotzke, and Kathy Anderson.
- ✦ Pam Anderson will go into the hospital in February for lung treatment.
- ✦ Martha Wrage was supposed to have a kidney transplant in November. It got postponed to December, then to Jan. 13, and now to Jan. 20. Pray that she can finally get the kidney and that the surgery and healing all go well.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Dennis and Jeanette Evans, Cheryl McLeod, Larry and Joan Plumb, Curtis Ketelsen, Neita Dommer, Mollie Schmitz, Diane Yotter, and family members John, Vicky, Jennifer, and Heidi. Bob Orr is in the nursing home in Wapello and would like to have visitors.
- ✦ Pastor Eckert's father passed away in November and Brian Byer's uncle passed away in December. Ask God to give these families His perfect peace.
- ✦ Pray for the people wounded and those mourning the loss of those killed in the shootings in Arizona and Omaha. Pray that God will bring the guilty people to repent and believe in Him. Also pray that God will give people in our nation the desire to work together in peace and not be full of hatred and anger.
- ✦ For all shut-ins who are not able to come to church. Pray that God keeps their faith strong.
- ✦ For all people to have new life in Christ.



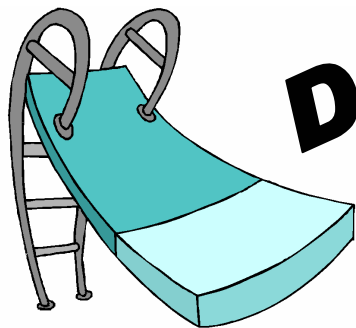
## January

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



## February

- 3 Neita Dommer  
Gerald Mitchell
- 5 Rebecca Daggett  
Evelyn Powell
- 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

## Jesus Shows Who He Is

“Epiphany” means show or reveal. Epiphany is the time in the church year after Christmas and before Lent. We see who Jesus is. Jesus travels around preaching, teaching, and healing people to show that He is the Savior for all people. (Answers on the bottom of page 4.)

1. Romans 1:1-4. Who is Jesus? He is a descendent (son of) \_\_\_\_\_ and the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus Christ our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Matthew 8:1-4. People were afraid of leprosy (skin disease), because they could catch that disease. The law said stay away and don't touch those sick people. Was Jesus afraid? How did Jesus show love for the man?
3. Matthew 8:5-13. Jesus showed He has authority (power) over \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Matthew 8:23-27. Jesus showed He has authority over \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Matthew 8:28-34. Jesus showed He has authority over \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Matthew 9:1-8. Jesus had authority to \_\_\_\_\_ the man's sins. Jesus proved He could forgive because He also made the man able to \_\_\_\_\_ again.

### Daily Bible readings for next 2 months.

<b>January</b>	24 Acts 8.26-40	15 2 Corinthians 8.1-24	9 Matthew 6.1-18
1 Romans 1.1-17	25 Acts 9.1-25	16 2 Corinthians 9.1-15	10 Joel 1.1-20
2 Romans 5.1-21	26 Acts 9.26-43	17 2 Corinthians 12.1-21	11 Joel 2.1-17
3 Romans 6.1-23	27 Acts 26.1-18	18 2 Corinthians 13.1-13	12 Joel 2.18-27
4 Romans 10.5-17	28 Acts 26.19—27.12	19 Romans 12.1-21	13 Matthew 4.1-11
5 Matthew 1.1-25	29 Acts 27.13-38	20 1 John 1.1-10	14 Isaiah 38.1-20
6 Matthew 2.1-15	30 Acts 27.39—28.10	21 1 John 2.1-17	15 Isaiah 55.1-13
7 Matthew 2.16-23	31 Acts 28.11-31	22 1 John 2.18-29	16 Isaiah 58.1-14
8 Matthew 3.1-17	<b>February</b>	23 1 John 3.1-24	17 Jeremiah 32.1-15
9 Matthew 4.12-25	1 Leviticus 19.1-18	24 1 John 4.1-21	18 Jeremiah 32.16-44
10 Matthew 8.1-17	2 Deuteronomy 6.1-25	25 1 John 5.1-21	19 Lamentations 3.1-24
11 Matthew 8.18-34	3 Matthew 19.13-30	26 2 John	20 2 Chronicles 1.1-17
12 Matthew 9.1-17	4 Mark 12.28-44	27 3 John	21 2 Chronicles 5.2-14
13 Matthew 9.18-38	5 John 3.1-21	28 Jude 1-25	22 2 Chronicles 6.1-17
14 Matthew 10.1-25	6 John 3.22-36	<b>March</b>	23 2 Chronicles 6.18-42
15 Matthew 10.26-42	7 John 13.1-20	1 Colossians 1.1-23	24 2 Chronicles 7.1-22
16 Matthew 11.1-19	8 John 13.21-35	2 Colossians 1.24-2.19	25 Nehemiah 9.1-38
17 Matthew 11.20-30	9 Hosea 1.1—2.1	3 Colossians 2.20-3.17	26 Daniel 9.1-19
18 Matthew 16.1-28	10 Hosea 2.2-23	4 Colossians 4.2-18	27 Habakkuk 1.1-17
19 Matthew 17.1-23	11 Hosea 11.1-11	5 2 Corinthians 1.1-11	28 Habakkuk 2.1-20
20 Matthew 17.24—18.5	12 Hosea 14.1-9	6 Psalm 27	29 Habakkuk 3.1-19
21 Matthew 18.6-20	13 1 Corinthians 12.12-31	7 Psalm 51	30 Psalm 115
22 Acts 8.4-25	14 1 Corinthians 13.1-13	8 Psalm 57	31 Psalm 116
23 John 17.1-26			

# A New Promise for a New Year

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R E Y E R F O R G I V E A  
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D V G I N I D K E I H T R  
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I D O A G D N A S P M N E  
R N A L N D S R H O B A O  
H A N E I G H B O R S L P  
J B S R H D N U O T E E L  
U S R H C A S U R A L T E  
D U R D A S G A R N J B P  
A H I R E H E S S T A I F  
H A K P T H I P C N F P N

## Word List

Find all the underlined words from Jeremiah 31:31-34.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new promise to Israel and Judah. It will not be like the promise that I made to their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of Egypt. They rejected that promise, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

“But this is the promise that I will make to Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put my teachings inside them, and I will write those teachings on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

What was Valentine’s Day like for Adam and Eve?

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



In his first attempt to be romantic, Adam merely states the obvious.

No longer will each person teach his neighbors or his relatives by saying, ‘Know the LORD.’ All of them, from the least important to the most important, will know me,” declares the LORD, “because I will forgive their wickedness and I will no longer hold their sins against them.”

*We thank God for sending Jesus. He is the New Promise who gives us new life!*

Answers to questions on page 3:

1. David, God, Lord
2. No, not afraid. Jesus touched and healed the man.
3. Sickness
4. Nature (or storms, or weather, wind, etc.)
5. Demons
6. Forgive, walk

# January 2011

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