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**July – August  
2011**

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## **GOD CALLS SINNERS TO REPENT**

Pastor Eckert wrote in the last newsletter (May-June 2011) that the Lord allows all kinds of troubles happening in this world. We know and believe that HE is all-powerful, all-seeing and all-knowing God who really cares for all of HIS creation always. HE wants all sinners to go to heaven and know the truth about HIS grace (mercy-love) for all of the people of all ages.

The Truth is that only Christ Jesus can bring us to heaven. That means that we need the Holy Spirit, the Comforter from our Heavenly Father and the gentle Savior, to remind us over and over again that we repent everyday about our everyday sins. Then, as we remember our Holy Baptism, we praise and thank God every day for HIS promise to be faithful and just to forgive our sins and clean us from all wrongdoings.

The Bible shows that the first words Jesus spoke right after 40 days of temptation out in the desert by Satan: REPENT for the kingdom of God is at hand (here).

Also, the Word says that whenever a sinner repents, all angels in heaven rejoice!

Maybe you are not too sure what the word REPENT really means. Here, first of all, the Holy Spirit touches our heart from the Bible (for example, the 10 commandments) that we did something wrong against God. And other people, too. Secondly, we show our sorrow. Thirdly, we now know that the Lord is always right and holy AND we are always wrong and sinful. Fourthly, we trust HIS Promise that HE fully forgives and completely forgets our sins because Jesus took all sins on Himself at the cross. Finally, we celebrate and thank HIM for His amazing grace that always stays on us. The Holy Spirit touches our heart every day that we do not want to sin anymore. Suppose that we still did it again anyway, we repent again and trust God for HIS mercy.

Pastor Eckert wrote that the Holy Spirit makes sure that we will always follow Jesus no matter what happens in our life. I want to go further that no matter how big or how little sin can be, we will always want to repent without fear or worry, knowing that the Lord God always, always keeps HIS promise to forgive and forget. We all now praise and thank HIM always!

Pastor Mark

## The Latest Word...



**Congratulations** to Evelyn Powell, who joined Word of God by profession of faith, and Lorri and Shirley Green, who joined by confirmation. We now have Bible study and worship every month in Muscatine.

**The Joint Picnic** is coming soon, on August 28. See the flyer for more information.

**Don't forget ILDA and Midwest ILDA!** ILDA will be August 4-7 at Deer Creek State Park near Columbus, Ohio. Midwest ILDA will be October 7-9 in Boulder, Colorado. You can get the registration forms at [www.iowaeastdeaf.org](http://www.iowaeastdeaf.org) on the News page (with the newsletters).



## Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of physical challenges and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Julie Lahane, DeWayne Teepe, Darlene Twachtmann, Doris Chia, Barb Saeugling and her mother-Luella Barnes, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Kathy Anderson and Pam Anderson.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Dennis and Jeanette Evans, Cheryl McLeod, Larry and Joan Plumb, Carrie Kelley, Curtis Ketelsen, Kris Baltzer, Mollie Schmitz, Martha Wrage, and Bob Orr.
- ✦ For the people still recovering from natural disasters – earthquakes, tsunami, floods, tornados and storms.
- ✦ We ask God to keep us faithful to Him and His word. Every day, let us repent of our sin and trust God to save us and lead us as His people.



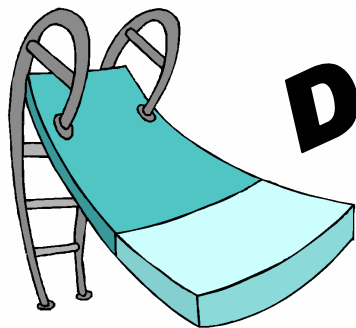
## July

- 13 Barb Zimmerman
- 15 Bill Zimmerman
- 17 Lorri Green
- 25 Bob Orr
- 31 Michael Anderson



## August

- 14 Jackie Spencer
- 17 Betty Schmidt
- 17 Stephen Eckert
- 24 Darlene Twachtmann
- 26 Thomas Eaton Jr.
- 28 Mary Erpelding



# Dive Into God's Word

## Repentance and Forgiveness

The July readings from Genesis chapters 41-50 tell part of the story of Joseph and his brothers. This is the Old Testament Joseph, not Joseph the adoptive father of Jesus in the New Testament. Joseph's brothers hated him and planned to kill him. Instead of killing him, they sold him as a slave. God used that for good and He used Joseph to save many people's lives from famine and starvation. In this study, we want to see how Joseph's brothers realized their sin, repented, and how Joseph forgave them. (Answers on page 4.)

1. Genesis 42:1-22. Repentance means knowing you did wrong. Joseph tested his brothers to see if they were sorry for their wrongs against him. Did the brothers know they did wrong?
2. Genesis 44:1-34. Repentance means changing your ways and doing right. Joseph tested his brothers again. Did the brothers hate Benjamin the same way they hated Joseph? Or did they change and do right? See what Judah offered to do.
3. Genesis 45:1-28. Repentance leads to forgiveness. Joseph forgave his brothers. How did he show he forgave them?
4. Genesis 50:14-21. Repentance is humility. How did the brothers show humility in front of Joseph?

### Daily Bible readings for next 2 months.

<b>July</b>	24 1 Samuel 1:1-28	15 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	6 Matthew 12:22-50
1 Psalm 32	25 1 Samuel 24:1-22	16 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28	7 Matthew 13:1-23
2 Psalm 103	26 1 Samuel 26:1-25	17 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	8 Matthew 13:24-58
3 Genesis 32:1-32	27 2 Samuel 9:1-13	18 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	9 Matthew 22:1-22
4 Genesis 33:1-20	28 Matthew 18:21-35	19 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	10 Matthew 22:23-46
5 Genesis 41:1-36	29 Matthew 20:1-16	20 1 Timothy 1:1-20	11 Matthew 25:1-30
6 Genesis 41:37-57	30 Philemon 1-25	21 1 Timothy 2:1-15	12 Matthew 25:31-46
7 Genesis 42:1-38	31 Hebrews 10:1-39	22 1 Timothy 3:1-16	13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17
8 Genesis 43:1-34	<b>August</b>	23 1 Timothy 4:1-16	14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
9 Genesis 44:1-34	1 Hebrews 11:1-22	24 1 Timothy 5:1-25	15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
10 Genesis 45:1-28	2 Hebrews 11:23-40	25 1 Timothy 6:1-21	16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
11 Genesis 46:1-27	3 Hebrews 12:1-11	26 2 Timothy 1:1-18	17 1 Corinthians 4:1-21
12 Genesis 46:28-47:26	4 Hebrews 12:12-29	27 2 Timothy 2:1-26	18 James 1:1-27
13 Genesis 47:27-48:22	5 Matthew 14:13-36	28 2 Timothy 3:1-17	19 James 2:1-26
14 Genesis 49:29-50:26	6 Matthew 15:1-20	29 2 Timothy 4:1-22	20 James 3:1-18
15 Exodus 33:1-23	7 Matthew 15:21-39	30 Joshua 23:1-16	21 James 4:1-17
16 Exodus 34:1-35	8 Philippians 1:1-30	31 Joshua 24:1-33	22 James 5:1-20
17 Leviticus 16:1-34	9 Philippians 2:1-30	<b>September</b>	23 Psalm 34
18 Numbers 14:1-25	10 Philippians 3:1-21	1 Matthew 5:1-20	24 Psalm 37
19 Joshua 1:1-18	11 Philippians 4:1-23	2 Matthew 5:21-48	25 Proverbs 8:1-36
20 Joshua 2:1-24	12 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	3 Matthew 6:19-34	26 Proverbs 9:1-18
21 Joshua 3:1-17	13 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	4 Matthew 7:1-29	27 Proverbs 10:1-32
22 Joshua 6:1-27	14 1 Thess. 2:17-3:13	5 Matthew 12:1-21	28 Proverbs 12:1-28
23 Judges 13:1-25			29 Proverbs 16:1-33
			30 Eccl. 11:9-12:14

# Jesus Ascended into Heaven

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## Word List

Jesus came for sinners! All heaven rejoices when a sinner, like us, repents, confesses their sin, and trust Jesus as their Savior. Find the underlined words from Luke 15:1-10.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Answers to questions on page 3:

1. Genesis 42:21, the brothers said they were guilty for what they did to Joseph.
2. Yes, the brothers changed. Judah said he will stay in jail so Benjamin can go free.
3. Joseph spoke kindly to his brothers and loved them. He gave them food and clothes to help them.
4. The brothers bowed down to Joseph and said they were his servants. They asked again for forgiveness. Joseph spoke kindly to them and reminded them he forgave them.

## Welcome to Summer Heat!

### AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Adam greets his wife after a long day of working “by the sweat of his brow.” Eve immediately detects more than just his brow was sweating!

# July 2011

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BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Bible study at 4:00 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship at 4:00 p.m.  
 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 29<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Bible Study at 11:30 a.m.  
 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Worship/Study at 7:00 p.m.  
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. Bible study will start again in September.  
 MC – Mason City. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 419 N. Delaware Ave., Mason City. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Worship and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.  
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Worship and Bible study at 10:00 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

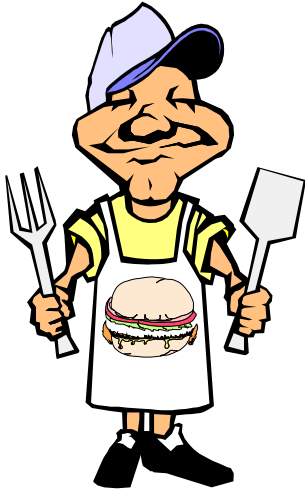
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<b>28</b>  10:30 Conroy – All Iowa Lutheran Worship and Picnic	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  7:00 WL – Study			

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# ALL IOWA

## Lutheran Deaf Worship and Picnic



August 28, 2011

9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Hilton Hall, Conroy, IA

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Picnic begins at 12:00 p.m.

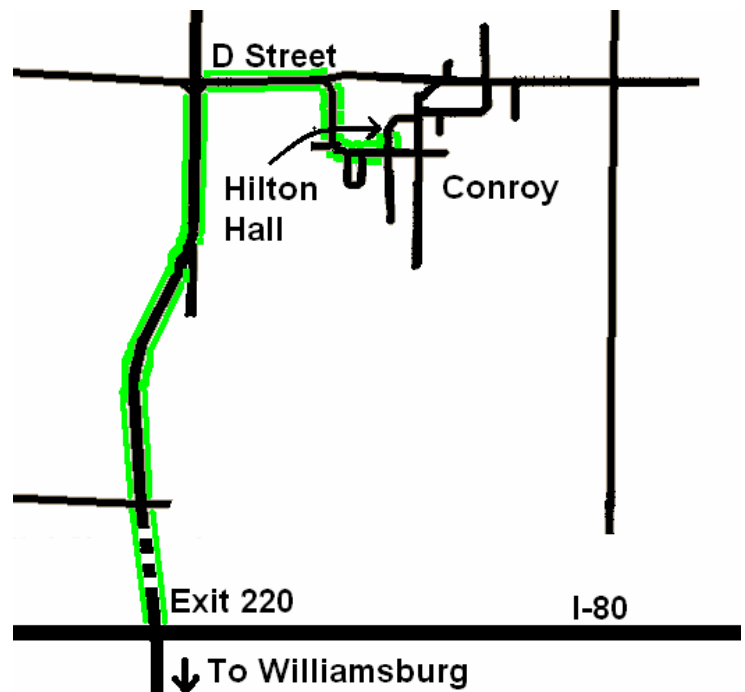
Come to the joint worship service and picnic with deaf from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Quad Cities, Dubuque, Muscatine, Burlington, and all over Iowa!

Hilton Hall, 550 – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Conroy, IA

On Interstate I-80, take the Williamsburg exit, number 220. Drive north 3 miles. Turn east (right) onto D Street. It is also named 190<sup>th</sup> St., or County Rd. F34. Drive 0.3 miles. Turn right onto 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. It is the first turn you will see. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. will curve to the left. Follow it to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn left on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., next to the park. Hilton Hall will be on your right.

Word of God, Davenport, is host this year and will provide plates, napkins and silverware.

Please bring (1) a meat dish AND (2) a side dish (salad, vegetable, fruit, etc.) to share. Electrical outlets are available. Bring food to share!



Indoor location! Regular restrooms!  
Kitchen! Air conditioning!

For more info, contact Rev. Tim Eckert:  
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***All Deaf Are Invited!***