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**May – June 2010**

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*First, I want all of you to pray for everyone. Ask God to bless them. Give thanks for them. Pray for kings. Pray for all who are in authority. Pray that we will live peaceful and quiet lives. And pray that we will be godly and holy. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIRV)*

If you have been watching the news recently, you may have seen that a federal judge in Wisconsin said the National Day of Prayer is unconstitutional. Why? She thinks the government can't declare any kind of religious day or religious celebration.

Based on the constitution, the judge is wrong. The constitution says that the government can't choose one church and favor that church over other churches. The constitution doesn't say the government must avoid religion.

What do you think? Should the government make a day for prayer?

I admit, I can see two sides to the issue. On the one hand, having a National Day of Prayer is an important reminder. We should pray every day. We should pray for our leaders, as Paul said in 1 Timothy 2. It is good to meet together and encourage each other in prayer. The National Day of Prayer can be a good reminder for us to do those things. If we lose that day, we are afraid that means we are not a strong Christian nation.

But...do we need the government to tell us to pray? Who leads my spiritual life? God does, not the government. Does church teach us how to pray, or should our schools teach us how to pray? God wants the church to teach us how to pray. The church is the place God supports our spiritual life.

God gives us the government to do good things. The government protects us, punishes evil people, and makes sure there are fair laws to govern society. God wants the government to protect and help our physical life.

The church is responsible to teach us about God and our Savior Jesus. We do not expect the government to do that. The government doesn't teach us how to pray. But God's word teaches us how to pray for our leaders. God's word tells us to pray that God will bless our leaders and give us peaceful lives. Then we can easily serve God and tell other people about Jesus. We don't need a National Day of Prayer to do that. As Christians, that is something we can do every day!

Pastor Eckert

## The Latest Word...

**Burlington** has changed their schedule for Bible study and worship. Bible study will be on the second Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m. Worship will be on the fourth Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m. There will not be a Bible study on the fourth Sunday.

**Mason City** will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in May and June, not the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New(er) Copier.** If you get this newsletter in the mail, then you are enjoying the work of the wonderful new copier that Word of God, Cedar Rapids, recently bought. They recently bought a used copier (but much newer than the old copier!). It has some extra features that the old copier didn't have, and it is paid in full!



## Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of surgery recovery, physical challenges, and difficulties: Jeanette Kern, Rick and Patty Rowray, Rosa Correa, Julie Lahane, DeWayne Teepe, Darlene Twatchmann, Julie Ryczek, Barb Saeugling, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Ruby Oelberg, Linda Sparks, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Jay and Lisa Oelberg, Cathy Ruchotzke, Ruth Mettler and Kathy Anderson.
- ✦ Judy Marie (Danner) Suer, now living in New York, sent e-mail and asked for prayers for her recovery from hip replacement surgery in March, and also asked for prayers for her brother.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Jeanette Evans, Martha Wrage, Larry Belk, Cheryl McLeod, Bob Orr, Larry and Joan Plumb, Paula Slavin, Susan Sacco, Mollie Schmitz. Pray for Diane Yotter and Carrie Kelley as they recover from surgery. Also pray for our many family members who are struggling with illness.
- ✦ Ricky Moore's family after his father passed away, and Patrick Huffman's family after his grandmother passed away.
- ✦ For our leaders, that God will give them wisdom to do everything in a fair and right way.
- ✦ 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.



## May

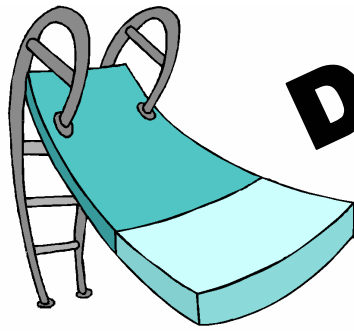
- 9 Janet Weber
- 11 Robbie Yotter
- 13 Norma Wilson  
Curtis Sparks
- 20 Richard Parkin
- 24 Barbara Saeugling
- 26 Becky Eiben



## June

- 8 Matthew Brown
- 8 Linda Jackson
- 12 Beverly Brown
- 13 Tom Eaton, Sr.
- 17 Marguerite Leister
- 29 Jonah Legg
- 30 Robert Gruhn

If you know someone whose birthday should be listed here, please tell us! Send e-mail to Pastor Eckert at [DeafLutheran@q.com](mailto:DeafLutheran@q.com).



# Dive Into God's Word

## The Holy Spirit

Pentecost is on May 23 this year. That is the day God sent the Holy Spirit to the church. Who is the Holy Spirit? What does He do? We will find out in this study.

John 14:26, 16:13-15. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will remind the disciples what Jesus said. So the Holy Spirit leads us to who and helps people pay attention to who?

Acts 2:38-39. On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached and said people must repent and get \_\_\_\_\_. When they get baptized, God will forgive their \_\_\_\_\_ and He will give them the \_\_\_\_\_. We know that when we were baptized, God gave us the Holy Spirit, too!

Acts 4:31. The Holy Spirit filled the apostles. Were the apostles afraid to speak about Jesus, or brave to speak about Jesus? Also see 2 Timothy 1:7-8. God makes us brave and bold to speak about Jesus, too!

Romans 8:8-17. The Holy Spirit makes us alive in Christ. He leads us to stop doing sinful things, and instead we live as God's \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 16).

### Daily Bible readings for next 3 months.

<b>May</b>	24 Acts 2:14-28	15 Exodus 23:20-33	7 Exodus 14:1-31
1 Romans 8:1-17	25 Acts 2:29-47	16 Exodus 24:1-18	8 Exodus 15:1-18
2 Romans 8:18-39	26 Acts 3:10	17 Deuteronomy 29:1-29	9 Exodus 15:19-27
3 Romans 12:1-21	27 Acts 3:11-26	18 Deuteronomy 30:1-20	10 Exodus 16:1-12
4 Romans 13:1-14	28 Acts 4:1-22	19 Deuteronomy 31:1-29	11 Exodus 16:13-36
5 Romans 14:1-23	29 Acts 4:23-37	20 Deut. 31:30-32:18	12 Exodus 17:1-7
6 Psalm 80	30 Acts 5:1-16	21 Deuteronomy 32:19-44	13 Leviticus 16:1-19
7 Romans 15:1-13	31 Acts 5:17-42	22 Deut. 32:45-33:5	14 Leviticus 16:20-34
8 John 14:1-14		23 Joshua 1:1-18	15 Isaiah 40:1-31
9 John 14:15-31	<b>June</b>	24 Joshua 2:1-24	16 Isaiah 41:1-20
10 John 15:1-17	1 Hebrews 3:1-19	25 Joshua 3:1-17	17 Isaiah 42:1-17
11 John 15:18-16:15	2 Hebrews 4:1-13	26 Joshua 4:1-24	18 Isaiah 43:1-28
12 John 16:16-33	3 Hebrews 4:14-5:10	27 Joshua 23:1-16	19 Jeremiah 30:1-24
13 Acts 1:1-11	4 Hebrews 5:11-6:12	28 2 Samuel 7:1-17	20 Jeremiah 31:1-22
14 Acts 1:12-26	5 Hebrews 6:13-7:10	29 2 Samuel 7:18-29	21 Jeremiah 31:23-40
15 Ezekiel 1:1-28	6 Hebrews 7:11-28	30 Psalm 89:1-37	22 Matthew 18:21-35
16 Ezekiel 2:1-10	7 Hebrews 8:1-13		23 Luke 13:10-30
17 Ezekiel 3:1-15	8 Hebrews 9:1-22	<b>July</b>	24 Luke 14:1-14
18 Ezekiel 3:16-27	9 Hebrews 9:23-10:18	1 Genesis 13:1-18	25 Luke 15:1-10
19 Ezekiel 36:1-15	10 Hebrews 10:19-39	2 Genesis 18:16-33	26 Luke 15:11-32
20 Ezekiel 36:16-38	11 Genesis 9:1-17	3 Genesis 22:1-19	27 John 8:1-20
21 Ezekiel 37:1-14	12 Genesis 15:1-21	4 Genesis 32:1-21	28 John 10:1-21
22 Joel 2:28-3:8	13 Exodus 19:1-25	5 Genesis 33:1-20	29 John 10:22-42
23 Acts 2:1-13	14 Exodus 20:1-21	6 Exodus 13:3-22	30 Philemon
			31 Psalm 103

# Fruit of the Spirit

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Pentecost is coming soon, when God sent the Holy Spirit to the church. The Holy Spirit does many things. One thing He does is help Christians grow to have a life more like Jesus. Some of His work and gifts are called the Fruits of the Spirit.

## Word List

Find all the underlined words.

Galatians 5:16-18, 22-26

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Eating the forbidden fruit will cause death. Side effects include depression, anxiety, anger, sorrow, conflict, hate, fear, selfishness, worry, pain, suffering, aging, disease, loss of appetite for the Word of God ...

**The fruit  
(result) of sin**



**The fruit  
(work) of the  
Holy Spirit**



## May 2010

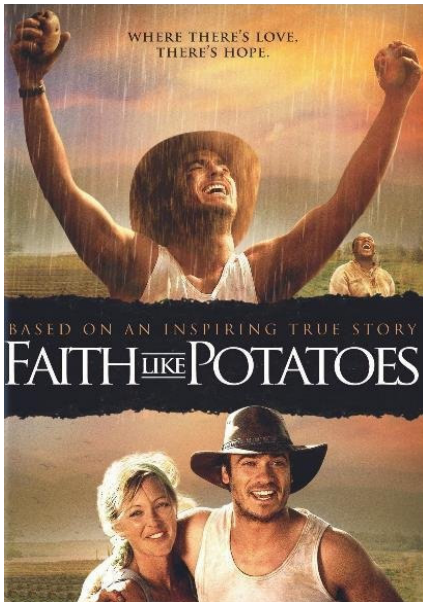
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 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
 WL – Waterloo. Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S Hackett Rd., Waterloo. Every Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Worship/Study at 7:00 p.m.  
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 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Bible study at 10:00 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

## *June 2010*

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## Deaf Movie Night

### Faith Like Potatoes (PG)

Angus Buchan and his family move to start a new life, but disaster and loss threaten to destroy him. Will he survive?

**Where there is love, there is hope.**

*Based on a true story.*

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010**

**MEAL BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MOVIE BEGINS AT 6:45 P.M.**

**POTATO BAR WITH ALL THE FIXINS!  
SUPPER, POPCORN, DESSERT ARE FREE.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN POP.**

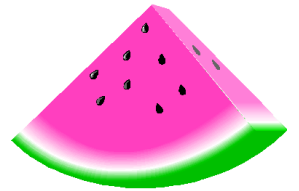
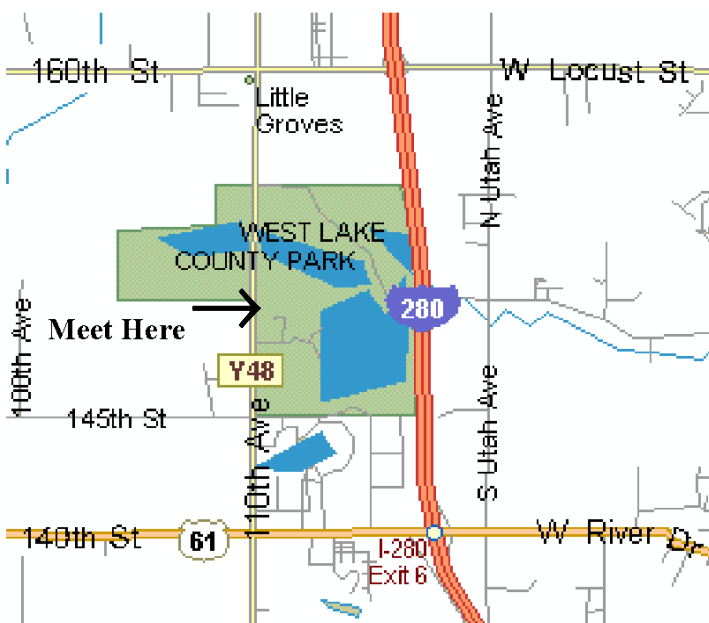
# Lutheran Deaf Picnic

June 6, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

West Lake Park, Davenport, IA

Gate 4 to High Meadows Shelter



\* Deaf worship 10:00 a.m.

\* Potluck at 11:30. Everyone please bring a meat dish and side dish or dessert to share.

\* Bring your own drinks. No alcohol, please.

\* We will provide plates, cups, and plasticware. We will also have charcoal if you want to grill meat.