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**May – June  
2018**

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*The disciples were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. A feeling of fear came over everyone as many amazing things and miraculous signs happened through the apostles. All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other. Acts 2:42-44*

I have heard moms tell their kids, “You need to get along with each other because you’re family. When you grow up, friends may change. But you’ll always be family, so you’ll always have each other.”

The church is a family. We are all children of God (1 John 3:1), and we are brothers and sisters in Christ (Hebrews 2:11-12). That means several things.

First, we meet together as family. God’s family meets in His house, in church. We want His word to teach us and His food (the Lord’s Supper) to feed us. You know people say it is important for families to eat supper together. That helps them grow together as a family. When we meet together in church as God’s family, that helps us grow together. We also have an opportunity this July to meet together with God’s extended family at Midwest ILDA. Check it out!

Second, we love each other as family. We learn from God to love each other the same as He loves us. Children learn from their parents how to love, right? The same, we know we are sinners, but we see how richly God loves us. So we learn from Him to love and forgive each other (1 John 4:11, 20-21).

Third, we take care of each other. Because we love each other, we want to help each other. We speak words of encouragement, we don’t hurt each other. If someone is in need, we share. We teach. We build up. We want to help our Christian family the same as God helps us.

May God help you grow together as His family and practice sharing His love with each other!

# Dive Into God's Word

We are continuing in our study of people in the Bible, how God used them and how they grew in faith. The apostle Peter was an interesting guy. He was quick to say what he was thinking. Sometimes that was a good thing, and sometime not. He was also the kind of person who did something before he thought about it. God turned this impulsive man into a strong and steady leader of the church. His story is mostly in the four Gospels and Acts. *Answers are on page 4.*

1. Jesus gave Peter a very nice gift of a lot of fish (Luke 5:4-7). What did Peter do when he saw what Jesus did? Luke 5:8-9
2. Peter saw Jesus' power and he was afraid. He didn't think he deserved to be around Jesus anymore. But what did Jesus tell Peter? Luke 5:10
3. If Jesus can use sinful Peter in His kingdom, do you think He can use you?
4. Jesus asked the disciples who they thought He was. What did Peter answer? Matt. 16:13-16
5. Peter was brave to speak up and say he believed Jesus was the Christ, the Savior. But when Jesus said He will suffer, die and rise alive again, what did Peter say? Matthew 16:21-23
6. Peter was sometimes confused. Sometimes he said the right thing and sometimes he said the wrong thing. But Jesus still called him a disciple and used him to preach. Can Jesus use you, even if you don't always say everything right?
7. Shortly before Jesus was crucified, Peter did three things that showed he was not faithful to Jesus. What three things did he do? Matthew 26:36-40, John 18:7-10, Luke 22:54-62
8. Peter was weak and afraid and denied Jesus. Jesus forgave him. Jesus also told Peter how he will die. How would Peter die, and why was that important? John 21:18-19
9. After Jesus died and rose alive, and after the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost, was Peter afraid then? Read Acts 4:13-22 to see Peter's reaction when the Jews said to stop talking about Jesus.
10. Peter was slow to think but quick to speak. He was sometimes brave, but also confused, and sometimes afraid. God changed him to a bold leader who preached to everyone about Jesus. Does God give you the same gifts to be brave and live for Jesus?

# The Church after Pentecost

*From [www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch](http://www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch)*

The Holy Spirit creates the church. He works through God's word, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Through those things, He gives us faith in Jesus and forgives our sins. He connects us to Jesus our Savior. After the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, Acts 2 describes the early church. They joyfully worshiped together and shared their whole life together. This reading is from Acts 2:42-47. Find the underlined words.

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The disciples were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. A feeling of fear came over everyone as many amazing things and miraculous signs happened through the apostles. All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other. From time to time, they sold their property and other possessions and distributed the money to anyone who needed it. The believers had a single purpose and went to the temple every day. They were joyful and humble as they ate at each other's homes and shared their food. At the same time, they praised God and had the good will of all the people. Every day the Lord saved people, and they were added to the group.

## May

- 9 Janet Weber
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- 13 Norman Wilson  
Curtis Sparks
- 24 Barbara Saeugling
- 26 Becky Eiben



## June

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## Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.

1. Peter got on his knees and asked Jesus to leave. Jesus did an amazing miracle. Peter knew that Jesus was holy and powerful, so Peter was afraid because he knew he was a sinful man.
2. Jesus told Peter not to be afraid. And Jesus told Peter he will have a new job – catching people. That meant telling people about Jesus and bringing them to meet Jesus.
3. Yes! Peter was a sinner, but Jesus said He could use Peter. If Jesus can use Peter, Jesus can also use you to serve Him and work for Him.
4. Peter told Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
5. Peter corrected Jesus and said Jesus shouldn't die. Peter told Jesus, “This should never happen to You.”
6. Yes, Jesus can use you. Even when Peter was the leader of the church after Jesus went up into heaven, Peter still said and did things wrong sometimes. But God still used him to do great work, preach and teach, and lead the church.
7. These are the three ways Peter failed to follow Jesus right before Jesus died.
  - a. Jesus wanted Peter to stay awake and pray with Him. Peter fell asleep.
  - b. Jesus wanted to let the Jews arrest Him, because that was part of God's plan. But Peter attacked the soldiers with a sword and cut off a servant's ear.
  - c. Three times, Peter said he didn't know Jesus.
8. Jesus told Peter, “When you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” “Stretch out your hands” means Peter will lay his arms out to be nailed to a cross. Jesus said Peter will also get crucified. Why was that important? This was truly a good thing for Peter. This meant that Peter will not run away and he will not deny Jesus. He denied Jesus before, but Jesus is saying now Peter will be brave and will follow Jesus even to death.
9. Peter (and John) were very brave. The Jewish leaders hated Jesus and didn't want to hear about Jesus. Peter told them about Jesus anyway. The Jewish leaders told Peter and John not to teach about Jesus anymore. Peter and John said they must obey God, not people.
10. Yes! God gives you life in Jesus the same as He gave life to Peter. You have the same Holy Spirit, the same forgiveness, the same promise of eternal life. So we can be very bold to live for Jesus and tell people about Jesus and not fear anyone.

## Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church on Pentecost, and to us in our baptism! He gives us faith in Jesus.
- ✦ Continue to pray for our nation and our leaders. God tells us to pray for “all people, for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- ✦ For all who ask God to give them health: Mollie Schmitz, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Pat Monroe's father, Jackie Spencer, Barbara Zimmerman, Janet Weber, Mae and Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Arlene Ritze, Kathy Anderson, Sharon Pope, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Vicki Hoover's daughter Cleta, Terry Ann Check, and Paula Slavin.
- ✦ Pray for all deaf missions around the world so more Deaf people will know and believe in Jesus. Pray for the deaf ministry in Kenya and for Pastor Eckert as he goes back to Kenya this summer.
- ✦ Continue to pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



# May 2018

	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 LDMS Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00 LDMS Meeting
			7:00 WL – Worship			
<b>6</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 CR – Senior Citizens	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Bible Study
<b>13</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. CR Voter’s Meeting & Potluck	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:00 MU – Worship/Study	<b>19</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>20</b> No CR worship today	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>27</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday worship at 3:00 p.m. CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 - 29 <sup>th</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m. QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Saturday, Worship at 10:00 a.m. WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. at 7:00 p.m., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1:00 p.m. MC – Mason City. On hold for now. Watch for news later about meetings. MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Talk to Pastor Eckert to confirm meeting location.						

# June 2018

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<b>10</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pastor Eckert vacation-----	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>				
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**Midwest Region Conference**  
“His will .... His way”    Jeremiah 29:11  
July 27-29, 2018  
Holiday Inn, Austin, Minnesota

February 19, 2018

Hello everyone,

It's that time again for another Midwest Region Conference! Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Spring Lake Park is your host for this year's conference. It will be held in Austin, Minnesota, famously known as SPAM Town, USA.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Registration form. The deadline is June 25, 2018.
2. Hotel registration information, schedule and campground information.
3. Map of the area where the Holiday Inn and Days Inn are located.

Please note that we have a room block at the Holiday Inn and Days Inn which is located just across the parking lot. If you choose to stay at either of these hotels the room release date is June 26. After that date the room block will be released to the general public. Of course you are welcome to stay at other hotels in the area if you wish. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn though.

There are restaurants in the area (Applebees, Culvers, HyVee deli, KFC, McDonalds, etc.) that are within walking or driving distance. You are on your own for breakfast each morning and the meals on Saturday will be at the Holiday Inn. If there are any dietary restrictions please let Janet Gehlbach know by June 25.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a field trip to the SPAM Museum in downtown Austin. It is an interesting place to visit and there is a children's play area also. In the SPAM store you can buy cans of SPAM that you can't find in a regular food store! So let's have some fun looking at the exhibits and learning more about SPAM.

We look forward to seeing you in July. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us! God bless you all and safe travels to and from Austin, Minnesota.

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**“His will....His way” Jeremiah 29:11**  
**July 27-29, 2018 Holiday Inn, Austin, Minn.**

**Registration Form for 2018 Midwest Region Conference**  
(Please use one registration form per person)

Name _____	VP phone # _____
Address _____ _____	Email _____

	<u>Ages 12 and under</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Registration (required)</b> before or on June 25 after June 25	free	\$20 \$25	
<b>Saturday box lunch – assorted wraps</b> (meat choice, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, fresh cut fruit, potato chips and cookie)  (choose <u>one</u> ): _____ Turkey _____ Ham	free	\$ 10	
<b>Saturday Banquet</b> (meat choice, salad with dressings, potato, vegetable, roll and coffee)  (choose <u>one</u> ): _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Roast Beef	free (kids menu)	\$ 15	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			\$

Make your check payable to "Prince of Peace Deaf"  
Mail registration form and check to:  
Janet Gehlbach, 305 Liberty St NE, Fridley, MN 55432

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 25, 2018**

Any questions contact Janet Gehlbach, [JGehlbach@aol.com](mailto:JGehlbach@aol.com) or VP 612-424-4747



**Midwest Region Conference**  
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 July 27-29, 2018 Holiday Inn, Austin, Minn.

**Schedule:****Friday, July 27, 2018**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration  
 5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own  
 7:00 p.m. Devotion, church reports

**Saturday, July 28, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own  
 8:30 a.m. Devotion  
 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. Break  
 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Holiday Inn  
 1:30 p.m. Workshop  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Spam Museum tour  
 6:00 p.m. Banquet at Holiday Inn

**Sunday, July 29, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own  
 8:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
           Installation of officers for 2018-2020  
 11:00 a.m. See you later and God’s blessings  
           to you all!

**CAMPGROUND INFO:****Yogi Bear Jellystone Park Camp**

21943 630<sup>th</sup> Ave. Austin, MN 55912  
 507-584-6611  
 located 9 miles east of the Holiday Inn  
 campjellystone.com

**Brookside Campground**

52482 320<sup>th</sup> St. Blooming Prairie, MN 55917  
 507-583-2979  
 located 14 miles north of Austin  
 campatbrookside.com

**Austin/Albert Lea KOA Holiday Campground**

84259 Cty Rd. 46, Hayward, MN 56043  
 507-373-5170  
 located 14 miles west of the Holiday Inn  
 koa.com

**Hotel information:****Holiday Inn** (conference to be held here)

1701 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Austin, MN 55912  
 507-433-1000

**Group Code: MRC**

smoke free facility  
 elevator, indoor pool, free high speed internet  
 no breakfast with the room rate, breakfast can be  
 purchased in the Bistro in the lobby area  
 124.99 + tax per night 2 double beds  
 119.99 + tax per night 1 king bed  
 134.99 + tax per night pool side room, 2 dbl beds  
 Check-in 3 p.m., check-out 11 a.m.

**Days Inn** (next door to the Holiday Inn)

700 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Austin, MN 55912  
 507-433-8600

**Group Code: MWRC**

\*\*\*\*no elevator in this two story hotel\*\*\* but you can  
 request a 1<sup>st</sup> floor room  
 free continental breakfast  
 smoke free facility, no indoor pool  
 Perkins restaurant connected to the hotel  
 81.99 + tax per night 2 double beds  
 81.99 + tax per night 1 queen bed  
 Check-in 3 p.m., check-out 11 a.m.

**Holiday Inn and Days Inn hotel  
 release date for rooms is  
 June 26. After this date the  
 hotels will release the room  
 block to the general public.**

**On your own to contact this hotel:**

**AmericInn** (located a block or so west of the  
 Days Inn)

1700 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Austin, MN 55912  
 507-437-7337

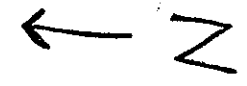
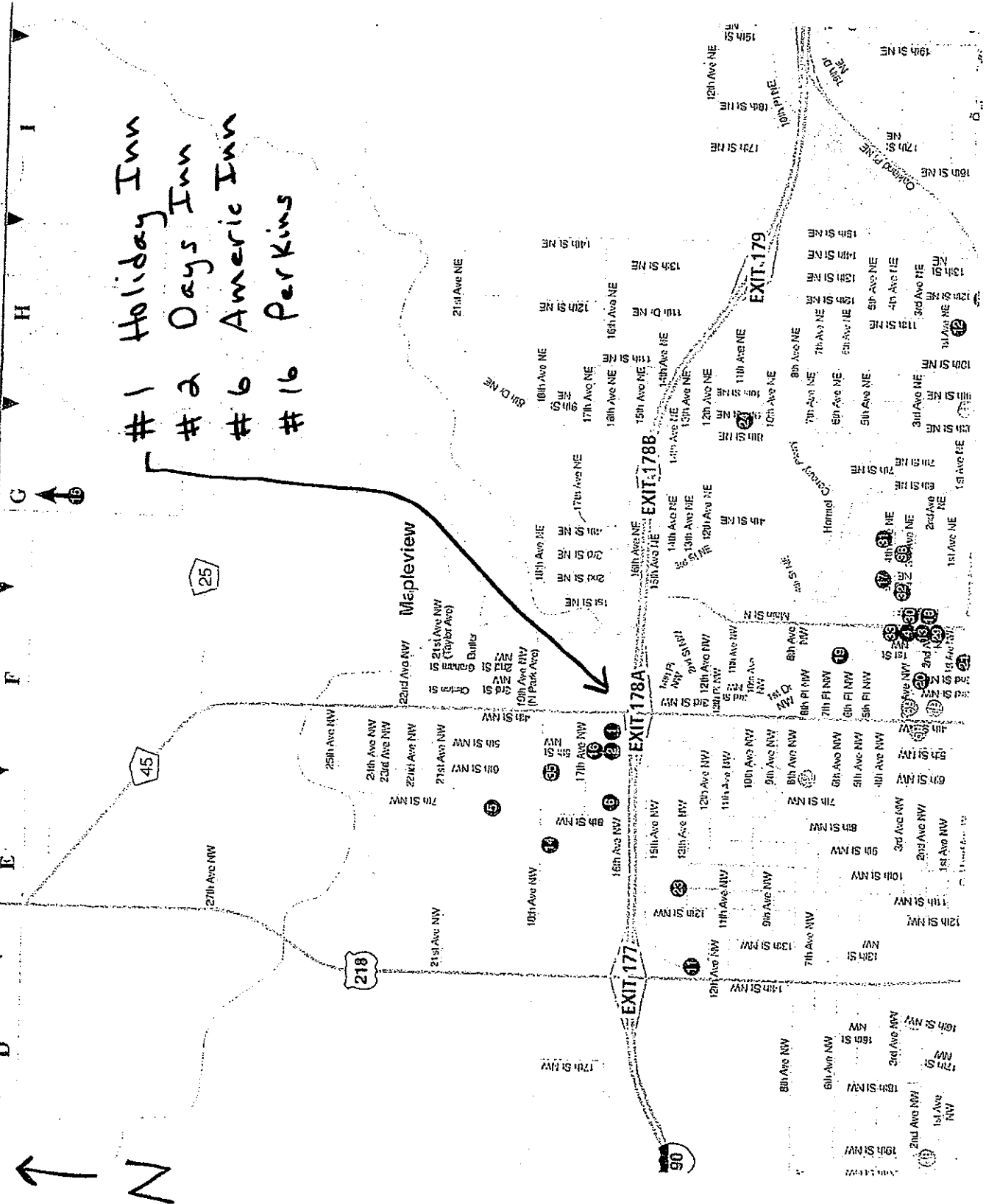
Free hot breakfast, indoor pool

\*\*\*\*no elevator in this two story hotel\*\*\* but you  
 can request a 1<sup>st</sup> floor room

There is a Rodeway Inn and Super 8 motel  
 nearby. We do not recommend staying there!

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# 1 Holiday Inn  
# 2 Days Inn  
# 6 Americ Inn  
# 16 Perkins



Mapleview

EXIT 178A

EXIT 178B

EXIT 179

EXIT 177