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**March –April
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Men and Women

Kent Kischer sent a letter to the editor of the *Waterloo Courier* and it was published in the Nov. 7 paper. He also submitted it for this newsletter. The title of the article was “Men and Women.” You can read it here: http://wfcourier.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor-for-nov/article_a32db3cd-48a8-5e58-95cf-78b558be4890.html

There is much confusion today about men and women! For many years now, our society has been telling men to act more like women. Society tells women they have to think and act the same as men. Other people say man or woman doesn’t matter. You can be any gender you want. The courts say marriage is not just one man and one woman. What a mixed up world!

If we only look at what people say, it is hard to know what to think. Many people say so many different things. Their reasoning can confuse us. It is the same as being lost without a map, GPS, or directions. How can you know the way? God’s word shows the way in life and guides us in the truth. His word tells us the way He designed the world, the way that works best.

In Genesis 2:18, God said it was not good for the man (Adam) to be alone. So God made a woman, Eve, to be with him and be his wife. Later, in Matthew 19, Jesus emphasized again that God made a man and a woman, and marriage is for a man and a woman. God also says in His word that a man has a certain role and responsibilities, and so does a woman. The world will call us old-fashioned and say we are full of hatred. Let them say what they want. We will be faithful to what God says.

In marriage and many other things now, the world is saying and wanting things very different from what God says. It is more and more important for us to know God’s word and know what He says about all these issues. Read and study His word. Go to church regularly and ask your pastor lots of questions. We must have a solid foundation in God’s word so that the world can’t throw us off and lead us away from God and His word.

Pastor Eckert

Dive Into God's Word

Our readings for March continue in the book of Acts. Acts shows the Holy Spirit working to make the church grow. In April, we begin reading the book of Romans. Romans is a hard book. The language is more difficult and the teaching can be hard to understand. But the work is worth it! Romans has wonderful teaching about sin, grace, salvation and the Christian life. This Good Friday and Easter, thank God for His free gifts!

Mar. 1-7, read Acts 19-20

1. What were the seven sons of Sceva doing (19:11-14)
2. What did the man with the evil spirit do to the seven sons? (19:15-16)
3. When people heard what happened, what did all the people do? What did believers do? (19:17-20)
4. Why did Eutychus fall out the window? (20:7-9)
5. What did God do for Eutychus? (20:10-12)
6. Paul met with the elders (pastors) from Ephesus one last time. What did Paul say he did for them? (20:18-27)
7. What did Paul say the elders should do? (20:28-31)

Mar. 8-14, read Acts 21-22

1. What did the Holy Spirit say will happen to Paul in Jerusalem? (21:10-11)
2. What did the Jews do when they saw Paul in the temple? (21:27-31)
3. Who came to rescue Paul? (21:31-36)
4. Paul spoke to the people and defended himself. What did he say that made the people mad? (22:17-22)
5. The Romans were ready to whip (flog) Paul. Why did they stop? (22:24-29)
6. Paul was a Roman citizen. That was a gift from God. How did being a Roman citizen help Paul?

Mar. 15-21, read Acts 23-25

1. Paul spoke to the Jewish ruling council. Why did the Pharisees defend Paul there? (23:6-9)
2. The Lord told Paul that Paul will do what? (23:11)
3. The Jews accused Paul in front of governor Felix. What did Paul say that made the Jews mad? (24:20-21)
4. How did Felix help the Jews, and not help Paul? (24:22-27)
5. The new governor, Festus, didn't help Paul. Paul knew he will be stuck in Israel and not get to Rome. So what did Paul do? (25:10-12)

Mar. 22-28, read Acts 26-28

1. Paul went to Rome as a prisoner. What did Paul say will happen during their trip? (27:9-10)
2. What happened to their ship? (27:13-20, 39-44)
3. God protected Paul in Jerusalem, in prison, and on the ship. Now God protected him from what? (28:1-6)
4. What was Paul's goal every place he went? What was he always doing? (28:30-31)
5. Paul is a good example for us. Many people were against him, and he suffered much. But he never gave up. He always wanted to tell more people about Jesus. Think about how you can change and tell more people about Jesus, ask God to help you, then do it.

Mar. 29-Apr. 4, read Romans 1

1. Jews divided people into two groups: Jews and non-Jews (named Gentiles or Greeks). Was God's gospel for Jews only, or non-Jews only, or both? (1:14-16)
2. Romans 1:17 is an important verse in Romans. How do Christians (righteous people) live?
3. God will judge sin. People might say, "But I didn't know that was wrong!" Is that a good excuse? (1:18-20)
4. People know about God, but don't want to honor Him. What do they do instead of honoring God? (1:21-23)
5. People give up worshipping and honoring God. So what does God do to those people? (1:26-32)

6. People sometimes ask why there is so much evil and trouble in the world. What do these verses say about why the world is a bad place? (1:21-22, 28, 32)

Apr. 5-11, read Romans 2

1. Paul talks about judging other people. Why should we not judge others? (2:1)
2. God doesn't want us to think we can sin, no problem, because His kindness will always forgive us. What should His kindness do? (2:4)
3. God doesn't favor Jews more than non-Jews. Does God favor hearing more than deaf? Or deaf more than hearing? (2:11)
4. Jews knew God's law. They thought God's law will save them. Paul said the law will not save them. Why not? (2:17-24, especially vs. 23)
5. Non-Jews don't have God's law. So how can God judge them? (2:14-15)

Apr. 12-18, read Romans 3

1. Some people talk about searching for God. Can people, without God, search for or want God? (3:11-12)
2. The law can't save us. Then what is the purpose of the law? Why have it? (3:19-20)
3. "Righteousness" means God's right actions. His right actions (righteousness) means He punishes sin, and also that He saves people through faith in Jesus. What meaning is in Rom. 3:21-26, punishment or salvation?
4. "Justified" is another important word. Justified means God says we are innocent, not guilty. How does God say we are innocent? (3:24)
5. How do we have God's gift that makes us innocent (justifies us)? (3:28)

Apr. 19-25, read Romans 4

1. How was Abraham righteous? Because he was circumcised, or because he had faith in God? (4:3, 9-12)
2. If you try to follow God's law, does that bring you closer to God? (4:13-15)
3. How is Abraham a good example of faith and hope for us? (4:16-25)

Apr. 26-May 2

1. How is suffering good for us? (5:1-5)
2. How did God prove that He loves us? (5:6-11)
3. Who is the one man who sinned? (5:12)
4. Because of that one man's sin, what two things spread to all people? (5:12)
5. Who is the one man who brought God's grace? (5:15)
6. Why did God give the law? (5:20)
7. Jesus obeyed the Father and He died on the cross for us. What does His obedience mean for us? (5:18-21)

March

- 3 Zakary Anderson
- 8 Pam Anderson
- 10 Pastor Mark Anderson
- 14 Henry Daggett
Shirley Green
- 21 Theresa Legg
Mikalah Anderson
- 23 Susan Eckert
Vicki Hoover
- 24 Conor Huffman
- 26 Jeanette Kern
- 31 Seth Anderson



April

- 1 Harold Kinkade
- 2 Joanne Mitchell
- 4 Kim Brenneman
- 10 Joseph Anderson
- 12 David Kern
- 14 Patty Rowray
- 16 Norma Jean Mangrich
- 28 Rachel Eckert

We Pray for One Another

James 5: 13-18

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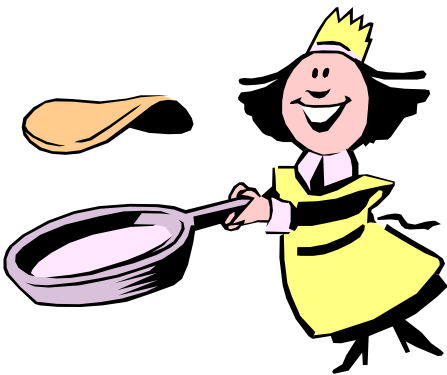
Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Rosie Glime, Mollie Schmitz, Bill and Barbara Zimmerman, Mae Hanson, Pastor Anderson, Joan Mass, Kathy Anderson, Darlene Twachtmann, Carolyn Fuller, Jane Creech, Sharon Pope, Curtis Ketelsen, Harold and Mabel Kinkade, Jeanette Kern, and Ricky Moore with their ongoing physical difficulties.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.
- ✦ Pray for all new believers. Ask God to make them grow strong in faith and not get tempted by the world to fall away.
- ✦ Pray for the families of Faith Wrage (Chris Wrage's granddaughter) and Joan Plumb. Faith and Joan passed away in January.
- ✦ Pray that mature believers will be good examples for new believers.
- ✦ Pray for Rev. Ryan McDermott. He has been called to serve the deaf in Ghana, Africa. He has not decided yet if he will accept the call and move to Ghana. Pray that Rev. McDermott will see where God wants him to go, that he will have great opportunities to tell more people about Jesus their Savior, and that he can train deaf people to tell others about Jesus.
- ✦ Protect Christians in the world who face persecution. There are many countries where people hate Christians and make them suffer. Ask God to help them be strong in faith and never give up.



Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, March 28
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Adults: \$8
Children ages 5-12: \$4
Children under 5: Free

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1 * See below for worship and Bible study times.					6 10:30 QC – Bible study	
			7:00 WL – Study			
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15 * See below for worship and Bible study times.			7:00 WL – Worship		20 10:30 QC – Bible study 1:00 MU – Worship/Study	
22 * See below for worship and Bible study times.				26 4:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	27 10:30 QC – Bible study	
29 * See below for worship and Bible study times. PALM SUNDAY						

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 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Worship at 1:00 p.m.
 WL – Waterloo. Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S Hackett Rd., Waterloo.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque.
 MC – Mason City. Meeting in Charles City. Talk to Pastor Northwick for details
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine.

April 2015

			1 7:00 WL – Study	2 3:00 QC - Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 CR - Maundy Thursday Worship	3 3:00 QC – Good Friday Worship	4
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