

RESURRECTION NEWS



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

MAY 2021

Pastor's Letter

May 2021

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past month, April 16th through 18th, to be exact, marked the 500th anniversary of the Diet of Worms (no, nobody was eating slimy nightcrawlers!). Worms (which is pronounced, “Vorms”, since Germans pronounce w’s with a “v” sound) is a city in southwest Germany and was the host city for the Imperial Diet (official assembly) called by Emperor Charles V in 1521. The Imperial Diet itself actually lasted for several months, as official business of the Holy Roman Empire was conducted there, but April 16th through 18th are the most well-remembered days of that Imperial Diet because on those three days, a certain man named Martin Luther was brought before the Emperor to answer for his so-called “heretical” writings.

On April 18th, Luther spoke these famous words, and thus hit the point of no return of what would soon become known as the Protestant Reformation:

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”

Luther was then officially excommunicated from the Roman Church and began to tirelessly work on translating the entire Bible into German, so that the everyday Christian could read God’s word. Modern Bible translations, including our own, are indebted to Luther and his tireless work.

Luther believed strongly in the power of the Word of God and the necessity of regular study of it (which is why he worked so hard to translate it into German). In the preface to his Large Catechism, Luther wrote:

“Can we finish learning in one hour what God himself cannot finish teaching? He is engaged in teaching this from the beginning to the end of the world. All the prophets, together with all saints, have been busy learning it, have ever remained students, and must continue to be students.”

In the spirit of Martin Luther, I want to use this space to meditate each month going forward on a portion of what Luther called “a short summary and epitome of the entire Holy Scriptures.” Luther, of course, was referring to his *Catechism*. If you can remember your days of Catechism class (for some it’s been longer than for others!), then you’ll remember that Luther’s Small Catechism is made up of Six Chief Parts: 1) The Ten Commandments, 2) The Creed, 3) The Lord’s Prayer, 4) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, 5) Confession (& Absolution), and 6) The Sacrament of the Altar. There are some other helpful things in the catechism as well: Daily Prayers, the Table of Duties, and Christian Questions with their Answers.

Over the coming months, we’ll discuss these things bit by bit. As we do so, it is my hope and prayer that you’ll be enriched by this “short summary and epitome of the entire Holy Scriptures” and that you’ll see, as Luther did, that we cannot “finish learning in one hour [or in one lifetime] what God himself cannot finish teaching”.

We’ll begin with the Ten Commandments next month. In preparation, I would encourage you to read through the 3 pages of that section in your own Small Catechism—and maybe a bit more, if you’re so inclined. If you don’t have your own copy of Luther’s Small Catechism at home, please let me know and I will gladly get you one!

Peace in Jesus,
Pastor Akers

Notes from your Deaconess

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

The forty days end
He ascends to the Father
They send the Spirit

Do you garden? Or enjoy others' gardens? The work of preparing the soil, planting, watering, fertilizing, weeding, thinning, and pruning requires an amount of discipline which waxes and wanes for me from year to year. I do, however, thoroughly enjoy April and May when I wander around the yard for my "plant inspection" in order to locate returning perennials which I planted years ago. In certain ways, our life of faith continues to need similar attention. Plants and trees show up regularly through the scriptures as a way to describe this. Obviously the whole earth's story with Adam and Eve began in a garden! Jesus told several parables comparing the growth and life of faith to plants. In his final "I am" sequence recorded in John's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he is the true vine, and they (and we) are branches who need to remain connected to him and bear fruit. How do we do that? I think we do so by continuing to read and study his word, spending time in prayer (alone and with others), and by staying connected with his people in the church where we receive forgiveness and food for the journey in the sacraments (weeding, watering, fertilizing), equipping us to bear witness to the truth of God's word in our daily lives and vocations.

Our daily lectionary readings continue this month in Luke, following the journeys of the disciples who watch, listen to, learn from, and eat, with Jesus. We'll read many of the most well-known parables during these weeks, and finish the gospel just before the end of the month. The Old Testament readings from Leviticus and Numbers continue the accounts of the people of Israel moving with Moses through the wilderness, hearing him speak God's word to them, teaching how to worship, and how to live in community set apart from the nations around. We continue to need instruction about how to live in the wilderness and in exile surrounded by people who don't see the reality of the world through the eyes of scripture.

Sunday mornings our Bible study time will bring us to consider several Old Testament prophets, the exile of God's people from their homeland, as well as the return of some of them—which also continues to be the focus for Pastor's Thursday Bible study in the book of Nehemiah. The women's Saturday morning Bible study every other week continues to focus on the minor prophets. This month we'll finish Zechariah and read Malachi. Come join The Saturday Morning Gang any time you'd like, there's no need to worry about having not come previously or recently. We meet from 8:30am to around 10am, in the large fellowship hall downstairs—doing the social distance and face covering thing as long as we ought to (or via Zoom if you'd prefer). I plan to hold meetings May 8 and 22.

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. Luke 6:43-44

Worship Schedule

Our worship schedule will continue through the month of May with Bible Study between the services. We will switch to a summer worship schedule (TBD) on June 6.

- 8:30am - Worship
- 9:45 - 10:30am – Bible Study & Sunday School
- 10:45am - Worship (live streamed)

Church Clean Up Day

Join us on **Saturday, May 1, from 8am-12pm** (come for however much time you have) for a spring cleanup day at the church. We will be doing window washing, yard clean up, and other tasks as needed. Please bring any extra rakes, clippers, squeegees, windex, etc. you might have. Questions? Call Kemp Anderson 207-313-8636.

Outdoor Yard Cleanup Volunteers Needed

The Board for Missions is sponsoring a yard cleanup day for a few members of the community who are in need on **Saturday, May 15**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Julie Kohl (592-6593 or jkohl@rsu18.org).

The Library Corner (new!)

- Check out the various pamphlets containing short Bible studies, as well as Reports from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on many different topics. We're going to recycle or throw away a lot of these paper copies as these mostly can be accessed on line at this point. Stop by to check them out before mid-June.
- There are many back-issues of LW (Lutheran Witness) magazines, as well as the LWML Women's Quarterly, Higher Things (for youth), and some other publications which also seem to not get much circulation after their initial appearance. They also will mostly be recycled by mid-June. I think we'll try to keep a year's worth or so for reference.

Defending the Faith

Sometimes the Best Defense is a Good Defense.

Last month we looked at evidence of extreme fine-tuning of the universe. While the numbers are so large that they're impossible to comprehend, they point directly to exquisite design by an exquisite Designer. Let's look at some other design facts.

Water exhibits some very unusual properties. For example, every other element expands when heated and contracts when cooled. Water does exactly the opposite. It expands and becomes less dense when it freezes, which is why ice floats on water. Imagine what would happen if ice sank to the bottom of lakes and oceans. Sunken ice would break the food chain right at the bottom and of course, we'd all starve. **How lucky for us!**

Here's another. Let's go back to the beginning of the universe. The late physicist Stephen Hawking estimated that "if the rate of the universe's expansion one second after the Big Bang had been smaller by even one part in a hundred thousand million million, the universe would have re-collapsed into a hot fireball due to gravitational attraction."¹ **How lucky for us!**

How about being in the *perfect* position with regard to the sun? 5% closer and we'd have a runaway greenhouse effect like Venus – and +900° F surface temperatures, with all water boiled away. 20% more distant and we'd have runaway glaciers and be as life-prohibiting as Mars.² **How lucky for us!**

And just what every successful, life-permitting planet needs – a giant goalie. Ours is named Jupiter (Saturn also plays defense) and is responsible for keeping so many asteroids and comets from paying us a destructive visit. With their massive gravitational fields, they just suck them in to their destruction instead of arriving here to cause mass-extinction events. **How lucky for us!**

How about Earth's magnetic field? It turns out that this field that makes your compass point (almost) north has a much more important function. It diverts most of the Sun's charged particles and solar radiation away from us. If not for that magnetic field, those forces would strip away much of our atmosphere, just like it did on Mars. Not the least of those parts of the atmosphere is the ozone layer that protects us from most of the Sun's harmful UV radiation.³ **How lucky for us!**

I could keep going, but at some point, even the most hardened atheist has to admit that there are so many design features of our Universe and our planet that they cannot possibly come about by random chance – and so many of them are so exquisitely fine-tuned that there is no viable explanation except a Divine Creator. Of course, as Christians, we know luck has nothing to do with it. This is the magnificent handiwork our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. John 1:3 says it all: ***Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.*** It seems to me that the evidence is in and this particular case is closed!

As always, I welcome your comments, questions and criticisms. My email is charles.j.macpherson@gmail.com.

Charlie MacPherson, SDG

¹ <https://slife.org/teleological-argument/>

² www.Discovery.org/a/fine-tuning-parameters

³ www.nuclear-power.net In the search field, type: "Earth's Magnetic Field as Radiation Shield"

Members of the Month



May is the month we celebrate our mothers. How apropos to become better acquainted with the family of our newest member, Josiah Brendan Wilson, born April 22 to Corina and Tyler Wilson! He weighed in at a beautiful 7 pounds 14 ounces. But let's start at the beginning with Papa and MorMor* Batson, i.e., Chris and Yvonne. (*Swedish for mother's mother)

Chris is the second of seven children born to Paul and Patricia Batson. He grew up in Mt. Rainier, Maryland--four miles from downtown Washington D.C. He attended Benjamin Franklin School of Accountancy for his B.S. in Accounting; and earned his M.B.A. at Thomas College in Waterville. Prior to retirement in September of 2020, Chris worked for 28 years for the State of Maine. He enjoys hiking, fishing (when he can

catch one!), spending time with granddaughter, Lucia Elizabeth, and being around Vixen (the black Labrador retriever).

Yvonne grew up in South Burlington, Vermont, the youngest of three daughters born to Gunnar and Karin Kristiansson. Gunnar and Karin emigrated at different times from Sweden and met in New York. (They celebrated their 50th anniversary ten days prior to Gunnar's passing in 1997.) Yvonne earned her B.A. in Rehabilitation Services from Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts and her M.S. in Rehabilitation Services from West Virginia University. She worked in the social services field, leaving the workforce in 2001 when Nathanael was born. Yvonne had been serving as manager of a group home for adults with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and deafness.

Chris and Yvonne met through the dating services of Matchmaker! They were married in May of 1984 and moved to Maine in 1989 to live closer to Yvonne's parents in Vermont. It was important to the Batsons that their children have a close relationship with their grandparents. The little family spent many wonderful times together, traveling across Route 2 to Vermont for long weekends and mini-vacations. Following the death of Yvonne's father, her mother moved to Kentucky to be near her oldest daughter, but always spent two weeks every year in Maine—and the Batsons visited in Kentucky each year as well. They rented a place at Wells Beach (Maine) and continue to this day to do a rental each summer, though Yvonne's mother has passed.

The Batsons have three children: Brendan and Corina were born in Silver Spring, Maryland and were 4 and 1 years of age when they moved to Maine. Nathanael was born in Maine.

Brendan, the Batson's firstborn, was a sophomore in high school when he died in May of 2001 at the age of 16. He was struck and killed by a truck while riding his bike in training for a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish. Brendan loved biking, sharing his faith, and helping others. His death left a huge hole in the family's hearts and they miss him every single day—but their comfort comes from knowing he is with the Lord and that one day they will all be together again.

Corina, the Batson's middle child, graduated from the School for Science and Mathematics in Limestone, Maine. She then earned her B.S. in Education at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. During her time at Concordia, she travelled to the Holy Land. She found it to be a wonderful experience to walk the same roads that our Lord had so many years before. Corina has worked in various jobs within her field of study, educating and assisting children with behavioral difficulties.

Tyler Wilson, born in Methuen, Massachusetts, moved to Maine in 1989 (same year as the Batsons). His father was a real estate appraiser and his mother a high school math teacher at Bangor Christian Schools—which Tyler and his siblings attended from K-12. Tyler is the oldest of 4 children. He has two brothers and a sister. Tyler earned his B.S. in Computer Science from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. He has been a systems administrator at ProInfoNet (a telecommunications consulting firm in Bangor) since 2008. Tyler enjoys hiking, and outdoor activities such as sports.

Tyler and Corina met through a dating website in 2014 and married in 2017, then lived in Hampden. Late in 2020, they moved to Winslow and transferred their church membership from Hope to Resurrection.



In 2019, beautiful daughter, Lucia Elizabeth, became the first grandchild for the Batson family and the first granddaughter for the Wilson family. She will grow to understand the role of “big sister” now that Josiah Brendan has arrived! And if that’s not exciting enough, favorite toy Peppa Pig, all things pink or purple, eating mac and cheese, playing with Papa (Chris), listening to music, going for walks outside and watching wildlife, or seeing Baby Shark will keep the busy little bee content!



Nathanael, the Batson’s youngest, was born just a year before Brendan’s tragic accident. Whereas some are said to be born with a silver spoon in their mouths, Nathanael was born with a silver trumpet in his mouth! The trumpet has become Nathanael’s passion. He has always loved music and has played in many concerts both in high school and

in college. Nathanael, a well-rounded young man, is an Eagle Scout and attended the 2017 Scout Jamboree--a gathering of thousands of members of the Boy Scouts of America and guests, usually held every four years. He is now a sophomore at University of Maine in Orono. His studies at UMaine include not only music, but also political science and a minor in disabilities studies. He hopes to become an attorney to help individuals with disabilities.

The Batson family has known heartache, and yet is a living example to all of us of the strength one has from knowing Jesus. Chris and Yvonne have both lost their mothers and Yvonne has lost her father. In addition, Chris has lost 2 brothers. His father now lives in Laurel, Maryland. Most difficult of all, though, is the death of their beloved first son, Brendan. Corina and Nathanael have both gone through chemotherapy to treat brain tumors which has limited their vision. Corina is considered low vision and Nathanael is legally blind. Nathanael also struggles with complications of hydrocephalus. Despite these challenges, they continue to go forward and trust in the Lord. The Batsons do not focus on the medical challenges, but rather think of their children as champions—of whom they are extremely proud! The family wants folks to realize the Lord has blessed them in the past and will continue to bless them. They credit their wonderful church family as having helped them in the darkest of times.

Along with heartache, the Batsons have also experienced great joy: Summers in Vermont, often with Yvonne’s sister’s children; camping when Brendan and Corina were little; travel to Sweden in 2001 for Yvonne, Chris, and Corina to experience Yvonne’s Swedish heritage and meet relatives; trips to/from Maryland to visit Chris’ sister, husband, and children; a trip to Nova Scotia—the last trip with Brendan; Make-A-Wish trips to Australia for Corina and Discovery Cove for Nathanael; trips to Disneyland for Make-A-Wish ambassador in California; at different times, each Chris, Brendan, Corina, and Tyler have hiked Mt. Katahdin.

And, of course: The family is not complete without mentioning Vixen and her predecessor, Jasmine, the family’s beloved black Labs. These canines are more than just pets—they’re loved family members!



May Stewardship

	<u>May 2</u>	<u>May 9</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>May 30</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	10:45 Allison Farr	10:45 Andrew Farr	10:45 Evan Farr	10:45 Allison Farr	10:45 Andrew Farr
<u>Worship Assistant</u>	8:30 Glenn Carlson Sr.	8:30 Brian Watson	8:30 Charlie MacPherson	8:30 Charlie MacPherson	8:30 Brian Watson
	10:45 Brad Fitzpatrick	10:45 Dan Callahan	10:45 Mark Larsen	10:45 Chris Batson	10:45 Steve Farr
<u>Ushers</u>	8:30 Jeff Sammons	8:30 Rick Drageland	8:30 Glenn Carlson Sr.	8:30 Mark Larsen	8:30 Rick Drageland
	10:45 Mo Cote	10:45 John Ayotte	10:45 Glenn Carlson Jr.	10:45 Brad Fitzpatrick	10:45 Seth Carlson
<u>Cantor</u>	8:30 Sharon Conover	8:30 Jared Goldsmith	8:30 Sharon Conover	8:30 Jared Goldsmith	8:30 Sharon Conover
	10:45 Fernando Gouvea	10:45 Allison Farr	10:45 Steve Farr	10:45 Fernando Gouvea	10:45 Allison Farr
<u>Greeters</u>	8:30 James Breslin	8:30 Sharon Klipp	8:30 The Dragelands	8:30 The Watsons	8:30 The MacPhersons
	10:45 Dorthy McAllister	10:45 The Callahans & Matt Esculano	10:45 The Batsons	10:45 The Cotes	10:45 James Breslin
<u>Altar Care</u>	Krista Carlson	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	LeeAnne Larsen/ Julie Kohl	Julie Kohl/ LeeAnne Larsen
<u>Flowers</u>	The MacPhersons	Dorthy McAllister	Dorthy McAllister	The Cotes	The Cotes



BIBLE QUIZ

1. Where was Moses buried?

A) on Mount Nebo under a pile of rocks B) on Mount Sinai in the ground (C) he was carried into the Promise Land and was buried there (D) nobody knows because God buried him

2. David was one of how many sons of Jesse?

A) 4 B) 8 C) 12 D) 16

3. What law of physics did Peter defy with Jesus' help?

A) he walked on water B) he rose five feet in the air C) he shot electric sparks from his fingers D) he stepped into the midst of a raging fire

4. Who as brave enough to stay with Jesus after he was arrested?

A) all twelve disciples B) only eleven disciples, because Judas had already committed suicide C) about half of them (Peter, James, John, Matthew, and Thomas) D) none of them

5. What common item did God use to allow Joshua and the Israelites to flatten Jericho's indestructible city walls?

A) shepherd's staff B) an animal's jawbone C) a rams-horn trumpet D) a smooth pebble

6. Who said this: "we ought to obey God rather than men"?

A) Peter B) Paul C) James D) John

Monthly Worship

May 2, 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 150

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Epistle: 1 John 4:1-11

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 98:1-4, 8-9

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of Our Lord

Psalm: 47

First Reading: Acts 1-11

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

May 23, 2021

The Day of Pentecost

Psalm: 139:1-10, 14

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30, 2021

The Holy Trinity

Psalm: 29:1-6, 10-11

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17



5/1 Brian Watson
 5/3 Don Pryor
 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson
 5/12 Carl Mattson
 5/14 Kitty Carlson
 Kevin Kinter
 5/16 Therese Carter
 Kenneth Zahner
 5/18 Rick Dostie
 Fenn Ouellette
 5/19 Joshua Schiebel
 5/20 Tyler Wilson
 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
 5/23 Michelle Hein
 Anna Rowe
 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
 5/27 Christine Thomas
 5/29 David Morris
 5/30 Rev. Ted Evertsen
 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

5/1 Ruth Milhous
 5/2 James Pryor
 5/3 Sharon Kinter
 5/11 Avis Grant
 5/10 Jared Goldsmith
 5/13 Karen Mattson
 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
 5/20 Allison Farr
 5/24 Fenn Ouellette
 5/28 Miriam Schiebel
 5/30 – Joshua Schiebel
 5/?? Gail Carrano
 Rick Dostie
 Carl Mattson

Bible Quiz Answers

1. D (Deuteronomy 34:5-6)
2. B (1 Samuel 16:10-11,13)
3. A (Matthew 14:29)
4. D (Mark 14:50)
5. C (Joshua 6:5)
6. A (Acts 5:29)



5/4 Gail & Art Carrano
 5/5 Mo & Becky Cote



Confirmation

Anniversary

5/1 Bill Schiebel
 5/8 Mo Cote
 5/10 Angie Carlson
 Matthew Esculano
 Amanda Goldsmith
 Jared Goldsmith
 Krys Paules
 5/11 Avis Grant
 5/14 Steven Bendas
 5/18 Peter Doran
 5/20 Joshua Schiebel
 5/21 Rick Drageland
 5/27 Rev. Benjamin Akers
 5/31 LeeAnne Larsen
 5/?? Sharon Callahan
 Lois Doran

FOR A FEW CHUCKLES

You know you're a mother when you're up each night until 10:00 PM, vacuuming, dusting, washing, drying, loading, unloading, shopping, cooking, driving, sweeping, picking up, changing sheets, changing diapers, bathing, helping with homework, paying bills, folding clothes, putting to bed, dragging out of bed, brushing, chasing, feeding, swinging, playing ball, bike riding, pushing trucks, cuddling dolls, roller blading, catching, blowing bubbles, running sprinklers, sliding, taking walks, coloring, crafting, jumping rope, raking, trimming, planting, edging, mowing, gardening, painting, and walking /feeding the dog. You get up at 5:30 AM, and you have no time to eat, sleep, drink, or go to the bathroom, and yet—you still manage to gain ten pounds!

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

5/1	Leviticus 19:9-37 / Luke 11:14-36
5/2	Leviticus 20:1-27 / Luke 11:37-54
5/3	Leviticus 21:1-24 / Luke 12:1-12
5/4	Leviticus 23:1-22 / Luke 12:13-34
5/5	Leviticus 23:23-44 / Luke 12:35-53
5/6	Leviticus 24:1-23 / Luke 12:54-13:17
5/7	Leviticus 26:1-20 / Luke 13:18-35
5/8	Leviticus 26:21-44 / Luke 14:1-24
5/9	Numbers 3:1-48 / Luke 14:25-15:10
5/10	Numbers 8:5-26 / Luke 15:11-32
5/11	Numbers 9:1-23 / Luke 16:1-8
5/12	Numbers 10:11-36 / Luke 16:19-31
5/13	Numbers 11:1-35 / Luke 17:1-19
5/14	Numbers 11:24-12:16 / Luke 17:20-37
5/15	Numbers 13:1-33 / Luke 18:1-17
5/16	Numbers 14:1-25 / Luke 18:18-34
5/17	Numbers 14:26-45 / Luke 18:35-19:10
5/18	Numbers 16:1-22 / Luke 19:11-28
5/19	Numbers 16:23-40 / Luke 19:29-48
5/20	Numbers 16:41-17:13/Luke 20:1-18
5/21	Number 20:1-21/Luke 20:19-44
5/22	Number 20:22-21:9/Luke 20:45-21:19
5/23	Number 21:10-35/Luke 21:20-38
5/24	Numbers 22:1-20/Luke 22:1-23
5/25	Numbers 22:21-23:3/Luke 22:24-46
5/26	Numbers 23:4-28/Luke 22:47-71
5/27	Number 24:1-25/Luke 23:1-25
5/28	Numbers 27:12-23/Luke 23:26-56
5/29	Numbers 32:1-27/Luke 24:1-27
5/30	Ecclesiastes 7:11-29/John 8:39-59
5/31	Ecclesiastes 8:1-17/John 9:1-23

(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)

Some helpful habits for home devotions:

- *Do one reading in the morning and the other in the evening.*
- *Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.*
- *Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.*
- *Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.*
- *Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you in this reading.*
- *If you miss a day or two (or three) and fall behind, don't worry and don't quit! Either set aside some time to catch up or skip those readings and move on.*
- *If you're using another reading schedule or guide, stick with it. The important thing is to be in the Word daily.*