

# The Spader's Speaker

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From Pastor Jim Kniseley...



I like Jesus' description of the Spirit when he was speaking with Nicodemus. *The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.*

I have seen the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your midst. I see it every week in worship and I see it often in the people of St. Jacob's and Trinity. How about you? Do you see it? Are you looking for it?

The Holy Spirit is the idea of God and Jesus. It is the way they work in the world. The Spirit has existed in our world from the very beginning. Notice in the beginning of Genesis that "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters." The Spirit led the people through the wilderness in the form of smoke by day and a flame by night. At the coronation of the kings of Israel and Judah, they were anointed with oil and a prayer for the guidance of the Spirit. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove and rested upon Jesus. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in Jerusalem.

What happened on that special day? The believers were empowered to share the good news of Jesus in other languages. They were emboldened to take the good news of Jesus to the whole world.

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I commend you for also stepping out in faith. You are "in between pastors" and yet you are carrying on in Christ-like ways. Worship, education, prayers, offerings, outreach to the community and building projects are happening. You are participating in the activities that are getting you ready for calling your next pastor. You are supporting the work of the synod and the ELCA.

Thank you for your love and support for me as your interim pastor.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jim

## Welcome New Members!

Pentecost Sunday is a wonderful time to welcome new members. They represent the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Joining Trinity are **Amy Schwertfuehrer** and her daughter, **Emma**. Joining St. Jacob's are **Maria Archer, Titus and Ann Bender, Eric Hedrick, Mark Lambert and Shirley Martin** (on June 18).

## Building Projects at St. Jacob's

The new Community Center Building at St. Jacob's is looking great already. You can see pictures on the website that are posted weekly. The sign with a picture of the addition will be soon be in place on the cemetery fence so everyone driving by can see what we are up to!

## Upcoming Events

### Synod Assembly and Laity Sunday June 11

The Virginia Synod Annual Assembly takes place at Roanoke College on June 9 to 11. Election of a new bishop is a high priority this year. The delegates from St. Jacob's are **Nancy Bradfield and Donnie Coffey**. The delegates from Trinity are **Cherry Tharp and Lou Murray**. **Bill Martin** will be leading worship at Trinity on June 11 while **Pastor Jim** is at the assembly. Members of **WELCA** (Women of the ELCA) will be leading worship at St. Jacob's.

**Special Sunday  
June 18**

June 18 is Father's Day and we will have a time of recognition and remembrance at both St. Jacob's and Trinity. At Trinity we will have a **Healing Service**. During the regular communion service, we will include prayers for healing and the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. After worship at both congregations a vote will be taken on becoming a parish for the purpose of calling a new pastor.

**Congregation Vote  
June 18**

Congregational meeting to vote on whether to become a parish with Trinity Lutheran Church for the purpose to call a new pastor.

**Pastor Jim Appreciation Sunday  
June 25**

Pastor Jim's last Sunday at St. Jacob's and Trinity is June 25. He will be starting a new interim assignment in Richmond. Your new interim pastor will be leading worship on July 2. We will have time at worship and afterward for Pastor Jim to express his appreciation and for our members to express their appreciation.

**Pastor Jim's Last Sunday  
June 25**

**New Interim Pastor Begins  
July 1**

**Bishop Meets with Both Councils  
July 12**

**Power in the Spirit at Roanoke College  
July 13-15**

"On Our Way Reforming" is the theme of this year's Power in the Spirit Gathering. This is the synod's annual gathering for spiritual renewal, fellowship and fun. Voices of Praise, the worship band from Our Saviour Lutheran in Warrenton, will lead our worship. World-renowned Reformation scholar, Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, is the keynote speaker. The Rev. Tracie Bartholomew, Bishop of the New Jersey Synod, will lead the Bible Study on Joseph in

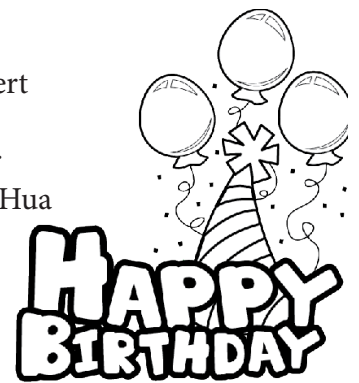
the Book of Genesis. For information and registration, visit the website at [www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/](http://www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/). This would be a good event to attend to scope out good candidates for the next pastor!

**Three-Church Worship and Picnic  
July 30**

We will have a great time on Sunday, July 30, as we have our worship and picnic at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Facility. St. Jacob's and Trinity folks will be joined by our friends at Keezletown United Methodist. All begins with worship at 11 am in air-conditioned Stewart Hall. Then we eat lunch together at the pavilion by the lake. Then we have lots of activities, from swimming to horseshoes to board games to children's playground to canoeing. Our music will be provided by **The Walnut Ridge Boys**.

**Take a moment to wish someone  
well on their special day!**

June 14	Nancy Bradfield
June 16	Paul Driver
June 19	Josh Lam
June 20	Kathy Lambert
June 20	Jacob Craun
June 26	Titus Bender
June 26	Emma Ruth Hua



**Do You Have an Article to Contribute?**

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: [wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com](mailto:wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com).

# Kartoffelpuffer mit Apfelsauce (Potato Pancake with Applesauce)

*from [www.theculturaldish.blogspot.com](http://www.theculturaldish.blogspot.com)*

*As part of our 500th Anniversary we will be featuring a German recipe each month!*

3 russet potatoes (roughly 2 - 2.5lbs)  
1 large onion  
3 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon salt

1/3 cup flour or potato starch  
Canola oil  
Applesauce

Peel and grate the potatoes and onion and place in a strainer since they will be very watery. Let them sit for about 10 minutes. You could also ring them out in a paper towel. It is okay if they are still watery.

Transfer the potato and onion mixture to a bowl and mix in the salt and eggs. If using the flour, mix that in too. Set aside.

Heat a skillet with oil (roughly 1/4 cup). Take a scoop of the mixture (I just use my hands) and form a little disk, roughly 2 - 3 inches in diameter, and flatten. Plop 3 - 4 of the pancakes at a time into the oil. Cook for a few minutes until golden brown and then flip to cook the other side. Each side will take roughly 3 minutes.

Continue until all of the mixture is gone. You may need to add a little more oil in between batches.

Remove the pancakes from the skillet and let dry on a paper towel lined baking sheet to help drain some of the oil. Serve warm with applesauce, or enjoy plain!

## Weekly Word from God

June 4 - Day of Pentecost	John 20: 19-23
June 11 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 28: 16-20
June 18 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]
June 25 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 10: 24-39

## Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
June 4	Ian McNeil	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	Don Coffey and Tom Lam	Carolyn Randolph and Cindy Hughes
June 11	Cindy Lam	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	Glen Showalter and James Eye	Carolyn Randolph and Cindy Hughes
June 18	Glen Showalter	Ann Royer	Mark Lambert and Glen Showalter	Carolyn Randolph and Cindy Hughes
June 25	Nancy Bradfield	Maria Archer	Ann Royer and Carolyn Randolph	Carolyn Randolph and Cindy Hughes