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**January –
February 2009**

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“Take to heart these words that I give you today. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you’re at home or away, when you lie down or get up. Write them down, and tied them around your wrist, and wear them as headbands as a reminder. Write them on the doorframes of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (God’s Word to the Nations)

The new year is here! In the new year, many people talk about new beginnings. “Out with the old, in with the new.” As Christians, we know that God’s Word gives us new life. We have that new life every day, not only at New Year’s. This year, we want to continue strong in God’s Word so our life and faith will be strong in Jesus.

God’s Word is alive! That is true. But where? First, Jesus Christ is God’s Word (John 1:1-4, 14). He is truly alive in heaven (Hebrews 4:14). He is also alive in His church (Ephesians 5:23). He comes to us in Baptism and the Lord’s Supper to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith in Him.

God’s word is also alive in your heart, hands and mouth. We don’t let the Bible collect dust. We read. We study. We think and pray about God’s word. We talk with family and friends about God’s word. We go to church to receive His word. That is what Moses told the people of Israel. God’s word fills your life. All day, we can study, think, pray, and live God’s word.

I know what you are saying, because many people have told me this before: it’s too hard to read the Bible! The English is too hard to read. Or, I can read it but I don’t understand what I am reading.

If you have trouble reading, try studying with someone else. They can help you understand what you read. Another help is to use the Bible in ASL from Deaf Missions. We do not agree with all of their teachings, but their ASL Bible can still be helpful. Go to www.deafmissions.com, then Products, then ASL New Testament Online.

Finally, we have an exciting new way to help you study. In each newsletter, you see Bible readings for every day. We are expanding the Bible study to be an online video study every day. Now you can read God’s word every day, go online to see signed questions and answers about the reading, and then think and pray about what you learned. Go to www.iowaeastdeaf.org, look on the left for “Daily Bible Study.” These will start January 1.
Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

ILDA will be coming soon in Rochester, New York, from July 23-26, 2009! The theme is "Set Your Mind on Things Above." Please see page 9 for the registration form. You should know that if you haven't paid \$20 to become an ILDA member for 2009, then you will need to add that cost. That is on the top of the form. If you want to join the God's 1000 Club lunch on Saturday, you will need to also pay \$20 to join that club. Money from that club goes to help pay for the cost of running ILDA. You can find more information, including the schedule and information about the trips, at www.alphadeaf.org/ilda.html.



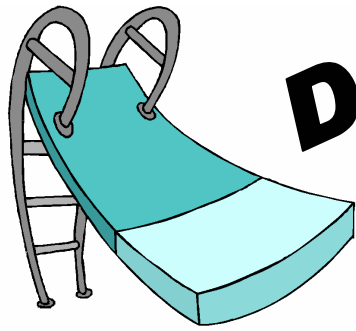
You should consider going to ILDA to see old deaf friends, make new friends, enjoy great Christian fellowship and learning, and see what God is doing in Lutheran Deaf churches around the U.S. and the world. Hope to see you all there!

Prayers

In your prayers, please remember pray for these people and other needs:

- ✦ All Lutheran Christians will show the new life that God gives us in Jesus.
- ✦ Bill and Barb Zimmerman's son and family just relocated from Indiana to Cedar Falls for new employment. They found a house already.
- ✦ Tom Eaton is still working at third shift in Post Office, not having time or energy for church attendance lately.
- ✦ DeWayne & Ruth Teepe and Jim Daniels are having health issues and still coming to church.
- ✦ Richard Tynan recovering from surgery and now under care of his doctor
- ✦ Joanne Postel just got out of eye surgery and is now resting at home.
- ✦ Shut-ins Ruby Oelberg, Uma Swalley, the Postels
- ✦ Our new leaders who were elected in November.
- ✦ Linda Sparks on new medication and doing much better
- ✦ Lester and Betty Ahls currently going through family issues
- ✦ Michael Anderson being deployed to Afghanistan in January 2009.
- ✦ Kathy Anderson is recovering from surgery and resting comfortably at home.
- ✦ Darlene Twatchmann is having cardiac problems and now under doctor's care.
- ✦ Carol Fuller going through the final process of mourning for her late husband, Tom.
- ✦ Henry and Becky Daggett be given wisdom and grace in their own current situations
- ✦ Pray for every child of the Heavenly Father that the Lord Jesus, the King of heavens and earth, has everything under control and that the Divine Will be done for each child of God, no matter what situation or issue may be involved.
- ✦ Pastor Anderson's wife, Pam, taking better care of herself and pacing herself more slowly.
- ✦ Ricky Moore's adoptive father Tom, battling cancer.
- ✦ Martha Wrage dealing with multiple health problems.
- ✦ Dean and Neita Dommer, for leg problems and full recovery after knee surgery.
- ✦ Patrick and Carissa Huffman as they look forward to the birth of their baby.
- ✦ Those lost without Christ, that they will trust Jesus as their Savior.





Dive Into God's Word

Starting the New Year Right

The new year is about new beginnings. God gives us many new beginnings. Read these verses from the gospel of Mark. How did Jesus give people a new beginning?

- Mark 1:14-20
- Mark 2:1-12
- Mark 2:13-17
- Mark 5:35-43
- Mark 6:7-13
- Mark 10:13-16

In Mark 15:21-16:7, what did Jesus do to forgive our sins and give us a new beginning?

When we sin, we sin against God. God gives us a way that we can start again. What is it? 1 John 1:8-9. We _____ our sins and God _____ us.

When we sin against each other, we hurt our relationships. In 1 John 4:19-21, what can we do to give our relationships a new beginning?

Daily Bible readings for next 3 months – Go to www.iowaeastdeaf.org for daily questions!

January	24 John 17:1-26	15 John 3:1-21	9 2 Chronicles 29:18-36
1 Mark 1:1-20	25 Acts 9:1-25	16 Colossians 1:1-23	10 2 Chronicles 30:1-12
2 Mark 1:21-45	26 Acts 9:26-43	17 Colossians 1:24-2:23	11 2 Chronicles 30:13-27
3 Mark 2:1-17	27 Acts 13:1-12	18 Colossians 3:1-17	12 2 Chronicles 31:1-21
4 Mark 2:18-28	28 Acts 13:13-52	19 1 John 1:1-10	13 Ezra 3:1-13
5 Psalm 72	29 Acts 14:1-28	20 1 John 2:1-17	14 Ezra 8:15-36
6 Matthew 2:1-15	30 Acts 15:1-21	21 1 John 2:18-3:10	15 Ezra 9:1-15
7 Mark 3:1-19	31 Acts 15:22-41	22 1 John 3:11-24	16 Nehemiah 1:1-11
8 Mark 3:20-35	February	23 1 John 4:7-21	17 Nehemiah 8:1-18
9 Mark 4:1-20	1 Acts 16:1-15	24 1 John 5:1-21	18 Nehemiah 9:1-37
10 Mark 4:21-41	2 Acts 16:16-40	25 Psalm 51	19 Esther 4:1-17
11 Mark 5:1-20	3 Leviticus 19:1-18	26 Psalm 36	20 Isaiah 37:1-20
12 Mark 5:21-43	4 Deuteronomy 6:1-25	27 2 John	21 Isaiah 37:21-38
13 Mark 6:1-29	5 Mark 12:28-44	28 3 John	22 Jeremiah 32:16-44
14 Mark 6:30-56	6 Galatians 1:1-24	March	23 Lamentations 3:1-42
15 Mark 7:1-23	7 Galatians 2:1-21	1 Luke 18:1-14	24 Daniel 9:1-19
16 Mark 7:24-37	8 Galatians 3:1-18	2 Matthew 6:1-18	25 Joel 2:1-27
17 Mark 8:1-26	9 Galatians 3:19-4:7	3 Acts 3:1-10	26 Jonah 2:1-10
18 Mark 8:27-9:13	10 Galatians 4:8-5:1	4 Acts 3:11-26	27 Psalm 74
19 Mark 9:14-32	11 Galatians 5:2-26	5 Acts 4:1-22	28 Psalm 75
20 Mark 9:33-50	12 Galatians 6:1-18	6 Acts 4:23-37	29 Psalm 76
21 Mark 10:1-31	13 1 Corinthians 12:1-26	7 Acts 5:1-16	30 Psalm 79
22 Mark 10:32-52	14 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	8 2 Chronicles 29:1-17	31 Psalm 80
23 John 12:20-50			

A New Beginning

Created on <http://wordsearch.armoredpenguin.com/>

Congratulations to Vicki Morris. She found a mistake in the Thanksgiving word search in the November/December newsletter. "Singing" was supposed to be in the word search, but it was mistakenly entered as "signing." Vicki wins the "Eagle Eye" award for this month.

Word List

Revelation 21 tells about the new life that we have in Jesus. In the new year, we celebrate a new beginning. Remember that Jesus gives us a truly new beginning! Find the underlined words from Revelation 21:5-7.

The one sitting on the throne said, "I am making everything new." He said, "Write this: 'These words are faithful and true.' He said to me, "It has happened! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give a drink from the fountain filled with the water of life to anyone who is thirsty. It won't cost anything. Everyone who wins the victory will inherit these things. I will be their God, and they will be my children."

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January

- 7 Curtis Ketelsen
- 9 DeWayne Teepe
- 11 Una Swalley
- 14 Janelle Legg
- 15 Diane Yotter
- 16 Joanne Postel
- 19 Marian Edwards
- 26 Janice Wilson
- 30 Dean Dommer
Rosie Glime
- 31 Ruby Oleberg



February

- 3 Neita Dommer
- Gerald Mitchell
- 5 Rebecca Daggett
- 12 Curtis Bethurum
- 14 Roselyn Schultz
- 15 Ruth Teepe
- 16 Rickie Rowray
- 19 Lorne Schultz
Sarah Eckert
- 24 Gail Hanson
- 29 Melody Eiben

If your birthday should be in here, or if you know someone whose birthday should be here, please tell us! Send an e-mail to deaflutheran@q.com and give us the name and birth date.

January 2009

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 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 29th St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Bible Study at 11:30 a.m.
 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. 2nd Wednesday Worship/Study at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. Bible study on 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
 MC – Mason City. 2nd and 4th Thursday, Worship and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Bible study 2nd Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

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Deaf Movie Night

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

PRINCE CASPIAN

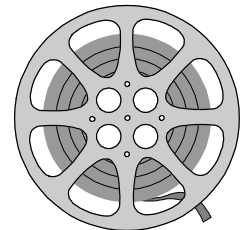


It has been more than 1,000 years in Narnia since Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy ruled that peaceful land. But now the land is full of evil people. The four are brought back to help Prince Caspian become the new king and bring peace and order back to Narnia. Join us for a free meal, a very good movie, and good discussion. The movie is rated PG.

**DEAF MOVIE NIGHT
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WORD OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF
1 122 W. CENTRAL PARK AVE.
DAVENPORT, IOWA**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009
MEAL BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.
MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.**



**SPECIAL MEAL
FREE SPAGHETTI FROM
THE GRINDERS & SPAGHETTI HOUSE
Please bring your own drinks**

Questions? Contact Pastor Tim Eckert at
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www.iowaeastdeaf.org

Be My Valentine

Word of God for the Deaf, Davenport

hosts a

Valentine's party

February 14th, 2009

at

Trinity Lutheran Church

1122 West Central Park

Davenport, Iowa

from 5 pm - 9 pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

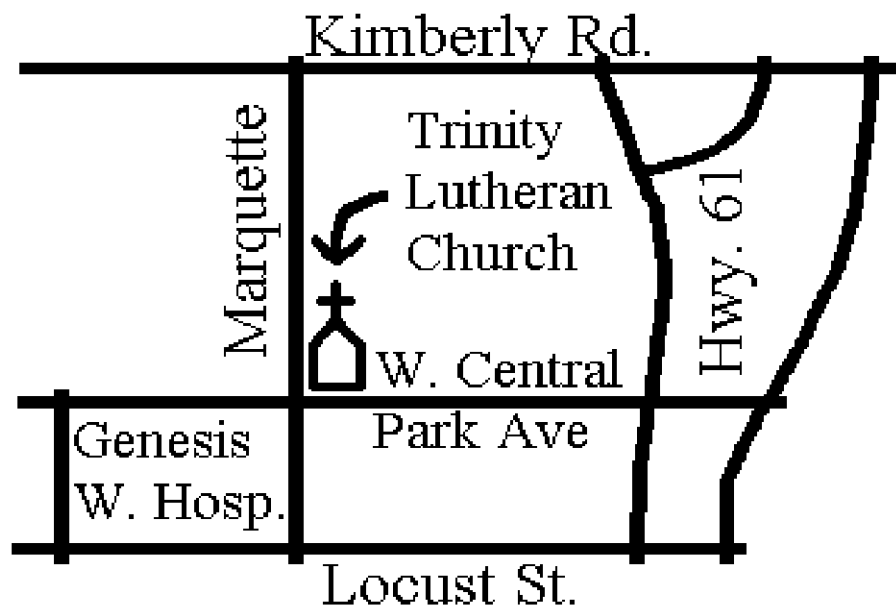


The church will provide *sloppy joes* and *desserts*.

Please bring a *side dish* to share (salad, vegetable, etc.)

All ages are FREE

For more information: Contact Pastor Eckert
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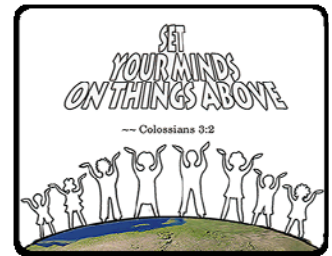


INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

20TH Biennial Convention
RIT INN Conference Center
W. Henrietta, NY

July 23 - 26, 2009

www.alphadeaf.org/ilda.html



Convention Registration Form

One Registration Form Per Person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone: [] TTY [] Voice [] VP _____

Check all that apply: [] Deaf [] Hearing [] Please send me information about Jr-ILDA / child care.

	Cost	Subtotal
ILDA Membership Due (required) (see back for details)	\$20	
Pick one		
COMBO		
Mail Postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2008	\$160	
Mail Postmarked on or before April 15, 2009	\$175	
Mail Postmarked on or before July 10, 2009	\$180	
...or apply 1 or more		
NON-COMBO	All "non-combo" events are included With "combo" registration	
Registration (required for non-combo)	\$35	
Friday Breakfast	\$30	
Saturday Breakfast	\$30	
Saturday Break	\$20	
Saturday Banquet	\$40	
Sunday Breakfast	\$30	
Pick one		
OPTIONAL ITEMS	Optional events are NOT included With "combo" registration	
Thursday night reception	\$20	
God's 1000 Club Membership Due	\$20	
Saturday God's 1000 Club luncheon (see back for details)	TBA	
Pick one		
FRIDAY NIGHT (select only one)		
Wine Tour	\$50	
Erie Canal Tour	TBA	
NTID Campus Tour	\$0	
Donations to ILDA Missions		
TOTAL		\$

Send registration form with check or money order payable to: "ILDA"

Mail to: Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Attn: ILDA, 1969 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester, NY 14618