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***“Give each person what he deserves as You know his heart. You alone know the heart of all people.”
I Kings 8:39***

The Lord God perfectly knows the heart of every person. Once He told the prophet Samuel when he was on the way to anoint a person as the new king of Israel to replace king Saul, He was more interested in his heart while people thought more about good looks. That person whom God wanted to become a new king was David, still a boy with full heart for Him.

Once I read an article about what kind of heart people would have when they get older or closer to their time to leave the world. Either their heart would grow hard, or grow sad or be joyous.

The Lord God does not want His children’s heart grow hard (cold and mean). It happens to lots and lots of people because they get frustrated with life, family, job, friends. They begin to use drinking or drugs so that they won’t get hurt anymore. They also stop caring and loving other people, too. They become cold and lonely.

Other people become very sad (broken and crying) because nothing in life happened in a certain and wonderful way they thought should happen. Broken marriages, betrayed friendships, failed businesses, or destroyed homes can cause strong sadness. It seems that nobody cares or calls them to keep in touch. They become sad and lonely

Yet, as we are the children of God as the Holy Spirit uses Word (the Bible) and Sacraments (Holy Baptism and Holy Communion) to remind us that even though we will go through many hard and sad times, Jesus is still always with us to the end. Because Jesus as a man went through hard and sad times, especially before and during the Cross, He understands our hearts perfectly. More importantly, He arose alive from the grave in total victory over sin, Satan and hell so that we can have a joyous heart, Our heavenly Father promises us that nothing can ever separate His children from His joyous love at all. So, as we get older and get closer to the time to leave for our eternal home, our hearts remain joyous unto everlasting.

Pastor Mark

The Latest Word...

It's Holiday Time. What are the Holidays? The word "Holiday" is from "Holy Day." Today, many people think of Christmas, Easter, and other special days as only holidays, a special time for family and friends, food, and other social things. But Christians know that the holidays are really Holy Days. That means we stop and remember God's holy work for us. On Christmas, we remember God sent His Son to be born as a little baby so He could grow up and save us from our sin. Thanksgiving is a Holy Day because we stop and thank God for His holy work of loving us and giving us the things we need for life. Even Halloween (All Hallow's Eve, or All Holy Evening) started as a Holy Day, to prepare to remember the saints who honored God in their lives. But our culture forgets to honor God and celebrates other things instead. Don't forget God! This Thanksgiving and Christmas, remember God's holy work for you. Use those days to celebrate and thank God for His goodness and salvation for you.



Worship Times. Make sure you use these opportunities to worship God at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving in Quad Cities: Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m., worship. Note it is Wed. evening!

Christmas in Burlington: Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m. worship and potluck

Christmas in Quad Cities: Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship

Muscatine Bible Study will now meet at a new time. We no longer meet on Saturdays. From now on, we will plan to meet on the second Thursday each month at 10:00 a.m., still at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Muscatine. See you there!

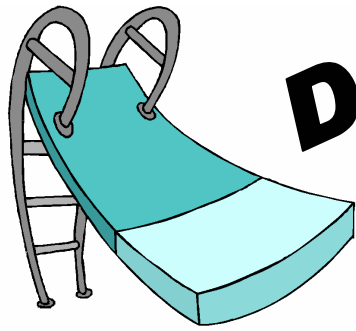
Congratulations to Martha Wrage and Carrie Kelley, both confirmed at Word of God, Davenport, on October 19!

Prayers

In your prayers, please remember –

- ✦ Julie Lahane, going through difficult personal issues.
- ✦ Members having allergies and colds during harvest times
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Neita Dommer, for quick recovery after knee surgery.
- ✦ New Deaf Institute of Theology students as they begin classes in December and prepare for church work.
- ✦ Those lost without Christ, that they will trust Jesus as their Savior.
- ✦ People still recovering from flooding, tornadoes, and hurricanes.
- ✦ Members relying on God's wisdom and guidance for upcoming political elections.
- ✦ Thanks to God for a very good Midwest ILDA conference in September.





Dive Into God's Word

Getting Ready for Jesus

In Advent (the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas), we remember to prepare for Jesus to come. That is not only getting ready for Jesus' birth. That also means getting ready for Jesus to come again at the end of the world. We must be ready for that every day!

The 1 Chronicles readings tell about David wanting to build a temple for God. Israel later forgot God and they worshiped idols. King Josiah led people to worship God again (2 Chronicles 34 & 35). In your life, what sins are leading you away from God? How can you repent, give up those sins, and receive God's forgiveness?

The Old Testament readings in December are mostly about what God will do when Jesus comes. He gives great promises for us about what He will do. He also tells us how to be ready for Him to come. What do the readings in Zephaniah, Zechariah, and Malachi tell us about how to live as God's people?

Read carefully Luke chapter 1. God is the one who got people ready for Jesus to come. How did He get each of these people ready for Jesus: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, John? How did they help other people get ready?

In Luke 2, we read about Jesus coming to live with us. How is that the same as what will happen at the end of the world? Read Revelation 21:3 and 22:3-5.

Daily Bible readings for next 3 months

November	24. Psalm 113	16. Revelation 1:1-20	7 Mark 3:1-19
1. Genesis 1:1-2:4a	25. Psalm 115	17. Isaiah 7:1-25	8 Mark 3:20-35
2. Genesis 2:4b-25	26. Psalm 68	18. Isaiah 9:1-7	9 Mark 4:1-20
3. Psalm 104	27. Psalm 65	19. Luke 1:1-25	10 Mark 4:21-41
4. Psalm 105	28. Psalm 66	20. Luke 1:26-38	11 Mark 5:1-20
5. Ezra 6:1-22	29. Psalm 67	21. Luke 1:39-56	12 Mark 5:21-43
6. Nehemiah 8:1-18	30. Mark 13:1-37	22. Luke 1:57-66	13 Mark 6:1-29
7. Esther 8:1-17		23. Luke 1:67-80	14 Mark 6:30-56
8. Esther 9:1-32	December	24. Luke 2:1-20	15 Mark 7:1-23
9. 1 Chron. 15:1-16:6	1. Psalm 24	25. John 1:1-18	16 Mark 7:24-37
10. 1 Chronicles 16:7-43	2. Isaiah 11:1-16	26. Luke 2:21-40	17 Mark 8:1-26
11. 1 Chronicles 17:1-27	3. Isaiah 12:1-6	27. Luke 2:41-52	18 Mark 8:27-9:13
12. 2 Chronicles 34:1-21	4. Ruth 4:1-22	28. Revelation 19:1-21	19 Mark 9:14-32
13. 2 Chron. 34:22-33	5. Matthew 1:1-17	29. Revelation 20:1-15	20 Mark 9:33-50
14. 2 Chronicles 35:1-19	6. Psalm 130	30. Revelation 21:1-27	21 Mark 10:1-31
15. Psalm 84	7. Malachi 3:1-18	31. Revelation 22:1-21	22 Mark 10:32-52
16. Psalm 107	8. Malachi 4:1-6		23 John 12:20-50
17. Psalm 126	9. Mark 1:1-8	January	24 John 17:1-26
18. Psalm 135	10. John 1:19-34	1 Mark 1:1-20	25 Acts 9:1-25
19. Psalm 138	11. Isaiah 60:1-22	2 Mark 1:21-45	26 Acts 9:26-43
20. Revelation 4:1-11	12. Zechariah 8:1-23	3 Mark 2:1-17	27 Acts 13:1-12
21. Revelation 5:1-14	13. Zephaniah 3:8-20	4 Mark 2:18-28	28 Acts 13:13-52
22. Revelation 7:1-17	14. Daniel 7:1-14	5 Psalm 72	29 Acts 14:1-28
23. Psalm 100	15. Daniel 7:15-28	6 Matthew 2:1-15	30 Acts 15:1-21
			31 Acts 15:22-41

Thanksgiving

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Word List

Psalm 100 is a song of praise and thanks to God. Find the underlined words from Psalm 100.

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.
Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name.
For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, *And* His faithfulness to all generations.

November

- 3 Bobby Schulze
- 4 David Legg
- 5 Lester Ahls
Kathy Anderson
- 8 Lilly Anderson
- 15 Doris Ciha
- 19 Vicki Morris
Pastor Tim Eckert
- 20 Melody Schulte
- 21 Don Anderson
- 23 Shirley Hampton
- 24 Laura Eiben



December

- 1 Jennifer Legg
- 12 Jesse Eaton
- 23 Ruth Downing
- 25 Jesus Christ

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.

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 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. No study on the 26th.
 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. 1st and 3rd Thursday, Worship and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
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