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**July - August
2009**

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Be strong and bold. Do not tremble or be terrified because the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9 (AAT)

After he followed Moses for more than 40 years from Egypt, Joshua found himself as the new leader for the twelve tribes of Israel to go into the Promised Land (new country home in Canaan). He knew for some time that he would replace Moses but he was trembling and felt terrified (afraid) with his new role of leading a very large population into a strange land. So, God spoke to him and told him to be strong and bold. God promised Joshua that he will win every battle as long as he follows His commands.

And with the Lord at his side, Joshua did!

The promise God gave to Joshua is also true for all His Children of all ages!

Jesus repeated that promise over and over again to His disciples during His journey to the cross and His ascension to heaven. Paul, the last apostle Jesus called when He appeared to him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9), repeated that promise over and over again in his letters to Christians. In short, **Christ Jesus always is with us wherever we go.** The Holy Spirit, our wonderful Comforter, reminds us over and over again with the means of grace (the way of showing us His grace from the Word and Sacrament (Holy Baptism and Holy Communion)) that His promise is true always.

For those attending the Word of God church at Cedar Rapids lately, you can always notice a large beautiful picture next to the altar of Jesus in the magnificent robe of a king and a priest holding the Book of Life with a large red letters saying: **Jesus knows your future.**

Not only Jesus knows our future, He also prays for us to stay strong and bold in our faith during our short life on this world full of sadness and pains. Jesus reminds us over and over again that nothing can separate us from His love. That means that no matter what (good or bad) happens in our life, Jesus already knows our future and will not permit anything bad that could destroy our relationship with Him. If anything bad does happen to us, we can know that Jesus permits that in order to make us even stronger and bolder to share our faith with the others not knowing Jesus as the only and true Savior of the world.

Pastor Mark

The Latest Word...

The Iowa District East met in convention on June 26-27. Pastor Anderson and Barb Zimmerman went as delegates from Word of God. The convention delegates elected a new district president, Rev. Brian Saunders, from Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church in Muscatine is the location of the Deaf Bible study in Muscatine, and Rev. Saunders has been very encouraging and supportive of Deaf ministry. Pastors Anderson and Eckert also reported to the convention about Deaf ministry in the district.

The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) convention is July 23-26 in Rochester, New York. Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Rochester is hosting. A good number of people from Iowa will be going to the convention. The pastors have a meeting, Ephphatha Conference, that meets after ILDA from July 26-28.



The Joint Picnic will be at Hilton Hall, 550 Seventh Ave. in Conroy on August 23. It is the same exit as Williamsburg, then three miles north of the interstate. See the attached flyer for more directions and information. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Annual Canoe Trip will be the day before the picnic on August 22. Canoe rental is \$30. The deadline for canoes is past, but they may still have some available if you want to go. There will be enough tubes if you want to go tubing. Inner tube rental is \$10. We will go to McDonough Canoe Rental in Monticello, the same place we went last year. Our canoe time is 10:00 a.m. We will carpool from Davenport around 8:00 a.m. Get a friend and come with us!

We welcome Conor Huffman into God's family! He was baptized at Word of God, Davenport, on June 14.

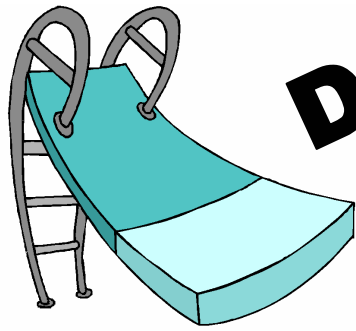
Congratulations to Larry and Joan Plumb on their 20th wedding anniversary on June 23. In church on June 28, they renewed their wedding vows, recognizing that God is the one who created marriage and He holds our marriages together.

Prayers

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

- ✦ Recovery from surgery, physical challenges and difficult times: Patty Rowray, Julie Lahane, Ruth Teepe, Dewayne Teepe, Darlene Twatchmann, Julie Ryzek, Barb Saeupling, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Harold Kinkade, Frances Kruse, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Ruby Oelberg, Linda Sparks, Bill and Barb Zimmerman
- ✦ Martha Wrage, Larry Belk, Dean and Neita Dommer, Mollie Schmitz, Cheryl McLeod, and Bob Orr in their health problems.
- ✦ Pray for all those who are traveling this summer, including everyone going to ILDA and Ephphatha Conference. We ask God to bless those meetings and make His church strong in faith to follow Him and do His work.
- ✦ The Iowa District East convention at the end of June. They will elect a new district president and make important decisions for the future of our district and mission work here.
- ✦ Those lost without Christ, that they will trust Jesus as their Savior.





Dive Into God's Word

Slavery and Freedom

On July 4, Americans celebrate freedom and independence. God has blessed our with great personal and political freedom. As Christians, God also blesses us with freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil. In the book of Exodus, we see the story of God making His people of Israel free from slavery in Egypt.

Exodus 3:1-22. Who did God send to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

Does God care about His people? What shows that God cares (see verses 7-10, 16-17, 20-22)?

Exodus 12:1-28. God told Israel to celebrate Passover and always remember what God did (verse 17). How do we remember what God did for us?

Why is it important for us to do things to remember God's work of salvation?

God saw the lamb's blood on the doorposts and didn't punish them. How is Jesus our Passover Lamb?

Exodus 13:1-16. God saved all His people from Egypt, and He saved the firstborn sons from death. Now who did those people belong to? God saved us from sin and death. Who do we belong to? (1 Cor. 6:19-20.)

Exodus 20:1-26. Many people don't understand freedom. Freedom means I can do anything I want? No. True freedom means we are free from sin and death, and we are free to love and follow and obey _____.

Daily Bible readings for next 3 months.

July	24 Exodus 14:1-31	15 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	6 Psalm 119:1-24
1 Genesis 6:1-22	25 Exodus 15:1-27	16 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	7 Psalm 119:25-48
2 Genesis 7:1-24	26 Exodus 16:1-36	17 1 Timothy 1:1-20	8 Psalm 119:49-72
3 Genesis 8:1-22	27 Exodus 19:1-25	18 1 Timothy 2:1-15	9 Psalm 119:73-96
4 Genesis 9:1-29	28 Exodus 20:1-26	19 1 Timothy 3:1-16	10 Psalm 119:97-120
5 Genesis 12:1-20	29 Hebrews 9:1-28	20 1 Timothy 4:1-16	11 Psalm 119:121-144
6 Genesis 13:1-18	30 Hebrews 10:1-18	21 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2	12 Psalm 119:145-176
7 Genesis 14:1-24	31 Hebrews 10:19-39	22 1 Timothy 6:2-21	13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17
8 Genesis 15:1-21	August	23 2 Timothy 1:1-18	14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
9 Genesis 16:1-16	1 Hebrews 11:1-22	24 2 Timothy 2:1-13	15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
10 Genesis 17:1-27	2 Hebrews 11:23-40	25 2 Timothy 2:14-26	16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
11 Genesis 18:1-15	3 Hebrews 12:1-29	26 2 Timothy 3:1-17	17 James 1:1-27
12 Genesis 21:1-21	4 Philippians 1:1-30	27 2 Timothy 4:1-22	18 James 2:1-26
13 Genesis 21:22-34	5 Philippians 2:1-18	28 Titus 1:1-16	19 James 3:1-18
14 Genesis 22:1-19	6 Philippians 2:19-3:11	29 Titus 2:1-15	20 James 4:1-17
15 Genesis 26:1-35	7 Philippians 3:12-4:1	30 Titus 3:1-15	21 James 5:1-20
16 Genesis 27:1-29	8 Philippians 4:2-23	31 Philemon	22 Proverbs 8:1-36
17 Genesis 27:30-28:5	9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	September	23 Proverbs 9:1-18
18 Genesis 28:6-22	10 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	1 Psalm 1	24 Proverbs 10:1-32
19 Exodus 3:1-22	11 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	2 Psalm 19	25 Proverbs 16:1-33
20 Exodus 4:1-31	12 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	3 Psalm 37	26 Proverbs 25:1-28
21 Exodus 12:1-28	13 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28	4 Psalm 39	27 Ecclesiastes 3:1-22
22 Exodus 12:29-13:2	14 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	5 Psalm 139	28 Ecclesiastes 4:1-16
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			30 Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

Hope and Courage in the Lord

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

Pastor Mark's article talked about having strength and courage in the Lord, because He is our Savior and He knows our future. Psalm 27 expresses that same hope and courage. God is our Savior. We don't need to fear anything!

Word List

Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 14

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Who is there to fear? The Lord is my life's fortress. Who is there to be afraid of?

I have asked one thing from the Lord. This I will seek: to remain in the Lord's house all the days of my life in order to gaze at the Lord's beauty and to search for an answer in His temple. He hides me in His shelter when there is trouble. He keeps me hidden in His tent. He sets me high on a rock.

Wait with hope for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Yes, wait with hope for the Lord.

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July

13 Barb Zimmerman
15 Bill Zimmerman
25 Bob Orr
31 Michael Anderson



August

1 Floyd Neely
14 Jackie Spencer
17 Betty Schmidt
17 Stephen Eckert
24 Darlene Twatchmann
26 Thomas Eaton Jr.
28 Mary Erpelding

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.

July 2009

			1 10:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July!
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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.
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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.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. No Bible study until September.
 MC – Mason City. 3rd Thursday, Worship and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. No Bible study this month.

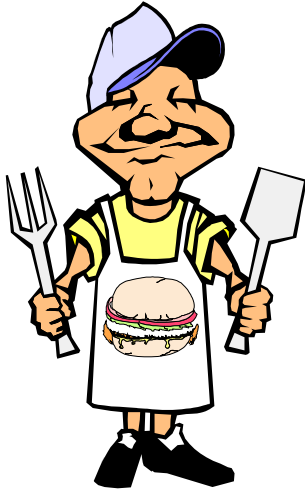
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23 Joint Worship, Hilton Hall, Conroy, Iowa	24	25 10:00 QC – DeafPah study	26 7:00 WL – Study	27	28	29
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Lutheran Deaf Worship and Picnic



August 23, 2009
9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Hilton Hall, Conroy, IA

Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Picnic begins at 12:00 p.m.

Come to the joint worship service and picnic with deaf from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Quad Cities, Dubuque, Muscatine, Burlington, and all over Iowa!

New Location!

Hilton Hall, 550 – 7th Ave., Conroy, IA

On Interstate I-80, take the Williamsburg exit, number 220. Drive north 3 miles.

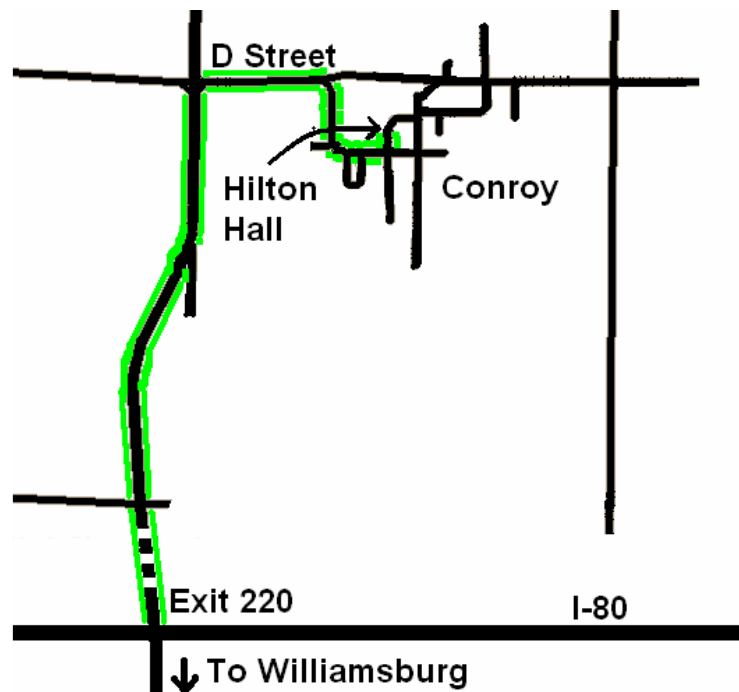
Turn east (right) onto D Street. It is also named 190th St., or County Rd. F34.

Drive 0.3 miles. Turn right onto 4th Ave. It is the first turn you will see.

4th Ave. will curve to the left. Follow it to 7th Ave. Turn left on 7th Ave., next to the park. Hilton Hall will be on your right.

Word of God, Cedar Rapids, will provide plates, napkins and silverware.

Please bring (1) a meat dish AND (2) a side dish (salad, vegetable, fruit, etc.) to share. Electrical outlets are available. NOTE: We are not buying chicken this year! Bring food to share!



Indoor location! Regular restrooms!
Kitchen! Air conditioning!

For more info., contact Rev. Tim Eckert, DeafLutheran@q.com, or (563)359-7105 V/TTY

All Deaf Are Invited!