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2011**

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Why Earthquakes, Floods, Tornadoes?

Why did the earthquake and tsunami happen in Japan and kill 26,000 people? Why all the rain and flooding that destroy homes? Why so many storms and tornadoes that killed more than 300 people?

The news this spring has been full of sad news about death and destruction. The one question many people ask is “Why?” Why does God let these things happen? God is punishing people? Or God doesn’t care?

Sin

The Bible gives a clear answer. Bad things happen because of sin. Some bad things happen as a result of our sin. For example, if you speed, you might get a ticket. You can’t blame the policeman, the car, the road, etc. The ticket is your fault. There are many bad things that happen to us because of our sin: divorce, broken relationships, some money problems, and many more. People sinned and caused those bad things. We can’t blame God. We are the ones who did wrong.

Other bad things happen because sin ruined this world. When Adam sinned, all the world fell apart. God made the world perfect. But Adam sinned and now there are earthquakes, tornadoes, your car breaks, clothes wear out, and we get sick and old and die. That first sin ruined everything.

God’s Answer

So why doesn’t God fix the world? He will. When Christ comes again, He will make everything new and this fallen world will be fixed forever.

But for now, God allows trouble to continue. Why? First, so everyone can see they need a Savior. If life was easy and we had no troubles, then we wouldn’t see sin or the consequences.

Second, God wants our faith in Him to grow. He tests us; He lets us suffer. That way we learn not to trust things in this world. We can only trust God.

Third, when Christians follow Jesus no matter what, even when we suffer, that gives glory to God. Trouble and suffering gives us an opportunity to show faith and to serve. His children will follow Him always!

Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

Good News in Muscatine! Three deaf have faithfully been attending Bible study in Muscatine for a couple years now. On May 28, they will all become members of Word of God. Evelyn Powell will be received by profession of faith, and Lorri Green and Shirley Green will be confirmed. Congratulations! Beginning on that day, Muscatine will have combined Bible study and worship every month.

The mural is done! Wow! Go to www.iowaeastdeaf.org to see a slideshow and video of the frame going up and the mural getting painted. This painting is a great visual story of what Jesus did to save us, and will remind and teach us for a long time. Thank you to everyone who worked on it!

Thrivent night at the ballpark will be June 27 at Modern Woodman Park in Davenport when the QC River Bandits play the Cedar Rapids Kernals. Tickets will be \$3.

New phone numbers: please notice that Word of God, Cedar Rapids, is removing their V/TTY number. Please use the VP number, 866-373-8580 for Pastor Anderson. Pastor Eckert now has a VP number, 563-424-7141.



Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of physical challenges and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Julie Lahane, DeWayne Teepe, Darlene Twachtmann, Doris Chia, Barb Saeugling and her mother-Luella Barnes, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Kathy Anderson and Pam Anderson.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Dennis and Jeanette Evans, Cheryl McLeod, Larry and Joan Plumb, Curtis Ketelsen, Kris Baltzer, Mollie Schmitz, Martha Wrage, and Bob Orr.
- ✦ The family of Floyd Neely as he passed away recently. We pray for peace and hope for them as we look forward to Jesus coming again to raise all people and give believers eternal life together with Him.
- ✦ For the people who have suffered from natural disasters – earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, tornados and storms. All of nature fell apart because of Adam's sin. All these disasters are a sign that this world is not the perfect world God first created, and we look forward to a new heavens and new earth God will create.
- ✦ We ask God to keep us faithful to Him. Jesus said, "Let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)



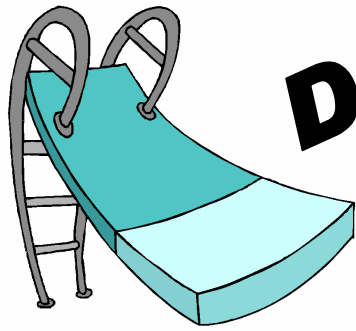
May

- 9 Janet Weber
- 11 Robbie Yotter
- 13 Norma Wilson
Curtis Sparks
- 20 Richard Parkin
- 24 Barbara Saeugling
- 26 Becky Eiben



June

- 8 Matthew Brown
- 8 Linda Jackson
- 12 Beverly Brown
- 13 Tom Eaton, Sr.
- 17 Marguerite Leister
- 29 Jonah Legg
- 30 Robert Gruhn



Dive Into God's Word

True Royalty

I admit, I am not much interested in the British royalty. But the wedding of William and Kate has affected even this Bible study. We should remember Christ is our King, and we are royalty, too. (Answers on page 4.)

1. The angel told Mary about Jesus as King. Whose throne will He have, who will He reign, and how long? Luke 1:30-33
2. During His life on earth, when was Jesus crowned and announced as King? John 19:19-22
3. 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended (went up) into heaven. Is Jesus still King in heaven? Acts 2:29-36, Ephesians 1:20-23.
4. The Bible describes a royal wedding for God and His church. The “new Jerusalem” means God’s people, the church. How close will God be to His people? Revelation 21:1-4
5. Revelation 21:9-27 describes God’s people (Bride, the holy city Jerusalem). How beautiful is God’s bride?
6. Who are we? What will we do with Christ? 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 22:5

Daily Bible readings for next 2 months.

May	24 Isaiah 65.17-25	15 Acts 4:1-22	7 Genesis 42:1-38
1 1 Corinthians 15.1-34	25 Jeremiah 29.1-23	16 Acts 4:23-37	8 Genesis 43:1-34
2 1 Corinthians 15.35-58	26 Jeremiah 30.1-24	17 Acts 5:1-16	9 Genesis 44:1-34
3 John 8.12-30	27 Jeremiah 31.1-22	18 Acts 5:17-42	10 Genesis 45:1-28
4 John 8.31-59	28 Jeremiah 31.23-40	19 Acts 6:1-15	11 Genesis 46:1-27
5 Psalm 85	29 Ezekiel 43.1-27	20 Galatians 3:1-20	12 Genesis 46:28-47:26
6 John 10.1-21	30 Revelation 21.1-27	21 Galatians 3:21-4:7	13 Genesis 47:27-48:22
7 John 10.22-42	31 Revelation 22.1-21	22 Galatians 5:1-26	14 Genesis 49:29-50:26
8 1 Peter 1.1-25		23 Galatians 6:1-18	15 Exodus 33:1-23
9 1 Peter 2.1-25	June	24 Ephesians 1:1-23	16 Exodus 34:1-35
10 1 Peter 3.1-22	1 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	25 Ephesians 2:1-22	17 Leviticus 16:1-34
11 1 Peter 4.1-19	2 Acts 1:1-26	26 Ephesians 3:1-21	18 Numbers 14:1-25
12 1 Peter 5.1-14	3 Romans 8:1-17	27 Ephesians 4:1-16	19 Joshua 1:1-18
13 2 Peter 1.1-21	4 Romans 8:18-39	28 Ephesians 4:17-32	20 Joshua 2:1-24
14 2 Peter 2.1-22	5 John 14:1-14	29 Ephesians 5:1-33	21 Joshua 3:1-17
15 2 Peter 3.1-18	6 John 14:15-31	30 Ephesians 6:1-24	22 Joshua 6:1-27
16 Isaiah 25.1-12	7 John 15:1-17		23 Judges 13:1-25
17 Isaiah 26.1-21	8 John 15:18-16:4a	July	24 1 Samuel 1:1-28
18 Isaiah 40.1-31	9 John 16:4b-33	1 Psalm 32	25 1 Samuel 24:1-22
19 Isaiah 41.1-20	10 1 Corinthians 14:1-25	2 Psalm 103	26 1 Samuel 26:1-25
20 Isaiah 42.1-25	11 Joel 2:28-3:8	3 Genesis 32:1-32	27 2 Samuel 9:1-13
21 Isaiah 43.1-21	12 Acts 2:1-21	4 Genesis 33:1-20	28 Matthew 18:21-35
22 Isaiah 49.1-26	13 Acts 2:22-47	5 Genesis 41:1-36	29 Matthew 20:1-16
23 Isaiah 51.1-16	14 Acts 3:1-26	6 Genesis 41:37-57	30 Philemon 1-25
			31 Hebrews 10:1-39

Jesus Ascended into Heaven

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Word List

Ascension Day is June 2 this year. Find the underlined words from Acts 1:4-8.

Once, while Jesus was meeting with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for what the Father had promised. Jesus said to them, "I've told you what the Father promises: John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized by the Holy Spirit." So when the apostles came together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you're going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus told them, "You don't need to know about times or periods that the Father has determined by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. Then you will be my witnesses to testify about me in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he had said this, he was taken to heaven. A cloud hid him so that they could no longer see him.

They were staring into the sky as he departed. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood near them. They asked, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking at the sky? Jesus, who was taken from you to heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven."

Answers to questions on page 3:

1. Jesus will reign from David's throne, He will reign over Jacob (Israel, God's people), and He will reign forever.
2. When Jesus got crucified.
3. Yes, He is still King ruling over all.
4. Very close! God will live with us and comfort us, wipe away all tears.
5. The description of the city with beautiful stones, gold, riches, and glory, describe how God makes His people beautiful.
6. We are a holy nation, kingly priests. We will reign with Christ forever.



May 2011

1 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	2	3	4 11:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	5 9:30 QC – Bible study 6:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	6	7 2:00 DU – Bible Study
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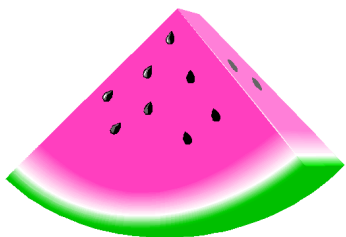
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 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 WL – Waterloo. Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S Hackett Rd., Waterloo. Every Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 pm. 2nd Wednesday Worship/Study at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 1st Saturday, Bible study at 2:00 p.m.
 MC – Mason City. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 419 N. Delaware Ave., Mason City. 1st and 3rd Thursday, Worship and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Bible study at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Saturday.

June 2011

			1 7:00 WL – Study	2 9:30 QC – Bible study 6:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	3	4
5 QC – Church Picnic * See below for worship and Bible study times.	6	7	8 11:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Worship	9 9:30 QC – Bible study	10	11
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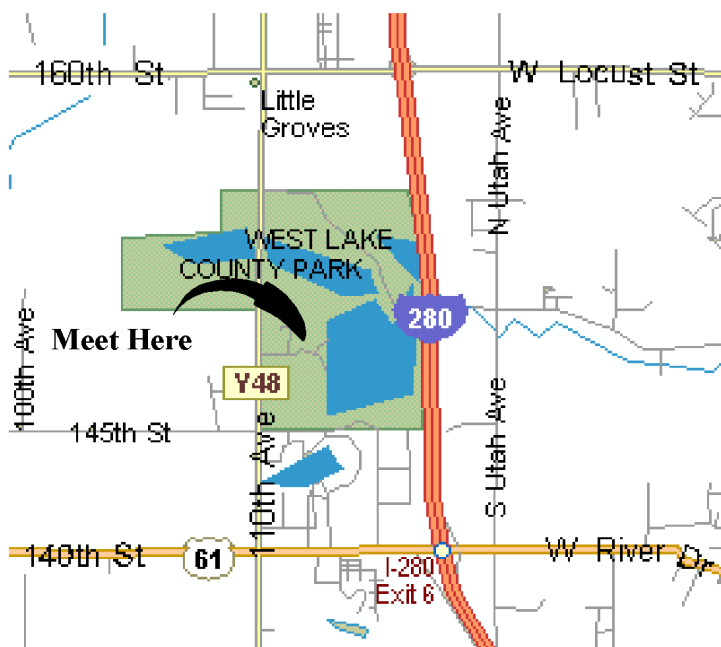
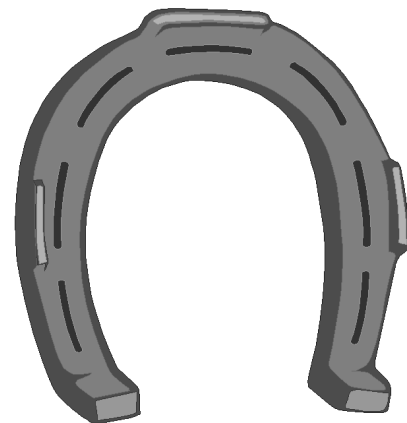


Lutheran Deaf Picnic

Sunday, June 5, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

West Lake Park, Davenport, IA
Gate 4 to High Meadows Shelter



More information: call Pastor Tim Eckert, (563) 359-7105 (V/TTY), or e-mail DeafLutheran@q.com

- * Deaf worship 10:00 a.m.
- * Potluck at 11:30! Everyone please bring meat dish and side dish or dessert to share.
- * Bring your own drinks. No alcohol, please.
- * We will provide plates, cups, and plasticware. We will also have charcoal if you want to grill meat.

Canoe Trip



*McDonough Canoe Rental, Monticello, Iowa
Saturday, July 23, 2011*

When: Saturday, July 23. The shuttle leaves from Pictured Rocks State Park at 10:00 a.m. We will carpool from Davenport, leaving at 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$35/canoe, or \$10/inner tube. Each canoe holds two people, three at the most. Two people/canoe is \$17.25 per person. The deadline is May 10. We need \$17.25 per canoe by **May 10** to reserve a place for you. Make sure you say if you want a canoe or inner tube. If you know who you will share a canoe with, please include their name also. **No deposit means no reservation.**

Please bring:

Your own picnic lunch and drinks.
Swimsuit or clothes that can get wet.
Sunscreen.

Please do NOT bring, or at your own risk:

Cameras, phones/pagers, and things that water can damage.



Directions: From Cedar Rapids or Dubuque, take Hwy 151 to Monticello. In Monticello, take Hwy 38 past the airport to 190th St., about 2 miles. Turn left onto 190th St., go to the end of the street in Pictured Rocks State Park.

From Davenport, take Hwy. 61 to Hwy 64 (at Maquoketa). Take Hwy 64 west to Hwy 38 (23 miles), turn right onto 38. Go north about 11 miles to 190th St., turn right. Go to the end of the street in Pictured Rocks State Park.

New this year: park in a new parking lot at the top of the hill, not down by the river. Their shuttle will move us from the river to the parking lot when we are done.

Questions? Want to reserve your spot? Call Pastor Tim Eckert, (563) 359-7105 V/TTY, or e-mail him at DeafLutheran@q.com. Join us for a great day of canoeing on the Maquoketa River!

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