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May – June 2009

You know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize. Run like you want to get the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24

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Spring is here! Summer is coming soon. Many people are out jogging, enjoying the warmer weather. Soon there will be races. If a person wants to race, they need to run and get in shape. They need to eat healthy foods. Getting enough sleep is also important. Then they are ready for the race.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 9, Paul compares Christian life to a race. The finish line is heaven. The race is life. Running the race means living our Christian life. This race is different than a normal race. In this race, you haven’t finished yet, but God already says you won. Jesus finished the race for you. When Jesus was on the cross, He shouted, “It is finished!” He won the race. He won life for us. We go to heaven, but not because we run the race so well. We go to heaven because Jesus died and lives again for us.

We still have to ask – how do we run the race? God still wants us to run. That means He still wants us to live a Christian life to honor Him.

Think of this. Two runners prepare for a race. One works out with weights or runs every day with one day rest each week. He is careful about what he eats, he gets good sleep, he takes care of himself. He is ready to run. He is happy when he runs. He runs hard, but he enjoys it and does well.

The other runner watches TV most nights. Then he goes out with his friends and drinks beer until 2 a.m. He eats a lot of junk food and his stomach shows that. He does exercise some on Saturday. He runs a couple miles and thinks he is doing a good job. He is not ready to run. In the race, he hurts, he is out of breath, he feels terrible, and he almost quits.

How do we live our Christian life? Are we prepared? Or not prepared? God gives us His word in the Bible, baptism, the Lord’s Supper. Those things prepare us for life. Let us use them. Go to worship. Go to Bible study. See God’s love for you. Then share God’s love with other people. Say kind words to people. Help other people. Love your enemies. Pray for all people. Always tell the truth. Avoid things that aren’t good for your heart, mind, or soul. When you do those things, you practice your faith and you are ready to run this race named life. When you ignore those things, you make your Christian life hard work. Use this summer to get in shape!

Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

Thank you to everyone who worked at the Pancake Breakfast and who came to eat. Word of God, Cedar Rapids, made \$392, plus matching funds from Thrivent. This money will be used to fix the roof and prevent more leaks in the future.

Congratulations! To Patrick and Carissa Huffman on the birth of a baby boy, Conor. Conor was born on March 24. He was a very healthy (and big) 9 lbs. 4 oz. We look forward to celebrating his baptism, when he will join God's kingdom as His child!

The Annual Canoe Trip will be August 22. Canoe rental is \$30. We need to make reservations by May 15. A \$15 deposit per canoe is also due on May 15. We will go to McDonough Canoe Rental in Monticello, the same place we went last year. Get a friend and come canoeing with us!

Reminder – the joint picnic has moved. Remember to plan on going to Hilton Hall, 550 Seventh Ave. in Conroy on August 23. It is the same exit as Williamsburg, a couple miles north of the interstate.

The next Movie night will be ????. We will watch the movie *Fireproof*. This is a very good movie about marriage, commitment, and God's love. It has gotten many good reviews. Unfortunately, we don't have a date set yet. We will send out e-mails when we have a certain date, so please watch for that. This will also be a fundraiser to help Word of God, Cedar Rapids, fix their roof. You can come and eat and watch the movie for free, but we will collect free will donations, 100% of the money going to Word of God, Cedar Rapids.

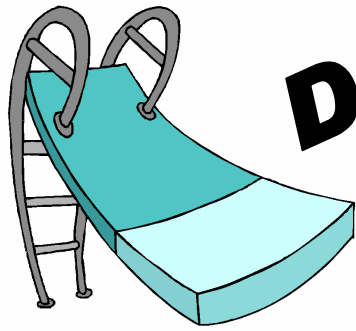
Thrivent Night at the Ballpark will be at Modern Woodmen park on June 8 in Davenport. You can come and watch the River Bandits play for only \$2 per ticket for bleacher seats or pay a little more for box seats. This event raises money for Special Olympics. You will need to get your tickets ahead of time from Word of God in Cedar Rapids or Davenport.

Prayers

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

- ✦ Tom Eaton and his sons, Tommy and Jesse, along with the Eaton and Miller families, at the passing away of Pam Miller Eaton.
- ✦ Betty Ahls and her family as she steadily recovers from ill health after a short stay at Methodist Hosp in Des Moines.
- ✦ We give thanks that Ricky Moore's adoptive father Tom is recovering from his broken hip, and that Neita Dommer continues to recover from her knee surgery.
- ✦ We give thanks for the birth of Conor Huffman to Patrick and Carissa Huffman.
- ✦ Martha Wrage, Larry Belk, and Dean Dommer in their health problems.
- ✦ As you know by now, the supreme court in the state of Iowa said gay marriage is legal in Iowa. We pray that God will make people realize this is a sin. We ask God to lead people to repent and follow His way.
- ✦ We give thanks for the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. They are now an official non-profit organization and will work to encourage and support mission work and outreach to the deaf.
- ✦ 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

Hatred, Love, and Forgiveness

Many people love the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. His father favored him, his brothers hated him, he became a slave in Egypt and then second in command in Egypt. The whole time, God was with him, led him, and took care of him. The Genesis readings in May show what happened between Joseph and his family.

Genesis 42:1-38. Joseph already decided to forgive his brothers. So why test them? Joseph wanted to see if they were _____ for what they did to him.

Genesis 44:1-34. In the past, the brothers hated Joseph. Now, how do they treat Benjamin? Are they still full of hatred, or are they learning to take care of each other?

Genesis 45:1-28, Gen. 46:28-47:12. How did Joseph show he forgave his brothers? How do we show forgiveness?

Genesis 49:29-50:14. How did Joseph show love and respect for his father?

Genesis 50:15-26. Now Joseph could get revenge. Does he? If you forgive someone, can you later bring up their sins and accuse them again?

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

May	24 Numbers 27:12-23	15 Acts 20:17-38	7 Genesis 14:1-24
1 Luke 10:25-37	25 Joshua 1:1-18	16 Ephesians 1:1-23	8 Genesis 15:1-21
2 John 13:1-38	26 Joshua 2:1-24	17 Ephesians 2:1-22	9 Genesis 16:1-16
3 John 21:1-25	27 Joshua 23:1-16	18 Ephesians 3:1-21	10 Genesis 17:1-27
4 Romans 12:1-21	28 Joshua 24:1-28	19 Ephesians 4:1-16	11 Genesis 18:1-15
5 Romans 13:1-14	29 Ezekiel 34:1-31	20 Ephesians 4:17-5:2	12 Genesis 21:1-21
6 Romans 14:1-23	30 Joel 2:28-3:8	21 Ephesians 5:3-33	13 Genesis 21:22-34
7 Psalm 33	31 Acts 2:1-13	22 Ephesians 6:1-24	14 Genesis 22:1-19
8 Deuteronomy 1:1-18		23 John 14:1-31	15 Genesis 26:1-35
9 Deuteronomy 24:5-22	June	24 John 15:1-17	16 Genesis 27:1-29
10 Genesis 42:1-38	1 Acts 2:14-28	25 John 15:18-16:4	17 Genesis 27:30-28:5
11 Genesis 43:1-34	2 Acts 2:29-47	26 John 16:4-33	18 Genesis 28:6-22
12 Genesis 44:1-34	3 Acts 6:1-15	27 Ezekiel 2:1-3:11	19 Exodus 3:1-22
13 Genesis 45:1-28	4 Acts 7:1-22	28 Ezekiel 3:12-27	20 Exodus 4:1-31
14 Genesis 46:1-27	5 Acts 7:23-53	29 Romans 8:1-17	21 Exodus 12:1-28
15 Genesis 46:28-47:12	6 Acts 7:54-8:3	30 Romans 8:18-39	22 Exodus 12:29-13:2
16 Genesis 47:13-31	7 Acts 8:4-25		23 Exodus 13:3-22
17 Genesis 48:1-22	8 Acts 8:26-40	July	24 Exodus 14:1-31
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19 Genesis 50:15-26	10 Acts 17:16-34	2 Genesis 7:1-24	26 Exodus 16:1-36
20 Psalm 112	11 Acts 18:1-28	3 Genesis 8:1-22	27 Exodus 19:1-25
21 Acts 1:1-11	12 Acts 19:1-20	4 Genesis 9:1-29	28 Exodus 20:1-26
22 Acts 1:12-26	13 Acts 19:21-41	5 Genesis 12:1-20	29 Hebrews 9:1-28
23 1 Corinthians 4:1-21	14 Acts 20:1-16	6 Genesis 13:1-18	30 Hebrews 10:1-18
			31 Hebrews 10:19-39

Fruit of the Spirit

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You want to exercise your faith. You want to see faith work and serve and follow God. What does that look like? Galatians 5:22-26 describes what happens when the Holy Spirit leads you. These “fruits of the Spirit” are what the Holy Spirit creates in Christians. As you grow in faith and follow Christ, your life will show these characteristics.

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Word List

Galatians 5:22-25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

May

- 11 Robbie Yotter
- 13 Norma Wilson
- Curtis Sparks
- 20 Richard Parkin
- 24 Barbara Brown
- 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

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 deaf_lutheran@q.com and give us the name and birth date.

May 2009

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3 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	4	5 10:00 QC – DeafPah study	6 10:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	7 6:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	8	9
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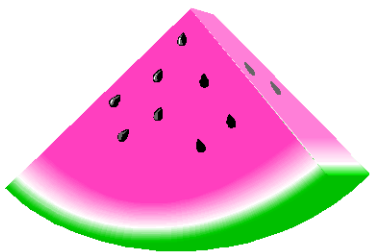
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 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 WL – Waterloo. Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S Hackett Rd., Waterloo. Every Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 pm. 2nd Wednesday Worship/Study at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. No Bible study until September.
 MC – 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 5th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

June 2009

	1	2	3 10:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	4 6:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	5	6
7 10:00 QC– Worship and picnic, West Lake Park * See below for other worship times.	8	9 10:00 QC – DeafPah study	10 7:00 IL Bible Study 7:00 WL – Worship	11	12	13
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DEAF PICNIC



Lutheran Deaf Picnic

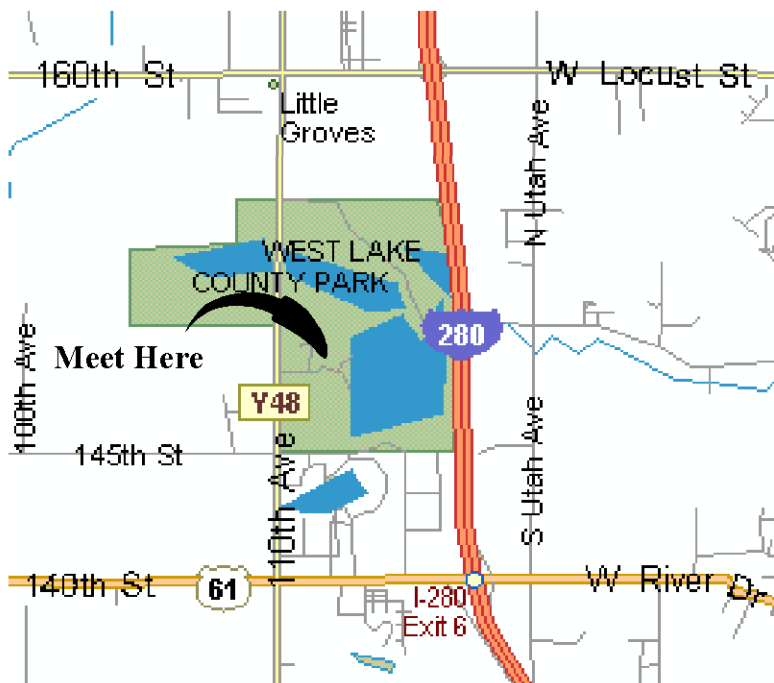
June 7, 2009

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

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



Be ready for
the annual
horseshoe
tournament!



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, plasticware, and coffee. We will also have charcoal if you want to grill meat.