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Jesus said to them, “That is why every law teacher who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a home owner. He brings new and old things out of his treasure chest.” Matthew 13:52

New! Improved! Better than anything before! Wow, things change fast. The next time you are bored (really bored), look through an ad from your local electronics store and count how many “New” products there are. Companies are always changing their products, trying to improve them, trying to make everything new so they can sell more and make more money.

But now I have an important question. Is new always better? We like having a new car. It feels nice. It’s clean, comfortable. It looks nice. It drives smoothly and doesn’t break down as much as our old car. Well, it is not supposed to break down. Most of the time, a new car does run well, but sometimes it needs work. Sometimes we buy other things new and find out they fall apart more quickly. That’s why we have the saying, “They don’t make them like they used to.” Most of the time, though, new things are better. When we look at how much technology has improved, we can often make new things better than the old things.

Is that true in religion? Can we change the church to improve it? Tough question! The answer is yes and no. This is very important to understand.

Can we change the church? No! Different is not always better. New is not always good. Sometimes people want to change what we teach and believe. We cannot change the teachings God gave us. Jesus Christ gave up His life to forgive our sins, and He rose again to give us eternal life. We don’t want to change that! That is God’s wonderful gift for us. If we change that, we lose everything. When we keep that, we keep eternal life.

Can we change the church? Yes! We can always change the church and show more love! We can always welcome more visitors. We can always attend church and Bible classes more often! We can pray regularly that God will help us bring more people to know Jesus. Our programs can change as we see what reaches more deaf people. The things we do at church will change over the years. The love of God, His forgiveness, His life, and how He gives His gifts will never change.

Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

The Joint Worship and Picnic was a great time together again this year. Worship together, God's word feeding our souls, good food feeding our bodies, and fellowship all mean an enjoyable day. Oh, yes, there was also a Bible trivia contest, the men against the women! The women were the champions, even after the bonus questions. Guys, you need to study your Bibles a little more!

Please note that Pastor Anderson has a new VP number: 815-977-7861.

Midwest ILDA is coming soon, October 7-9 in Boulder, Colorado. Registration is due by Sept. 16. Registration forms were included in an earlier newsletter and can still be found at www.iowaeastdeaf.org on the News page (with the newsletters).

ILDA met at Deer Creek State Park near Columbus, Ohio, in August. It was a smaller group compared to previous years, but it was a great time for fellowship and growing. The studies and workshops were very good. Over the last two years, ILDA received \$50,001.44 for the mission projects. The goal for the next two years is again \$55,000. Officers elected for the next two years are Jeff Padon (president), Carol Seeger (pres. elect), Jennifer Ceyanes (secretary), Pat Sell (treasurer), and Rev. Mark Seeger (pastoral adviser). The next ILDA will be July 18-21, 2013, in Austin, Texas.



Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of surgery recovery, physical challenges, and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Harold and Mabel Kincaid, Darlene Twatchmann, DeWayne Teepe, Julie Lahane, James Anderson, 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, Cathy Ruchotzke, Kathy Anderson, Ruth Mettler.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Dennis and Jeanette Evans, Cheryl McLeod, Larry and Joan Plumb, Carrie Kelley, Curtis Ketelsen, Sharon Pope, Mollie Schmitz, Martha Wrage, and Bob Orr.
- ✦ For Brian and Cynthia Byer in their move to Michigan. God be with you!
- ✦ For the people recovering from Hurricane Irene.
- ✦ For our leaders, that they will want to follow what God wants for us. For our citizens, that they will live in love and mercy, not selfishness and greed.



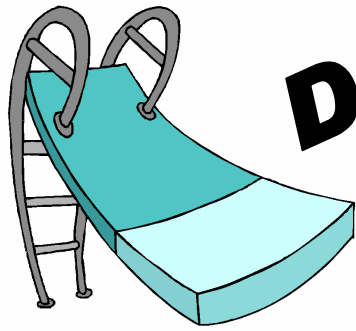
September

- 1 Lynn Eiben
- 5 Carissa Huffman
- 6 Charles Pope
- 13 Jim Biber
- 15 Karlene Kischer-Browne
- 26 Kent Kischer
- 27 Mollie Schmitz



October

- 2 Mabel Kinkade
- 17 Kris Baltzer



Dive Into God's Word

Micah

Micah was a prophet in Judah. He prophesied before and after the time that Assyria destroyed Israel (the northern kingdom). People at that time looked like they had a good life. They were rich and living well, and they looked religious. But they were hypocrites. They ignored people who were poor and needy. They didn't do right for other people. Micah preached judgment on them. He also preached hope, because God will not destroy, but will forgive and build them up again. Micah also gave several prophecies about the Messiah, Jesus.

1. Micah preached against everyone. Read how the people sinned in Micah 2:1-2. Then read about the prophets' sin in Micah 3:5. Read about the leaders' sin in Micah 3:9-11. How were they all sinning?
2. God said He will punish the people for their sin. How? Read Micah 3:4 and 3:12.
3. God also gave wonderful promises about the coming Savior. Read one of them in Micah 5:1-4. Where does verse 2 say Jesus would be from?
4. God's first desire (want) for all people is for us to repent of our sins and trust Jesus our Savior. Then as His people, how do we live? Micah 6:6-8 answers that question.

Daily Bible readings for next 2 months.

September	24 Psalm 37	16 Job 39:1-40:2	7 Ezra 7:1-28
1 Matthew 5:1-20	25 Proverbs 8:1-36	17 Job 40:3-24	8 Nehemiah 8:1-18
2 Matthew 5:21-48	26 Proverbs 9:1-18	18 Job 41:1-34	9 Haggai 1:1-15
3 Matthew 6:19-34	27 Proverbs 10:1-32	19 Job 42:1-17	10 Haggai 2:1-23
4 Matthew 7:1-29	28 Proverbs 12:1-28	20 Amos 5:1-27	11 Psalm 132
5 Matthew 12:1-21	29 Proverbs 16:1-33	21 Jonah 3:1-10	12 1 Chron. 15:1-16:7
6 Matthew 12:22-50	30 Eccl. 11:9-12:14	22 Jonah 4:1-11	13 1 Chronicles 16:8-43
7 Matthew 13:1-23		23 Micah 1:1-16	14 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
8 Matthew 13:24-58	October	24 Micah 2:1-13	15 2 Chronicles 34:1-33
9 Matthew 22:1-22	1 Psalm 72	25 Micah 3:1-12	16 2 Chronicles 35:1-19
10 Matthew 22:23-46	2 1 Corinthians 11:17-34	26 Micah 4:1-13	17 Psalm 65
11 Matthew 25:1-30	3 Ruth 1:1-22	27 Micah 5:1-15	18 Psalm 66
12 Matthew 25:31-46	4 Ruth 2:1-23	28 Micah 6:1-16	19 Psalm 92
13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17	5 Ruth 3:1-18	29 Micah 7:1-20	20 Psalm 96
14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	6 Ruth 4:1-22	30 Nahum 1:1-15	21 Psalm 97
15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16	7 1 Samuel 25:1-44	31 Psalm 46	22 Psalm 98
16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23	8 2 Kings 6:8-23		23 Psalm 99
17 1 Corinthians 4:1-21	9 Job 32:1-22	November	24 Psalm 100
18 James 1:1-27	10 Job 33:1-33	1 Genesis 1:1-2:4a	25 Psalm 113
19 James 2:1-26	11 Job 34:1-37	2 Genesis 2:4b-25	26 Psalm 118
20 James 3:1-18	12 Job 35:1-16	3 Psalm 104	27 Mark 13:1-37
21 James 4:1-17	13 Job 36:1-33	4 Psalm 105	28 Revelation 4:1-11
22 James 5:1-20	14 Job 37:1-24	5 Amos 9:5-15	29 Revelation 5:1-14
23 Psalm 34	15 Job 38:1-41	6 Ezra 6:1-22	30 Revelation 7:1-17

God's Promise of Peace

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Word List

Micah spoke wonderful promises about Jesus and God's salvation. This promise, from Micah 4:1-4, tells how wonderful it will be when God rules all in perfect peace.

In the last days the mountain where the Lord's temple is located will be famous.

It will be the most important mountain of all. It will stand out above the hills. And nations will go to it.

People from many nations will go there. They will say, "Come, let us go up to the Lord's mountain. Let's go to the house of Jacob's God. He will teach us how we should live. Then we will live the way he wants us to."

The law of the Lord will be taught at Zion. His message will go out from Jerusalem.

He will judge between people from many nations. He'll settle problems among strong nations everywhere. They will hammer their swords into plows. They'll hammer their spears into pruning tools. Nations will not go to war against one another. They won't even train to fight anymore.

Every man will have his own vine and fig tree. And no one will make them afraid. That's what the Lord who rules over all has promised.

Answers to questions on page 3:

1. People: planned evil, had jealous desires, and stole from each other. Prophets: greedy for money. Leaders: didn't judge right, they accepted bribes, were violent, and greedy.
2. God said He will not answer their prayers, and He will destroy Jerusalem and Israel.
3. Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.
4. God wants us to do what is right, love kindness, and live humbly following God. That is better than all the sacrifices we could give.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



The actual First World War

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4 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	5	6	7 11:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	8	9 9:00 QC – LDMS Meeting	10 10:00 QC – LDMS Meeting
11 * See below for worship and Bible study times. 12:30 CR – Meeting and Potluck	12	13	14 7:00 WL – Worship	15 6:30 MC – Worship and Bible study	16 9:30 QC – Bible study	17 10:00 MU – Worship/Study
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