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**September -
October 2009**

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From childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

Happy Reformation! October 31 is Reformation Day, the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses (95 statements) on the castle church door. He had found the truth that God gives salvation free because of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The Roman Catholic Church taught that we need to do good works to earn forgiveness and heaven. But we don’t need to work to earn salvation. God gives life, forgiveness, and peace for free!

Where did Luther find out about this? God’s word, the Bible. The Bible is God’s word that shows God’s plan to save us through faith in Jesus. Luther taught “Sola Scriptura,” only Scripture teaches us what we need to know. Church tradition can be good and helpful, but we don’t depend on that for salvation. People’s ideas come from sinful human beings, and we can’t trust them. The world’s culture doesn’t teach us about Jesus. Only God’s word rightly teaches us the way of salvation through faith in Jesus.

When we celebrate the Reformation, we celebrate God giving us His message of salvation in the Bible. Sadly, some people don’t have that message. There are still many people in the world who don’t know about Jesus. There are many deaf in the U.S. who don’t know Jesus died to forgive them and give them eternal life. Reformation is a time to remember missions and work to tell people that Jesus died and rose to save them.

Also very sad, some people think it is okay to change God’s word. Some of you have heard about another Lutheran church, the ELCA, that recently made some decisions that disagree with the Bible. Tim Mumm, a delegate at their convention, said, “We are responding to something that the writers of Scripture could not have understood.” Some people in that church think the Bible is old and outdated. It applies to long ago; it doesn’t apply today.

The Bible does apply today! People today still sin. God’s word, His Law, still says He will punish unbelievers for sin. God’s word, His Gospel, still says He forgives all people who trust in Jesus as their Savior. Lord Jesus, thank You for saving us! For people who ignore Your word, lead them to repent and trust You again. Make us teach Your word to all unbelievers so they also can know and believe that Jesus is their Savior. Amen.
Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) convention was in Rochester, New York, July 23-26. A lot of people from Iowa went, many of them by train. Probably none of them will take an overnight train again! There was some confusion about proposed constitutional changes, but the workshops, Bible studies, banquet and worship were all very good. ILDA exceeded their goal of \$40,000 raised for mission projects. The goal for the next two years is \$55,000. I don't remember all the projects listed, but I do remember the top two projects are \$20,000 for Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) students in North America, and \$10,000 for DIT students in foreign countries. Mill Neck surprised everyone by giving \$10,000 toward the new mission projects. ILDA was again a good time of fellowship and fun and spiritual growth.



The Joint Picnic on Aug. 23 was an enjoyable time! Pastor Konkel preached a very good sermon about reservations. Jesus reserved a place in heaven for all of us. He also reserved work for us to do on earth: to tell other people about Him, and to serve other people in love. As usual, everyone ate a delicious lunch and had a good time talking to everyone. Hilton Hall in Conroy was a nice place to meet; a very central location with good facilities. We will plan to meet there again next year with Calvary, Des Moines, as the host congregation. We look forward to meeting again next year!

Midwest ILDA will be October 9-11 in Salina, Kansas. As this went to press, the flyer came out! See pages 7 and 8 for information about this retreat and workshop.

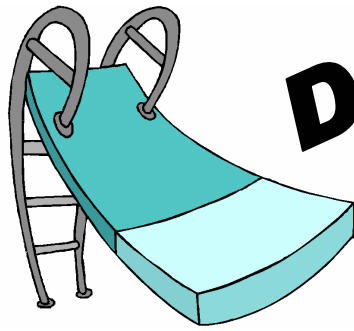
Potluck Meetings will be starting again in September. Word of God, Cedar Rapids, will have a meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Davenport has changed to four meetings a year. The next two meetings in Davenport will be in September and November.

Prayers

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

- ✦ Recovery from surgery, physical challenges and difficult times: Rick and Patty Rowray, Rosanna Curran, Matt Frimml, Julie Lahane, Ruth Teepe, Dwayne Teepe, Darlene Twatchmann, Julie Ryzek, Barb Saeugling, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Norma Jean Mangrich, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Ruby Oelberg, Linda Sparks, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Jay and Lisa Oelberg, Kathy Anderson
- ✦ Neita Dommer as she recovers from surgery, and Susan Sacco as she will have surgery soon.
- ✦ The family of Dean Dommer, who passed away July 7. Thank God that He gives peace and eternal life to all people who trust in Jesus.
- ✦ Martha Wrage, Larry Belk, Mollie Schmitz, Cheryl McLeod, and Bob Orr in their health problems.
- ✦ Madonna Moore for God's grace and help in her life.
- ✦ Thank God for protecting Brian, Cynthia, Matt and George from danger while canoeing.
- ✦ That Word of God, Cedar Rapids, will find the right roofer to install a new metal roof on the church.
- ✦ Those lost without Christ, that they will trust Jesus as their Savior.





Dive Into God's Word

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 119 is a wonderful psalm about the law of God. In this psalm, the law of God means all of God's word, all of His teachings. Read these verses from Psalm 119 and see what it says about God's word.

Psalm 119:11. Where does God's word belong? What can we do to make sure we have God's word there?

Verses 35-37. God's word leads us, like a guide. What does He guide us away from?

Verse 71. How does suffering help us learn God's word?

Verses 89-91. Does God's word change? How long can we depend on His word?

Verse 97. How often should we study God's word and think and pray about it?

Verse 126. People break God's law. Will He always let people break His law, or will He judge them?

Verses 171-172. God's word shows us the great things He does. His word makes us what to do what?

Daily Bible readings for next 3 months.

September	24 Proverbs 10:1-32	16 Jeremiah 22:24-23:8	7 Psalm 150
1 Psalm 1	25 Proverbs 16:1-33	17 Jeremiah 23:9-40	8 Exodus 35:1-29
2 Psalm 19	26 Proverbs 25:1-28	18 Isaiah 28:1-29	9 Deuteronomy 26:1-19
3 Psalm 37	27 Ecclesiastes 3:1-22	19 Isaiah 56:1-12	10 Malachi 3:5-18
4 Psalm 39	28 Ecclesiastes 4:1-16	20 Isaiah 57:1-21	11 2 Corinthians 8:1-24
5 Psalm 139	29 Ecclesiastes 5:1-20	21 Isaiah 58:1-14	12 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
6 Psalm 119:1-24	30 Ecclesiastes 12:1-14	22 Isaiah 59:1-21	13 Psalm 46
7 Psalm 119:25-48		23 Isaiah 61:1-11	14 Psalm 48
8 Psalm 119:49-72	October	24 Isaiah 62:1-12	15 Psalm 64
9 Psalm 119:73-96	1 Habakkuk 1:1-17	25 Micah 1:1-16	16 Psalm 65
10 Psalm 119:97-120	2 Habakkuk 2:1-20	26 Micah 2:1-13	17 Psalm 66
11 Psalm 119:121-144	3 Habakkuk 3:1-19	27 Micah 3:1-12	18 Psalm 67
12 Psalm 119:145-176	4 1 Corinthians 11:17-34	28 Micah 4:1-13	19 Psalm 84
13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17	5 Psalm 7	29 Micah 5:1-15	20 Psalm 95
14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	6 Psalm 9	30 Micah 6:1-16	21 Psalm 96
15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16	7 Psalm 85	31 Micah 7:1-20	22 Psalm 97
16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23	8 Psalm 113		23 Psalm 98
17 James 1:1-27	9 Amos 5:1-27	November	24 Psalm 99
18 James 2:1-26	10 Zephaniah 3:1-20	1 Psalm 8	25 Psalm 100
19 James 3:1-18	11 Job 33:1-33	2 Psalm 145	26 Psalm 103
20 James 4:1-17	12 Job 34:1-37	3 Psalm 146	27 Psalm 107
21 James 5:1-20	13 Job 35:1-16	4 Psalm 147	28 Psalm 108
22 Proverbs 8:1-36	14 Job 36:1-33	5 Psalm 148	29 Jeremiah 33:1-26
23 Proverbs 9:1-18	15 Jeremiah 22:1-23	6 Psalm 149	30 Psalm 136

Reformation

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

Find all the words on the right about the Reformation. Don't find the words in (parentheses). They only explain what the words mean for the Reformation.

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Word List

Reformation

Martin Luther (He started the Reformation and the Lutheran church)

Philip Melancthon (Luther's friend and an important teacher)

Sola Scriptura (only Scripture)

Sola Fide (only faith)

Sola Gratia (only grace)

Wittenberg (where Luther lived)

Ninety-Five Theses (95 statements for debate that started the Reformation)

Indulgences (A certificate people could buy that said their sins are forgiven. Luther was against that.)

Law (Shows us our sin)

Gospel (Good news of Jesus)

Bible

Catechism (Luther wrote a small book to teach the Christian faith)

Salvation

Word (God's word, the Bible)

Sacrament (baptism, Lord's Supper)

Justification (God saves us, His free gift)

Book of Concord (a book that describes what Lutherans believe)

September

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



October

- 2 Mabel Kinkade
- 17 Kris Baltzer
- 31 The Lutheran Church

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.

September 2009

		1	2 9:30 QC – DeafPah study 11:00 QC – Senior Citizens 7:00 WL – Study	3	4	5
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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.
 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. Bible study at 2:00 p.m. on 2nd Saturday.
 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.

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Welcome to Kansas!



2nd Annual Midwest ILDA Region Retreat

October 9-11, 2009

Camp Webster & Conference Center

2601 N Ohio St, Salina Kansas

Join us for a Heart-Lifting, Dynamic, Humorous, Encouraging, Inspiring, and Fun Retreat in Salina, Kansas.

This year Retreat will include workshops, devotions, and great food & fellowship according to the theme,

"Raising Your Hands for Jesus."

The Retreat will conclude with Worship on Sunday morning.

Registration Deadline is Sept.27.

Complete the Retreat Registration form and send to:

Sara Hale

2615 NE Laurent St.

Topeka, Kansas 66616

dragonfly@yahoo.com

VP: 785-246-5058

SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct.9

Registration starts at 1:00 p.m.

Supper – 5:30 p.m.

Friday Night Fun and refreshment – 7:00 p.m. to bedtime ☺

Saturday, Oct.10

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.

Registration – 9:00 a.m.- noon

Workshop – 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LUNCH – 12:00

Workshop 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m. Your own free time or go Hiking, Frisbee Golf, or Badminton

SUPPER – 5:30.....Fun Night, Roundtable & Social at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct.11

BREAKFAST – 7:00

Bible Study – 9:00 ~~~ Worship with communion –10:45 a.m. ~

Farewell & Have A Safe Trip Home!
See you next year at Minnesota Conference!

2009 MIDWEST ILDA RETREAT
"Raising Your Hands for Jesus"

OCTOBER 9-10-11, 2009

CAMP WEBSTER AND CONFERENCE CENTER
2601 N OHIO ST, SALINA, KANSAS

Hosted By Kansas Deaf Lutheran Mission

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2009
MIDWEST ILDA RETREAT
(Please Use one form per Person)

NAME _____ TTY/VP/FAX _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____ VP/FAX _____

Registration (required) \$20
Room (2 Nights) & All meals \$84
(Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast)
TOTAL \$104 after Sept.27
SAVE ~ SAVE ~ SAVE BEFORE Sept. 27th - \$90.00...\$ _____

Bring your own towels, personal items, twin size sheets, pillow, blanket, Bible.

Can order bedding packet from camp for **\$7.50** (towel, washcloth, top and bottom twin sheet and pillow). \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

OPTIONAL

Saturday only \$35 (Registration, workshop, & 2 meals) \$ _____

Special Diet Diabetic__ Vegetarian __

Make checks payable to Kansas Deaf Lutheran Mission
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E-mail questions to Chairperson Glenda Haefner at haefner5@bluevalley.net

Deadline September 27, 2009

We need to know how many people to serve meals.