

# Sign Post

**Sept. - Oct. 2015**

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## **What Is the Church?**

Suppose I ask you what your church looks like. You might answer that your church has white siding, a blue steel roof, wood pews, and a raised altar. But that is not the church. Or maybe you answer that your church is a brick building, has brown carpet and white walls, a small altar, and a large painting of Calvary on one wall. That is not the church, either.

What does the church look like? The pastor preaching the good news of Jesus to people. People receiving the Lord’s Supper to forgive their sins. A baby getting baptized. God’s people together with Him.

The church is not a building. Yes, we meet in a building and we call it a church. But that is not the true church. The true church is God’s people. God’s people with His gifts – His word, the Lord’s Supper, Baptism.

If you take away the people, there is no church. In Europe, there are many church buildings that are now empty. The people left and do not meet there anymore. The building is still there, but that is not the church. There are no Christians meeting there to receive God’s gifts.

If you take away the Gospel, there is no church. A Jewish synagogue (building where Jews meet) is not the church, because they don’t preach the good news of Jesus there. People go to Deaf bowling, but that is not the church, because they don’t preach the gospel there, either.

So what? Why is this important? God made us to have relationships with Him and with other Christians. We have a relationship with God because He forgives our sins and adopts us as His children. That makes all believers family together – brothers and sisters in Christ. We can’t give up those relationships!

We want to meet with other believers in Bible study and worship because we are the church, God’s people meeting together with Him. We don’t want to give that up. God comes to us in worship, in His word and the Lord’s Supper.

Then He sends us out into the world again. We are His people, the church, and we go back home, to work, to the Deaf club, etc. We bring with us the death and life of Jesus, because He lives in us. You are the church of God! Go and live as His people in the world, so other people can see Jesus in you.

Pastor Eckert

# Dive Into God's Word

Our readings for September and October continue through 1 Corinthians. In chapters 9-16, Paul wrote and explained about worship, the Lord's Supper, Jesus' resurrection, and a few other things. These explain some important teachings for us! Some of these questions will be hard, but remember to find the answers online at [www.iowaeastdeaf.org](http://www.iowaeastdeaf.org). Click on Daily Study on the left.

Sept. 6-12, read 1 Corinthians 9

1. Americans love rights. We have the right to say and do things and no one can stop us. What rights did Paul say he had? (9:1-7)
2. God said apostles and preachers could earn their living from church work. Did Paul do that? (9:12, 15-18)
3. What does it mean that Paul became a servant to all people? (9:19-23)
4. How can we be a servant for people who don't know Jesus?
5. If we serve other people, does that mean we do anything they need or want? (9:24-27)

Sept. 13-19, read 1 Corinthians 10.

1. Paul now begins talking about worship. When you read the story of the Israelites leaving Egypt and going to the Promised Land, you see many of them sinned and died. Why is that written in the Bible? (10:1-11)
2. Those people saw God's work and they still sinned. What should that teach us about temptation? (10:12)
3. When we get tempted, how does God promise to help us? (10:13)
4. What one temptation did Paul warn them about? (10:14)
5. People thought they could worship God and also go to idol worship. What did Paul say? (10:20-21)
6. What guided Paul in his actions? (10:31-33)

Sept. 20-26, read 1 Corinthians 11.

1. The believers came together for the Lord's Supper. But Paul said it was not really the Lord's Supper. Why not? What were they doing? (11:17-21)
2. God forgives our sins in the Lord's Supper. What else does the Lord's Supper do? (11:26)
3. If we don't take the Lord's Supper the right way, then we sin against who? (11:27-29)
4. How do we prepare for the Lord's Supper? (11:28-32)

Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 1 Corinthians 12.

1. What is the only way you can believe Jesus is your Savior? (12:1-3)
2. God makes all Christians have the same gifts and serve the same way? (12:4-11)
3. Sometimes we feel jealous. We wish we could be like other Christians. They have better gifts and seem more important. What does God say? (12:12-20)
4. What is one way we show we are joined together? (12:26)

Oct. 4-10, 1 Corinthians 13.

1. This famous chapter is not about romantic love. It is about Christian love. Suppose you don't have God's love in you. Can you still do great things? (13:1-3)
2. One way to summarize verses 4-5 is to say love cares about other people. Love is not about \_\_\_\_\_. (13:4-5)
3. Love means we will be patient with people. But love will not do what? (13:6-7)
4. Right now, we are the same as children and we know a little. When will we become the same as adults and know God? (13:8-12)
5. What three things will always continue? Which one is the greatest? (13:13)

Oct. 11-17, 1 Corinthians 14

1. Remember what Paul said in chapters 8-13? We love and serve other people; we take care of them first. If I speak in tongues (praising God or talking about Him in another language), then who am I helping? (14:1-4)
2. Suppose a person prophesies (preaches or teaches God's word). That helps or builds up who? (14:1-5)
3. If someone spoke in a tongue in church, there should be another person to do what? (14:26-28)
4. Does God allow women to preach in church? (14:34-35)

Oct. 18-24, 1 Corinthians 15

1. After Jesus was raised alive from the dead, He appeared to who? (15:1-8)
2. Some people in the church said people don't rise from the dead. Some people today say the same. If people
3. Jesus did rise alive from the dead! What does that mean for us? (15:20-26)
4. Do we know what we will look like in heaven? (15:35-49)

Oct. 25-31, 1 Corinthians 16

1. What did Paul tell the church to do on the first day of every week? (16:1-4)
2. Paul taught the people in the church. He helped them know Jesus. How did he want them to help him and Timothy? (16:5-11)
3. Who else should the church listen to? (16:12-18)

## **Prayers**

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ For the family of Lester Ahls as he went home to heaven. We are sad that he is not with us anymore, but rejoice that he is with his Savior. Thank God for his life of faith and service to God and his constant witness to Jesus Christ!
- ✦ Mollie Schmitz, Vicki Morris, Evelyn Powell's mother, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Bill and Barbara Zimmerman, Harold Postel, Carolyn Fuller, Mae Hanson, Rosie Glime, Kathy Anderson, Kathy's friend Donna, Darlene Twatchmann, Curtis Ketelsen, Neita Dommer, Harold Kinkade, Jeanette Kern, and Ricky Moore with their ongoing physical difficulties.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.
- ✦ We live in a culture of death. People who are angry or depressed are killing others and then killing themselves. Doctors and nurses who should save lives are instead aborting babies and ending lives. War and fighting continues in many parts of the world. Pray that God will help us and all believers speak up for life. When someone is sad and depressed, Lord, let us give them hope in You. Let us show our nation how to respect the lives of all people including babies. And pray that God will change the hearts of people who fight and destroy, that they will repent of their sin and come to faith.
- ✦ Pray for missionaries around the world. They are working to bring the good news of Jesus to people in other languages and cultures, and they face many challenges. Ask God to help them communicate clearly and open people's hearts to believe in Jesus.
- ✦ As children go back to school, pray that God will help them grow in knowledge and understanding. Also protect their faith and help them to be good witnesses to others around them.



## Words in Church

I G L P Y R Z I K T C K O G V G J L E A  
 A W R U R V W N D Z H I I H C R O O G M  
 F F V E P Z G D F C B O S K P N P P N L  
 J E H G Y R K F A T I P L U P J R H R G  
 V X T B D A P P Q D B V A Y M U E P J X  
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 O X H O Q A Y E Q I S X J P O T F U B W  
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 S R O X P T O Y L L H F R B H E N K Y L

These words are all words that we see when we meet together in church. But remember, the true meaning of church is not the church building. The true church means all people who believe in Jesus as their Savior, and come together for His word and sacraments.

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| Jesus      | Bible         |
| Pew        | Song          |
| God        | Church        |
| Holy Ghost | Sunday School |
| Pastor     | Music         |
| Preaching  | Singing       |
| Hymnal     | Praying       |
| Worship    | Tithes        |
| Fellowship |               |
| Prayer     |               |
| Singer     |               |
| Preacher   |               |
| Christ     |               |
| Son of God |               |
| Offering   |               |
| Lord       |               |
| Altar      |               |
| Pulpit     |               |

### September

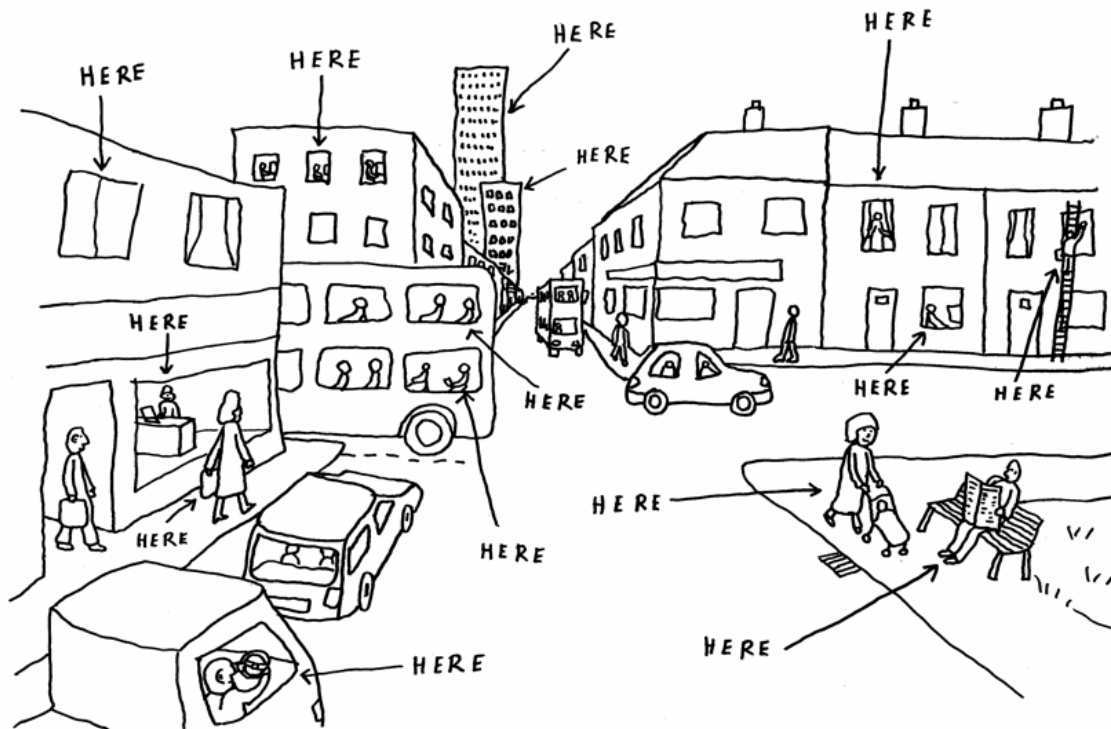
- 5 Carissa Huffman
- 13 Jim Biwer
- 15 Karlene Kischer-Browne
- 26 Kent Kischer
- 27 Mollie Schmitz



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- 16 Sharon Pope
- 17 Kris Baltzer

## WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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## Martin Luther Quotes

Martin Luther is the father of the Lutheran church. On Oct. 31, 1517, he posted 95 statements that he wanted to discuss with other people. He saw problems in the church and wanted to fix them. This led to the Protestant Reformation and the start of the Lutheran church. Here are some quotes from him that you might find interesting.

*I am afraid that the schools will become the gates of hell, unless they continue to work hard to explain the Holy Scriptures and write them in the heart of the youth.*

*I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.*

*To gather with God's people to worship the Father together is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.*

*God wants us to pray, and he wants to hear our prayers—not because we are worthy, but because He is merciful.*

*Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith in Him means unless he knew where His believers are?*

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BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship at 4:00 p.m.  
 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 29<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Worship at 1:00 p.m.  
 WL – Waterloo. Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S Hackett Rd., Waterloo.  
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque.  
 MC – Mason City. Meeting in Charles City. Talk to Pastor Northwick for details  
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine.

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