

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and the Seminary Sign School Welcome the *International Lutheran Deaf Association* to St. Louis

Concordia Seminary continues to train Deaf and Hearing men to become pastors in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Concordia Seminary also offers free American Sign Language classes to all students and their families.

Please continue to pray for our current students who will be attending the Seminary during the 1997-98 school year: David Nielsen, Fourth Year Bill Wrede, Second Year Dennis Konkel, First Year

> May God richly bless your convention!



Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf

101 North Beaumont, St. Louis, Missouri 63103 [314] 533-6035 (TTY/Voice) "Bringing Christ to the Deaf for over 100 years"

> Worship Sunday: 9:30am Fellowship: 11:00 am Bible Study: 11:15am

We thank God for giving us the opportunity to host this 14th Biennial Convention of The International Lutheran Deaf Association! July 3-6, 1997





ILDA 14th BIENNIAL CONVENTION ADAM'S MARK HOTEL - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 1997 ILDA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 3

1:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Registration	St. Louis Coat Room
6:00 p.m.	Opening Worship	St. Louis D & E
7:00 p.m.	Welcome/Orientation	St. Louis D & E
7:30 p.m.	Skit/Choir/Banner Competition	St. Louis D & E
9:00 p.m.	Reception/Fellowship pd	St. Louis D & E

Friday, July 4

7:00 a.m 8:30 a.m.	Registration	St. Louis Coat Room
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast N	St. Louis D & E
8:45 a.m.	Opening Devotion	St. Louis D & E
9:00 a.m.	1st Business Session - 1 hour	St. Louis D & E
10:00 a.m.	FREE DAY	
9:00 p.m.	Fair St. Louis Firework Reception	ROSE GARDEN

Saturday, July 5

11:30 **a.m**. 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 5					
7:00 a.m 9:00 a.m.		St. Louis Coat Room			
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast Vd	St. Louis D & E			
8:15 a.m.	Opening Devotion	St. Louis D & E			
8:30 a.m.	2nd Business Session - 1 hour & half	St. Louis D & E			
10:00 a.m .	Coffee Break	St. Louis D & E			
10:15 a.m.	3rd Business Session - 1 hour & 45 mins.	St. Louis D & E			
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)				
	(Special Luncheon for God's 1000 Club member only)	St. Louis F, G & H			
1:15 p.m.	Workshop	Director's Row 46			
	(ILDA Officers Training Only)				
1:30 p.m.	Workshop:	St. Louis E			
	"How to set up the Bible Study at anyone's home"				
	"How to inspire Deaf Lutheran Church Service"				
3:15 p.m.	Coffee Break	St. Louis E			
3:30 p.m.	4th Business Session - 1 hour & half	St. Louis E			
5:00 p.m.	End of Session				
7:00 p.m.	Banquet/Entertainment p ^d	St. Louis D & E			
Sunday, July 6					
7:00 a.m.	Brunch Breakfast φ^{\downarrow}	St. Louis F, G & H			
8:30 a.m.	Bible Study	St. Louis E			
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service	St. Louis E			
Installation of Officers					

1999 ILDA Preview Convention Adjourned

Hotel Check-out





Jr. ILDA **BIENNIAL CONVENTION** ADAM'S MARK HOTEL - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 1997 Jr.ILDA SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 3

1:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Registration	St. Louis Coat Room
6:00 p.m.	Opening Worship	St. Louis A,B,C
7:00 p.m.	Welcome/Orientation	St. Louis A,B,C
7:30 p.m.	Skit/Choir/Banner Competition by Jr. ILDA	St. Louis A,B,C
9:00 p.m.	Reception/Fellowship	St. Louis D

Friday, July 4

7:00 a.m 8:30 a.m.	Registration	St. Louis Coat Room
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	St. Louis D
8:45 a.m.	Opening Devotion	Director's Row 43
9:00 a.m.	1st Business Session - 1 hour	Director's Row 43
10:00 a.m.	FREE DAY	

Saturday, July 5

7:00 a.m 9:00 a.m.	Registration	St. Louis Coat Room
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	St. Louis D
8:15 a.m.	Opening Devotion led by Jr. ILDA	Director's Row 43
8:30 a.m.	2nd Business Session led by Jr. ILDA	Director's Row 43
9:00 a.m.	Six Flags (11 yrs to 18 yrs)	
	Science Center (7 yrs to 10 yrs)	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own with parent)	
1:30 p.m.	Jr. ILDA Games	Director's Row 43
3:30 p.m.	Jr. ILDA Project Program	Director's Row 43
5:00 p.m.	Parents Pick-Up Children	
7:00 p.m.	Pizza Party/Entertainment/Music	St. Louis G

Sunday, July 6

7:00 a.m.	Brunch Breakfast	St. Louis D
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Director's Row 43
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service	St. Louis E,F,G,H
11:30 a.m.	Convention Adjourned	





CHILD CARE ILDA CONVENTION ADAM'S MARK HOTEL - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 5		Room:			
9:00 a.m.	Free Play	St. Louis B			
9:30 a.m.	Quiet time				
10:00 a.m.	Snack				
11:00 a.m.	Game, Free Play, Story				
12:00 p.m.	Ballpark Afternoon Lunch <u>Menu:</u> Hot Dog Bun	St. Louis B			
	Potato Chip Cookies Punch				
Th	Thank to AAL providing.				
12:30 p.m.	Free Play	St. Louis B			
1:15 p.m.	Quiet time	St. Louis B			
2:15 p.m.	Free Play, Game, Story	St. Louis B			
3:00 p.m.	Snack	St. Louis B			
5:00 p.m.	Parents Pick-Up Children				
6:30 p.m.	Pizza Party/Choir/TV	St. Louis B			
9:00 p.m.	Close				



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"And looking up to heaven, He sighed, and saith unto him, Eph-pha-tha, that is, be opened." — St. Mark 7:34

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Dear Brothers and Sisters;

As for the past two years we cling to the word of Jesus and the 1995 ILDA Convention theme, "Behold, I make all things new" - Rev. 21:5, we know He is the source we must seek to guide us and blessings will follow as "Jesus is the GateWay" - John 10:7 & John 14:6, our spiritual 1997 ILDA Convention theme.

Because we have been forgiven and are the children of God, it is important for us to remain faithful to our God's gift in Jesus Christ, to obey His command to worship, serve and glorify Him as our Lord, and with the Holy Spirit's guidance to grow in self control, patience for Him, kindness and love for all people.

God is calling us not only to cling to Christ's righteousness in faith, but also to share the Good News with many unchurched deaf people who do not receive His blessing.

May the Holy Spirit working through His Word help us to give attention to His call as we gladly observe His blessings of our 14th Biennial ILDA Convention here in St. Louis, historically known to us as the "Gateway to the West."

In John 14:6, Jesus said that He, Himself is the *one and only* way to God, the *one and only* source of truth and life. In Truth, walk the Way of Life through the Gate, Jesus our Savior!

In His Service,

Larry Gorton, President International Lutheran Deaf Association



1997 Convention Site: St. Louis, Missouri July 3 - 6



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Dear Friend in Christ:

Welcome the International Lutheran Deaf Association 14th Biannual Convention at Adam's Mark St. Louis. We are grateful to God to have you here in St. Louis, the Summer of 1997! In Truth, we walk the way of Life through the Gate, Jesus our Savior. As we view the Gateway Arch and the Mississippi River. We keep in mind the 1997 ILDA Convention Theme, "I am the Gateway" (John 10:7 - John 14:6).

We thank Fred S. Kummer, Chairman and CEO of the Adam's Mark Hotel, and all his employees here at the St. Louis Hotel for helping us have a successful ILDA Convention.

We also have a special thank you to Lutheran Charities Foundation for their grant of support for seed money for this convention.

I want to thank you for your faithful dedication and service to the people whom God has made with his special blessing.

Yours in Christ,

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Sharon F. Schwarz Chairperson

Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf

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On behalf of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf and members, we wish to welcome you to our wonderful city, to St. Louis Downtown, in the shadow of the Gateway Arch. Our Convention is within walking distance America's Center convention complex, Busch Stadium, Laclede's Landing, shopping, restaurants and riverboat.

The 1997 ILDA convention committee have worked very hard over the past two years to coordinate all the details of this convention, and together we are all committed to making this ILDA 14th Biannual Convention the most memorable and successful one yet!

May God continue to bless International Lutheran Deaf Association for many more years.

God Bless You All. Harold Wim Schwarz

Harold Wm. Schwarz President



"They brought to Jesus one deaf person" (Mark 7:32)

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July 3, 1997

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Office of the President The Reverend Dr. A.L. Barry President of the Synod

Delegates and Visitors International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, I would like welcome you to Saint Louis for your 1997 ILDA Convention. May the Lord bless each of you as you come together to discuss and try to solve the problems facing our deaf members today. I know the Lord is with each of you as you work together during these three days of convention.

I hope you will take the time to visit the International Center while in Saint Louis. There are many lovely works of art, and the people will be happy to answer any of your questions. I am sure you will enjoy it.

God's continued blessings be with each of you during your convention, and may He bless you as you return to your homes later this week.

With kindest personal regards,

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Dr. A. L. Barry Jude 24-25

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June 5, 1997

International Lutheran Deaf Association Adam's Mark Hotel St. Louis, MO 63203

Dear Friends in Christ:

Welcome to the 1997 ILDA International Convention in beautiful St. Louis. We hope that you will visit the Arch while you are here. When there is a clear day you can see a long way from the top.

The Host Committee has worked hard to prepare a wonderful convention for you. Just as St. Louis was the gateway to the west many years ago, Jesus is always the Gateway to life eternal in heaven.

If you have free time, try to visit Concordia Seminary, Concordia Publishing House, The Lutheran Layman's League Headquarters, and the International Center-headquarters of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

May Christ be with you during the convention and grant you a very blessed visit here in St. Louis.

Yours in Christ,

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May 23, 1997

TO: All delegates and guests attending the International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention July 3-6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In behalf of the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod allow me to welcome you to St. Louis.

Our prayers will ascend with yours before the throne of God, asking that your time together be one of great spiritual enrichment through the Gospel and of encouragement for future mission and ministry.

In His days upon the earth our Lord made the deaf to hear by a miracle of His mighty power and grace. Now He continues a similar miracle through you, His disciples, as you speak His Word through the "signs" by which hearts are opened to trust in our Savior, Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

May God bless your personal lives with His grace and allow you to share with others what you have received.

Yours in Christ.

Rev. Dr. James W. Kalthoff President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 3, 1997

Dear ILDA Members:

Greetings from the campus of Concordia Seminary here in St. Louis.

I am pleased to extend a most hearty welcome to each of you on behalf of the Faculty, Staff, and students of Concordia Seminary. It is a delight to have you in our community for your 1997 convention. Since it was founded in 1839, Concordia Seminary has prepared thousands of pastors for the ministry of Word and Sacraments in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. A significant number of these servants have been involved in special ministry to the deaf or have, themselves, been hearing impaired. This dimension of seminary education at Concordia remains a prominent one to this day.

The Seminary is located at 801 DeMun Avenue in Clayton and is readily accessible from your downtown convention headquarters. We would be delighted to have you visit us.

May your convention be a blessed and uplifting one!

Cordially,

John F. Johnson

President



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2504

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all in attendance to Saint Louis for the 1997 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention, from July 3 through 6. I applaud the efforts of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in hosting this event.

I am pleased that the International Lutheran Deaf Association has chosen Saint Louis as the site of its convention, and I send my best wishes to all those participating in the event. Enjoy the convention!



Sincerely,

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John Ashcroft United States Senate



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF MISSOURI JEFFERSON CITY 65101

MEL CARNAHAN

STATE CAPITOL ROOM 216 (573) 751-3222

July 3, 1997

GREETINGS:

On behalf of the State of Missouri, I extend best wishes to those attending and participating in the International Lutheran Deaf Association's annual convention.

The International Lutheran Deaf Association provides many valuable services to the hearing impaired across our state and nation. This convention is a celebration of progress and an opportunity to share in the development of new plans to improve conditions for the hearing impaired as we near the beginning of a new millennium.

I hope you have a productive convention and an enjoyable stay in St. Louis.

Very truly yours,

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Mel Carnahan



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Dear 1997 ILDA Conventioneers:

Welcome to the State of Missouri, the Show-Me-State!

I am glad that you chose St. Louis Missouri as your 1997 convention site as the city is famous for its beautiful Arch which is known as a gateway to the west. This convention will provide a religious gateway to you and each of the deaf individuals.

I hope you will take the time to visit the Arch during the 4^{th} of July weekend which is known as the Fair St. Louis. A huge independence celebration with the longest and awesome fireworks display.

I wish success of the International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention which in turn will benefit deaf individuals worldwide. Let this Show-Me-State make your visit, convention, and 4th of July weekend memorable.

Sincerely,

Gerald L. Covell Executive Director



"To Better the Lives and Opportunities of all Persons With a Hearing Loss"

Mel Carnahan Governor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF ST. LOUIS MISSOURI

May 28, 1997

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf 101 North Beaumont Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Greetings:

CLARENCE HARMON

MAYOR

As Mayor of the City of St. Louis, it is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Intenational Lutheran Deaf Association Convention to be held July 3 through July 6, 1997 at the Adams Mark Hotel, in St. Louis.

During you visit with us, I encourage you to take time to explore some of St. Louis' many treasures. No visit to St. Louis is complete without a stop at our famed Gateway Arch. The St. Louis Science Center, Zoo and Missouri Botanical Garden are among the finest in the country.

Enjoy the dining and entertainment options downtown at Laclede's Landing or in one of our charming neighborhoods such as Soulard, the Central West End or the Hill. Consider trying your luck at one our Vegas-style casinos. See what's in store at one of our intriguing shopping areas like St. Louis Union Station or Cherokee Street Antique Row.

If you are a sports fan, you might want to catch a Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium. No matter what your interests, St. Louis has something for everyone, and our Midwestern hospitality can't be beat.

It is my sincere hope that you enjoy your visit. Best wishes for a successful convention!



Sincerely,

Clarence Harmon MAYOR

Office of



the Mayor

City of Saint Louis



TEREAS

THERE ARE OVER 20 MILLION DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING FULL ACCESS FOR ALL THE DIVERSE CITIZENS THAT GOD HAS PLACED WITHIN ITS CITY LIMITS BY PROVIDING INTERPRETERS AT CITY FUNCTIONS INCLUDING FAIR SAINT LOUIS; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE MANY FINE DEAF ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND HERE IN SAINT LOUIS THAT HAVE AS THEIR GOAL A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR CLEAR COMMUNICATION AMONG DEAF AND HEARING ALIKE; AND

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WHEREAS, ONE OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION, HAS CHOSEN SAINT LOUIS, THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST, AS THE SITE OF ITS 14TH BIANNUAL CONVENTION.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CLARENCE HARMON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAINT LOUIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 3-6, 1997 AS:

> "INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION DAYS" IN THE CITY OF SAINT LOUIS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SAINT LOUIS, THIS 3RD DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1997.

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Mayor of the City of Saint Touis

Rita M. Brafe



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Junior ILDA Matt Lieberman

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Holy Cross Deaf Members for all the help and donations of baskets for our Banquet Center Pieces!

Alberta Lanig for donating the Needlework Fireworks

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Convention Choir



DEAF ASSOCIATION JULY 3-6, 1997 SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI





Tracy Tao Thank you for the T-Shirt Design!



Banquet Entertainment Bruce Sculley and Debbie Pike



Banquet Mime Entertainment Bill Carwille

Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf's history began in 1894. Since that time we have had 12 pastors, had over 300 baptisms, and confirmed over 275 members. Our previous book contained some of our history in brief. This book presents our pastors and part of their histories.



PASTOR

AUGUSTUS H. REINKE was the first Pastor to serve St. Louis. While serving the deaf in Chicago he would make frequent trips to St. Louis. About the first service, the <u>Deaf Lutheran</u> (March 1919) said: "About 30 deaf attended and asked him to come again."

Pastor Reinke

was born in Veisen, Hanover, Germany on Sept. 29, 1841. He started work among the deaf because of requests from a graduate of the Detroit School for the Deaf. In the first years of work he traveled all over beginning the work among the deaf. Pastor Reinke died on Nov. 18, 1899.

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AUGUST HERMAN HALLERBERG was born on Nov. 21, 1877 in Quincy, IL. After graduation in 1900 from St. Louis, he served the deaf mission here as our first resident missionary. Then in 1904 he left to Jacksonville, IL. He served six hearing minis-



tries before his death on October 4, 1927.

PASTOR CHARLES SCHUBKEGEL, after serving over 20 years at Blue Hill, NE, became hard of hearing. He came back to St. Louis and studied sign language under N. P. Uhlig, a seminary student. Pastor N. F. Jensen, Kansas City, occasionally preached in St. Louis while Pastor Schubkel finished his studies. He was called to serve our mission here and was installed on August 30, 1908. At that time there were only two Lutheran members, both of them being graduates of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit.

By 1909, with joint services held at Emmaus Lutheran, five deaf women and three deaf men were confirmed. Deaf services were held twice a month.



Sem. L. Jagels

was appointed to assist Pastor Schubkegel because cataracts were bothering him. He had eye surgery in Nov. 1909. Sem. A. C. Dahms conducted reading services at this time.

By 1916 the membership had expanded to 27 confirmed members.



(Members, July 1923, at Grace Lutheran)

Though he was often ill, he served preaching stations in St. Charles, Jacksonville, IL, Evansville, Indianapolis, and Columbus, IN, and Louisville, KY. He helped 32 communicant members adopt a Constitution and Bylaws organizing as Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Congregation on January 30, 1930.

After 3 surgeries in 1931, Pastor Schubkegel retired in 1934 at the age of 73 but he served the vacancy until 1935. In 1933 he celebrated his 50th anniversary of service to his Lord, more than 25 years given to our service alone!

Pastor Schubkegel was born in Mascoutah, IL, on March 24, 1860. After serving here, he continued living in St. Louis and worshipping with his church. On March 24, 1940, his 80th birthday, he was honored by hearing and deaf friends. He died on March 6, 1944, after being confined to bed for a month. He lacked 18 days of being 84 years young.

PASTOR FRANK A HISCHKE accepted our call from Spokane, WA, where he was serving the

deaf. He was installed Jan. 27, 1935 to serve our 40 members.

His first year saw the beginning of many groups and growth at Holy Cross. He started work at St. Philip's Lutheran among the black deaf of St. Louis. Feb. 20th the Ladies Aid was organized with 9 women. On



March 13th the Men's Club began with 7 men. The Young People's Society was organized on May 10th. The black deaf from St. Philip's, 14 in number, invited the white deaf to worship with them on May 12th.

In 1936 the white deaf moved from Grace Lutheran to St. Stephen's. Monthly services were held here, at St. Philip's, and at the many preaching stations served by Pastor Hischke.

He was born in Suring, WI, November 24, 1903. It was on Feb. 10th, 1938, while at the preaching station in Little Rock, AR, that he died of a heart attack at 35 years old. Six members of Holy Cross served as Pallbearers.

NATHANAEL PAUL UHLIG was installed as pastor on August 21, 1938. On April 16, 1939, the new chapel and parsonage was dedicated at 4517

West Pine. At this time there were around 100 members. A year later, Oct. 23, 1940, our name was changed to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf. He conducted classes for the deaf at Gallaudet and at C.I.D. There was also an oral service at 9 AM twice a month followed



by the signed service at 10 AM.

N. P. Uhlig was born in Detroit, MI, on Feb. 20, 1885. When he left Holy Cross in September 1945, he went to Jacksonville, IL. He continued serving the deaf until his death on June 27, 1963.



Pictured here - 3 generations of workers among the deaf: Walter Uhlig (left) who served with Floyd Possehl as seminary students from Feb. 13, 1938, until his father, N. P. Uhlig (right) was installed as our pastor. On the wall is a picture of Herman Daniel Uhlig, Superintendent at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit.

PASTOR FRAN-CIS G. GYLE began his service as a vicar on June 25, 1946. He was commissioned by the Board for Missions as missionary-at-large and supervised by Rev. J. S. Salvner. He was ordained on Sept. 22, 1946.



After the sale of our West Pine Worship

home (for \$18,000), we again worshipped with Grace Lutheran Church at Nolte Memorial Chapel while they finished their new "house of worship".

In June of 1948 we became part of the English District of the LCMS.

Under Pastor Gyle's leadership, the black and white deaf began holding occasional joint services and socials in 1950. It would be almost 6 years later before the black and white deaf would merge into one Church.

In 1951, Archie Marshall designed the then front page of the <u>Deaf Lutheran</u>.

Pastor Gyle left to serve the deaf in Miami, FL in 1952. At 68 years old (born June 11, 1917, in San Francisco), he served the deaf in



Canada. He is now retired in Florida.

PASTOR WIL-LIAM F. REINKING was born in South Bend, IN, on Feb. 22, 1928. Before his death on Oct. 15, 1980, his service to his Lord and the deaf took him all over, including Hong Kong in 1964. His first parish was Holy

Cross Deaf. He was ordained June 8, 1952, and continued until he accepted a call to serve as Executive Secretary of Deaf Missions in 1958.

During his first year, Oct. 26th was the beginning of our Family Nights. Our Annual New Year's Eve Family Night also began. On Dec. 28th Pastor Reinking became an assistant pastor at St. Philip's with Norman Ingram and Archie Marshall serving as deacons (in 1953 Muriel Weaver replaced Norman because he moved to Michigan).

On January 1, 1956, the black and white deaf of St. Louis shake hands and merge as one congregation. This deaf congregation was the first to integrate in the state of Missouri. A year

later, the congregation purchased their building from Unity Lutheran (Oleatha and Hereford) for \$20,000. Dedication was on February 17, 1957.

PASTOR GEORGE RICHARD KRAUS, our pastor from 1959 to 1962, was installed on



May 3rd. He came from Calvary Deaf, St. Paul, MN. We were his 3rd parish after he began his ministry at St. Matthew Deaf, NY. In 1962, he accepted a call to St. Peter's in New York, a hearing church. He was born in Plainfield, NJ, on Nov. 26, 1924. In 1983, he accepted a call to serve Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, and serve there until his death on April 24, 1989.



PASTOR FLOYD F. POSSEHL lived in retirement in Duluth, MN, until his death. He served the deaf most of his life. He was installed on Feb. 11, 1962. On Aug. 22, 1965, we broke ground for our Chapel on the Mall (See picture on first page). However, the City's plan changed in the in-

terim and they would not complete the Mall out to our location. By Nov. 21, 1965, the cornerstone was laid. On October 23, 1966, our new chapel was dedicated.



PASTOR MAR-TIN HEWITT began his work with us in the 1970s. He followed the difficult time of the resignation of Pastor Possehl because of health problems. The deaf community seemed to become very well organized with the beginning of many groups. Holy Cross Deaf

also became very well organized under Pastor Hewitt's leadership. The deaf members became very active in their community.

Pastor Hewitt was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 1, 1937. He was installed as our Pastor on May 10, 1970. In June 1978 he accepted a call to serve the deaf in Spokane, WA, where he still serves today.



Beginning in September of that year, PASTOR RICHARD MOODY started serving us as a 4th year Seminary student. The following year, on June 13, 1979, we installed him as our Pastor. Commitment to our Lord's work has increased steadily ever

since that day. During the first 3 years, offerings doubled and today this congregation receives no subsidy from the Missouri District. Additionally, beginning in 1996, the Voter's decided that 10% of the Budget should be given to outside missions, 5% to ILDA and CRC and 5% to Synod and local Lutheran Ministries.

The music program at Holy Cross continues to be an important aspect of the ministry. The choir group has toured many, many places during the years. Donations purchased two sets of choir robes and shirts used for informal performances.

Our AAL Branch was reactivated in 1979 and has continued as a Gold Star Branch every year since that time. During 1979, it helped raise over \$25,000 to pay medical bills which Pastor Radtke's Family had following an airplane crash in 1977.



PASTOR FRED **RADTKE** was ordained and installed in June 1981 of as our assistant pastor. His main work was with the Synod's Board of Parish Services in writing materials for the mentally retarded. Pastor Radtke is now retired in Italy.

A big event in our recent history happened when we decided to begin a Lutheran School for the Deaf in St. Louis. Actually, we took over a hearing Montessori School, Child of Nazareth, which had been operating on the Seminary campus for 9 years. With the help of a grant from The Mill Neck Foundation, and with the hard and continued work of our Administrator, RUTH HUMMEL, we began our deaf program in the fall of 1985. Our school was located at St. James Lutheran in University City, Missouri. Our methodology was total communication using the



concrete Montessori curriculum materials while integrating the deaf and hearing together. In a few years, the deaf and hearing students were interacting together as one community and everyone, including staff members, were learn-

ing to sign. Everyone was treated as an important individual in God's sight! In June 1996, we had to close our program because we could get no more deaf children. We thank the ILDA for their many years of support given our program allowing deaf children to learn about Jesus.

A 1992 grant from the Lutheran Charities Foundation began a cooperative Video ministry of the deaf LCMS congregations. Many Pastors and Deaf Churches are working together to produce videos in the language of the deaf. Since 1992, many individuals, churches, AAL and the LWML have helped to continue this Churchwide effort to bring Christian support materials to the deaf in their language. By the beginning of 1997, every 11/2 months, that ministry was sending out over 1000 video cassettes. These 2 hour videos contain daily short Bible Study devotionals, Bible Study sheets and answers. Many deaf people who have developed new Bible Study habits and have faithfully used these tapes have indicated that they are now learning the Bible and feel more comfortable in sharing their faith in Jesus with their friends. Jesus is able to reach many deaf people who so often were not served including 4 prisoners in a Maryland prison. We truly pray God blesses everyone using and helping to produce these much needed materials! Every Sunday, the worship service of Holy Cross Deaf also serves over 20 additional families located all over the US.

Pastor Moody has been developing a true lectionary of Church Sunday Bible readings which we pray is published and distributed during 1997-98. The goal is to make God's Word become more alive in the language of the Deaf than in signed English. An anonymous grant will distribute it at no cost to the Deaf Churches.

We pray God continues to bless many, many more deaf people as He gives us the strength to continue spreading His word. We also pray that the 1997 ILDA Convention is a great success and all the glory is given to our wonderful God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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