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# Energetic New Life for the ILDA



THE GOOD SAMARITANS--Left to right: Seated, Terry Lee McKinney, Patricia Ann McKinney, Victor Krohn (foreground), William Martini, Loretta Martini and Gladys Krohn. Standing, Roger Milligan, Galen Adams Sr., Ruth Trainor, Mildred McKinney, John McKinney (behind), Helen Adams, Roger Adams, Louise Milligan, Galen Adams Jr. and Ed Trainor.



June, 1974

THE GOOD SAMARITANS AT WORK--The group busily prepares letters and files for the first organized membership drive of the International Lutheran Deaf Association.







TIME OUT FOR A MEAL--Volunteers brought covered dishes and enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner five hours after starting work. Four hours later they all ordered pizza and continued working until half past midnight.

A group of fourteen volunteers from St. Marks Lutheran Church of the Deaf of Baltimore, Md. gathered at the apartment of Roger and Louise Milligan with the new ILDA Program & Finance Director and his wife Saturday morning, March 30 to assemble 3,800 letters and compile files to begin the first organized membership drive of the International Lutheran Deaf Association. These letters will reach approximately 4,500 deaf Lutherans in the United States and about 1,000 in foreign countries. The letters will also reach about 2,000 people active in deaf Christian affairs.

The group began working at 11:00 a.m. and energetically continued to work until the job was finished at 12:30 a.m. The women brought covered dishes and work stopped after WORKING ON FILES--Left to right, Mildred McKinney, Roger Milligan and Louise Milligan prepare index card files from the address list of THE DEAF LUTHERAN while ILDA Program & Finance Director, Ed Trainor, right, looks on.

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five hours and all enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner. Four hours later stomachs began to growl so pizza was ordered and fresh coffee made to sooth nerves and regain strength to continue. The following Monday, the Baltimore Post Office rejected the bulk mailing because of improper bundling so William Martini and Ed Trainor spent six hours at the post office re-bundling the mail. It was finally accepted at 6:00 p.m. April 1st. (But this is no April Fools Day joke.)

It was a most heart-warming experience to witness all the enthusiasm and unselfish contributions of time and food to help bring the message of the ILDA to all of our deaf Christian brothers and sisters. (Please turn to page 3) Page 2

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### DEAR FRIENDS

I am sorry but I am resigning as Editor of The DEAF LUTH-ERAN on account of ill health. I am typing this up for the June issue of the paper, if I can get it pasted up. I am letting you know this now so that there will be no surprise. Anyone who desires to be editor can apply to Rev. Herbert W. Rohe for the position. I have really enjoyed doing the work and working with everyone.

I will really miss my co-workers: Mrs. Janet Hewitt, Rev. Martin Hewitt, and Rev. and Mrs. Herbert W. Rohe. My very best wishes goes to the ILDA and anyone who happens

to be selected as the new editor.--Uriel C. Jones, Sr.

# WORDS! Words!

### DO YOU KNOW THESE TERMS?

A number of RID members have asked us to define some terms relating to interpreting, manual communication and education of the deaf that they have found to be frequently misused.

The RID is not in the dictionary business and does not wish to dictate definitions, but here are some definitions we have gathered from other sources and found to be useful to interpreters. Definitions marked by asterisks were taken from Interpreting for Deaf People. 'language deficient,' 'language handicapped,' and 'people with minimal language skills,' each with varying degrees of acceptance.

LANGUAGE OF SIGNS\*--In strict usage, an ideographic language which uses manual symbols apart from the manual alphabet. In common usage, the language of the deaf in which both manual signs and fingerspelling are employed.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE--The language of signs used by deaf people of North America. Abbreviated 'ASL' or 'Ameslan.'

MANUAL COMMUNICATION\*--Communication in both language and concept between two or more people through the use of the language of signs.

INTERPRETING\*--(Often used to indicate both interpreting and translating as well as the reverse of both.) An explanation of another person's remarks through the language of signs, informal gestures, or pantomine.

TRANSLATING\*--A verbatim presentation of another's remarks through the language of signs and fingerspelling.

SIGNED ENGLISH--ASL signs grouped to conform to the grammatical structure of English. Abbreviated 'Siglish.'

MANUAL ENGLISH--Signed English with additional signs to indicate number, tense, and various verb forms.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING\*--Simultaneous use of the language of signs and silent oral presentation in interpreting.

SIMULTANEOUS METHOD\*--A method of training or educating a deaf person through use of both manual and oral methods simultaneously.

TOTAL COMMUNICATION--A philosophy in the education of the deaf in which are utilized any and all available forms of communication--including child-devised gestures, American Sign Language, fingerspelling, speech, speech-auditory aids. (Frequently confused with simultaneous interpreting.) --from INTERPRENEWS

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### Dear Friends:

Here is a story from the deaf church in Des Moines, Iowa, that I think you will enjoy reading:

Long ago a worried father sat by the bedside of his young son, who had just had an emergency operation. The father was worried as only a father can worry when his loved one is suffering. Terrible thoughts kept creeping through his mind. Why had he not called the doctor sooner? Why did he not suspect that his son's trouble was more than a stomach ache? Why?

After sitting alone there with his thoughts for more than an hour, he saw his son move his hand. Then the son opened his eyes and saw his father close by. The boy stretched out his hand and said, "Hold my hand, Daddy; I hurt so bad." The father reached down and took the hand, and the little fellow smiled and went back to sleep. The father, taking the idea from his son, closed his eyes and said quietly to God the Father in heaven, "Hold my hand, Father, because I hurt so bad!"

How often Christians are worried or fearful because they do not ask for God's hand. We can feel the presence of our loving and watchful Father if we only ask for it. We can have His peace, if we only listen to His wonderful promises. We can have the joy and happiness of knowing that our sins are all forgiven and that God, our Father is near us. We need only to look up to heaven and say, "Father, hold my hand."

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DEAF PEOPLE--Persons whose hearing losses are so severe that they cannot fully understand intelligible speech, with or without a hearing aid. Not to be confused with the hard of hearing, who, with or without a hearing aid, are able to understand speech. Terms like 'deaf and dumb,' 'deaf mute, and 'deafie' are objectionable to deaf people.

DEAF COMMUNITY--As defined by the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, "the 'deaf community' today includes not only deaf persons, but also audiologists, social workers, rehabilitation counselors, educators, ministers, psychologists, interpreters, and other professionals in various disciplines, parents of deaf children, brothers and sisters of deaf persons, and children of deaf parents."

LOW VERBAL DEAF--Deaf persons with minimal understanding of a language system. The term is considered offensive by some and is replaced more accurately by 'language deprived,'

- GOD IS LIKE ...
- GOD is like Coke: He's the real thing.
- GOD is like Tide: He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- GOD is like Dial Soap: Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everybody did?
- GOD is like Ford: He has a better idea.
- GOD is like Pan Am: He makes the going great.
- GOD is like Pepsi: He's got a lot to give.
- GOD is like Standard Oil: You expect more from Him and you get more.
- GOD is like Alka Seltzer: Try Him--You'll like Him!
- GOD is like Bayer Aspirin: He takes the pain away. He works wonders.
- GOD is like VO-5 hair spray: He holds up in all kinds of weather.
- GOD IS like Hallmark Cards: He cares enough to send the very best.
- GOD is like Frosted Flakes: He's GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGEAT!

--Selected

### New Life for the ILDA

(Continued from front Page) I am praying that the pictures on this page will inspire others as to what the ILDA means to us as deaf Lutherans.

The LC-MS founded the Board of Missions in 1896 which established the Ministry of the Deaf and Pastor Reinke held the first adult deaf service that year in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Ministry of the Deaf was to bring the Holy Gospel, plans, programs and goals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to the deaf and teach deaf Lutherans the doctrines and teachings of our church.

Today, we have about 7,000 deaf Lutherans in the United States and foreign countries, with 48 full-time pastors, 6 part-time pastors and 8 lay ministers serving our brothers and sisters. There are 68 deaf congregations on record at the St. Louis office of the Secretary of the Ministry of the Deaf. Approximately \$1,200,000 is involved in carrying on the Ministry of the Deaf and Deaf Mission work each year. If these figures were to apply to each deaf Lutheran as an individual, total cost of each deaf Lutheran to the Ministry of the Deaf would be \$1,600. Deaf Lutherans contribute about half of the total cost.

The problem is that deaf Lutherans are few and scattered out over many thousands of miles. There are not enough, even in large cities, to purchase their own church and support a full-time pastor. Some day, as our flock grows, this may be possible in some cities. But we are not growing very fast because there was no way to carry the Holy Gospel, the plans, goals and programs of our church further than the church doors until the ILDA was created.

The ILDA brings all deaf Lutherans together in a fellowship designed to promote the plans, goals and programs of our church, develop spiritual growth and Christian leadership through lay work, mission work, evangelism, love, devotion and worship. Every deaf Lutheran is also guaranteed strong representation in the LC-MS by the ILDA. And the ILDA gives every deaf Lutheran and those involved in deaf Christian affairs the opportunity to have an active hand in the service of our blessed Savior at Regional and International meetings.

The ILDA is for the deaf, by the deaf and of the deaf and, therefore, must be self-supporting. Dues are a minimum of \$2.00 per year for each adult 18 years old or over-about 1/2¢ per day or one night at the movies. All associations must have funds to operate and it is not right to continue asking the Board of Missions to support our cause when we can do it so cheaply. All we need is support from all of our brothers and sisters. There are no salaries involved covering the ILDA officers and Board of Directors and many contribute much more in lost wages and time than they receive in expenses paid to them.

If you haven't already joined the ILDA, won't you rejoice with us by sending in your dues. The price is so small--our purpose is so great! If you do not have an application, just send a check or money order made out to "ILDA Program & Finance Director" and mail it to P.O. Box 247, Riverdale, Md. 20840. Include your name, address and zip code.

--Edward A. Trainor Sr.





- 3. WHERE AND FOR WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY? a. 1 Timothy 2:8: "I will therefore that men pray
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  - to God with one accord..." Luke 11:13: "...How much more shall your heavenly d. Father give the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to them that ask Him?"
  - Matthew 8:2: "...Lord, if Thou \_\_\_\_\_, Thou e. canst make me clean."
  - 1 Timothy 2:1: "I exhort therefore, that...supplif. cations, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for

  - g. Hebrews 9:27: "...It is appointed unto men once to \_\_\_\_\_, but after this the \_\_\_\_\_." h. 1 Thessalonians 5:17: "Pray \_\_\_\_\_." i. Psalm 50:15: "And call upon Me in the day of \_\_\_\_\_\_: I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee, and thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ Me."

The practice of prayer should take place anywhere. The Bible urges us especially to pray to God privately. Furthermore, the Bible tells us to pray with others in public (church services).

God promises to give His Holy Spirit, and therefore we can pray ernestly for spiritual gifts. Prayers for temporal (physical) gifts are qualified according to His will.

We should not only pray for ourselves, but for others too. In fact, our whole lives should be filled with prayer constantly. God has commanded prayer, and has promised to answer, and He desires that we in thanks and praise recognize His loving response to our needs.

What about prayer for us? How can the deaf pray? God does not need to "hear us" or "see us" when we pray. God is spirit, and He sees and hears us in the heart with our thoughts, feelings and emotions. But we form our prayers with words so that we can get a better picture for ourselves what we want to ask.

Think of it as js

Think of it as just talking to God who is our spiritual Father. We want Him to know what we want, and we ask Him in words for what we want in our life.

Thank Him for all the joys and good feelings you have, and for the struggles that helped you to learn.

Ask Him for all that you need and want in life so that you can serve Him better.

Pray for others who need a blessing or need help. God wants you to be "your brother's keeper" and to be concerned about your neighbor's or friends' welfare.

However, when you pray for someone, be ready to become God's instrument to help that person. This means, for example, that if you pray for husband or wife to be less mean, you yourself should be more loving. If you pray for a neighbor to get well, you yourself go to see him and cheer him up. If you pray for peace in the world, you yourself make peace also in your family and community. --Clipped.

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### BIBLE READINGS

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14....John 2:1-12..... 15....l Corinthians 6:13-20

- 1. WHAT IS PRAYER?
  - a. Psalm 19:14: "Let the words of my and the meditation of my , be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord..." -b. Psalm 65:2: "O Thou that
  - unto Thee shall all flesh come."
  - Isaiah 65:24: "...Before they call, I will C. and while they are yet speaking, I will
- 2. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?
  - John 16:23: "...Whatsoever ye shall ask the a. \_, He will give it you." Father in
  - "But let him ask in \_ James 1:6: b. . 11 nothing
  - ... If we ask anything according to 1 John 5:14: c. , He heareth us."
  - "But when ye pray, use not vain Matthew 6:7: , as the heathen do ...."

JUNE 1974 16....1 Corinthians 1:10-17 17....Psalm 27:1-4..... 1 ....Revelation 22:12-20... 18....Matthew 4:12-23..... 19....Psalm 25:4-9..... 2 ....Ezekiel 37:1-14..... 20....l Corinthians 7:29-31 3 ....Joel 3:1-5..... 21....l Corinthians 12:12-30 4 ....Acts 2:1-11..... 22....Luke 4:14-21..... 5 ....Psalm 104:24-35..... 6 ....John 20:19-23..... 23....Zephaniah 3:12-13.... 7 ....Romans 8:22-27..... 24....Psalm 146:5-10..... 8 ....l Corinthians 12:3-13 25....Matthew 5:1-12..... 26....l Corinthians 1:26-31 9 ....Isaiah 49:3-6..... 27....l Corinthians 7:32-35 10....Psalm 40:2-10..... 28....l Corinthians 13:4-13 11....John 1:29-34..... 29....Luke 4:21-30..... 12....Isaiah 62:1-5..... 13....Psalm 96:1-10..... 30....Isaiah 58:7-10..... Families who pray together . . . . stay together.

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### Cooperative Blood Replacement Drawing



DEAF DONORS: Standing, (L. to R.); John Brooks, Reynold Hutson, Robert Brown, John Davidson. Seated; Dorothy Miller, Katie Brown, Lilly Smith, Mary Wallace.

As part of its community involvement program, Ephphatha Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 7956 S. King Dr., Chicago, Ill., recently had a Cooperative Blood Replacement Plan mobile drawing in the fellowship hall.

In all, some thirty-nine persons participated in the program. Twentytwo pints of blood were drawn, including six pints from members of the

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The first donor (deaf), Katie Brown.

church. Twelve members of the church participated in the program through proxy donors, or by paying a nominal membership fee.

The program grew out of the church's Friday evening Sign Language Class, which is taught by the deaf themselves and attended by hearing people from the community. The class wanted to provide a service to the



Interpreters, (L. to R.): Lay Assistant Bob Oettel, Katie Brown, Joyce Jones, Reynold Hutson.

hearing and the deaf. So a committee of eight, including two deaf persons, was organized to put the program in operation.

On hand to supervise the drawing was Dr. Richard Sassetti, Director of the Blood Bank of Rush - Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center of Chicago. Dr. Sassetti directed a team of 7 hospital technicians.

### 38 New Members Added to Deaf Congregation

Palm Sunday, 1974, was a day of rejoicing for Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Los Angeles. 19 adults were confirmed; 14 adults were added by transfer, or by re-affirmation of their faith; and 5 others requested to commune with the congregation at the Lord's Table, for a total of 38 souls added to the pastoral care of Pilgrim Church. Holy Scripture assures us that there was also "joy in heaven" on this memorable day, which was unparalled in the history of mission work among the deaf in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

To add to this great good news, by the following Sunday, the great Easter Festival, another 12 persons asked for membership with the congregation. Of these 12, seven will be added in the



very near future, while 5 male black youths are now being instructed for confirmation.

Pilgrim Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles is pastored by the Rev. Arnold T. Jonas. It has a very beautiful church building with a large parish hall, Sunday School rooms, and offices. It also includes "Pilgrim Tower", a 13 story government financed high rise apartment complex for senior citizens, in which 125 deaf people reside comfortably and happily The "Tower" has been a great mission helper to the congregation, bringing deaf people in contact with the church and God's Word, who would otherwise never have been reached. In this way "Pilgrim Tower" has served the purpose for which it was planned and built, namely, to bring more deaf to their Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### A SHORT, SHORT STORY

Years ago, a man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed himself to God to tithe. His first week's pay was \$10.00 and the tithe was \$1.00. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe became \$7.50 per week; then his tithe became \$10.00 per week. He then moved to another city and his tithe was \$100.00 per week; then \$200 ... then \$500 per week. He sent his pastor friend a wire - "Come and see me." The pastor arrived at the man's beautiful home. They had a good time talking over old times. At the last the man came to the point. He said, "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe? How can I get it released? When I made the promise I only had to give a dollar, but now it's up to \$500.00. I can't afford to give away money like that." The pastor looked at his friend and said, "I'm afraid we cannot get a release from the promise, but there is something we can do; we can kneel and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give a dollar again."

#### WAS IT A MIRACLE?

A certain greatly-loved priest in a little French village was appraoching his 25th anniversary in that parish. His people remembered, and this is the typically French surprise they planned: each man was to bring a quart of wine and to put it into a cask outside the Church door.

--from And So Forth, Houston, Texas
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"A poor man can be happy, but no happy man is ever poor."

The sand of the sea, the drops of rain, and the days of eternity--who can count them?--Ecclesiasticus 1:2

After the service, the priest was told what had been planned. He lifts up his goblet to draw off the first draught. Out comes a clear, colorless liquid that looks like water. He tosses that out and tries a second time. It still tastes like water, and as a matter of fact, it is water.

What is this - the reverse of Jesus' miracle at Cana the wine becoming water? Not at all. This is what happened: one thrifty Frenchman thought that if he could sneak in a quart of water carefully without being noticed, it would all be mixed up with the rest of the wine in the cask.

But every man did the same thing! So, what else could happen? We can't put in water and get out wine. What we derive from life is in proportion to what we contribute. --from And So Forth, Houston, Texas

For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbors, and laugh at them in our turn?--Jane Austen, (1813)

### Feeling Old?

Feeling older, now that you're one month in the new year? Beginning to think you can't accomplish as much anymore? For inspiration to keep going, take a look at the accomplishments of two of the persons named to the Gallery of the Aged this fall at the Home for Aged Lutherans.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL invented the telephone when he was only 28, but 40 years were to elapse before it could be used transcontinentally. On January 25, 1915, when he was 68, the phone at last linked the east and west coast of the United States. On that day, the President of the United States talked from the White House to the Governor of California.

For three generations, the Bell family had concerned itself with interpreting the sounds of letters so that the deaf might learn to speak. In working with "visible speech" Dr. Bell invented the phonautograph which produced sound vibrations. He could have spent his entire life with telephone research. However, once the phone was invented and well on its way, Bell's creative imagination took him down other avenues. He continued his work with the deaf, regarding it as his first responsibility, he aided such individuals as Helen Keller in learning to speak in spite of deafness.

Dr. Bell lived an unusually full life. Until his death, he remained a vigorous personality in American science and invention. His hard work, his scientific vigor, his modest and cheerful personality stayed with him throughout his life.

After his work with the telephone, he also developed a new breed of sheep, experimented with a x-ray device, invented a system of air-conditioning, an electric probe for surgeons, the wax-disc phonograph record, a method of transmitting speech and sounds over a beam of light (the photophone), a device to remove the husks of wheat before grinding, and a method of changing sea water into drinking water. Clearly Alexander Graham Bell spent his life in continuous activity and his imaginative powers never were at rest. Until his dying day, a few months after his 75th birthday, he continued to work hard.

"The Friend of Children," HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW loved children and they loved his poetry. On Longfellow's 72nd birthday, Feb. 27, 1879, 700 school children of Cambridge, where he spent most of his adult life, had collected their pennies and dimes to purchase a chair made of the wood from the great chestnut tree, which had served as the inspiration of his poem, "The Village Blacksmith." During the ceremony, all 700 children advanced and one by one shook Longfellow's hand. He promised to write a poem in commemoration of the event, which he did that very day. Each of the 700 children was asked to come to his house and sit in the chair and were then presented with a copy of "From My Armchair."

The homage of American children continued. More than 40 schools in the midwest celebrated his 74th birthday anniversary; each school wrote to ask him for a word, and to each he sent a selected stanza of his poems, with a greeting and signature. It was no small task, but he carried it out cheerfully. Children came to see him almost daily at his Cambridge home, Craigie House.

When Longfellow died a few days after his 75th birthday in 1882, he left behind a large amount of poetry and translations. His works include "Evangeline," "The Divine Comedy," "Keramos" and many, many sonnets and poems. A goodly number of works were written in the last 10 years of his life. In 1884, the poet's bust was unveiled in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey. Longfellow was a Professor of Modern Languages for more than 25 years; first at Bowdoin College and then at Harvard. In one of his poems, "Morturi Salutamus" not too many years before his death, he wrote: For age is opportunity no less Than youth itself, though in another dress; And as the evening twilight fades away

### Laymen's Language

In an article addressed to clergymen entitled PREACHER'S DICTIONARY, Bishop Gerald Kennedy attempts to translate the special vocabulary that laymen often use in reference to their pastors. Here are some excerpts from the DICTIONARY:

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pleased)

quit)

move)

blocks)

conscience)

spiritually)

beating)

I can)

(He can't preach)

(I'm beginning to grow

Definition

(He never disturbs me)

(I agree with him)

(His message is too rele-

(I do not agree with him)

(We reactionaries are dis-

(I just cut my pledge)

(If I cannot rule, I'll

(He wants a living wage)

(We're making our budget)

(He takes Jesus seriously)

(He is bypassing our road

(The church is beginning to

(The tightwads have a guilty

(My prejudices are taking a

(I'm causing all the trouble

(He is a politician)

(Some people are waking up)

Reference "He is a spiritual preacher" "He is not a spiritual preacher" "He brings politics into the pulpit" "He speaks out with courage" "His position will hurt the church" "His attitude will hurt our offerings" "I will not remain in the church" "He is sowing dissension" "He is after money" "He has a great future" "His ministry is successful" "He lacks judgment" "He neglects the old members" "He plays up to the new members" "He will ruin us financially" "At least he is a good pastor" "He disturbs me" "He upsets my faith"

"The whole church is upset"

## Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me

Take Thou my hands in Thine, Lord, and lead Thou me; Each day I'm growing older, I lean on Thee. My hair is getting grayer, my walk is slow; Lord, strengthen Thou my weakness, I cannot go.

Take Thou my hands in Thine, Lord, be Thou my light; Alone I only stumble; oh, hold me tight. I need support and comfort; take Thou my hand, And lead me home to heaven, Take Thou my hands in Thine, Lord, and hear my pleas. See how my hands do tremble, how weak my knees. Forsake me not in old age; remember me And lead me home to heaven, so graciously.

Then when the time of death comes, abide with me, And let me have Thy favor, that I in Thee And in Thy holy wounds my sleep I find. Then will it be forever:

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The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day. In youth and age, Longfellow had lived his life fully. --THE BADGER LUTHERAN

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Philosophy is common sense in a dress suit. --Grit

Courtesy Is As Pleasant To Give As It Is To Receive. Let's Share It! my fatherland.



Thou mine, I Thine.

--translated from German in the Eastern District supplement of The Lutheran Witness.

### **Please Be Brutal**

(A concerned mother in Topeka, Kansas, wrote this letter to her police chief, explaining her views toward police brutality. The letter appeared in an issue of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Journal.)

One of the most common phrases heard in our society today is "police brutality." Perhaps I don't understand the meaning but I would like to give you one mother's point of view on the subject.

To begin, I should first tell you I have two teenage sons, and being a mother, I cannot help but want the very

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best of everything for them. I am a mother who sees things many mothers never hear of, much less become involved in, because my husband is a minister and we see the very best and the sordid worst.

If you find them speeding in a car, please be brutal. I have sat at a hospital holding a grieving mother's hand because of someone's mistake. That was brutal. I have gone with my husband to tell a wife her husband was killed. That was brutal. I have played organ music at funeral services for babies, teenager, and adults, because someone drove too fast. That was brutal.

If you should catch my underage sons with liquor in their possession, please be brutal.

I have sat all night by my husband's side trying to piece together two under-age young men's lives, both broken by drinking. That was brutal. I have listened to another man while he was drunk and heard him recall the many jails he has served time in for this. That was brutal. I have tried to console another whose daughter was killed after being struck by a drunken driver. That was brutal.

If you should find my sons with drugs in their possession, please be brutal.

I have tried to rehabilitate a woman just out of prison while she was drugged. That was brutal.

I have seen a handsome young man turn into an old ugly one because of drugs. That was brutal. I have seen a young mother who was addicted to a drug scream and rave for lack of a "fix." That was brutal.

If you find my sons committing any kind of immoral act or carrying any pornographic materials, please be brutal! I have listened to the sad cry of a young girl who was pregnant, but not married. That was brutal.

I have been present when a boy and girl broke the news to their parents that they had to marry. That was brutal. I have tried to comfort a mother whose beautiful daughter was criminally raped. That was brutal. I have seen a promising young man give it all up and, too young, assume the responsibilities of a wife and baby. That was brutal.

If you ever see my sons taking something that isn't theirs or willfully destroying property, please be brutal! I have walked into a hushed, sacred church that was stripped of everything that could be sold. That was brutal. I have seen a lovely, expensive home and yard completely torn up by vandals. That was brutal. I have wiped a little boy's tears and helped him hunt for his stolen bicycle. That was brutal.

If you should ever catch my sons doing anything illegal please be brutal! I have come to realize that your kind of "brutality" cannot in any way compare with the brutality that comes from breaking our laws.

My husband and I have tried to teach our sons that their rights end where someone else's begin. We believe they have learned this lesson. But in case they forget, we look to you and others who influence their lives--teachers, coaches, etc., to see that they remember.

And if you must be brutal to remind them--then please, please be brutal!

I do not want my two sons to grow into two grown-up boys. I want them to become men, able to assume their places in this world and make good contributions to it. I sincerely hope they won't need your help; but if they do, and if you must, then be brutal!

--The Sunday Guardian

### Activities at Eternal Mercy







ETERNAL MERCY IS SITE FOR PROJECT M.E.E.T. (Memphis Encounters Eating Together)

Lutheran Social Services of Memphis with the help of a Federal grant is serving over 1,000 hot meals every day in thirteen different sites in Memphis and adjoining counties. Any person over 60 years of age may participate. The meals cost 50¢ per person. Activities are usually held every day. Trained dieticians make sure the meal is well balanced. Nutritionists speak at the sites to teach the elderly how to be sure they are getting the proper nourishment for their bodies. Several participants at Eternal Mercy are deaf. In the picture are three members of Eternal Mercy: Mrs. Laura Correll, Mrs. Carrie Herrman, and Mr. Leland Maxwell.





The display of pictures are a product of the Lenten devotions held at Eternal Mercy. One Wednesday evening Pastor Leber presented each person in church with five cut nails and asked the people to design their own Lenten crosses to hang in their homes. The crosses were brought back to the church for display the following week. Many cross-es were covered with glitter. Some had red paint for the wounds of Christ. Small crowns of thorns were woven and glued to some of the crosses. Two were made into table displays. One even had a light behind it to make it glow at night. All the people, adults and children participated in this Lenten project.

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For 1974 Lenten Services at Eternal Mercy in Memphis a special CROSS and BANNER were made by the members. The CROSS was the remains of the Christmas tree which was cut to form a rough CROSS. It was made by Mr. Charles Greer. Five red Christmas balls hung from the cross at the places where our Savior had wounds; hands, beet, head, and side. The CROSS reminds us of our Savior's birth and death. The Lenten BANNER was made by the members of the Lutheran Women's League. It is on a purple background. Thorns encircle the center cross and the spear is ready to penetrate the body of our Lord. It was carried into the Church on Ash Wednesday.

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### Lutheran Ministers Who Served the Deaf in Toledo Area 1906 to 1973

We are thankful to Mr. Elmer McVicker for preparing the brief history about the Lutheran ministers who have served the deaf at Toledo. As you study this history it should help you to celebrate THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SYNOD. Nine of these ministers were trained in the colleges and seminaries of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and were largely supported in their work by its Mission Board. Two of them were trained and came to us via The American Lutheran Church (A.L.C.) God has been very merciful to us over the past 67 years. Let us REJOICE IN HIS MERCY! Some of these listed below probably also served the other cities in our Field from time to time. I can recall the names of those who served Lima, Findlay and Defiance out of Columbus: is to imagine that you have Rev. John A. Beyer, now retired (Please turn to Page 7)

On Saturday, March 23, Mr. Tyrone Dotson and Miss Rosalyn Ingram were united in Holy Matrimony at a special service at Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church. Mr. Dotson is employed in Memphis at Desoto Hardwood Flooring Company. Following the wedding a small reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church and gifts were presented to the new couple. They will be making their home in Memphis.

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The greates of all faults none.--Grit

### Toledo Area - - -

(Continued from Page 6) at Seattle, Wash.; Rev. Donald Simon, now pastor at Milford, Michigan, hearing; Rev. Wm. Ludwig, now pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle, Wash. Hebrews 13:7: Remember your former leaders, who spoke God's message to you. Think back on how they lived and died, and imitate their faith.

5 year service. Deceased in 1940 in State of New York.

Rev. Otto C. Schroeder - 1911 to 1918 - Service once each month - 7 year service. Deceased in 1967 at Chicago, I11.

Rev. William L. Gielow - 1918 to 1922 - Service once each month - 4 year service. Deceased 10/19/41 at Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Ernest J. Scheibert - 1923 to 1927 - Service once a month - 4 year service. Called to Chicago, serving Deaf and Blind ministries. Retired.

Rev. Norbert E. Borchardt - 1937 to 1953 - Service once each month - 16 year service. Now retired at Detroit, Mich.

Rev. William E. Nehrenz - 1953 to 1955 - Service once a month - 2 year service. A.L.C. Called to Central America to serve hearing and deaf ministries. Deceased 9/22/63 in Finland, Europe.

Rev. Robert M. Corl Jr. - 1956 to 1959 - Service on fourth Sunday afternoon each month - 3 year service - A.L.C. Called to Madison, Wis., to serve the deaf there. Still there. During this period the congregation took the name of Good Shepherd of the Deaf. Arnold Deak was president and Elmer E. McVicker was the treasurer. Both are still living and active.

Rev. Theodore Frederking - 1959 to 1962 - Service on the second Friday night and fourth Sunday afternoon - 3 year service. Other Sundays deaf layman, E.E. McVicker, conducted the service. Building Fund was started. E.E. McVicker was treasurer.

Rev. Martin Hewitt - 7/28/63 to 1/14/68 - Service on the fourth Sunday each month. 55 month service. Other Sundays Mr. Jim Storer, a hearing layman of St. Paul's conducted the deaf service. During this period the congregation was organ- mentally ill. Thank you for suggesting that I do someized as Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church of Northwestern, Ohio. It was to serve Toledo, Findlay, Defiance, Lima and Monroe, Michigan. The first Board of Directors was elected and organized. E.E. McVicker was the first secretary. Building Fund was still growing.

Rev. Larry Harris - 1/21/68 to 12/31/70 - First resident minister. Services were held each Sunday morning at St. Paul's in Toledo and once a month at the other cities. Mary and Martha Circle was organized as well as other circles in the other cities. Building Fund still growing. 351/2 month service.

Rev. August Hauptman - January 1971 to this time. Services each Sunday morning at St. Paul's in Toledo and once a month at the other cities. Fellowship Circles were started at Toledo, Findlay and Defiance and have been meeting monthly since. Building Fund is still growing.

### Lutheran Churches in Toledo Where the Services Were Held

Glenwood Lutheran Church, Glenwood and Monroe Streets - 1906 to 1911

Trinity Lutheran Church, Vance and Ewing Streets - 1911 to 1948

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Eleanor and Vermaas - 1948 to 1953

debt. Urging your readers to protest in behalf of the handicapped was beautiful. PAUL A.

From Des Moines: Bravo for awakening me from my state of lethargy. I have long deplored sick jokes on TV aimed at handicapped people, but it never occurred to me to do anything about it. You opened a door for me, Ann. Thank you. LUCY S.

From St. Louis: I've worked with handicapped people for many years, and I know how desperately they need Rev. Arthur A. Boll - 1906 to 1911 - Service once a month encouragement in order to build self-confidence. You've done a wonderful thing, Ann. Bless you. KATHY

> Harrisburg, Pa .: As a mother who is trying to raise her children not to make fun of people with mental or physical handicaps, I appreciated your column the other day. I wrote to the network presidents and asked my children if they wanted to sign the letters. They were thrilled. Thank you for helping me teach them what it means to be effective members of society. MRS. K.N.

From Middletown, Conn.: As a specialist in the field of mental disorders who has a fairly good idea of what is behind ridicule, I want to thank you for encouraging your readers to speak out against it. S.A.P. (Psychiatrist)

From Miami: I could kick myself for not having had the gumption to write to the networks and complain until now. Thanks for making me do it. G.J. MILLER, KEY LARGE

From Seminole, Texas: Thanks for your assault on sick humor. "I was only kidding" is the usual defense, but the damage is done by then and the hurt is deep. Keep up the good work. REV. G.W. ALEXANDER

From Mackinac Island, Mich .: My three letters went out today. Thank you for suggesting that we make ourselves heard. J.M. FRASER (M.D.)

From Crestwood, Mo .: Thanks, Ann--"But for the grace of God goest thou." H.E.D.

From Washington, D.C.: I heartily agree that ridiculing the handicapped is brutal and totally unnecessary. Intelligent people do not find this amusing. And now I wish they'd quit presenting alcoholics as "funny." They are the most pathetic people of all. MRS. D.R.G.

From Little Rock: I've been bugged for years by clods who try for a laugh at the expense of the handicapped or thing about it. My three letters went off today. F.E.R.

From Kansas City: Don't those "comedians" know that tying a shoelace or shaking someone's hand can represent victory over hundreds of hours of frustration, embarrassment and pain? The handicapped people I know have more character and guts than I know. My hat is off to them. K.A.Z. (R.N.)

So again my thanks to the most beautiful people in the world--my readers!

ANN LANDERS

MORE CHURCHES ARE ASKING grass-roots questions of their people: How can we improve the services of the church? How can we serve better? A large parish, among the top 10 in the District in size, had an "Elders Report" and came to grips with a few problems: (1) Communion announcements. Resolved to liberalize practice. Now card signers can do so the morning of the Communion. (2) Poll the congregation on more frequent use of popular hymns but leave the choice of hymns to the pastors "because they pick hymns that fit with the message." (3) Teaching catechumens on other than Saturday mornings. The elders' report rejected this suggestion because of distances that children travel and transportation available to them; fresh approach early in day rather than late in the day after a full school day. Most parents support a Saturday morning program rather than an after-school weekday arrangement, sometimes carrying into the supper hour. (4) Have more friendliness at church. Here the elders asked for the source of these complaints. In some cases they found these complaints came from people who slip away before friendliness can begin. In some others "friendliness is reciprocal" and is not "selective" as so many people practice. --Lutheran Witness Supplement

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 428 N. Erie - 1953 to ....



### **Readers Assail Sick Humor**

DEAR READERS: Several days ago I urged you to write to the presidents of the three major TV networks and protest the cruel and tasteless ridicule of handicapped people by alleged comedians. The most vulnerable targets for sick humor are stutterers, spastics and harelips. My heart felt thanks to those who did so. The response was staggering.

Here are some excerpts of the notes attached to copies of the letters that went to Julian Goodman, president of NBC, Charles Ireland, (since deceased) president of CBS, and Elton Rule, president of ABC:

From San Francisco: Dear Ann: Over the years I've agreed and disagreed with you, but today put me in your

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The greatest and noblest pleasure which men can have in this world is to discover new truths. And the next is to shake off old prejudices.

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### CHILDREN'S PAGE



#### **Dear Young Readers:** My



#### HERB'S SECRET GIFT

When I was little, May was for my birthday and for May baskets. May 1--that was the big day--for it meant a homemade basket and violets and lilacs, a knock on a door and running fast to hide. It meant seeing someone enjoy a secret gift.

It's hard to keep a gift a secret, but sometimes its helpful. The custom of doing a kind deed and then hiding to watch the joy may be a very useful one. Perhaps you will do one of these:

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Do a good deed for someone, but don't let the person know.

Give something to someone who will be surprised and glad.

Say hello to someone who needs it and who will be surprised.

Give something homemade to someone who has never received a gift from you. --Clipped. \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

I have never met an unhappy giver. --Goerge Matthew Adams

Good Bye. I enjoyed fixing up this page for you and a letter from you, sometimes. I am leaving this work and this page. I will go and live with my children and play with my grandchildren and all of us together will have good times. God be with you always and bless you. Your friend. Uriel C. Jones, Sr.