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O Give Thanks To The Lord Because He Is Good!

HYMN: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" (L.H. #36)

1. NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
WITH HEART AND HANDS AND VOICES,
WHO WONDROUS THINGS HATH DONE,
IN WHOM THE WORLD REJOICES;
WHO FROM OUR MOTHER'S ARMS
HATH BLESSED US ON OUR WAY
WITH COUNTLESS GIFTS OF LOVE
AND STILL IS OURS TODAY.

2. OH, MAY THIS BOUNTEOUS GOD
THRO' ALL OUR LIFE BE NEAR US,
WITH EVER JOYFUL HEARTS
AND BLESSED PEACE TO CHEER US
AND KEEP US IN HIS GRACE
AND GUIDE US WHEN PERPLEXED
AND FREE US FROM ALL ILLS
IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT!

3. ALL PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD
THE FATHER NOW BE GIVEN,
THE SON, AND HIM WHO REIGNS
WITH THEM IN HIGHEST HEAVEN:
THE ONE ETERNAL GOD,
WHOM EARTH AND HEAV'N ADORE!
FOR THUS IT WAS, IS NOW,
AND SHALL BE EVERMORE. AMEN.



The meaning of THANKSGIVING



In the illustration on the left, the horn and the fruit are missing.

The usual Thanksgiving sketch is a "horn of plenty" with various kinds of fruit and maybe an ear or two of corn appearing to flow out of it.

Our Thanksgiving sketch is just an ordinary pile of potatoes and a shock of wheat beside an old plow. But we feel that the spuds, the wheat, and the plow make a more appropriate symbol of Thanksgiving than the horn of plenty.

There is nothing glamorous about these things. They are just the basic things of life. The lowly potato is the center of most of our meals. Wheat is the basic food of the world. The walking plow is a reminder of the basic method that has been used to get the basic necessities of life.

At Thanksgiving time our thoughts should be on the basic things of life as we thank God. Potatoes are more important than new cars. Wheat is more important than nice clothes.

The great goodness of God is not that He gives us the luxuries of life, the comforts that make our life easy. The great goodness of God is that He gives us the basic necessities of life, yes, that He gives us life itself and health.

The basics of life, health, and food, may not be glamorous but they are precious and are not to be treated lightly. They are great gifts of God, gifts that not everyone has. We are being forcefully reminded what a precious gift life and health are. And the basic foods for life, the minimum necessary to sustain life and keep the body going are not the possession of everyone. Starvation and hunger are still to be found in the world and even in your own city or town.

The basic necessities of life are precious gifts of God for which He deserves our heartfelt thanks. "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good" was the song that David sang again and again in His Psalms and it is the chorus that should come from our hearts repeatedly. Our

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WORLD HUNGER AND DIRTY DISHES!

Gratitude- -

Thank God for dirty dishes; They have a tale to tell.
While other folks go hungry, We're eating well.
With home and health and happiness,

We shouldn't want to fuss;

For by this stack of evidence, God's very good to us.

-- Unknown

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To know just what has to be done, then do it, comprises the whole philosophy of practical life.

Sir W. Osler

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ILDA SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROJECT



Miss Lau Seung
Man
"Bessie Lau"

At its convention in 1975 in Washington, D.C., the ILDA adopted as one of its mission projects, \$1,000.00 in scholarship assistance for Mr. Charles Tang of Hong Kong. This was to help Mr. Tang obtain training in Special Education so that he might teach the deaf children in Hong Kong.

However, when Mr. Tang accepted another position and left Hong Kong, this assistance was requested for another teacher, Miss Lau Seung Man, or as she is known among her friends "Miss Bessie Lau". The ILDA Board voted unanimously to grant these funds to Miss Lau for training in the University of Manchester, England.

Miss Lau has been preparing herself for this work for several years. Part of her training was obtained in schools for the deaf in Australia. This past year she has been here in St. Louis at Central Institute for the Deaf. The last two months, while waiting for her visa to England, she has been attending Washington University summer school where she is completing her training and will obtain her Masters Degree in Special Education. Thus, when she returns to Hong Kong in the Fall of 1977, she will be able to train other teachers in Special Education in our Lutheran program for the Deaf. Our churches in Hong Kong have a great need for more trained teachers. Bessie is indeed thankful and most grateful to ILDA for this wonderful assistance.

Pastor Louis Jasper, former Lutheran minister to the Deaf of Hong Kong, says: "At the present time, Miss Lau is probably the most highly trained and qualified member of our Hong Kong Church in the field of education for the deaf. She is an extremely gifted, highly motivated and dedicated individual."

Miss Lau, 25 years old, was born in Hong Kong and has been a Lutheran all her life. She has been a teacher since 1968 and has taught the Deaf since 1969 when she began serving at the Mong Kok Lutheran School for the Deaf. She obtained her education in Concordia Theological Seminary and Grantham College of Education, both schools in Hong Kong. She has also served as Chairman of the Youth Committee and Sunday School Teacher in Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

DEAF TEENAGER CONFIRMED

Sunday, September 12, 1976, was an exciting day for members and friends of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Seattle, Washington. On this day Miss Julie Lynn Colvert became the first hearing-impaired teenager to receive the rite of confirmation for many, many years at the church.

In the spring of 1975 Miss Cinday Acrey was the first hearing person ever to be confirmed at the Seattle congregation. Cindy's mother is deaf. Both young people received instruction from Mrs. Alvin Luetzow, a hearing woman who learned the language of signs a few years ago. She is also preparing four other hearing-impaired young people, three of whom will receive the rite of confirmation in the spring of 1977.



Rev. William A. Ludwig and
Miss Julie Lynn Colvert...

Three years ago the Sunday school was established under the direction of Mr. Richard French, a layworker at the congregation. Until that time, the congregation had consisted only of adults.

Pastor William A. Ludwig is indeed thankful to see the Sunday school and confirmation classes meeting each Sunday. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf was organized as a congregation in May of 1921.

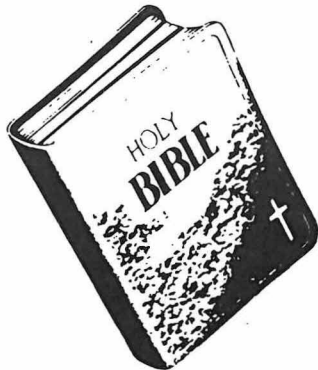
MISSION BOARD SEEKS STAFF EXECUTIVE

The Missouri Synod's Board for Missions is looking for candidates to fill the staff position of ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEAF AND BLIND MINISTRIES. Pastors possessing skills in deaf communication and an aptitude for administration are being sought.

The job description reads: A person with at least five years of experience as a parish pastor with skills in deaf communication and a keen aptitude for the administration and

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

FOR NOVEMBER 1976

AN EVER-GROWING LIFE

- 1Psalm 73:13-28.....
- 2Psalm 119:89-104.....
- 3Proverbs 4:1-9.....
- 41 Cor. 2:6-16.....
- 5Ephesians 1:15-23.....
- 6Ephesians 3:14-21.....

AN EVER-GROWING LIFE

- 7 Sunday...Luke 2:40-52.....
- 8Matthew 5:38-48.....
- 91 Cor. 3:1-15.....
- 10Ephesians 4:1-16.....
- 11Philippians 1:1-11.....
- 122 Peter 1:1-8.....
- 132 Peter 3:9-18.....

A LIFE OF TRUE FREEDOM

- 14 Sunday...John 8:31-36.....
- 15Romans 6:15-23.....
- 161 Cor. 9:1-18.....
- 171 Cor. 9:19-27.....
- 18Galatians 5:1-6.....
- 19Ephesians 6:1-9.....
- 201 Peter 2:11-25.....

REJOICE IN THE LORD

- 21 Sunday...John 8:12-20.....
- 22Ephesians 3:1-12.....
- 231 Cor. 4:1-5.....
- 24Ephesians 3:14-21.....
- 25Luke 17:11-19.....
- 262 Peter 1:1-11.....
- 27John 14:1-6.....

COMFORT IN SORROW

- 28 Sunday...1 Thess. 4:13-18.....
- 29Colossians 3:1-11.....
- 30Matthew 25:1-13.....



Most gracious God, we come to Thee with thanksgiving and penitence. Thou has been good to us and our beloved land, and we have in no wise deserved it. We have thought too much of ourselves and of what we have accomplished. Forgive us our self-satisfaction and help us to receive with thanksgiving all our blessings, our daily bread, and our enjoyment of the good things of our life. Continue to keep our land with all its civil authorities in Thy gracious care and preserve to us the precious gift of peace, for Christ's sake. Amen-Portals of Prayer

ILDA PAGE



REGIONAL NEWS...

NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

The Pacific Region Convention was held on November 5, 6, and 7, 1976 at Fresno, California. The following were elected to serve as officers:

President - Harold Thuve
Vice-Pres. - Jack Burns
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Treasurer - Minerva Webb
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Rev. Sampson

The next Pacific Region Convention (1978) will be held in Los Angeles, California.

Charles Kotal

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NEWS FROM DIXIE REGION

About 80 Deaf from the Southeastern United States, attended the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference in Dallas last August. They represented Lutheran Deaf congregations from Texas to North Carolina and from Florida to Oklahoma.

"Prayer" and "The Praying Congregation" were presentations given by Rev. Frank Wagenknecht on the Conference theme of PRAYER LIFE. After the presentations the conference divided into buzz-groups to discuss the topics and later reported back to the conference.

The high-light of the conference came to be Deaf Zion's presentation of their Worship in Mime.

The Deaf Zion members who attended the conference were: John Anderson, Pastor and Mrs. Oermann, Jimmy Rutledge, and Peggy Wintringer.



"I just can't bring myself to bless a spinach casserole."

Russ sez: THE POST OFFICE IS NOW CHARGING US 25¢ FOR EACH LETTER OR DEAF LUTHERAN NEWSPAPER RETURNED TO HIS OR THE EDITOR'S OFFICE. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU ARE MOVING AND SEND YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS TO HIM. THANK YOU...



Bus. Manager Russ Healey

Thanksgiving Thoughts

In February of this year Pastor Martin Kosche of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Delavan, Wisconsin, was guest missionary at the Lutheran Open House services in Germantown, Wisconsin. Each morning the Milwaukee area pastors and the guest missionaries met for prayer, sharing and inspiration.

At one of these sessions our district president, Dr. Karl Barth, gave an excellent talk on prayer. He listed 10 important points to improve our prayer life. As Rev. Kosche has opportunity, he promises to share these 10 points with us. For now he will talk only about the first point, "Abound in Thanksgiving." In other words - thank God, not just a little, but very very much.

Maybe you heard the story about the two angels God sent in - to the world to gather up the prayers of His people. One Angel was to gather up the prayers that asked God to give things. The other angel was to gather up the prayers of thanks. When the angels returned to God, the first one had his basket filled to overflowing with requests of people for all kinds of things. The second angel had only two small prayers of thanks to God.

That's not a true story, but the thing it teaches is true ...How quickly we go to God when we are in trouble and need help especially, His help or some gift from Him! How easily we forget to pray, forget to thank God, and maybe even forget God, when all is well and we are enjoying His many gifts and blessings.

It would be good if we would begin each day by reading one of the Psalms in the Bible. These are the prayers and hymns of the Old Testament church. See how often the Psalms speak thanks and thanksgiving to God.

As you begin your own daily prayers to God, make it a point

to begin with thanks for your many blessings. You will want to thank God for sending His Son - Jesus, to die on the cross for saving you from sin and hell. Thank Him for your Baptism that makes you sure Jesus died for you. Thank Him for sending His Holy Spirit to work in your heart and bring you to faith in Jesus. Thank Him for your Bible translated into your language, for your church, for faithful pastors and teachers who brought the good news about Jesus to you. Thank Him for your body, health, job, friends, wife, husband, children, food, etc., etc. The list is endless.

Since Rev. Kosche made "Thanks" the first item on his prayer list, he says his trust in God's good care has grown stronger and he doesn't worry about such things as health, money, food, clothes, house, car etc. God has provided him with so much already. No doubt He will continue to give Rev. Kosche all that he needs.

"OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD, AND HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER." Ps.118.1

...from Silent News Letter
Delavan, Wisconsin
(Thanks Pastor Kosche! That was beautiful. I can hardly wait to get the other nine messages....the Editor)

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There is an old story about God discussing with His angels where He should place the secret of life so that it would be most difficult to find. One suggested the bowels of the earth, another the bottom of the sea, a third the highest mountain. A fourth angel objected: "Men will eventually search out all these places," he said, "The only place is within man himself. He will never dream of looking there." ...BITS and PIECES

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If you are driving on a road with beautiful scenery, unobstructed by signs and billboards, chances are you're on the wrong road.

MISSION BOARD SEEKS STAFF EXECUTIVE

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supervision of the Deaf Blind ministry concerns of the Board for Missions. He shall provide effective leadership for Districts in developing effective and responsible planning of such ministries within their areas.

Please send nominations for this position as soon as possible to: W. J. Barge, Director of Personnel, LCMS, 500 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63102.



WORKSHOP TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF DEAF

ST. LOUIS - A second workshop to train District leaders has been scheduled by the Missouri Synod's Advisory Committee for the Religious Education of the Deaf. The workshop is scheduled for July 11-13, 1977, at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

A previous workshop trained 13 specialists who are able to conduct workshops in congregations for lay Sunday school teachers of the deaf. Those Districts unable to send their specialist to the first workshop now have a second opportunity.

Workshop participants review age level characteristics and the special needs of the deaf who attend Sunday schools and concentrate on the teaching of Christian concepts. Participants will also have the opportunity to share effective methods and materials.

Director of the project is Ruth Beck, principal of Flushing Christian School, Flushing, N.Y. and formerly teacher of the deaf at Mill Neck Manor. The project is funded by the Synod's 125th Anniversary Thankoffering.

For further information contact either Ruth Beck, 53-15 212th Street, Bayside Hills, N.Y. 11364, or Rev. Victor Corstien, Board for Parish Education, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis Missouri 63118.

MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, but he also does not live long without it. To eat is to acknowledge our dependence - both on food and on each other. We must feed each other, not only with food, but with respect, care and love. If we do not our inner self, our personality, shrinks, starves and dies. There is an emptiness that not even the 'Blue Plate Special' can touch. LORD, GIVE ME DAILY BREAD, I PRAY. I am so much in need of bread to feed the hungry parts of me. Keep me aware that food for mind and feeling is as important as my body's bread. O GIVE ME LOVE AND TRUST AND OPENNESS ON WHICH TO FEED!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Deaf Ministry
Fresno, California

PAX NATURA RANCH FOR THE DEAF

The Dedication and Opening for Pax Natura Ranch for the Deaf took place Sunday, September 5th, 1976 on the site of the Ranch - north on Highway No. 2 to Clyde corner, east on secondary No. 656 for 10 miles and two and a half-miles north on a gravel road.

Pax Natura Ranch for the Deaf is located on two quarters of land leased from the Department of Energy and Resources. Under a special arrangement from the Department, the Ranch will rehabilitate deaf adults with a regular farming program and workshops in mechanics and wood. A seven acre pine grove makes up the spacious yard where three homes, two workshops, a barn, feedlots, and lodge will be situated. A program of rehabilitation has already been instituted and developed for the past four summers on rented land in the Redwater area. The Ranch program has sought out deaf individuals from mental hospitals and programs designed for the mentally retarded. The emphasis of the rehabilitation program in the past as well as in the future is three fold:

- Communication via sign language
- Work to instill a sense of responsibility and
- Christian love to develop character and motivation.

For the past four summers, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Edmonton has released the pastor, Rev. R. A. Bauer and his staff for the summer months to work with volunteers from the church in the program.

The Dedication Ceremony included representatives from the Lutheran Church - The Rev. Dr. George Rode; Mr. Edward Johnson, chairman of Pax Natura Society; Mr. Gary Andersen, president of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf; auxiliary and service clubs who have supported the program and sent representatives - Kinsmen Club of Fort Edmonton, Kinette Club of Fort Edmonton, Lions Club of North East Alberta, Quota Club of Edmonton, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Alberta British Columbia District. Elected representatives, Mr. Peter Elzinga, member of Parliament for Pembina and M.L.A. Mr. George Topolnisky represented the two levels of government. Also present was Mr. Peter Stasiuk, councillor of Westlock Municipality. Other invited participants were the Alberta Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, International Lutheran Deaf Association, Canadian Religious Workers with the Deaf Association, the Regional Advisors Council for the Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf, Catholic Mission to the Deaf-Edmonton. Present also was Mr. Fred

Klingbeil, architect and building consultant, the many supporters and volunteers of clubs and churches and a special invitation was extended to the community of the Westlock area.

Besides the Ranch, the Pax Natura Society for the Rehabilitation of the Deaf is sponsoring Pax Natura House in Edmonton's south side as another arm for the rehabilitation of the deaf.

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"GIVE ME A SIGN" FOR DEAF AWARENESS

T. Daniel Robbins
Mary Jane Rhodes

A second song written by the composers of "I HEAR YOUR HAND" is finding the same broad acceptance given their first. "GIVE ME A SIGN" can be used as a companion song with "I HEAR YOUR HAND" in DEAF AWARENESS and other activities aimed at promoting an understanding of deafness. Rita Corey, the very talented young deaf woman who performed the first song with Kendall students, joins with Ron Rhodes for a duet in signs on filmed versions of the song.

Lyricist composer, Mary Jane Rhodes, is the mother of a deaf son, "Deafness is the most misunderstood of all handicaps. As the mother of a deaf son, I have a responsibility to tell the story of deaf talent and ability to the hearing world", she explains. "I HEAR YOUR HAND" was the message she felt her deaf son would like to share with hearing people. "GIVE ME A SIGN" was inspired when she heard the story of a deaf man who once asked his hearing daughter: "Virginia, tell me, how does it sound when the sunlight bounces from the table onto the floor?" The second song incorporates this kind of approach when it asks... "Sometimes I wonder, how does it sound, when red leaves in autumn drift to the ground? Can the pond's ripple speak to the tree? I want to share your world, please share mine with me."

Dan Robbins, composer of the music and lead singer on the SONS OF THUNDER recording, has long been associated with the international Jesus Music Ministry and has recorded with some of the top entertainers. His style of singing has been described as "country-gospel-rock" and Dan's voice is now recognized by thousands of hearing people involved in services to deaf persons. Both songs are receiving national and international popularity.

Mary Jane suggests: "Try listening with your eyes as deaf people do. Perhaps you will discover that the silent world is

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St.Louis - Plans to observe the centennial in 1977 of Missouri Synod mission efforts among black people in the U.S. includes a special service at the Synod's convention, developing a scholarship fund for church work students from minorities, producing a filmstrip about ministry among black people, workshops and forums on black Lutheranism, restoration of the home of Dr. Rosa Young as a memorial to her pioneering work as a black Lutheran educator and missionary, and producing a major history of Lutheranism among black people in America.

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13.5 million Americans are deaf or have seriously impaired hearing, according to an article in the World Herald, and says Glenn Goldberg, executive director of the National Center for Law and the Deaf, "They've been excluded from all the advances in social justice." He also says, "The deaf generally haven't been able to get legal service." It is interesting to note that the Rev. Russell Johnson is now receiving training that will qualify him to be the only certified legal interpreter in our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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Then the King will say to those at His right hand, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25

IS JESUS TALKING ABOUT MORE THAN PHYSICAL BREAD?

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Rochester, N.Y. . . . Alpha L.C. . . . On September 19th Greg Geisler Celebrated his first Holy Communion. This is a new idea in the Lutheran Church. Young people can understand and share in the Lord's Supper and be confirmed at an older age. Last summer Greg came to church for Pastor Geisler to teach him about the Lord's Supper. May Greg grow in love and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus through this gift of the forgiving Lord's body and blood

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS BEGIN . . . Religious classes began in October at both the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Connecticut and at the Austin School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vermont. At the American School for the Deaf over 50 children are in the Tuesday and Wednesday program.



Volunteer teachers assisting Pastor Page are: Mrs. Umlauf, Mrs. VonHoorn, Mrs. Rinas, Miss Holden, and Mrs. Page. At the Austin School for the Deaf, 52 children are enrolled in the Monday program. Mrs. Ida Hutchins, a teacher at the Austin School will assist Pastor Page.

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PREUS OFFERS OPTION FOR UPSET LUTHERANS
St.Louis - Lutherans who aren't happy in one church body might do well to transfer to another, Dr. Jacob A.O. Preus, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, said. He made the suggestion in a speech to delegates at the eighth general convention of the American Lutheran Church. He noticed the doctrinal differences among members and congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have caused some congregations of that body to break away and to consider formation of another Lutheran group. Instead, Dr. Preus said, "would it not be far better for them to unite with another church . . . such as the ALC?" Earlier, the Rev. Robert J. Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America, emphasized the need for Lutherans to work together.

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Delavan, Wisconsin . . . Holy Cross. . . In Madison, Wisconsin, excitement was high through September and October. The congregation was eagerly preparing to meet its new pastor, Rev. Gary Bomberger of Clearwater, Florida. Pastor Bomberger is a 1975 graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. His first call was to Rogate Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Fla. where he served as assistant to Pastor Frank Wagenknecht. Pastor Wagenknecht used to be pastor to the Deaf in Pittsburgh. Many deaf live in and around Clearwater and Pastors Wagenknecht and Bomberger conducted monthly services for them. Pastor Bomberger also studied sign language under Pastor Orlin Anderson, while at the seminary and assisted in Deaf Ministry in that area. His wife, Diane, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fairman of Jackson, Mississippi. Don Fairman is a graduate of the Layministry program at Milwaukee and is serving the Deaf in the Mississippi Field. Mrs. Fairman's parents (Mrs. Bomberger's grandparents) were deaf. Rev. Bomberger was installed on Sept. 19, 1976 at Silent Church.

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Miami, Florida . . . Bay Shore and Deaf Zion. . . Deaf Zion will present a new WORSHIP IN MIME at Bay Shore. This one will have an Advent theme, "Preparing for the Coming of Christ Into The World". It is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, at 7:30 P.M.

Like the first one, it will also be done without the use of spoken language or sign language, and it will readily be understood by anyone.

Deaf Zion members have begun working up this new Mime and have been practicing on Thursdays since September 23rd.

A total of 3 different Mime Worship Services are scheduled during the next 9 months: the Advent Worship in Mime in December, and Ephiphany Worship in Mime in January, and a Lenten Worship in Mime in February.

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Faith is also the conviction that the Son of God has the power to heal bodily sickness. We do right when in illness we come to Him in prayer, leaving it to His wisdom and love to do with us what is best.



"...THROUGH SICKNESS AND HEALTH, FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THROUGH BASEBALL SEASON, FOOTBALL SEASON, GOLF SEASON..."

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MINI-MESSAGE . . . A test on the Bible was given to five classes of college-bound 11th and 12th graders. Some of their answers seem less than divinely inspired. For example - some thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were lovers... that the Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, LUTHER and John...that Eve was created from an apple...and that the stories by which Jesus taught were call parodies. How's your Biblical I.Q.? If it's like most of us, it could stand some brushing up. Even though some people have read the Bible through from cover to cover several times, they find enough inspiration and challenge to read it through again and again. For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope..... The Clarion

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Jesus had no earthly possessions. At His birth He was laid in a borrowed manger; He preached a sermon from a borrowed boat; He rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed beast; He ate His last supper with His apostles in a borrowed room; and was buried in a borrowed grave. Yet He stands, the living, risen Son of God, saying, "All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth."

- from Weeks.

THE MEANING OF THANKSGIVING

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hearts and our hands should praise the Lord for His lovingkindness and His generous care that sustain us and bless us.

Certainly our Lord deserves praise and thanks for providing us with the basic needs of life. But not to be forgotten is the most basic need that our merciful God has supplied to us. That is salvation, the need to be united in faith with our God as redeemed and forgiven children of our heavenly Father.

There is no greater need that we have, no greater gift that we have received than the faith in our Lord to which His Holy Spirit has brought us. In the season of Thanksgiving that will soon be upon us let us thank God for the many things that He has given us, but above all let us thank Him that He has brought us to the knowledge of Jesus as our Lord and our Savior.

...from The Pilgrim Staff; Kansas City Deaf Field
Thank you, Pastor Uhlig, that was beautiful.
The Editor



by Rev. Jerold D. Munz
Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Why do we have a Thanksgiving Day in 1976? Do you know why? Let us think back to the days of the Pilgrims to celebrate Thanksgiving. Back with the Pilgrims of 1620: you do not see them sending their kids to the parade. You do not see them going to a Football Game or to the movies.

NO, INSTEAD THE PILGRIMS DID THE FIRST AND IMPORTANT THINGS! ! !

They went to God's House and worshipped HIM and THANKED HIM for their few blessings. They went home to eat the food they grew or the food the Indians give them. They saved the food for the winter days so they will not starve.

THANKSGIVING HAS CHANGED MUCH SINCE 1620.

Today, we have cars and smooth roads - - - more than enough food - - - comfortable homes and warm homes - - - closets full of toys and junk and clothes - - - a wonderful nation - - - hospitals and medicine - - - jobs - - - television - - - welfare helps - - -

GOD TRULY POURS OUT A FLOOD OF BLESSINGS ON US! ! !

We have every reason for doing the FIRST THINGS and SINGING. "Oh Give Thanks To The Lord, Because God is Good. And His steadfast love continues forever. Praise the Lord." That is a real THANKS - GIVING DAY!



"GIVE ME A SIGN" FOR DEAF AWARENESS

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SIGN LANGUAGE SONG BOOK
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by Mary Jane Rhodes

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The authors of "LIFT UP YOUR HANDS" express their feeling that: "Music is more than the mechanics of specialized sound; it is the communication through which humans transmit their innermost thoughts and feelings ... it is our desire to paint for the eye with our hands what the instruments and voice paint for the ear."

Now parents will be able to share music with their deaf children. Sign classes will welcome this new tool for teaching sign language. Libraries can make this unique new book available to their readers. Both schools for the deaf and schools for children with hearing will find this book useful in Deaf Awareness activities, because singing in signs is fast becoming the newest form of creative expression across the nation. Service clubs, churches, and friends of the deaf will enjoy sharing music with deaf people, an exciting new depth of fellowship.

"LIFT UP YOUR HANDS" is now available from:
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Send a self addressed and STAMPED envelope for information.

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Learning makes the wise wiser and the fool more foolish.

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PUZZLE FUN FOR THE DEAF

by Carlene Camp - The Deaf Evangelist

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

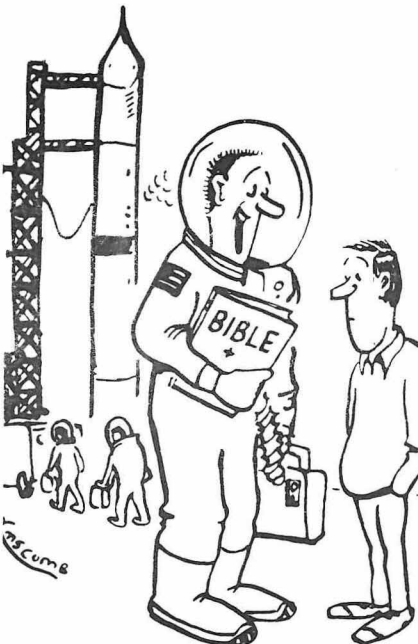
God has blessed America with an abundance of food. We should give thanks.

Find these Bible foods in the puzzle. They may be found by reading in any direction. Even backward!

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BREAD	VEGETABLES	FISH
BEEF	POTAGE	MELONS
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"Daddy, I want to ask you a question", said little Bobby after his first day in Sunday school.

"Yes, Bobby, what is it?", replied the father.

"The Sunday school teacher was reading the Bible to us - all about the children of Israel building the temple, the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, the children of Israel making sacrifices. Didn't the grownups do anything?"

"I'm hoping to get it autographed."

WISDOM: Knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

Don't tell secrets to a friend, because she might have a friend.

BIBLE QUIZ

- Women of the Bible
1. What was the name of the only woman Judge? _____ (Judges 4:4)
 2. What was the name of Naomi's daughter-in-law who turned back? _____ (Ruth 1:4,14)
 3. Give the name of the woman who first saw Jesus alive again. _____ (Mark 16:9)
 4. What woman spared the lives of the spies in Jericho? _____ (Joshua 2:1)
 5. What was the name of David's first wife? _____ (1 Samuel 18:27)
 6. What two relatives of Timothy are named: Grandmother? _____, Mother? _____ (2 Timothy 1:5)
 7. What woman said, "If I perish, I perish"? _____ (Esther 4:15-16)
 8. What was the name of Ananias' wife? _____ (Acts 5:1)
 9. What seamstress did Peter raise from death? _____ (Acts 9:36-43)
 10. What woman believer did Paul visit who was a seller of purple goods? _____ (Acts 16:14)

Another 10-year old Sunday school boy came home and told his mother about the day's lesson. "Well, our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash, Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"Bobby," exclaimed his startled mother, "is that really the way your teacher told that story?"

"Well, not exactly", replied Bobby, "but if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!"

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