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A NEW YEAR & A NEW BEGINNING

Ring in The Valiant One
and free
The larger heart, the
kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness
of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is
To be.

Tennyson

by Rev. Robert M. Corl
Wausau, Wisconsin

New year's resolutions are funny because it seems we never can keep them. We promise ourselves things but never do what we promise. We try to stop over-eating or smoking or giving so little to church or mission church or many more bad habits. But it seems we always stay with our old habits.

John the Baptizer tried to make people change from their old habits and ways of sin to a new life of repentance and change. John promised help to all who will try to give up their old ways. God sent this help into the world as a baby named Jesus, God's only Son. Jesus came to help people change and to give people new life because He truly loved us. God's promise is not like ours. God instead kept His promise when He sent Jesus to be our Savior. As Savior Jesus suffered and died and rose again to give us new life and to help us to change.

A young boy tried to move a heavy stone. His father sat and watched him. The boy gave up and said to his father, "I tried everything, but I can't move this stone." The father said to the boy, "You didn't try everything, I was sitting here watching you, but you didn't ask me to help." This is our problem. We try to do everything ourselves without asking God for help. We make promises but can't keep them because we are too weak.

This new calendar year, as we make our resolutions or promises to God and to ourselves, let us not forget to ask God to help us. Let us remember to ask God to give us a stronger faith.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL IN 1977

North Americans take many things for granted in their lives which would be luxuries or even miracles in poorer countries -- (most of the worlds' people.)

Reverend Carry McClure, a missionary sent by us to the Lutheran Synod of Guatemala, recently buried an elderly member of that congregation. He said: "Young pastors probably would like to have the secure feeling that they are working with a stable group of people. . . that if they don't say everything they want to say now, there will be other opportunities to say it."

Soon you start seeing the reality of life and the urgency of the hour here. (doing it now). As such North Americans, we usually tell ourselves that things will be all right; modern medicine can do near miracles.

Here when people are ill they almost always believe that they are going to die, and very often they are right. Here they say, "Death owns us." It is not very comforting, but it is realistic.

Of course, the promise of God in Christ is that death doesn't own us anymore. We have been redeemed. Jesus paid the price of our release when He shed His blood on the cross..for us. Our members know that, and those who have gone ahead now experience it (are in heaven)."

How does the fact of your death, some time in the future, make you feel about your participation in the mission of your church? Why? ? ?

-Adopted-



GIVE US
THROUGH THE COMING YEAR
QUIETNESS OF MIND.
TEACH US TO BE PATIENT
AND ALWAYS TO BE KIND.
GIVE US REASSURANCE
WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG
SO OUR FAITH
REMAINS UNFALTERING
AND OUR HOPE
AND COURAGE STRONG-
AND SHOW US
THAT IN QUIETNESS
WE CAN FEEL YOUR PRESENCE NEAR
FILLING US WITH JOY AND PEACE
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

-Helen Steiner Rice-

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Make people happy where you go--not when you go.
... from Sign Waves

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Holy Cross L.C. for the Deaf
St. Louis, Missouri
Sign Waves
Rev. Martin A. Hewitt

A SEED THAT FELL ON THE STREET

"Take this and read it," said a Japanese schoolgirl. She handed a dirty little booklet to a woman standing at her door.

"I found it in the street. Someone must have dropped it."

The girl knew the woman was a widow with three small children. She knew the woman tried to please the many gods and looked for comfort at many shrines and temples. But she found no comfort. Her grief was not calmed.

"I read it," the girl continued. "THERE IS A WONDERFUL STORY in it of a man who helps those who are helpless. I thought of you. It might do you good."

The woman took the booklet which was a copy of the Gospel of Luke in Japanese. She read it from beginning to end without stopping. When she finished, she knew her life could go only in one direction--the way the booklet had shown her.

The first thing she did was to try and find out if other Christians lived in her neighborhood. She asked all around but found none.

One day, however, in the near-by market town she heard a Christian worker speaking about "less Kirisuto."

She went up and asked the person to come to her mountain village and visit her home.

A few weeks later she was baptized and in the course of a few months her village had a congregation of those who had received faith in Christ.

It all happened because of a schoolgirl who was willing to share a "Book" she had found in the street.

We have the "Book" both in print and in our hearts. How have we shared Christ?

- adapted from
American Bible
Society Record

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

A few thousand years ago Moses promised the children of Israel that God would constantly go with them. Although their enemies threatened, they could always depend on the loving protection of God, for they were God's CHOSEN people. Moses, whom God chose for their leader, told his people "God will not fail you, nor forsake you."

A small boy was asked to go down a strange road to get some groceries at a store. "Mother," he said in troubled tones, "it's a long way, and I never went there before. I am not really afraid but....couldn't you go a little ways with me?" The mother understood his want and said quietly, "I will go ALL THE WAY with you, son!" With his hand in hers, the boy walked the unknown path with confidence.

As we stand at the beginning of a new, uncharted way, this promise strengthens us for the year ahead. "GOD WILL NOT FAIL YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Ps. 46, 1)

"THIS IS THE YEAR"

ST. LOUIS - Do we really need to support a World Food Reserve in a year of record crops?

"Yes," says Rev. Mel Witt, secretary of world relief for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). "This is the year when we can gain on the problem of starvation and hunger." He continued, "When do you fix a leaky roof? Not in a downpour, but when the sun is shining."

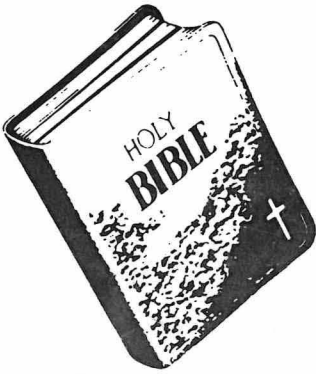
Witt indicates that "at least three million people are dying of starvation and attendant causes, even in a good year like this."

"It doesn't have to be," he noted. "Death from hunger can be ended."

Witt indicated that more headway could be made if synodical congregations would take part in the "Offering of Letters" to elected public officials.

LCMS president J.A.O. Preus commends such action in a letter distributed in early January.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

FOR JANUARY 1977

THE GOOD NEWS

11 John 1:1-4.....

HOPE REKINDLED

2 Sunday...1 John 1:5-7.....
31 John 2:9-12.....
41 John 4:18-21.....
5Matthew 2:16-17.....
6II Thess. 2:13-17.....
7Isaiah 42:1-4.....
8Mark 9:2-8.....

BEGINNING WITH BAPTISM

9 Sunday...Psalm 65:4-8.....
10Zachariah 8:1-5.....
11I Peter 1:1-5.....
12Matthew 3:13-17.....
13Matthew 18:1-6.....
14Ephesians 2:1-7.....
15John 1:35-39.....

DEDICATION TO ACTION

16 Sunday...Proverbs 3:1-8.....
17Ephesians 4:1-6.....
18Psalm 26:8-12.....
19Acts 10:34-41.....
20Exodus 34:27-31.....
21John 3:14-18.....
22Ephesians 5:1-5.....

CALLING ALL MEN

23 Sunday...Proverbs 8:14-18.....
24Phil. 1:8-11.....
25John 4:46-50.....
26Mark 1:14-20.....
27Phil. 1:27-30.....
28John 4:35-42.....
29Ezekiel 33:10-13.....

AN EVER-GROWING LIFE

30 Sunday...John 4:13-15.....
31Phil. 3:10-14.....



"Taste and see how good the Lord is....Fear the Lord, you who are His holy ones, fear Him, and you will lack nothing." (Psalm 34:8-9 Beck)

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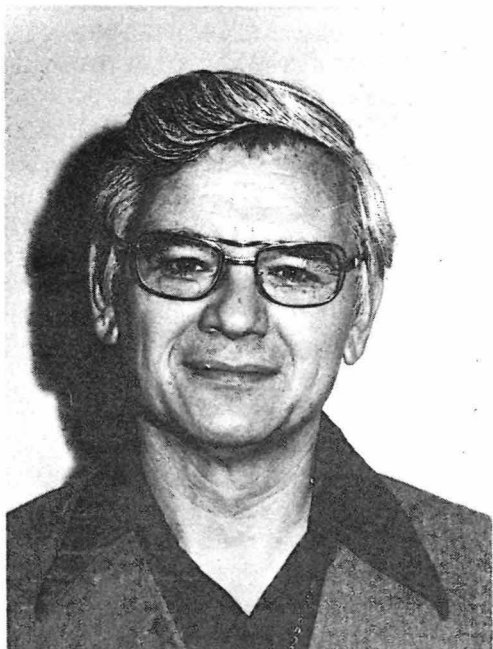


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Beautiful Spokane, Washington...Site of I.L.D.A.'s 1977 Convention!



Above is a general view of the Spokane area mostly to the right of the Ridpath Hotel (pointing finger, upper left). This will be the site of the fourth Biennial convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA). See story below.



Mr. Elmer D. Francisco,
ILDA President and
Chairman of the 1977
Spokane convention.

The next convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association is scheduled to convene June 30, 1977 at Spokane, Washington and conclude July 3, 1977

The site of the convention is the Ridpath Hotel in the heart of the city of Spokane is the center of the Inland Empire, a region covering parts of four states, Washington, Montana, Oregon and Idaho. The city's name is derived from the

Spokane Indian language, meaning "Children of the Sun". It has more hours of daylight than anywhere in the United States. Spokane is near more national parks in the United States and Canada than any other metropolitan city.

Convention delegates love to come here with their families, then vacation a few well-earned days under the wide, blue skies, in serene open spaces, away from traffic and business pressures. Most major tourist attractions are within easy driving distance. There are so many tourist attractions that it would take a long listing but you can get tremendous assistance from our tourist agencies or our committee members. The International Airport is seven miles southwest from the convention headquarters. The railroad and bus terminals are only a few blocks away. Limousine service is available from the Spokane International Airport. Rent-a-Car service is available.

Our convention site is the RIDPATH HOTEL AND MOTOR INN, Sprague and First Avenues at Stevens, Spokane, Washington 99210. Telephone number is (509) 838-2711. Call this number for reservations. It is glamorous! Beautiful--for vacation or business or convention. . you'll find the Ridpath Hotel and Motor Inn the ultimate in convenience--delightful in every respect! It has tre-

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1977 ILDA CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON*(continued from page 4)*

parking space for those who intend to drive to the convention. The hotel features a swimming pool in the Motor Inn area. The coffee shop is open until midnight and there are three restaurants to serve the delegates. Also we have many restaurants and cafes offering less elaborate fare.

The Ridpath Hotel has over 350 air-conditioned rooms with private bath and most have color TV. On the average, they can reserve 275 guest rooms in the Hotel and Motor Inn for any one convention group. They will reserve a block of 275 guest rooms, including 40 rooms in the Motor Inn, for the nights of June 30, July 1 and July 2, 1977. They will guarantee this block of rooms until two weeks in advance of convention dates at which time all those rooms not reserved in name will be released. The hotel's rates are very moderate: Singles, Minimum--\$15-\$17.50; Standard--\$18.50--\$21.00; Deluxe--\$22.00--\$24.00; Doubles--(2 persons), minimum--\$19.00--\$21.50; Standard--\$23.00--\$25.00; Deluxe--\$26.00--\$28.00; Twins, minimum--\$20.00--\$23.00; Standard--\$24.00--\$26.00; Deluxe--\$27.00--\$29.00; Motor Inn--Single--Deluxe--\$24.00; Superior--\$25.00--\$28.00; Doubles (2 persons) \$29.00; Superior--\$30.00--\$33.00; Twins--\$30.00; Superior--\$31.00--\$33.00. The largest meeting room will hold from 500 to 1000 people for either meetings or banquets. There will be other meeting rooms and exhibition facilities.

We will not have money to award to any contest like Lutheran Laywomen's League offered two years ago but we will give trophies for the best contestants. Portland, our sister church will take over this program. Any deaf congregation of Lutheran Church connections may participate.

The Portland congregation will take care of the cultural and drama competition. They offer: 1) Needle Craft; 2) Handicraft; 3) Fine Arts including photography. Judging for the above will be based on three things; 1) Creativity; 2) Beauty; 3) Fits the theme, "RISE SHINE, GIVE GOD THE GLORY". The second group will be dramas and one act plays. This must be done by the congregation as a group. It must be a Bible story, concerning Jesus and His glory. More details will be printed in the next issue of the Deaf Lutheran so you will have long enough to prepare. All prizes will be awarded at the banquet.

The convention committee will print a program book which will become the Biennial Book of the ILDA. The cover of our book will depict our theme, "RISE, SHINE, GIVE GOD THE GLORY", which is taken from Isaiah 60:1-3. The art work throughout the book will be based upon these inspiring lines. The contents shall include photos, history of the ILDA, biographies, reports from Regional vice-presidents, speakers, worship services, agenda, program, time schedules and other interesting things and will include names of donors. This book will be sold to delegates and to any others offering in advance for about \$2.00 per copy.

The convention committee has agreed to decorate the hotel with the banners from congregations and have the decorations all follow religious inspirations and depict the ILDA. The banquet speakers platform will have a Cross, Backdrop of the ILDA Seal and a small seal on the speaker's podium.

The publicity committee has suggested inserting advertisements in The DEAF LUTHERAN, The DEAF AMERICAN and The FRAT. Also seeking promotions of the convention in church bulletins and other media. Promotions shall begin in November or December and continue until June 1977. The



Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf (left) and President Elmer D. Francisco (right) discussing the committee plans for the 1977 convention of ILDA in Spokane.

official program will be in the mail to all congregations in the ministry of the deaf by the second week of May 1977.

We will have all day free on Friday, July 1st with a picnic and tour of the city and surrounding Spokane after two-hour devotion. In the evening after dinner we will have the cultural and drama from 7:30 until everything is wound up.

The convention committee shall choose the speaker to give the address of welcome. The Seattle congregation shall choose the speakers to speak at the banquet outside of the President address. The master of ceremonies shall be Mr. Harold Rife of Portland, Oregon, Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf of the Northwest Region.

The Board of Directors shall program all of the ILDA business. The ample time will be allowed for all ILDA business with Thursday night adjournment flexible. We assume that if the ILDA Board organizes the order of business that nine to ten hours should be sufficient. By this I mean, having all constitution arguments to the Law Committee well ahead of the convention and not permitting any changes to be made from the floor. Also having all nominations for officers ready for the ballot eliminating the time consuming discussions supporting candidates or criticizing them. If this is done effectively, there should be much time for planning programs and projects and getting the beautiful part of the ILDA into operation. We will have meetings all day Saturday to complete our agenda.

The pastors from Vancouver, B.C., Canada; Edmonton, Alberta, and Calgary, Alberta will have complete charge of planning and conducting all worship at the ILDA convention and shall be responsible for making all the arrangements. The advisor to ILDA shall be responsible for the installation of officers and be in the charge of that ceremony.

All plans for registration of the delegates, room assignments, recording, accounting, etc., are complete and we have a very effective system planned. No refunds will be made after the deadline closes unless we have others waiting on our list or the request for a refund is because of an extreme emergency. Cut-off date with the hotel is June 16, 1977. We are planning to make arrangements with other hotels in the event of an overflow. We are not expecting more than 500 guests at the most but if we receive more applications, we will arrange to put delegates in another hotel.

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PLAN YOUR VACATION TO INCLUDE THE I.L.D.A. CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FROM JUNE 30 TO JULY 3, 1977. IT SHOULD BE A FINE MEETING IN BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS. * * * *

On November 21st, the magazine section of the Kansas City Star carried a lengthy illustrated article on Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf. The greater part of five pages were devoted to Pilgrim.

BATTERY FACTS . . . Did you know that small hearing aid batteries can expand and explode? There are recorded cases of this happening, so beware if they look puffy. Throw them away immediately.

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GOOD NEWS . . . Deaf students now have a college to go to in St. Louis area. The St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley (Missouri) has a program for the deaf. This program is funded by a state grant. Thirty one deaf students are presently enrolled in various vocational programs. Some supportive services offered are: 1) vocational counseling; 2) possible financial aids; 3) note-takers; 4) interpreters; 5) job placement help; 6) practicum experience; and TTY.

Courses for the deaf in speech, language, writing, vocabulary and sign language are now available. Deaf persons of all ages can attend as full or part-time students. Classes are offered during the day and evening. Persons with or without high school diplomas may enroll.

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HOW PEOPLE SELECT A CHURCH . . . In a recent Houston, Texas, survey it was discovered that people chose a church for the following reasons:
3% - because of the minister
11% - because of the lovely buildings
18% - because it was near their home
27% - because they had always been members of that denomination
46% - because a neighbor invited them to attend

How about that? See the importance of personal evangelism? Have you invited your friends and neighbors to attend church with you?

Pasadena United Presbyterian Church

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ANNOUNCEMENT . . . On March 7-8, 1977, there will be a conference on the Verbo-tonal Method as used with hearing impaired children and adults. The basic principles and therapy procedures will be presented, e.g., body movements, rhythmical stimulation, optimal field of hearing, tonality, filtered speech testing, hearing aid placement, Suvag equipment, etc. This information should be of interest to: audiologists, speech pathologists, teachers of the deaf, special educators, supervisors, administrators, engineers and researchers.

The conference is sponsored by the Department of Audiology and Speech

Pathology through the Division of Continuing Education, Department of Conferences and Institutes.

Write for information from Carl W. Asp, Ph.D., Dept. of Audiology and Speech Pathology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37916.

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IRS TOLL-FREE TTY SERVICE BEGINS . . . Beginning December 1, 1976, TTY users throughout the United States, Except Alaska and Hawaii, will be able to call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) toll-free for information and answers to Federal tax questions.

IRS employees trained in TTY operation will be answering the phones weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. CST (8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. EST, 6:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. MST, and 5:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. PST). TV-phone/TTY users in Indiana, where the equipment is located, should call 1-800-382-4059. In all other states, the number is 1-800-428-4732. The service is year round.

IRS assistants will answer questions on dependency exemptions, the earned income for low-income taxpayers, medical deductions available to deaf and hearing-impaired taxpayers, including deductions for TTY equipment, hearing aids, cost and care of hearing ear dogs, cost of sending children to special schools, etc. They can also give information when taxpayers receive bills or notices from IRS.

The IRS urges those with TTY equipment to add the toll-free number to their TTY directories.

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CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Schnepf who were blessed with a second daughter born December 12, 1976. They named her Katherine Louise. Mary, their first daughter is now 5 years old, and attending kindergarten at Bronxville, New York. Pastor Schnepf serves St. Mark's Church for the Deaf in New York City. We pray that God will continue to bless this young family.

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THE FCC AND LINE 21 . . . During the first week of December, the Federal Communications Commission gave approval to the use of Line 21 of the television picture for closed captioning. The final regulation will be issued shortly. An FCC news release states: "The Federal Communications Commission

The Deaf Lutheran/Januray, 1977 has amended its rules, effective March 1, 1977, in response to a petition filed by the Public Broadcasting Service to permit 'closed' captioning of Television programs for the benefit of the hearing impaired.

"The Commission noted that the type of captioning proposed by PBS could with the use of special decoders, significantly enhance TV viewing for hearing impaired persons without interfering with the television picture or audio."

What does this FCC change in regulations mean? It means that beginning on March 1, 1977, it will legally be possible for television networks or channels to broadcast coded captions. And, it will be legally possible for persons to manufacture and sell decoders which can make the closed captions visible.

However, this regulation DOES NOT MEAN that networks or channels will begin to broadcast closed captions. Undoubtedly the Public Broadcasting System, which has supported and worked on the closed captioning from the beginning, will do so. PBS already captions many of its programs.

However, the major commercial networks (NBC, CBS, and ABC) have opposed the concept of closed captioning all along. These network people need to be convinced that deaf people can be a sizeable new audience for their programs and advertisers if closed captions are added to existing programs. Money talks - and it talks loudest in the entertainment industry.

One interesting side-light of the Line 21 controversy with the FCC is that government agency has become convinced that deaf people deserve equal access to their services. The first week in January, 1977, the FCC installed a TV-phone which is compatible with all TTY's and MCM's so that the deaf community may contact them directly.

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On November 21, 1976, Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Cedar Rapids, Iowa had a farewell party for Mr. LaVerne Mass who has begun study for the office of the ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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A new course will be offered starting Winter term on Concordia's campus in Portland, Oregon. "Introduction to Communications with the Deaf", a three hour course will be taught by The Reverend Shirrel Petzholtz of Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland. Classes begins on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. for ten weeks. The course carries three hours of college credit.

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Johnny and Grace Baranski are the proud parents of a 6lb. 6oz. baby girl born to them on December 2, 1976. They have named her Margo Jewett-Baranski. CONGRATULATIONS!

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An audiologist testing a young boy asked, "Was the sound loud or soft?" Five year old little boy, "It was soft, but I didn't hear it."

1977 ILDA CONVENTION IN SPOKANE

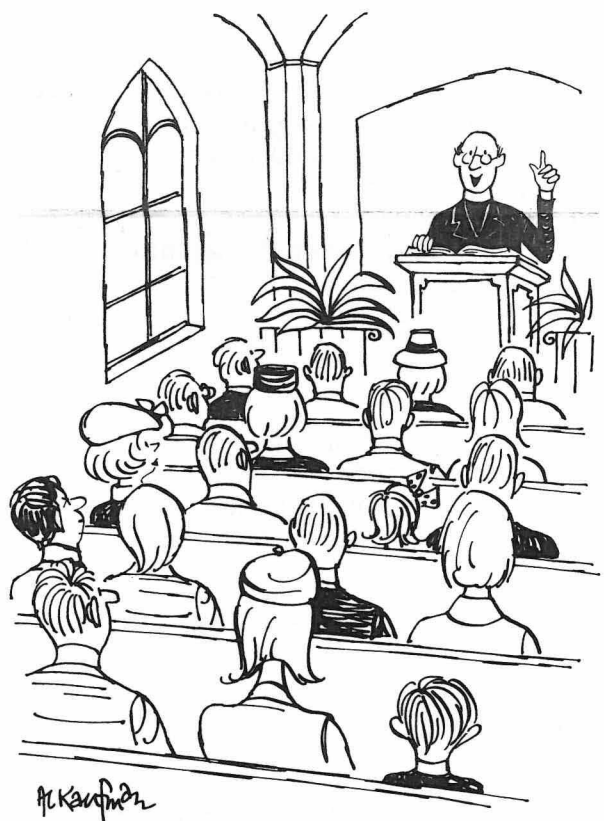
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Seattle congregation will be in charge of banquet arrangements. They will book all guest speakers. The meal will be served formally and the tables will be arranged so that all the people seated can see the tables of our distinguished guests and the master of ceremonies platform. The banquet committee is also in charge of decorations and will be in charge of requesting banners for all congregations.

The Board of Directors will meet at Gonzaga University on June 29th(Wednesday). Gonzaga will furnish lodgeing and meals for two nights and four meals at \$17.50 but they will charge \$20.00 per person if we wish to have lunch on Thursday.

We hope to see you and your families in Spokane in June, so make your plans to attend now while the time is early.

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"WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT IS RAINING."

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AID QUAKE VICTIMS . . . St.Louis, Mo. The November 24, 1976 earthquake near Muradiye, Turkey produced 3,626 dead, 8,000 injured, and 51,000 homeless. Governments and relief agencies are supplying tents, food, clothing, and medicines. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's World Relief will accept donations by check for reconstruction and rehabilitation.

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Cleveland - A bishop of the Episcopal Church here has "always envied the Lutherans their custom of calling their minister pastor." Bishop John Burt says that such titles such as right reverend "seem so out of place in a servant church."

IT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE

After being down a full week with a flu bug, it was a very surprised Pastor W.O. Neisch who was brought to St. Paul's Deaf Lutheran Church on the evening of Sunday, October 10th for what was announced as a special meeting called by our Field Board of Directors. (In fact, services at Lansing and Muskegon had been cancelled due to the 6 p.m. "meeting" and so announced on the church's October calendar!) When they arrived, the parking lot was filled with cars the chapel was filled with people, and Pastor C.R. Bailey was vested in the chancel, ready to begin a Sermon and a Service of Thanksgiving commemorating 20 years of faithful service of the Rev. W.O. Neisch in the Holy Ministry.

A choir of ladies led by Pat Finks and consisting of Lois Wildman, Bonnie Backer and Janie Dunham opened the service with "Dear Lord, to Thy true servants give the grace to Thee alone to live." Pastor Bailey then read from the Old Testament, Isaiah 61:1-6, and from the Gospel according to Luke 24:44-53, which spoke of "The Word of Christ which we preach." He urged our members to help Pastor Neisch to "hold up his hands" in doing the work of God which was given us among people who have problems for which the Word of God can give help. The services of praise concluded with the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God."

A pot-luck dinner followed at 7 o'clock with about a hundred people attending. Personal greetings were extended to Rev. Neisch by the Rev. T.A. Zeile of St. Paul, Rev. John and Mrs. Boerger of Calvary, Rev. Ed and Mrs. Azzam of the Lutheran Institutional Chaplaincy in Flint, Rev. Lowell and Mrs. Rasch of Trinity, Davison, Rev. P.T. Heinecke, executive secretary of Missions for the Michigan District, Rev. Rodney and Mrs. Ryneanson of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, and Rev. C.R. and Mrs. Bailey of Our Savior Deaf Congregation, Detroit.

A number of letters were handed to Pastor Neisch from Holy Cross, Saginaw, Harold F. Krach and Timothy L. Huber, pastors; the LCMS Board for Mission - Rev. H.W. Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf; Alpha Lutheran Church, Rochester, N.Y. Pastor Larry Guenzel, of Faith Lutheran, Grand Blanc; Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Rev. M.S. Pohl, President; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids; Holy Cross, Flushing, Rev. Carl F. Schinnerer; and the Board of Missions, the Michigan District, the Rev. P.T. Heinecke, Secy.

A reading was given by Bonnie Backer of the beautiful

"King of Kings--Lord of Lords!"

A miniature bookcase was then presented to Pastor Neisch indicating the goals for which members and friends raised funds for library shelving for Pastor Neisch's study at home. \$145 in large denomination bills covered the attractive little book case with a card listing the names of donors.

Pastor Neisch thanked every one that had made this night a very memorable one.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. SPEAK TO PEOPLE, even if you don't know their name. Nothing is as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. SMILE AT PEOPLE. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it!
3. USE A PERSON'S NAME. IT IS sweet music to anyone to see or hear his own name spoken.
4. BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL. If you want to have friends, be a friend.
5. BE HONESTLY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE. Don't limit yourself to a few friends when many people around you are likeable and nice
6. BE CORDIAL. Speak and act as if anything and everything gives you true pleasure.
7. BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE, but cautious with criticism. We all need the understanding and patience of others.
8. BE CONSIDERATE OF THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS. Listen with an open mind.
9. BE ALERT TO GIVE SERVICE. What we do for others counts most in life.
10. Add A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, with patience and humility, and you will receive many blessings.

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"I've come for my allowance, Dad!"

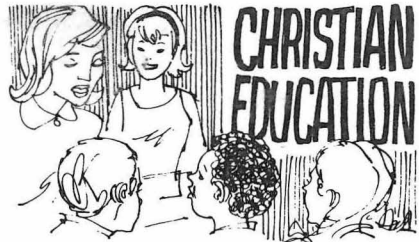
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CHURCHES WITH TTY UNITS:

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Word of God (319) 362-5420
Chicago, Illinois, Ephphatha (312) 723-3232
Dallas, Texas (214) 368-1371
Delavan, Wisconsin, Holy Cross (414) 728-5980
Detroit, Michigan, Lutheran School for the Deaf (313) 892-4131
Elmhurst, New York, St. Matthew (212) 335-8141
Indianapolis, Indiana, Peace (317) 283-2623
Jacksonville, Illinois, Christ (217) 243-2528
Los Angeles, California, Pilgrim (213) 389-9940
Memphis, Tennessee, Eternal Mercy (901) 274-2727
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Emmanuel (414) 871-2700
Newark, New Jersey, St. Matthew (201) 485-2261
North Miami, Florida, Deaf Zion (305) 688-0312
Penbrook, Pennsylvania, Zion Lutheran Church (717) 232-7716
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Trinity (412) 731-2550
St. Louis, Missouri, Holy Cross (314) 533-6035
St. Paul, Minnesota, Prince of Peace (612) 644-2365
Sunnyvale, California (408) 736-9216
Vancouver, B.C. Canada, Trinity (604) 431-8612
Warminster, Pennsylvania (215) 674-3474
Christian Deaf Center (403) 261-7756
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Cross of Christ (403) 435-7788

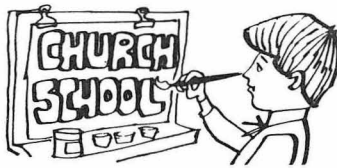


YOUTH PAGE



True Humor springs not more from the head than from the heart; It is not contempt, its essence is love, it issues not in laughter, but in still smiles, which lie far deeper. It is a sort of inverse sublimity, exalting, as it were, into our affections what is below us, while sublimity draws down into our affections what is above us.

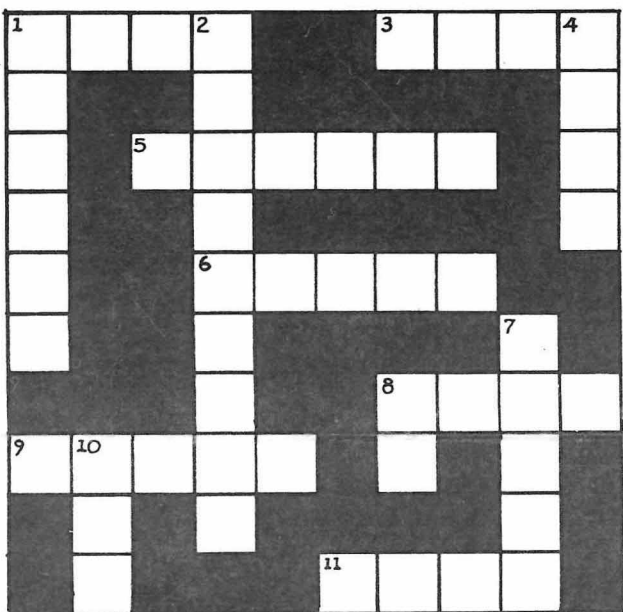
Thomas Carlyle



Bible Puzzle

The Kingdom of Heaven

by Barbara Andrews



ACROSS

1. "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor _____ doth corrupt." (Matt. 6:20)
3. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a _____ man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Matt. 19:24)
5. John the Baptist preached; "_____ ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:2)
6. "I beheld _____ as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18)
8. He saw a revelation of heaven.
9. "Rejoice, because your _____ are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)
11. "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed _____ seed in his field." (Matt. 13:24)

DOWN

1. "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your _____ in heaven." (Matt. 5:12)
2. "Lay not up for yourselves _____ upon earth." (Matt. 6:19)
4. "Ye shall see the Son of Man

sitting on the right _____ of power. (Mark 14:62)

7. "Whoever humbles himself as a _____ is greatest in heaven." (Matt. 18:4)
10. "_____, and ye shall receive." (John 16:24)

ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1 rust 3 rich 5 repent 6 Satan 8 John 9 names 11 good
DOWN: 1 reward 2 treasures 7 child 10 Ask 4 hand

A Word Game

by Mary Lee Henry

New Testament

By rearranging the letters in NEW TESTAMENT, as in a game of anagrams, see how many new words you can make. Use all or any of the letters, but only as many times as given; that is, three "e's," one "a," three "t's," two "n's," and so on.

TWO WRONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT BUT THEY OFTEN MAKE A FIGHT.

A POEM
FOR CHILDREN
AND GROWN-UPS
BOTH YOUNG & OLD
by Mary Harris
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Snowflakes
floating
down
from
God's
heavenly
tower
remind
me
of
God's
love
coming
down
in a
shower
of
blessings
untold!

Bible Riddles

by Donna Lugg Pape
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

1. He was a man of great faith
And hated by some men.
His life was saved when he was thrown
Inside the lions den.
Who was he?
2. He tried to disobey God,
And when this man set sail,
He found himself thrown overboard
And swallowed by a big fish.
Who was he?
3. He loved to play on his harp
When he was all alone.
He later slew a giant with
His slingshot and a stone.
Who was he?
4. My sisters spoke to Jesus,
And many tears were shed.
Then Jesus came up to my grave
And raised me from the dead.
Who was I?
5. I helped my people many ways.
I set my people free.
And God's great power guided us.
Across the deep, deep sea.
Who am I?

Answers:

1. Daniel
2. Jonah
3. David
4. Lazarus
5. Moses

IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO JOIN THE ILDA.....

Rejoice with us in Christ's love...Join Today

ILDA Membership Application

Type

(Check One)

Fill in your name and address on the spaces below. Use as many names and addresses as desired. Clip and mail to:
Mr. Russel Healey, 737 Cumberland Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63125
Make checks or money orders payable to:
ILDA Treasurer, Russel Healey
Do Not Send Cash. Enclose \$2 per name.

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