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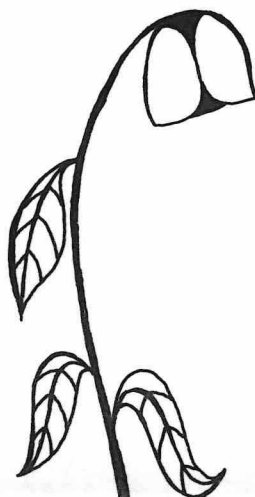
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## A BLESSED and HAPPY EASTER-1977

O Death,  
where is thy sting?  
O Grave,  
where is thy victory?



The sting of death  
is sin,  
The power of sin  
is the law.



But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the  
victory  
through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57



### The Day of Resurrection

### Surprised by Joy!

NOW LET THE HEAVENS BE JOYFUL

LET EARTH HER SONG BEGIN,

LET ALL THE WORLD KEEP TRIUMPH

AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN.

LET ALL THINGS, SEEN AND UNSEEN,

THEIR NOTES OF GLADNESS BLEND;

FOR CHRIST THE LORD HATH RISEN,

OUR JOY, THAT HATH NO END. Amen.

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

Have you ever been happily surprised? So completely surprised that it leaves you stunned? So utterly happy that you can hardly believe it? That's what EASTER IS ALL ABOUT! Just read St. Mark's record of the resurrection, for he says, "AND THEY WERE AMAZED" (Mark 16:5). They were so overcome with happiness that nothing else mattered. They could drop everything else and RUN to spread the good news. Perhaps we are not "surprised by joy" this Easter because we have heard all about this many, many times before. But just let the Spirit of God warn your heart right now and you can catch that same "amazing joy."

It was C.S. Lewis, the noted Oxford scholar and defender of the faith who wrote the story of his life and used as the title of his autobiography "SURPRISED BY JOY". In his early life when he was a soldier and a scientist, he has become an atheist. But later in his life, when he was convinced of the truth of Christianity, he wrote some of the most brilliant books in defense of God's love in Christ. Early in his life he considered religion as something dull and boring. Who would want such a monotonous life? But when he permitted the Holy Spirit to really open his eyes, he was AMAZED HOW MUCH JOY THERE COULD BE IN BELIEVING. His writings most graphically describe what Christianity can mean to a person. No one can know who has never tried it. Isn't that why the experience of the women, early at the tomb on the first Easter, is so typical? They were amazed at what they found. So was everyone else who heard of the risen Christ on that first Easter Day. Someone has said: "If you are looking for arguments to prove that Jesus really

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Jeremiah 31:3.

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## HEW Renews Support for Study of Communication Skills of Deaf Children

- from the News Service of Bowling Green State U.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO -- A Bowling Green State University psychologist has received a \$54,814 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) to continue his study of communication skills of deaf and hearing children.

The study conducted by Dr. Harry W. Hoemann, associate professor of psychology, has received more than \$200,000 in funding since 1970 and is one of the longest on-going research projects at the University.

During the past seven years Dr. Hoemann has evaluated and compared the development of communication skills in deaf children and those who can hear. Although many deaf children have normal intelligence, deaf youngsters are often two to four years behind normal children in the acquisition of formal communication skills, Dr. Hoemann has learned.

The psychologist said the next stage of his research will be to attempt to train deaf children to communicate more successfully in formal communication situations.

"Schools for the deaf spend a great deal of time teaching language but there is no particular training in communication," Dr. Hoemann explained, adding that the youngsters often have few opportunities to gain experience in formal communication.

Dr. Hoemann plans to develop a communication training program for youngsters by working with teachers and children in schools for the deaf. In experimental program exercises, deaf

youngsters will describe drawings to other children who will then try to select the pictures described from among a number of drawings. The success of the communication will be measured by counting the number of times youngsters can select the appropriate pictures.

"If I can demonstrate success with a communication training program, perhaps eventually such training will be included in standard curricula," Dr. Hoemann said.

A faculty member at Bowling Green since 1969, Dr. Hoemann is author of "The American Sign Language" published by the National Association of the Deaf. Also, along with his wife Shirley, he designed a deck of flash cards to use in teaching sign language vocabulary to the deaf.

## Hearing Aid Regulations

Compiled from News Services

WASHINGTON, - The Federal Government has decided to make it a bit more complicated and possibly more expensive for persons to buy hearing aids.

But the Food and Drug Administration says the added complexity is necessary to protect persons from being sold hearing aids when what they really need is medical or surgical treatment to correct a hearing loss.

The new procedure will be somewhat like buying drugs with a doctor's prescription, except that a person may still insist on buying a new hearing aid without seeking a doctor. Prescription drugs cannot legally be bought unless a physician approves.

New FDA regulations, announced on February 13, 1977 but not effective until August 15th, require hearing aid dealers to recommend to all prospective customers that they first under-

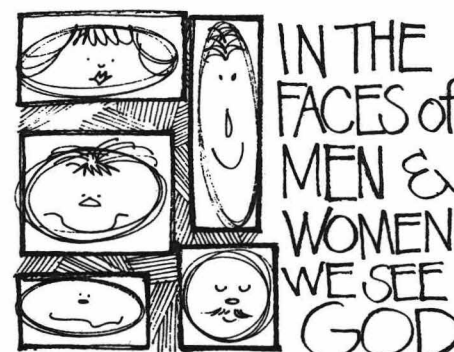
go a medical evaluation of their hearing loss by a doctor, preferably an ear specialist. Such an examination costs between \$15 and \$30, depending on the city.

"Hearing loss can result from a number of conditions and diseases for which a hearing aid may not be helpful," said Sherwin Gardner, acting FDA commissioner. "This regulation is designed to protect consumers from being sold hearing aids that won't help them and to assure that people see a doctor if there is a medical reason for their hearing loss.

Such medical reasons include infections, tumors, the so-called collagen diseases, and mechanical impairment of the sound-transmitting bones in the middle ear.

The regulation, however, contains what Consumers Union has called a "massive loophole." It permits adult customers to sign a paper waiving the medical examination. "Hearing-aid dealers in pursuit of a fast sale will be tempted to push the waiver, not the examination," the group commented, although the regulation forbids dealers from encouraging the waiver.

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A Piece is Missing!

by Pastor Frederick Anson  
St. Matthew's of New York

It was a calm and quiet Saturday morning. The kids were playing in the game room, Dad had gone off to play golf with his buddies, and Mom was sitting quietly having her second cup of coffee. All of a sudden little Jennifer ran into the kitchen crying. Her mother asked, "what was the matter, Jenny?" In between sobs, Jennifer said, "I was putting the jig-saw puzzle together, and I lost a piece of the puzzle. Mommy, a piece is missing!" Then Jennifer started crying again.

This is a little story, but from this story we get an idea of what many congregations find themselves talking about in church quite often.

Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians that all of us Christians are part of a puzzle, or as Paul says, "parts of one body." That body is the church, the fellowship of believers. At the head of this body is Jesus Christ himself. All of us are the arms, legs, feet and hands and all the other parts of that body. What Paul is saying is that all of us have responsibilities and work to do and this work must be done together in harmony as a healthy body can do. If one part of the body doesn't work, the whole body suffers and doesn't do it's work well or at all. It's just like little Jennifer's puzzle, a piece is missing...the puzzle isn't complete...you don't get the enjoyment from the puzzle that you should get.

Paul also says that one part of the body can't work alone. The parts of the body need each other to strengthen and support each other. The same is true of us Christians. We need each other, we need to receive the encouragement of our brothers and sisters in the faith. A convenient place to do this work for Christ together is in your church. Truly, this is one of the main reasons for having a church, a fellowship of believers...strengthening and helping one another in the faith. When one part of the body doesn't do it's work the whole body and fellowship of believers hurts.

There is also another reason for attending worship service. In the same respect that you strengthen other people in their faith, you receive the joy and strength from other Christians. You receive true peace of Christ as seen through your brothers and sisters in the faith.

My brothers and sisters in the faith, I encourage you through the strength and love of Jesus Christ, our Savior, to give His strength to your brothers and sisters, and seek to receive from them the same love, peace, strength, and joy as a part of this one body, Jesus Christ. God bless you all.

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The Egg and Easter

-from St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Newsletter

Each year, as soon as Easter approaches, the children of the family begin to plan when and how they will color their Easter eggs and to what special friends they will give them. The custom is as universal as hanging stockings at Christmas time and offers interesting facts regarding its origin.

Although the egg is widely associated with Easter because it is the symbol of new life and therefor significant at the commemoration of the resurrection, the use is older than the Christian era. The egg-giving custom can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians, and the custom was prevalent among the ancient Hebrews.

For hundreds of years, eggs have been dyed and exchanged as tokens of affection and peace, and youngsters today find this suitable time to take their small, egg-filled baskets to their teachers and very special friends. It is a friendly custom with a religious significance behind it, and wise parents tell their children how the tradition came into being.

It is interesting to realize the number of countries that have associated the egg with Easter season and to consider the traditions the different nations have regarding it. In Germany, for example, the Easter hare is supposed to bring the eggs, but only if the children have been good, truthful, and kind. Then and only then will the hare steal into their homes on Easter Eve and hide colored eggs while the youngsters slept. This myth is the only one behind the Easter Bunny in this country. When the hare idea reached our country, and it was discovered how rare the hare was, his close relative, the rabbit, was adopted. So the Easter Bunny, as

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

FOR APRIL 1977

LOOK WHERE YOU STAND IN GOD'S PLAN

- 1 .....2 Peter 3:1-14.....
- 2 .....Matthew 20:20-28.....

THE VICTOR'S PRAYER

- 3 Sunday...Revelations 1:10-18.....
- 4 .....Acts 24:10-16.....
- 5 .....John 3:14-21.....
- 6 .....Romans 5:1-11.....
- 7 .....John 16:7-15.....
- 8 .....Isaiah 53:1-12.....
- 9 .....Matthew 27:57-66.....

THE RESURRECTION VICTORY FORETOLD

- 10 Sunday...1 Corinthians 15:37-58....
- 11 .....1 John 5:1-15.....
- 12 .....Matthew 17:1-18.....
- 13 .....Luke 11:1-13.....
- 14 .....2 Corinthians 6:14-18.....
- 15 .....John 17:1-17.....
- 16 .....Matthew 4:1-11.....

ATTITUDE AND CONDUCT IN GOD'S HOUSE

- 17 Sunday...Luke 18:10-14.....
- 18 .....Acts 5:1-11.....
- 19 .....Acts 27:22-44.....
- 20 .....John 8:20-32.....
- 21 .....Philippians 3:1-14.....
- 22 .....Matthew 6:24-34.....
- 23 .....Matthew 25:1-13.....

ONE NEARER AND DEARER BY FAR

- 24 Sunday...Matthew 10:34-42.....
- 25 .....John 4:1-26.....
- 26 .....2 Timothy 4:1-8.....
- 27 .....Mark 13:24-37.....
- 28 .....John 16:5-15.....
- 29 .....Genesis 28:10-22.....
- 30 .....Luke 16:19-31.....



The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared....We look for the glorious appearing of our Savior.  
Titus 2:11,13

Christ pleased not Himself.  
Romans 15:3

Then Jesus said unto him (Satan), It is written...It is written...It is written...  
Matthew 4:4,7,10

Love not the world...The world passeth away...but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.  
1 John 2:15,17

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Plan Now to Attend the Exciting and Inspiring  
**4th BIENNIAL CONVENTION of the**  
**INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN**  
**DEAF ASSOCIATION**

June 30-July 3, 1977  
 Spokane, Washington



Convention Theme:

**"RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD GLORY!"**

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 DOUBLES. THESE RATES ARE FOR  
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 UP TO 1,000 GUESTS.  
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WILL BE IN NEEDLECRAFT; HANDI-  
 CRAFT, FINE ARTS INCLUDING PHO-  
 TOGRAPHY. THERE WILL ALSO BE A  
 FLAG CONTEST. THE FLAG DESIGN  
 SHOULD INCORPORATE THE ILDA  
 SYMBOL AND WILL BECOME THE OF-  
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 WILL BE A \$50. FIRST PRIZE FOR  
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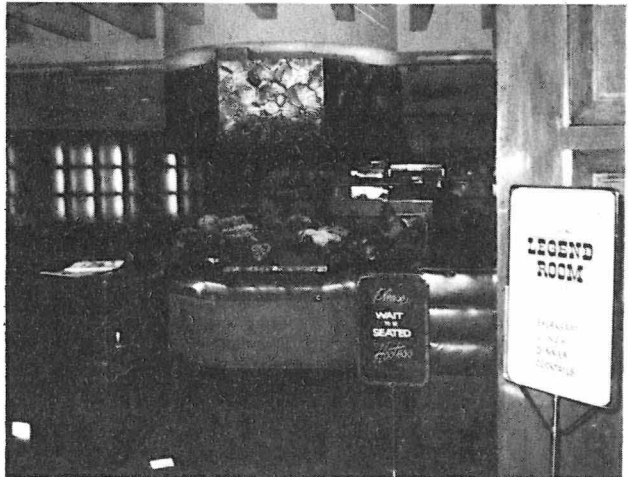
# Some Picture Views of the Beautiful Ridpath Hotel & Motor Inn



Above: Entrance to the Ridpath Motor Inn. Guests will find plenty of parking space available.



Right: View of the walkway overpass that connects the Ridpath Hotel with the Motor Inn.



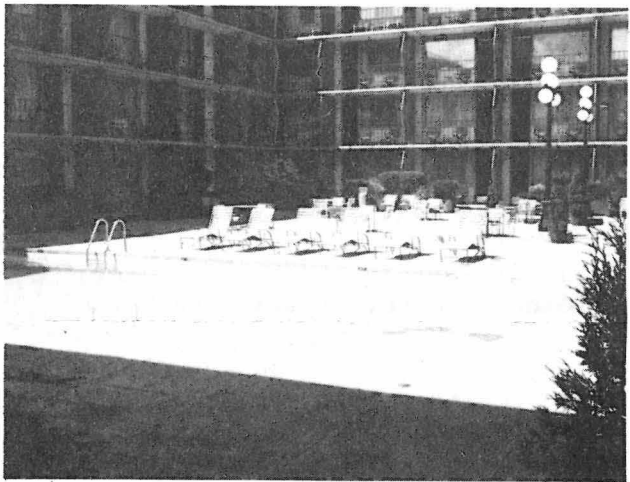
Above: View looking into the Legend Room. Delightful and delicious meals. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktails



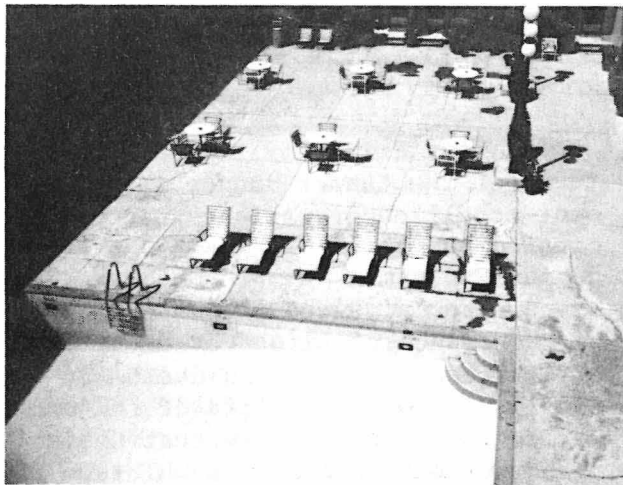
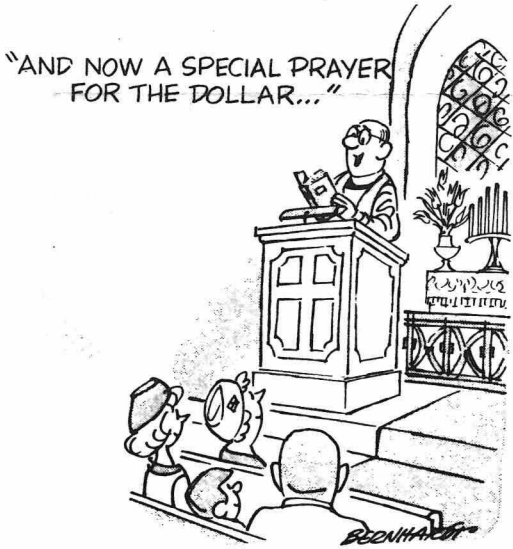
Above: View of one of the restful and air-conditioned rooms in the Motor Inn



Above: View of another room in the Hotel. It is also air-conditioned.



Above: Aerial view of the swimming pool and the large patio in the Motor Inn court.



Right: Another view of the court of the Motor Inn showing deck chairs and part of the swimming pool.



## God's 1,000 Club

God's 1,000 Club that was established by the ILDA Board of Directors last October continues to grow. Latest names added to the list are:

- No. 13- Theresa P. Erickson - Great Falls, Montana
- " 14- Russel Healey - St. Louis, Mo.
- " 15- Betty J. Healey - St. Louis, Mo.
- " 16- Dale Paden - Omaha, Nebr.
- " 17- Viola Paden - Omaha, Nebr.
- " 18- Wm.P.Ragland,Jr.- Independence, Mo.
- " 19- Bonte Rea Ragland " "
- " 20- Harold Arntzen - Blaine, Wash.

Membership in this club is open to all. It costs \$10 to join and only requires your continuing support of \$10 per year. Dues in this club will be used to help pay for the operating costs of ILDA and perhaps some of the costs of our mission projects. Thank You.

IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO JOIN THE ILDA.....  
Rejoice with us in Christ's love...Join Today

### ILDA Membership Application

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## ILDA Convention

PLAN AHEAD FOR ILDA (INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION) 4th BIENNIAL CONVENTION. THE DATE WILL BE JUNE 30-JULY 3, 1977. THE SITE OF THE CONVENTION IS THE RIDPATH HOTEL IN THE HEART OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. IT 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." ILDA 1977 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, JUNE 30 - JULY 3 RIDPATH HOTEL

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### Prayer

O Lord, we do not need a special day to recall all the thrills Easter can give us, for we often think of this during the year. But an annual celebration of Your resurrection helps us to again remind the world of Your fulfillment of that great promise. We pray for a daily glow of the Easter joy, not only for our own benefit, but that everyone around us may be warmed spiritually by our faith, and drawn closer to You by our example. Lord, what we want for ourselves, we want for Your people everywhere - and we know You would want ALL people to be Your people. As You used the humble women and men of that first Easter, so help us to "run" with the Good News to hasten that eternal Easter of heaven. We bring this prayer in Your Name and to Your glory. Amen.

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FCC HAS TTY.....The Federal Communications Commission, The FCC, now has a TTY number for anyone who might want to use that way of communication to talk to their office. The number is: (202) 632-6999.

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The readers of *The Silent Visitor* have been asked to help in a letter campaign to help get rid of or amend a Nebraska law that does not (!) allow the use of Sign Language in the teaching of deaf students. Letters of support may be sent to Senator Warren Swigart; C/O State Capitol Building; Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509. Senator Swigart has introduced a bill that, if passed, will allow various methods of communication to be used in the state school for the Deaf. Good luck Senator Swigart!

### IS NOTHING SACRED?

A Danish film-maker, Jens Thorsen is having a hard time finding a country that will allow him to make a "dirty movie" about Jesus Christ. His plans to make the movie "Love Life of Jesus" have been refused by government and church officials all over the world. Most recently Israel refused to allow him to film his pornographic movie there.

Minnesota. . . Rev. Donald Zuhn's "congregation" consists of the deaf throughout the Minnesota North District who, as the Minnesota North Lutheran stated, "cannot hear, but still thirst after the saving message of God's love through Jesus Christ." The ministry among the deaf is carried on in our District by (state the pastor's name and location within your own District.) Support this important work through your mission offering.

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Los Angeles, California. . . PILGRIM  
A retirement party was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. A.T. Jonas. It was held at The Rodger Young Center on February 26, 1977. 225 guests and friends were in attendance. Rev. Steiner, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster gave the invocation. A delicious banquet meal of braised roast beef was served. Mr. Charles Kotal was the program chairman and several speakers spoke about the wonderful life of preaching the Gospel of Christ to the Deaf that the good Lord has so graciously bestowed on both Rev. and Mrs. Jonas. A gift of a large portrait of Rev. and Mrs. Jonas was unveiled and now hangs in the parish hall lobby of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles.

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GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK AT THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (NTID) ON THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 3, 4, and 5. MARK THIS DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND. THE CONFERENCE IS A CHANCE TO LEARN AND HAVE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER WITH SEVEN DEAF CONGREGATIONS IN THE GREAT LAKES AREA.

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THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE WILL BE AT THE INTERLAKEN LODGE NEAR LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN ON APRIL 15-17, 1977. THE CONFERENCE THEME IS: "GROWING IN CHRIST." ONE OF THE PANELISTS WILL BE ARCHIE D. MARSHALL, EDITOR OF THE DEAF LUTHERAN AND ILDA SECRETARY. HE WILL DISCUSS WAYS THE AVERAGE LAYMAN OR WOMAN OR CHURCH CONGREGATION CAN HELP THE ILDA GROW STRONG AND BECOME A MORE EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION WITH ITS MISSION PROJECTS.

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A SUMMER CAMP WILL BE THE SITE OF THE MIDWEST DEAF LUTHERAN CONFERENCE. IT WILL BE HELD AT CAMP WILDERNESS IN

LAWSON, MISSOURI. DATE OF THE CONFERENCE IS JUNE 17-19th. THE THEME OF CONFERENCE IS: "THE DEAF CHRISTIAN IN LIFE."

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"Hail, Thou Prince of Life" is the theme of the Easter banner pattern, sent to all congregations that participated in the 1976 Wheat Ridge Foundation Christmas Seals Campaign. The banner proclaims the ultimate victory of the Prince of Life over every inch of darkness, despair and death--in our own lives and in the life of the whole world. It also suggests that Christ's resurrection enables us to blossom into being sharers of His life with others. A Lenten banner pattern will be included in the 1977 Wheat Ridge Seals shipment.

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### TOP TEN STORIES OF 1976.....

These are some of the top news stories of religion for 1976 as picked by the Religious News Service (RNS).

Number One: The religious beliefs of Carter and Ford, and efforts to get an anti-abortion amendment to the United States Constitution.

Number Two: Decision of the Episcopal Church to ordain women to the ministry.

Number Three: Split in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod led to formation of a new denomination, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, or the AELC.



## THE EGG AND EASTER

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carrier of Easter eggs, became part of American Mythology.

Originally the hare was accepted by the Egyptians. In their legends, he was the symbol of the moon. The date of Easter is determined by the moon. In A.D. 325 it was decided that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, which is the 21st of March.

In the 18th century egg races were the main event of the Easter fete in many parts of France, and these races and other egg games are still popular there.

In the Northern Shires of England eggs are saved throughout Holy Week. Then on Easter Day the annual egg rolling takes place. This isn't much different from the White House egg rolling enjoyed each year by our American smallsters.

The children of Bohemia roll their colored eggs on tracks made of sticks, and in Ireland the eggs are eaten at dawn to break their lenten fast. Scotch boys and girls play a kind of ball game with their eggs, and in Austrian Tyrol the children carry baskets and torches on the night before Easter and go from farmhouse to farmhouse. At each place they are given brightly colored eggs, which they put in their baskets. The women who dye the eggs vie with one another to see who can make the most elaborate decorations: some even laboriously print names and mottos on the dyed shells.

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## SURPRISED BY JOY!

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rose from the dead, here is one of the best. NOBODY EXPECTED IT, AND YET IT HAPPENED!"

Remember Harry Houdini, the great magician? Before he died he told his wife that he would return from the spirit world to tell her what it was like. She didn't believe it; yet just on the chance that it might be true - she kept a rendezvous (meeting) at the appointed spot for ten years on the anniversary of his death. The disciples of Jesus Christ didn't have that much faith. Not one of them bothered to check the grave on the third day, even though Jesus had said it again and again that He would rise. And when the women went out to the tomb to complete their final rites of respect and affection (love) on Easter morning, they did not see Him rise. There wasn't even a trace of "wishful thinking" among His followers. In fact, His enemies remembered what He had said and

"set a watch" (Matt. 27:66). But the followers were AMAZED. It took a shocking experience to change them from doubters into believers. The resurrection had an unexpected ending for Christ's followers as well as for His enemies.

Do you expect too little from your faith? Then you may get only little. The disciples on the first Easter got more than they expected. You and I can get more from an "Easter life: if we let God surprise us with a deeper understanding of what it all means.

We consider as wise the person who can learn from the mistakes of others. Real students of history can learn from the pitfalls which caused many a nation to crumble and fall. Bible students can also learn much from the importance the women placed on the anointing of Christ's body after Good Friday. Have you ever wondered what happened to all the spices and ointments which the women purchased and prepared for that day? They probably dropped everything in their amazement. These things were useless to them now. In a sense, we can look back and say this was a sad lesson on an otherwise happy day. Would it have been sad if Christ had been more REAL to them? Oh, they accepted Him as a wonderful Jewish Rabbi, a most thoughtful and loving person; but THEY DID NOT SEE IN HIM GOD'S FULFILLMENT OF LOVE. They did not comprehend (understand) that this love brought Him to the cross and into the tomb as the Savior of mankind. To them He was not the REAL Christ who had explained so often that this was all necessary and that He would prove the power of His love and the Father's acceptance of His sacrifice by the glory of an Easter Dawn. Just picture what it might have been, had they rushed out to the garden early that dawn to EXPECT that victorious Christ!

How "real" is this Christ to us? Just what do we expect from Him for life--now and eternally? Do we waste money and effort just like the women did? Again, because they had the wrong picture of Christ, they worried and were afraid on that first Easter, saying "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" As they looked back, didn't this seem foolish? Can't this also strike very close to us? If we could see our worries and our fears! It's so easy to worry about our health, our hearing, our vision, our lonesomeness, our security. If Christ is REAL to us, and in the light of an EASTER DAWN, is not this foolish?

The love God has for us is the love that broke open the tomb on Easter. Let that love shine on you this Easter, and while for Christians each Sunday is a "little Easter", why not

make EVERY DAY an Easter. Every sunrise brings the newness of His love.

St. Mark tells us that the women's first reaction to the amazement was coupled with fear, so they told no one at first. But that was only because they did not have the complete story. They had not yet personally seen the risen Christ. They were only told that He had risen. KNOWING the living Christ, SEEING HIM with the eyes of faith is what it takes to know the real JOY OF EASTER. Surprises can be great, but fulfilled expectations are even greater. Can't you just picture the thrill of these women had they been anticipating the resurrection - had they really listened to the promises of Jesus that this would happen? Their Easter joy would have been so much greater. Aren't you more blessed than these women? It's a matter of record that Christ rose from the grave, that His heavenly Father accepted His sacrifice, and that we too shall follow His resurrection with a glorified body. And do you realize that you cannot even BEGIN TO IMAGINE all the good things that the Lord has in mind for you when you accept Him as your Savior and your King!

Walk in the "Easter glow; already NOW, BECAUSE IT'S YOURS! Already NOW you are a child of God, receiving all the concern and love which our great God can give. With this attitude, can anything really "get you down"? Say with St. Paul, "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom. 8:28). "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39). "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21). So anticipate with joy forgiveness and fortitude, confidence and calmness, His loving presence and guiding ways. Then both God and man will know that you have seen the real Easter.

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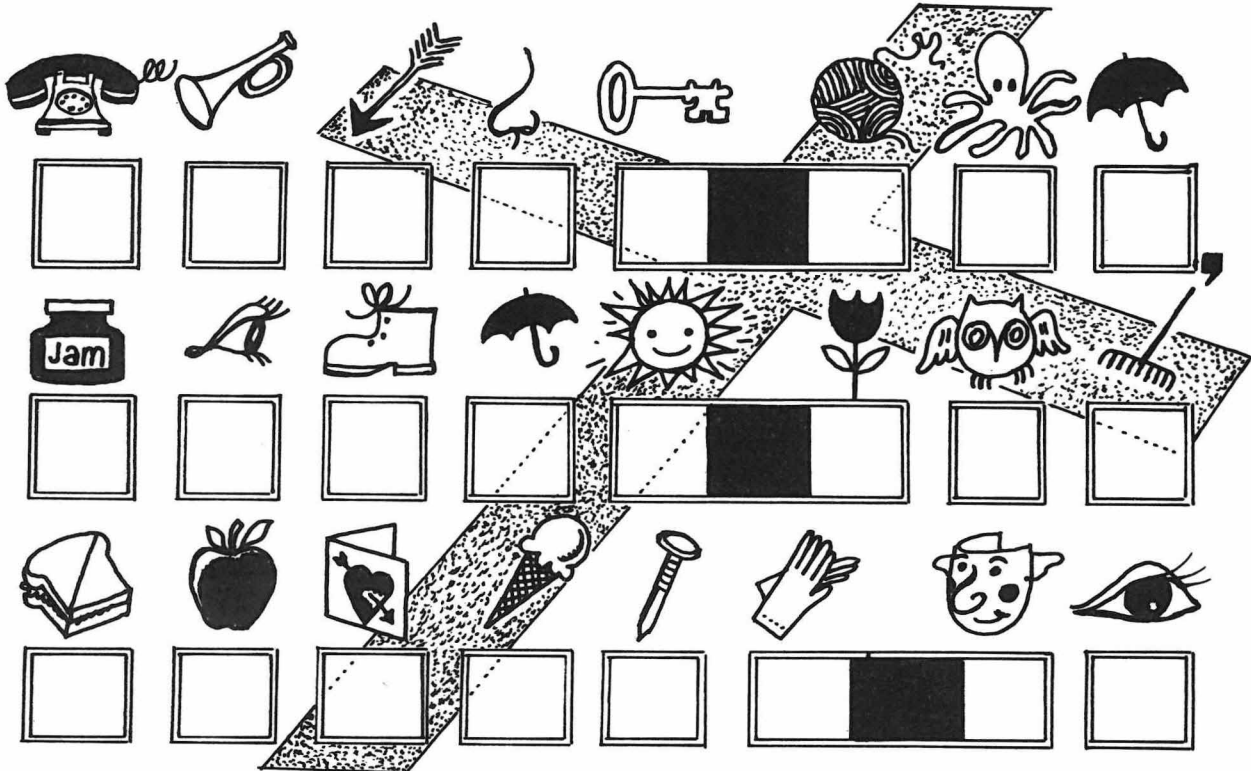


**NEW LIFE**

THAT'S WHAT CHRISTIANS.....AND EASTER  
.....AND PENTECOST ARE ALL ABOUT!



\*\*\*\*\* PUZZLE PICTURE WORDS \*\*\*\*\*



DIRECTIONS: Write the first letter of each picture in the space below it. These letters say a prayer.

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THE DISCIPLES, who were they?

Jesus chose to follow Him  
Twelve disciples, helpful men.  
They were all of Bible fame  
Can you call them each by name?

Andrew was the first to come,  
To serve Jesus, God's own Son.  
He bid Peter, "Come with me,  
I'll show Jesus unto thee."

James, the son of Zebedee,  
Was a fisher of the sea.  
Then he chose to fish for men,  
Leading them away from sin.

Sons of thunder, James and John,  
Called for fire to fall upon  
Those who turned their Lord away,  
Giving Him no place to stay.

"Come with me," the Savior said,  
"My sheep hunger to be fed,"  
Philip heard the Master's voice,  
Quickly followed Him by choice.

Matthew was not liked by men.  
He collected tax from them.  
Jesus said, "Come follow me."  
With His love set Matthew free.

Nathanael Bartholomew,  
One of Jesus' chosen few,  
Followed Him and did abide,  
Closely to the Savior's side.

Judas, "not Iscariot,"  
Was the Judas Jesus loved,  
He loved Jesus too, we know  
For the Bible tells us so.

James Minor is hardly known,  
Though his name is written down.  
A disciple, to be sure,  
For God's Word is always pure.

Simon was called Zealot,  
And known as a patriot.  
He was transformed by the power  
Of a loving, kind Savior.

Judas, holder of the purse-  
Love of money was his curse,  
Judas sold his Savior for  
Thirty pieces of silver.

Thomas felt the wounded side  
Of his Lord, and then he cried,  
"Jesus, Jesus, pity me,  
How could I have doubted Thee?"

Peter was a man of clay.  
Then he followed Jesus' way.  
He became a solid rock,  
Leader of his Master's flock.

- Betty C. Duitsman  
(Young Explorers)

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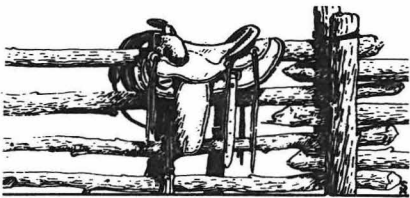
Question: A mountain man left for a 10 day trip on his mule. He left on Friday and returned on Friday. How did he get back on Friday if he left on Friday and was gone for 10 days?

Answer: His mule's name was Friday.

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A man was in a restaurant and was very angry with the waiter who brought him his food. The man shouted at the waiter, "I don't have to put up with this kind of service! Call me a taxi!" The waiter said, "O.K., you are a taxi."

IN THIS PUZZLE FIND THE NAMES OF THESE FAMOUS MEN OF THE WEST... They can be found by reading in any direction. Even backward.



Sam Bass  
Billy the Kid  
Kit Carson  
Bill Cody  
Jack Davis  
Wyatt Earp  
Pat Barrett  
Wild Bill Hickok  
Doc Holliday  
Sam Houston  
Jesse James  
Bat Masterson

APYADILLLOHCDTB  
OROSHICKOKWY AIS  
BATMASTERSONLIS  
AECANHOLLIDALVNA  
NTANGARRETYAOAM  
TTRAODAVITDOJSH  
SAMBASSRHKYEETO  
OYDOCIRECIDPSEU  
RWOBILKANOAASRS  
TKBLOIJACOVTEST  
AOIADWILDTOMJOO  
YKLSANLHOUISANN  
WILDBILLHICKOKE  
AHERBSEMAJESSEJ  
NEPATGARRETTNUN

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THE INCREDIBLE THINGS KIDS SAY  
PRAYER TIME

Our children had always said the "as I lay me down to sleep" prayer but when the oldest child started school, he learned the Lord's Prayer. One night the 3 year old said, "Mommy, I'm going to say the big prayer", meaning the one his brother had learned. Then he proceeded, "Our Father which is in Heaven, Hello there big name."



"EVER THOUGHT OF DOING A LITTLE MAGIC TO PUNCH UP YOUR ACT?"