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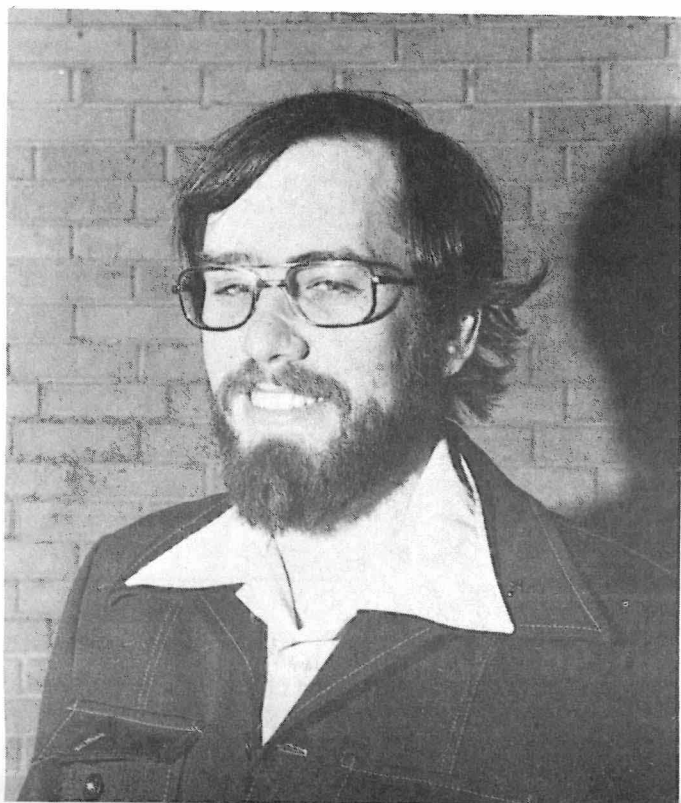
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Kjell Omahr Mörk



Kjell Omahr Mörk of Oslo, Norway, has received a call to be pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Omaha, and the Nebraska Field of the LCMS Ministry to the Deaf there. He is one of class of 46 graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, on May 20. He is the first deaf graduate of the St. Louis school. His installation and ordination will be in Omaha on June 5.

Mörk is the son of Mr. Kristian Mörk, Øivinds vei 16, Aarvoll, Oslo 5, Norway, himself deaf in one ear, and his sainted wife, Jenny Constance, nee Björling.

He became deaf from spinal meningitis in the 5th grade after a bike accident in which he suffered a cranium fracture (head injury). He recuperated at home and took speech-reading lessons from a private tutor. He entered the Middle-School and Gymnasium and graduated with emphasis in English and languages in 1964. His "Examen Artium" (Diploma) is equivalent to the Sophomore-Junior level of college in the United States. Besides English, Mörk studied German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, and Old (Icelandic) and New Norwegian. Of course, he now also is familiar with various Sign Language and Sign systems, and has had exposure to ancient Hebrew and Greek at the seminary.

He had planned a career in music, singing commercially with his two sisters, but his deafness ended that dream. But he was active in Norwegian Folksinging groups and played the tuba until he became deaf. He also retired from the boy scouts in Norway as assistant scout-master, the only deaf member of his troop.

Mörk first learned manual communication, the Norwegian two-handed alphabet, from a youth-pastor while in Middle school. He used this to communicate with his two sisters, but did not have much contact with other Deaf. This came later, after he began to learn Sign Language and became a member (later president) of a church

deaf club. He also held various positions in the OAD, Oslo Association of the Deaf.

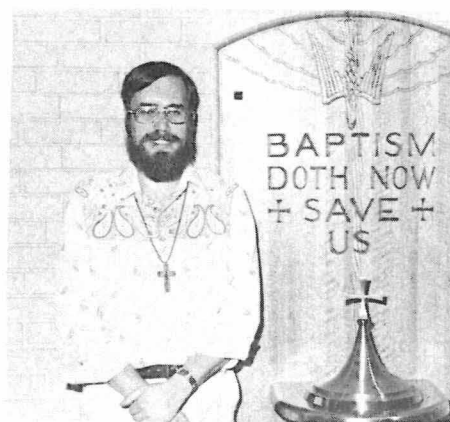
Encouraged by friends and motivated by his faith, Mörk enrolled at the School of Theology at Oslo, but was forced to quit because of his deafness! He was also turned down by several other schools of theology there.

Seeing that Mörk was not going to be permitted to study at home, the Rev. Conrad Bonnevie-Svendsen, Secretary Emeritus of Missions to the Deaf in the Evangelical Lutheran State Church of Norway, came to the United States to inquire if Gallaudet College would accept him. Mörk was enrolled at Gallaudet College in the Fall of 1967.

During his 4½ years at Gallaudet, Mörk was very active on campus in organizations, serving as officer in some including "president of the Lutheran Campus Association" and "editor of the student newspaper." He also worked for the psychology department translating books from Sweden, Denmark, and Germany into signs for computer input.

During his junior and senior years, the Lutheran campus chaplains counselled with Mörk about enrolling in Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. After a visit to the campus in January 1972, he was accepted by that faculty and enrolled. After five years of theological studies, he has been certified for the Lutheran Ministry by the present faculty, and will begin his duties as a pastor this summer.

Presently, Omahr Mork is 33 years of age and a bachelor.



-photos by
Archie Marshall

Mörk served as vicar in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. churches of the Deaf as part of his theological education.

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The Fox



There was once a fox living in a certain part of the forest. He had reformed from his former chicken steal-ing ways and was now trying to be a respectable citizen of the community. As it was, he had built a large fence around his section of the woods to insure him of his privacy since there were still those skeptical of his re-formation.

On a very hot summer day, as the fox was working very close to his fence, a chicken, half-dead from the heat, asked if he might refresh him-self in the fox's pond. The fox con-sented, hoping that this would show the community he had truly reformed. The fence was much too high for the chicken, so the fox carried him over the fence toward the pond.

By coincidence, a skunk who, needlessly to say, was seeking ways to raise his standing in the community, saw the fox carrying the chicken away. Seeing this, he thought that with a little ingenious lying he could use it to his advantage. Running to the center of the forest, he yelled at the top of his voice,

"The fox is up to his old tricks! He's stealing chickens again!"

The animals who had originally doubted the fox's change of heart were all quick to build it up. They ran through the forest spreading the news to all the other animals. In a little while, the entire forest community was of the opinion that the fox was again stealing chickens. Presently, a band of forest citizens led by the skunk came to the surprised fox's den and chased him from the forest. He was never seen again.

Because of the skunk's clever lie his standing was much higher in the

forest and he was thought highly of all, and most of all, by the chickens.

MORAL: A lie, told often enough, become the truth in the eyes of those who hear it.

NOTE: Don't be too quick to put the name "skunk" on others until you have taken a good look at yourself!

Dayton Williams
February, 1967

MARIA E. JOHNSON - Asleep In Jesus



-by Norman L. Davis

Friday, February 18, was in-deed the Victory Day for both saints and angels as MARIA E. JOHNSON entered the House of Eternal Life after a brief ill-ness. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, February 22.

Maria was born at Bristol, South Dakota on January 26, 1891. She attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf, beginning in 1900, as her classmate, Ed



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Brodrick, remembers. She wore pigtailed down to her waist, and sat a few seats in front of him. She was graduated with honors in 1911, and attended Gallaudet Col-lege for two years. She was called back home to help around the ranch. Later she moved to Des Moines, Iowa, and worked at a hospital there. Again later she and the immediate members of her family moved to the Bay Area.

When Maria was a girl, she wanted to be confirmed. She asked her brother to find a minis-ter who could sign for her. There were none, so she taught the available pastor some signs, and eventually was confirmed.

Maria joined the Memorial Chapel in 1938. She immediately became an ardent church worker, and participated in many activi-ties. Her hymn-sing/signing shone forth in its own impres-siveness and uniqueness. She also made beautiful embroideries. She had a pleasant disposition and outgoing love. Even though she was small of stature, she was always energetic and full of ex-citement in the Church.

Now Maria has left behind her mark of a strong, Christian-like character for all to remem-ber her by. She was a fervent letter writer with friends all over the United States.

Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.
Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet,
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venom'd sting!



-Adapted from Training Wheels
National Lutheran Parent-
Teacher League. (from Sign
Waves, Rev. Martin Hewitt)

WHY IS HOME SO IMPORTANT?

May is Christian family month. It seems that the "family" gets a lot of attention this month. Of course, the home and the family are important every day, every month, every year. But May is the month chosen by the church to focus attention on this important area of life.

Why is the home so important?

The HOME IS A LITTLE CHURCH. God chose parents as the first spiritual leaders of their children. "Train up a child in the way he should go....".

Home is a place to worship God regularly--a little church--to read the Bible and to pray, to see the Savior and to live for him.

As families we worship together in God's house regularly, looking to public worship with joy and expecting God's blessing.

Why is the home so important?

The home is a little SCHOOL. The parents are the teachers and their children are the students. This school is always in session--Our children are always watching and learning from our life and our actions.

They also learn from the books and magazines we buy, from the radio and TV programs we let them see, and from the visitors we welcome into our homes.

Why is the home so important?

THE HOME IS A LITTLE COMMUNITY. Under the parents guidance and supervision, our children receive their training in getting along with other people. They learn to cooperate. They learn concern and patience for other people. This will give them understanding how to get along with others in a larger community.

Our children are now becoming what they will soon be. Their most effective training place is our home.

O God, help us by your Holy

Spirit to be good examples to our children. Help us to teach them to be your special people wherever they may live. Come, bless us as we learn and live together in our homes, our churches and our communities. Help our children to radiate love for You through-out their lives. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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W O R K

-by Rev. Clark R. Bailey

WHY DO YOU GO TO WORK? That may seem like a silly question. WE NEED the fruits of WORK - MONEY - so we can buy the things we need for daily life: "Food, Drink, Clothing, Shoes, House, Home, Field, Cattle, Money, Goods" Are some of the things Dr. Martin Luther lists in his Explanation for the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. We ask God to "Give us our daily bread" - so the question still stands. . . WHY GO TO WORK?

God intended that man, the crown of His creation, would enjoy the blessings of His world without labor. But man did not play by the rules. He disobeyed God and now must earn his daily bread by the toil of his hands and the sweat of his brow. Take a look at Genesis 3:17-19.

Yes, God has placed a curse upon the earth because of man's sin and disobedience to His Holy Law. But God still loves people and blesses our daily work. He Promises to care for us and "give us our daily bread".

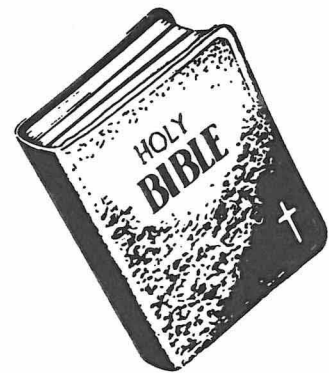
Look at Psalm 145, verses 15 and 16. This is a good table prayer, too. God gives rain and sun to make the crops grow. (Matt. 5:45) so that we may have food to eat. If there is no rain then all the money in the world cannot buy food that does not exist.

Of course, "Why Go To Work?" say some who are lazy. They get what they want by stealing or by trickery. In two Thess. 3:10 St. Paul writes about them. And on the other end of the scale are those who cannot work because of illness, injury or age. God expects us to share our many blessings with them, as He says in Hebrews 13:16.

God has blessed us with much, and sometimes we fail to them in our worship, or see God's blessings active in our congregation. They and we are too busy enjoying ourselves that we do not have time for God or His Word or worship. Could this be YOU, or YOUR family? Think about it.

We pray that through your work you will share the blessings of that work with God and with your fellowman.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

FOR JUNE 1977

- 1Genesis 11:1-9.....
- 2Joel 2:28-32.....
- 3Acts 2:1-21.....
- 4Acts 2:1-13.....
- 5 Sunday...John 15:26-27.....
- 6John 14:23-31.....
- 7Numbers 6:22-27.....
- 8Ezekiel 18:30-32.....
- 9Romans 5:1-5.....
- 10Romans 11:33-36.....
- 11John 16:12-16.....
- 12 Sunday...John 3:1-15.....
- 131 Kings 8:41-43.....
- 14Jeremiah 9:23-24.....
- 15Galatians 1:1-10.....
- 161 John 4:16-21.....
- 17Luke 7:1-10.....
- 18Luke 16:19-31.....
- 19 Sunday...1 Kings 17:17-24.....
- 20Isaiah 25:6-9.....
- 21Galatians 1:11-24.....
- 221 John 3:13-18.....
- 23Luke 7:11-17.....
- 24Luke 14:16-24.....
- 252 Samuel 12:1-10,13.....
- 26 Sunday...Micah 7:18-20.....
- 27Galatians 2:11-21.....
- 281 Peter 5:6-11.....
- 29Luke 7:36-50.....
- 30Luke 15:1-10.....



The end of all things is near. You must have self-control and alert, to be able to pray. Above everything love one another earnestly, for love covers over many sins. Open your homes to each other without complaining. Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God. Whoever preaches, must preach God's words; whoever serves, must serve with the strength that God gives him, so that in all things praise may be given to God through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the power forever and ever! Amen 1 Peter 4:7-11 (TEV)

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Plan Now To Attend The 4th Biennial Convention of the INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

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- ☐ Registration (mandatory).....\$ 7.00
☐ Official ILDA Program Book..... 1.50
☐ Opening Buffet, Thursday, June 30th..... 4.40
☐ Picnic and Guided Tour, Friday, July 1st.... 5.80
☐ Banquet, Saturday night, July 2nd..... 15.00

TOTAL FOR ALL EVENTS.....\$33.70

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THIS IS AN EVENT THAT ALL DEAF LUTHERANS SHOULD MARK DOWN AS A "MUST" in their 1977 vacation plans. The ILDA needs YOU! As a deaf lay person you owe it to Christ and your deaf brothers and sisters to attend. Let us all make this a historic event for the glory of our Lord and for the enrichment of Christian spiritual growth among all our brothers and sisters.

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RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD GLORY! June 30-July 3, 1977

Meet Our Young Friends. . . Growing and Learning To Serve!



Richard Moody, a student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, has received a vicarage assignment in Deaf work. He has been placed at the Isaiah 29 Center for Deaf Ministry in Washington, D.C. This Southeastern District ministry is supervised by Pastor Daniel Pokorny. It will provide the vicar with a wide range of experiences with Deaf of all ages, including young school children and students at Gallaudet College.

Moody will be accompanied by his new wife, the former Miss Lois Johnson. Richard and Lois were married at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in St. Louis on May 28. Lois' twin sister was also married on that same day, in the same ceremony! Both girls are registered nurses and both of their new husbands are seminary students!

Lois and Richard will begin the Gallaudet College Clergy Training Program June 26, and Richard's vicarage assignment begins September 1.

Cancer's

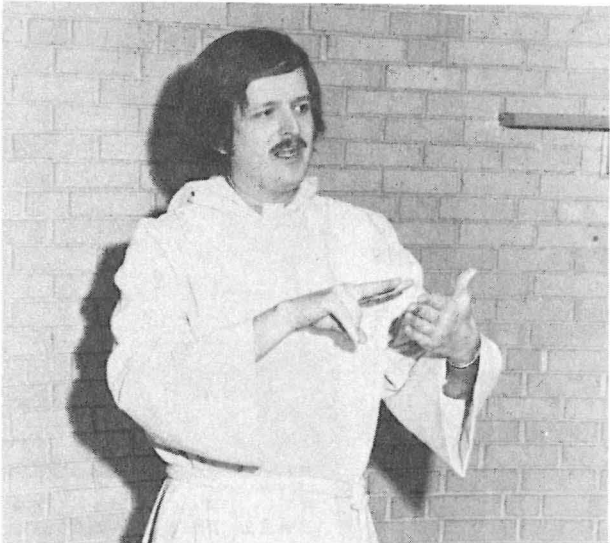
7 Warning Signals

If you notice any of these things, the American Cancer Society says you should promptly seek a doctor's advice:

- 1-Any change in bowel or bladder habits.
- 2-A sore that does not heal
- 3-Any unusual bleeding or discharge.
- 4-A thickening or lump, especially in the breast.
- 5-Indigestion or difficult swallowing.
- 6-An obvious change in a wart or mole.
- 7-Nagging cough or hoarseness.

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Christians are like tea...their real strength comes out when they get into hot water.



Dayton Williams, a student at Seminex-Christ Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, has been placed at Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf for his year of internship. His supervisor, Pastor Jerold Munz, plans to keep him busy! The congregation serves several schools for the deaf, a program for the deaf mentally retarded, aged Deaf and Deaf-Blind, and is presently starting to work with a Mental Health Center in the area.

Williams will work in a hearing church in his home state, Ohio, this summer prior to starting work under Pastor Munz in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He has been busy this year with school, interpreting for classes at schools in the St. Louis area, and working as assistant to the Editor of the Deaf Lutheran.



Noise Pollution

Noise pollution is responsible for many Americans suffering a hearing loss. Constant exposure to noise is becoming a real problem!

A professor at Purdue University reports that it may take 10 or 15 years for someone to notice a hearing loss caused by noise assault...and by then it is too late.

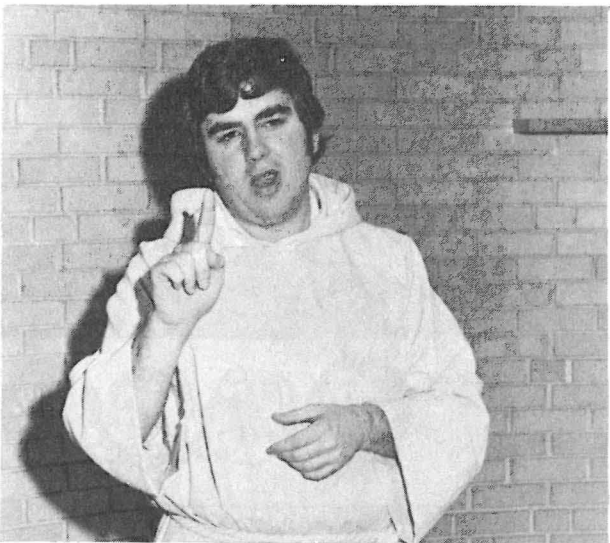
Professor Goldstein urges support for legislation to help control this problem.

SURVEY

A recent survey done for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod shows some interesting things about our church all over America.

Church members are family and home oriented and show a preference for programs for children, youth, and needs for the elderly, poor, and sick people.

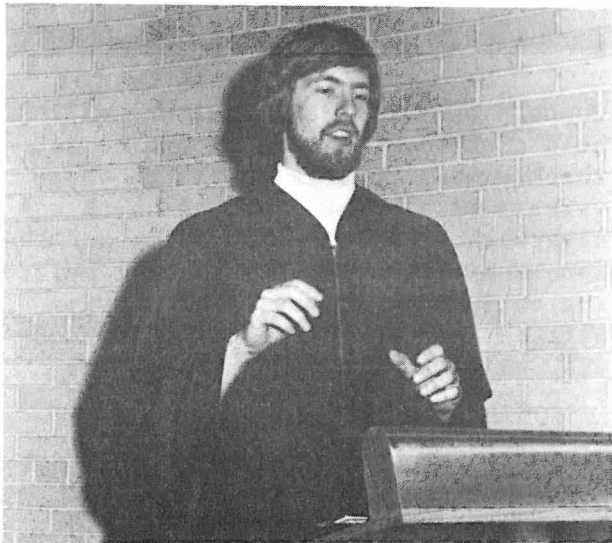
Read more about the survey in the May 22 issue of the Lutheran Witness.



Joe Varsanyi has also been doing field work at Holy Cross under the supervision of Pastor Martin Hewitt. Joe has finished his first year of study at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and is working this summer at Saint James Evangelical Lutheran Church in Maryland.

This fall, Joe plans to return to St. Louis where he will complete his final year before receiving a vicarage assignment.

Joe is a good signer and seems to have picked up a smooth, natural way to communicate from his deaf friends.



Peter Johnson has recently completed his first year at seminary as well as getting his first experience with the Deaf while doing field work at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri.

Peter is in Minneapolis now where he will work this summer. He intends to return to St. Louis this fall and continue his work at Holy Cross and Seminex-Christ Seminary.

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Former Lay Minister Stephen Luke has completed his first year of study in preparation for his goal to become a minister to the Deaf. He will be hard at work this summer at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis learning ancient Hebrew. This in the language the Old Testament was first written in. He is looking forward to his summer classes. Good luck Steve!

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In last month's issue (April 1977) there was an article about a unique group of people at Eternal Mercy in Memphis, Tennessee that were taking up lessons in needlepoint. "People Teaching People" was what this group called themselves. Some hearing people who had been taking lessons in sign language began to teach some deaf members of Eternal Mercy the fine art of needlepointing. In turn the deaf helped those hearing people to improve their knowledge of sign language. Shown in the picture on the left is Rev. Don Leber teaching his son, John Edward, to needlepoint.



The American Bible Society has printed mid-January the 50 millionth copy of The New Testament in Today's English version. The Bible is again on top in the world's best seller list.

Concordia Historical Institute will hold a special service of praise and thanksgiving to mark the 130th anniversary of its founding, the 50th anniversary of its incorporation and the 25th anniversary of its present building on Sunday, 15 May. The service will be held in the chapel of Concordia Seminary, Clayton, Missouri at 7:00 pm.

SERMON IN SOAP

DUZ you DREFT along with the TIDE? VEL, now is the time for all to CHEER up! If you want JOY, the TREND is to BREEZE to church every Sunday. But too many WOODBURY their heads in the pillow or work in their yards like HANDY ANDY, forgetting that the Lord's Day was made for LESTOIL. Where our Lord reigns, the DOVE of peace will never need to send our an SOS, so don't trust your LUX by neglecting worship at church every Sunday. Shall we DIAL you to remind you of those IVORY towers up yonder? This is not just idle BABO -- worship will add to your eternal LIFEBOUY, why not WHISK yourself out of bed every Sunday morning, dress up SPIC and SPAN and DASH like a COMET to God's house of prayer, singing PRAISE to God will bring a CLEANSER to your soul, making you feel like MR. CLEAN, with a TWINKLE to your eyes and put VIM in your life. PLEDGE yourself to the practice, and LIFE will become full of ZEST.

Some people spend money for things they don't need to impress people they don't like.

In Rockford, Illinois, on Friday, May 6th, 18 young people presented a concert of contemporary Christian music in song and in SIGN LANGUAGE. These young people were from Concordia Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their concert, "THE REVELATION OF JOY" was an inspiring experience for both deaf and hearing!

"ROCK GOSPEL"

"The Rock Gospel" occupies a unique position in the growing field of multi-media entertainment. In 1969 they became the first group to perform a concert of songs through the artistic sign language. The concert is a simultaneous translation of rock lyrics in sign language that combines elements of ballet, pantomime and the special brand of acting familiar from old silent films... "The Rock Gospel signers got the poetry of music across in their signs. Their hands move rhythmically, molding beautiful images in the air which are filled with the excitement and joy of song."

IN A CHURCH BULLETIN WERE THESE WORDS: My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of the pilgrims, leading them to goodness, truth and beauty. It will be, if I am. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them. It will do great works, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many Christian needs, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, and fearlessness and faith, and a church with an eagerness to help much if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

-The Lutheran Observer

An elderly woman - with a beautiful complexion was asked what kind of cosmetic she used. In reply she offered this prescription: "I use for my lips, truth: for my voice, prayer: for my eyes, Pity: for my hands, charity: for my figure, uprightness: for my heart, love." This prescription can be filled without expense, and the supply will increase with continued use.

PILGRIM DEAF LUTHERAN CHURCH of KANSAS CITY, MO. will host the Midwest Deaf Lutheran Conference at Camp Wilderness at Lawson, Missouri. The date of the conference is June 17-19. Fees which include registration, bed, tours, meals Friday p.m. to Sunday noon amounts only to \$25. A deposit of \$5 by June 3rd will assure space being reserved for you. Send registration Applications to: Mrs. Harry Searles 10309 W. 56th Terrace Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203

OMAHAR MØRK, who is deaf and who will graduate from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis this month will be installed on May 29th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, Nebraska. As you may remember, Omahr holds No. 1 membership card in ILDA "God's 1000 Club."



OMAHAR MØRK, first deaf man to graduate from St. Louis Seminary.

Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf will be host of Great Lakes Regional Conference June 3-5th. The conference will be held at the National Technical Institute For the Deaf on the campus of Rochester Institute of Technology. Total cost is \$35 for meals, room, and conference. Make check payable to: Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Send to 580 North Winton Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

Central Region Nominates. .

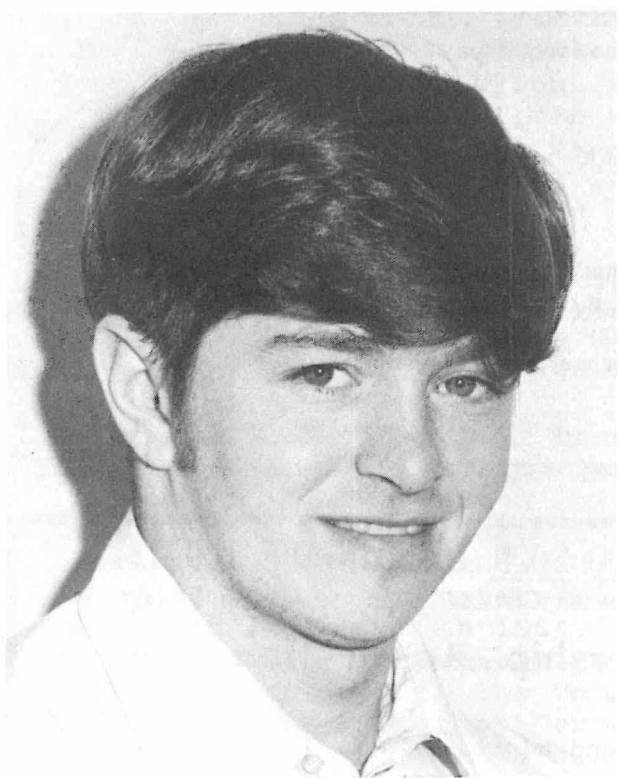
For President-Elect



ALBERT REEVES

Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mr. Reeves is a past president of Peace Lutheran Church where he held the position for four years. At the same church he has served for five years as its secretary. Presently he is President-Elect of the Central Regional Conference.



ALBERT MOORE

Jacksonville, Illinois

Mr. Moore presently is Secretary of the Central Regional Conference. More details about this young man will be printed up in the next issue.



ROBERT HORGAN

Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf. . . Delavan, Wisconsin

More details and a picture of this man will be printed up in the next issue of the D.L.

For Secretary



CAROL SEEGER, Minneapolis, Minn. attended special classes for the Deaf in public schools in preparation for her studies at Gallaudet college. She got her B.A. in art from Gallaudet in 1972 and became assistant coordinator at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul, Minnesota the following year. There, she was also in charge of secretarial work, and the Sunday School and youth programs. She received her Bachelor degree in Director of Christian Education in youth emphasis from Concordia, St. Paul in 1975. In 1976 she married Mark Seeger, who is presently a second year student at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne

For Treasurer



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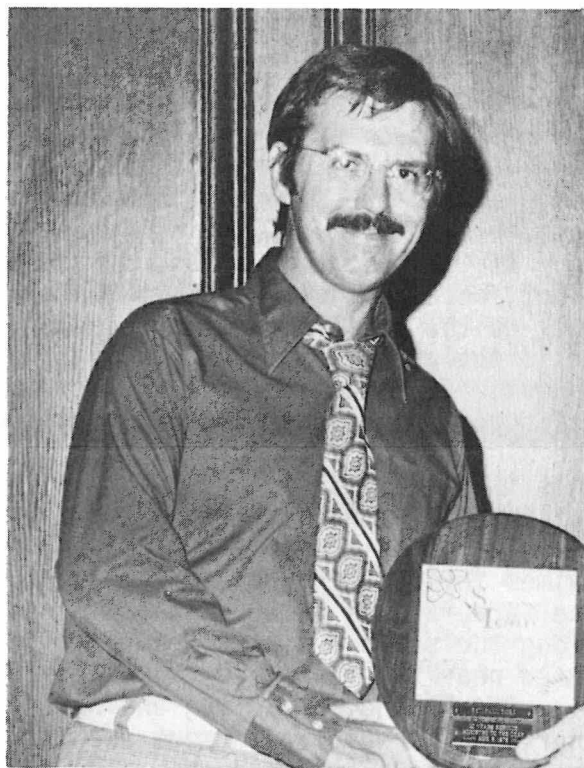
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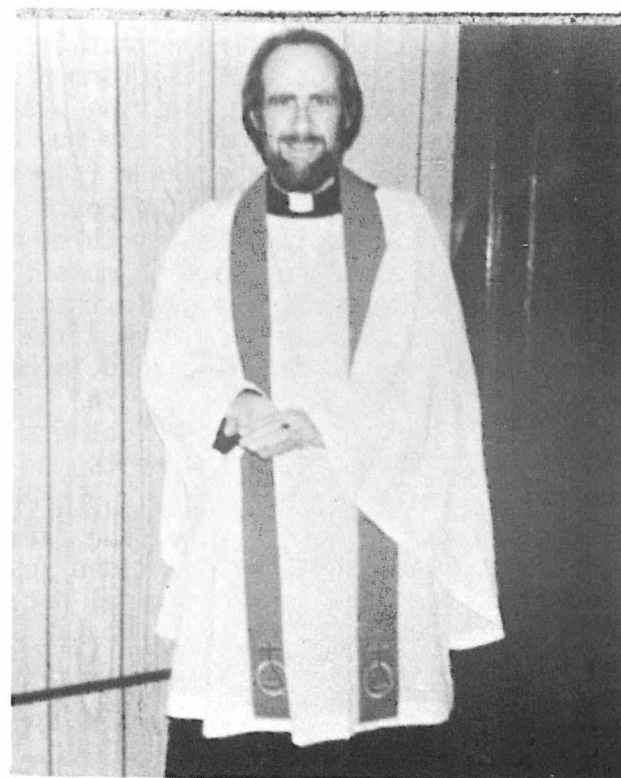
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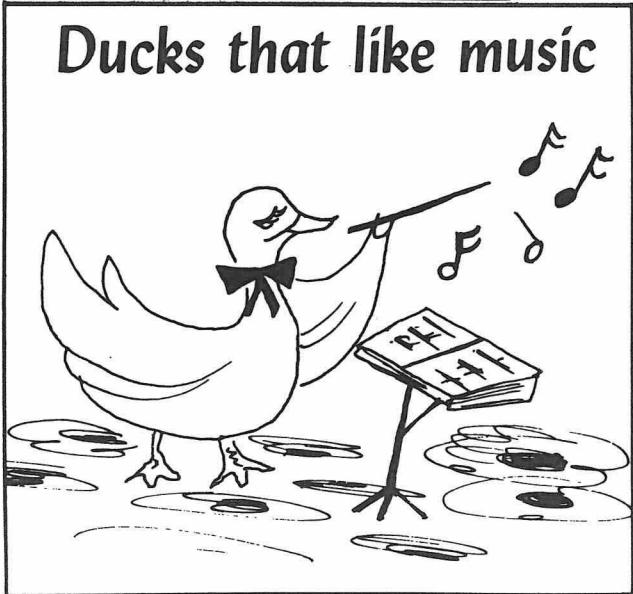
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-by Olga Osing

Many farmers throughout the world put scarecrows in the grainfields or vegetable patches to scare the birds away. In Norway the farmers put bright bits of cloths and bells on the trees to get the birds to come and stay with them.

It is not the older birds the farmers are concerned about, because they know that the old-timers will come back to the familiar nesting places year after year. But it is the attention of the two-year-olds the farmer hopes to get. The young ducks become curious about the tinkling bells and the bright flaglike pieces of cloth waving in the wind. They fly over and look around and decide that this is exactly the place they have been looking for to build their home.

The birds are eider ducks, and these colorful wind chimes invite the birds to come to the nesting places that the farmers have made for them. These nesting places along the sea are called "eider folds," and they are located near the sea where the eider ducks gather.

Of all the Arctic regions where the eider ducks gather, the Norweigian farmers are the only ones who provide entertainment for the ducks. The eider ducks seem to love the sound of little bells, and they like the bits of cloth too, for often they nest right beside them. The pieces of cloth and the bells frighten the other birds, but the eider ducks are very unusual birds! The ducks who come to the "eider folds" often become quite tame, like the hens in the barnyard.

The soft gray and brown feathers of the eider ducks, called "down," is part of the farmer's income. The mother eider duck chooses as her nesting place a natural bowl among the rocks that catches the sun and is sheltered from the wind. She plucks the down from her breast with her long, flat bill. She pads the rocks with these feathers until she builds a layer about three inches thick. When she leaves the nest to feed on mussels, crab, and insects in the nearby waters, she pulls this "down" like a blanket over the eggs to keep them warm. The color of the down blends with the surroundings and is hard to see and so protects the eggs from any enemies. The mothers are brown with black bars across their feathers-they are also hard to see when they sit on the nests, as they too have the colors of their surroundings.

When the mother is away, the farmers collect some of the down. When she comes back she just plucks another beakful. The farmers are careful not to take too much down. From each nest throughout the season they pick about one-sixth of a pound. This down is one of the warmest materials known. It is used for winter clothes, sleeping bags, and quilts.

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finish the picture

Fill in each space containing a dot, to finish the picture of a quick-moving animal often seen in trees. What is the animal?

Answer: A squirrel

From Mean to Kind

by Donna Lugg Pape

Work from Mean to Kind by changing only one letter at a time.

Mean

- _____ A vegetable that's long and green.
- _____ Upon a chain, it can be seen.
- _____ To swerve away, as from straight lines.
- _____ To tie together with ropes or twine.

Kind



Answers: Mean, Bean, Bend, Bind, Kind

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