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## Naomi Hoerlle Warth



THE JOHN OF BEVERLEY MEDAL

awarded by

THE LUTHERAN FRIENDS OF THE DEAF

and

MILL NECK MANOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
FOR THE DEAF

to

NAOMI HOERLLE WARTH

### CITATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That the Boards of Directors of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and the Board of Trustees of Mill Neck Manor, Lutheran School for the Deaf, by virtue of the authority conveyed by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, have established the John of Beverley Medal in memory of that early English churchman of the 7th Century, who made special efforts to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the deaf. This medal is awarded to the individual who, in the opinion of said Boards, has rendered meritorious, distinguished and outstanding service to the deaf, consistent with the ministry and commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, and those ideals of His ministry promoted by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and Mill Neck Manor, Lutheran School for the Deaf.

INASMUCH AS Naomi Hoerlle Warth, a devoted daughter of the

Church and a talented follower of Jesus Christ, has served with great distinction in many fields of Christian activity in Brazil (the fifth largest country in the world); and

INASMUCH AS Naomi Warth has most notably--both as a Christian professional and as a Christian person--has exhibited great concern and care for the cause of education, the work among the underprivileged and the handicapped, as well as being active in the mission outreach of the Church; and

INASMUCH AS Naomi Warth founded, in 1966, the Concordia Special School for the Deaf, in Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, to serve our 1,300 congregations and missions there, and has taught in and guided the school since its inception; and

INASMUCH AS Naomi Warth has provided counsel, guidance, inspiration and love to a host of deaf children and to her fellow teachers of the deaf; and

INASMUCH AS Naomi Warth has also lectured on the topic of religious education for the deaf to the National Brazilian Congress on Deaf Education; and

INASMUCH AS Naomi Warth has been a principal translator of the John of Beverley workbooks in religion into Portuguese, and has continued to serve as a consultant for Portuguese editions;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, and the Board of Trustees of Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, in gratitude to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the gift to the Church of His outstanding servant, Naomi Hoerlle Warth, who has rendered such laudable service in bringing Christ to the deaf, and as a tangible token of its recognition and esteem, herewith grants and

## St. Philip - Phila. to Celebrate Gold Anniversary

-by Rev. Jerold Munz

November of 1977, St. Philip of Delaware Valley will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The first pastor of St. Phillip was Edward Kaercher. Pastor Kaercher will be long remembered as the first deaf man to be ordained a Lutheran pastor in the world. He was born on August 11, 1902. Rev. Kaercher was a graduate of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. He also graduated from Gallaudet College and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary - Philadelphia on May 5, 1929, the first deaf man to do so.



Photo of Edward Kaercher taken in 1932

Pastor Kaercher helped form St. Philip when he was a student at the seminary. The first services were held and led by Dr.

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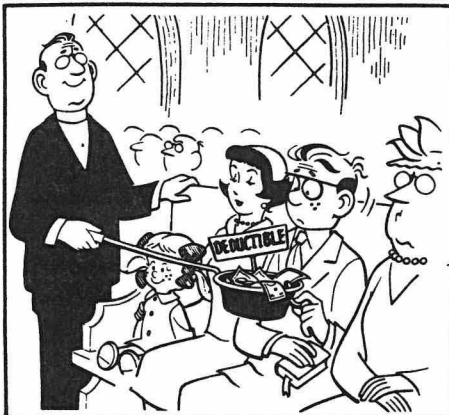
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**Tidings from  
The Secretary for  
Ministry to the Deaf**

**Rev. Herbert W. Rohe**



July, 1977

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus our precious Savior,

It is always appropriate at a time like this to remind ourselves of those servants of Christ who have come to the "crown of Life" with Christ in heaven. Since the last ILDA Convention, (1975) we note 11 persons, ILDA leaders, pastors and workers among the deaf, and special friends of the deaf who have gone before. These are:

1. Mr. Bobby Eli Kosanovich of Seattle; August 29, 1975, ILDA Board.
2. Mr. Eugene Clupper, Rochester, New York; October 1, 1975, ILDA Convention Worship Leader.
3. Rev. Elmer Luessenhopp, Denver, Colorado; former pastor to the Deaf and President of South Dakota District.
4. Rev. John A. Beyer, Seattle, Washington; December 26, 1975, veteran pastor to the Deaf.
5. Dr. Martin Franzmann, Cambridge, England; March 28, 1976, friend of the Deaf, member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo., and Professor at the St. Louis Seminary.
6. Rev. Norbert Borchardt, Detroit, Michigan, June 20, 1976, veteran pastor to the Deaf.
7. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cordes,

St. Paul, Minnesota; July 11, 1976, veteran pastor to the Deaf in South Dakota and Minnesota.

8. Mr. Alex Brodie, Vancouver, B.C.; September 12, 1976, first deaf lay-minister in the LC-MS.
9. Mr. Uriel C. Jones, Stillwater, Ohio; February 10, 1977, President of ILDA and first deaf editor of the Deaf Lutheran.
10. Dr. Herman Kopplemann, St. Louis, Missouri; March 4, 1977, friend of the deaf, veteran in Missions, LC-MS, Mission historian.
11. Rev. Edward B. Fox, Port Coquitlan, B.C.; March 19, 1977, former minister to the deaf and District official.

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In this biennium, since the 1975 Convention, twenty eight workers have observed anniversary milestones in their ministry. We list the following and their years of service:

1976

Rev. R. Bauer - - 20 years  
Rev. R. Corl - - 15 years  
Rev. R. Cordes - - 55 years  
Rev. T. Frederking - - 55 years  
Rev. F. Gyle - - 30 years  
Rev. M. Kosche - - 30 years  
Rev. M.E.A. Mueller - - 45 years  
Rev. R. Muller - - 5 years

Lay Minister R. Oettel - 5 years  
Rev. W. Neisch - - 20 years  
Rev. D. Pokorny - - 15 years  
Rev. G. Ring - - 30 years  
Rev. M. Sampson - - 25 years  
Lay Minister W. Wegner - 5 years  
Rev. W.A. Westermann - - 55 years  
Rev. D. Zuhn - - 10 years

1977

Rev. W. Bottlinger - - 20 years  
Rev. W. Busby - - 15 years  
Rev. W.O. Ferber - - 60 years  
Lay Minister R.C. Case - - 5 years  
Rev. C.R. Gerhold - - 35 years  
Rev. C.E. Jones - - 10 years  
Rev. J. Munz - - 5 years  
Mrs. D. Myhre - - 15 years  
Rev. M. Olson - - 5 years  
Rev. E.J. Scheibert - - 55 years  
Rev. D. Winkler - - 5 years

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Two Pastors have retired from service in our Mission:

Rev. R. Blakely after 13 years service.  
Rev. A. Jonas after 41 years service.

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Two workers have taken calls out of the Mission:

Lay Minister Gilbert Berninghaus went to Grace Lutheran Church, Jefferey City, Wyoming.  
Rev. Don Haug, to Salem Lutheran Church, Navasota, Texas.

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Three persons have been honored by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf with the John of Beverley Award:

1975 -- Rev. Philip Ho of Hong Kong, now in San Jose, California.

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# From Our Pastors

## TIDINGS FROM THE SECRETARY FOR MINISTRY TO THE DEAF

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1976 -- Rev. William R. Weber of Manhasset, N.Y. posthumously, 20 year member of Mill Neck Board.

1977 -- Mrs. Naomi Warth, of Porto Alegre, Brazil.

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Since the 1975 Convention, we note nine new workers who have entered the Ministry to the Deaf and three who have returned to it. These are:

1. Rev. Fred Anson, St. Matthews of Elmhurst, New York.
2. Rev. Gary Bomberger, Silent Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin.
3. Rev. Kenneth Carlson, Campus Pastor NTID, Rochester, N.Y.
4. Rev. Roy Dahmann, Memorial Lutheran Church, Oakland, California.
5. Rev. Ronald Friedrich, Missionary-at-Large, North Illinois District.
6. Rev. Larry Larson, Northern Illinois District, Peoria, Illinois.
7. Rev. Omahr Mørk, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr.
8. Rev. Shirrel Petzholdt, Hope Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon.
9. Lay Minister Frank Silver, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, now Windsor, Ontario.
10. Rev. William Aiello, Director of Religious Education Services, Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf.
11. Rev. Russel Johnson, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas.
12. Rev. Richard Reinap, Jesus Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas.

Seven Pastors who serve the Deaf on a part-time basis are:

1. Rev. Delbert Thies, Omaha, Nebraska.
2. Rev. Jack Heck, Grand Island-Hastings, Nebraska.
3. Rev. Royce Reinhart, Lincoln Nebraska.
4. Rev. James Gast, Olathe, Kansas.
5. Rev. George Kraus, Portland, Maine.
6. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, Clearwater, Florida.
7. Rev. R. Thompson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

There are also eight Pastors in whose congregations the Deaf are being served with the help of interpreters. Three of these Pastors also know the sign language.

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## The Overseas Deaf

### ~~~~~ Thank You! ~~~~~

Miss Bessie Lau of Hong Kong also wishes to thank ILDA for the scholarship assistance provided for her in 1976. She is in Manchester, England working toward her doctorate in special education.

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In a letter on May 19, 1977, Mr. and Mrs. John Ames ask that we convey their thanks to the ILDA Convention. Mrs. Ames writes:

*Thank you for the check of \$2,000 that we received last Sept. 1977 and purchased a microbus V.W. instead of a jeep since this only carries 4 or 5 passengers, we finally decided to get V.W. which easily carries 10 and etc.*



*We live in Umuarama during the week in a missionary friend's home, then drive the 30 miles to the farm on weekends because gas price have gone up to over \$2.00 a gallon. Co-laborers do Brazil is helping us with gas so we can still pick up deaf children and get them to school. Two pre-teen aged students are living with us in Umuarama because they live too far from school to make the trip daily.*

*We thank you all for your prayers and interest and all those who gave towards the new vehicle -- it has really been a blessing in our deaf work. Pray that we might continue to help the deaf children here in Brazil.*

*We wish you all happiness in every moment at the ILDA Convention.*

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Rev. Andeweg of Beirut, Lebanon has sent a lengthy report on conditions there. He was compelled to close the Christian Deaf Community Center in Blumenstein Switzerland and has returned to Beirut where there has been extensively and costly reconstruction following the war. He is assisted temporarily by Rev. Martin Fisher, a student from London. The School for the Deaf has an enrollment of 70 and the Rehabilitation School has 15 students taught by Mr. Bassam. On Palm Sunday he had over 100 adult deaf in services at St. Luke's Chapel near the school. Deacon Andrew de Carpentier now directs the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf at Salt, Jordan where they have 85 students. They are also opening an Institute for the Deaf in Cairo, Egypt where the government has suddenly granted permission after several years of waiting. They need qualified teachers, vocational teachers, hearing aids and equipment.

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The Mongkok Lutheran School for the Deaf in Hong Kong now has 24 classes (16 prep., 14 primary, and 4 secondary) with a total enrollment of 205. They plan to rent 7 more rooms from the seminary at YAU YAT CHUEN to initiate another Secondary program there. This is the largest Lutheran School for the Deaf in the world.

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Australia - John A. Hoopmann, a deaf pastor in Adelaide has started monthly services for the Deaf there. He intends to visit Lutheran Deaf services in the U.S. in November and December. He expects to be in New York, Washington, D.C., Orlando, St. Louis, possibly Minneapolis, the Grand Canyon, and Los Angeles.

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The India Evangelical Lutheran Church School for the Deaf continues to be in need of assistance. Their enrollment is constantly increasing. They need auditory aids and equipment.

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Concordia Special School for the Deaf in Porto Alegre has begun its building program. They have outgrown the classroom space they had in the Seminary. Two classes are now held in the basement of the Warth home. In order to keep their state license and remain a teacher training center recognized by the government, they will need to provide more and better equipped classrooms and facilities. Because of their lack of funds and teachers, their classes can be held only half days.

BRETHREN. . . PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES EVERYWHERE!

ILDA



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## God's 1,000 Club

24. Robert W. Horgen, Madison, Wisconsin
25. Rev. Delbert Thies, Omaha, Nebraska
26. Stanley A. Miller, Portland, Oregon
27. Donald W. Fairman, Jackson, Mississippi
28. Lois M. Fairman, Jackson, Mississippi
29. Helen F. Libby Rogner, Maplewood, New Jersey
30. Rev. Donald C. Winkler, Pittsburgh, Penna.
31. Wayne F. Boyer, Hastings, Nebraska
32. Elsie M. Boyer, Hastings, Nebraska
33. Richard J. Crossen, Columbus, Ohio
34. Phyllis Crossen, Columbus, Ohio
35. Rev. Paul H. Dorr, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
36. Robert N. Graff, Manito, Illinois
37. Wilhelm R. Wegner, Great Falls, Montana
38. Werner D. Hoewisch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
39. Louise Hoewisch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
40. Mrs. Mary E. Schnepf, Midland, Minnesota
41. Joseph Kindred, Indianapolis, Indiana
42. Hazel Kindred, Indianapolis, Indiana
43. Ronald Nester, Hiawatha, Kansas
44. Ruth Ann Nester, Hiawatha, Kansas
45. Harold Rife, Portland, Oregon
46. Fern Rife, Portland, Oregon
47. Rev. Russel Johnson, Dallas, Texas
48. James Lowell, Tacoma, Washington
49. Nick Petersen, Omaha, Nebraska
50. Florence Petersen, Omaha, Nebraska
51. Arthur Krueger, Omaha, Nebraska
52. Dorothy Schultz, Omaha, Nebraska
53. Fern Campbell, Great Falls, Montana
54. Harold Nord, Manhattan, Kansas
55. Nadeen Nord, Manhattan, Kansas
56. Albert Arneson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
57. Ramona Arneson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
58. Mrs. Emma M. Mappes, Lincoln, Nebraska
59. Paul F. Phillips, Columbus, Ohio
60. Paulene E. Phillips, Columbus, Ohio
61. Loretta Williams, Chicago, Illinois
62. Rev. Martin Kosche, Delavan, Wisconsin
63. Ethel Kosche, Delavan, Wisconsin
64. Bob Catron, Lewistown, Montana
65. Vicky Catron, Lewistown, Montana
66. Edwin Lappin, Aurora, Colorado
67. Helen Lappin, Aurora, Colorado
68. Mrs. Lordy D. Revels, Memphis, Tennessee
69. Beverly Willett, Memphis, Tennessee
70. Edward A. Koshelnik, Everett, Washington
71. Evelyn Koshelnik, Everett, Washington
72. Walter H. Andersen, Everett, Washington
73. Mapril Andersen, Everett, Washington

Notice: Almost everyone of the names in this list became members of ILDA's GOD'S 1000 CLUB at the ILDA Convention in Spokane, Washington June 30 - July 3, 1977. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Anyone may join this club by paying \$10.00 to join and pledging \$10.00 per year. The money will be used to help pay some of the expenses of ILDA's Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors meet twice a year. The meetings call for long hours of study, prayers, work and sweat to find ways of making the ILDA grow into a more successful organization dedicated to bringing Christ into the lives of deaf people all over the world through the mission projects of ILDA and through the efforts of the Regional Conferences and the home church congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. PLEASE JOIN!

Send your check or money order of \$10 to:  
 God's 1000 Club  
 Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, ILDA Treasurer  
 10004 East Mission  
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 Where I go hereafter depends upon what I go after here!  
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**Complete Coverage of  
 The 4th Biennial  
 ILDA Convention  
 will be featured in  
 the August '77 Issue!  
 watch for it!**

### Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf South New Jersey - Philadelphia

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HOPE  
 NATIVITY  
 ST. PHILIP'S

August 5, 1977

Deaf Lutheran  
 Archie Marshall, Editor  
 3743 Palm Street  
 St. Louis, Missouri 63107

Dear Editor,

Having attended all four ILDA conventions, I count myself fortunate to have been at Spokane. I have watched the growth of ILDA from its birth pains in Chicago to its growing pains in Spokane. This was the first convention I have witnessed without the bitter and angry floor fights.

Truely ILDA is now coming of age. In the next few years I predict will prove to be wonderful years as ILDA reaches new heights. Memphis and Los Angeles will be great convention sites because ILDA in Spokane exhibited tremendous cohesive growth.

In His Holy Name,

*Pastor Jerold D. Munz*  
 Pastor Jerold D. Munz

When that day comes, the deaf shall hear the words of the book [Isa. 29:18]

*thank you* . . . Pastor Munz! This kind of response for the many hours of planning, days of toil, and months of arrangements is what cheers the hearts of any Convention Committee Chairman, his workers and the Board of Directors.  
 The Editor



ST. PHILIP - PHILA.TO CELEBRATE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY IN NOVEMBER

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Bechtold, director of the Inner Mission Program of the Pennsylvania Ministerium. Edward Kaercher interpreted for the deaf. The first service was in November, 1926. The work with the deaf was then organized and grew under Pastor Kaercher's care from May, 1929 through January, 1942.

Pastor Kaercher resigned from the parish here and later moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he married Lillian. A son, Daniel was born. Pastor Kaercher succumbed to Leukemia and died April 26, 1969.

We greatly remember this man who was the first pastor of St. Phillip and the first deaf person to be ordained into the Holy Ministry of the Lutheran Church.

THE SILENT LUTHERAN in Feb. 1952 printed: "In November, 1926 services in the sign language for the deaf in Philadelphia area, were begun by Dr.G.H.Bechtold and Mr. Edward Kaercher, a deaf student at Mt.Airy Lutheran Seminary. Upon his graduation, Mr. Kaercher became the first full-time Missionary to the deaf of the Lutheran Board of Inner Missions. One year later St. Phillip's Mission to the Deaf was organized. Thus November 1952 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of this mission."

That year The Silent Lutheran was mailed out using two(2) cent stamp!

Pastors who have served St. Philip Mission:  
Bechtold  
Kaercher . . . 1929 - 1942  
Francis Shearer  
William Ward  
Fred H. Goos. 1949 - 1972  
Jerold Munz . Aug.1972 -

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Are You 1 in 7?

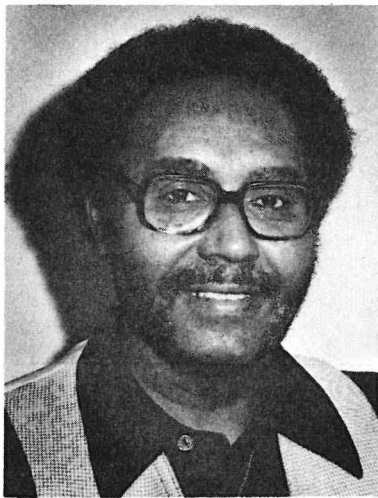
Hypertension - or high blood pressure - has reached epidemic proportions in this country. An estimated 23 million adults suffer from this silent killer - silent because it usually has no symptoms to warn its victim. And it is a killer. Uncontrolled, it is the leading contribution to heart disease, kidney disease and stroke in this country.

This means the odds are 1 to 7 with you having high blood pressure that could lead to serious health problems. Usually only a pill a day is enough to control the disease, according

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White House  
Conference

Walking through the lobby of the Sheraton-Park Hotel the week of May 23-27, 1977 was an experience in wonder - one wondered how blind persons found their way through the crowds; one wondered at the person in a wheelchair who controlled his chair by breathing into a tube which activated its electric motor. . .one wondered at the courage and determination of these many individuals who had traveled from the far corners of the United States (including Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Hawaii) to attend this White House Conference on Handicapped individuals. To a man (and woman) the delegates' primary concern was that they be treated as individuals first- that their handicapping conditions were secondary.



Archie D. Marshall  
Alternate  
- Delegate  
  
White House  
Conference  
on the  
Handicapped

To an outsider, it was an overwhelming and at times confusing experience. How could so many delegates, with such diverse personal concerns, to come to any consensus on the great number of issues before them in so short a time? Signs appeared on the hotel walls as sub-groups felt the need to share concerns: Mentally Retarded Caucus - 9:00 p.m." - "Deaf Caucus - Franklin Room." - "Parents Meeting."

Delegates were assigned to workshop sessions where the various proposals that had come out of the state meetings were discussed. Specific amendments to the proposals and voting on them was done by state delegations at evening meetings during the Conference.

Over 80 deaf persons attended White House meeting as delegates, alternates, or observers. The editor of The Deaf Lutheran, Archie D. Marshall, attended as an alternate delegate from Missouri. These deaf delegates were invited to (and many attended) a pre-Conference all-day workshop at Gallaudet where they had the opportunity to talk together both about procedures to expect during the Conference week and how they, as deaf persons, might work together to see the concern of deaf citizens were adequately represented in the total Confer-

ence. (One commented - "The meeting on Sunday was very, very beneficial. Congratulations to those who sponsored the meeting).

What comes next? Implementation of the Conference papers both back on the state level and nationally. Many states have already made some provisions for implementation.

Asked what he would like to tell other deaf persons about the White House Conference, Delegate Dave Mortensen of Utah responded: "That the meeting was actually held. That there were over 3,000 items of various statements to be decided on, which made it difficult to really focus on any one handicap and come to a sure conclusion. I feel a follow-up workshop would be good. This is just a thought. All these 3,000 items have been watered down and maybe more discussion on the remaining issues could bring out more specifically the problems and the solutions."

Computerized Board  
Enables Speechless  
Boy To Talk

From: Bethesda Lutheran Home  
Watertown, Wisconsin

"The potential for Tommy's vocabulary is limitless now that he has the Autocom communication board," according to Jim Redfield, teacher of the cerebral palsied at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis.

Tommy is an 18-year old resident at Bethesda. Because he has cerebral palsy, Tommy hasn't been able to talk. For the past few years, he has expressed himself through a communication board, a tray-like device attached to his wheelchair. Tommy "talked" by pointing to various words and symbols on the board.

"On his old communication board, Tommy's vocabulary was limited to about 200 words," Redfield said.

The Autocom, Tommy's new computerized board, has over 100 selection squares which can be encoded with letters, words, phrases, or sentences on seven memory banks or levels. The new board gives Tommy nearly 800 choices in constructing his message.

Tommy uses a special magnetized "wand" to activate the board and indicate the words and phrases. What he points to is spelled out on a monitor at the top of the board. If Tommy wants his message to be "written", the

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## A Birthday Gift ... in Reverse

-by Rev. Herbert W. Rohe

Usually a person is happy to receive gifts on his birthday. Not so Mr. Walter Moentann of Trinity Lutheran Church, Norborne, Missouri (Rev. Alvin H. Lange). Recently on his seventy-eighth birthday, May 11, Walter gave a check of \$306.00 to his pastor for a teacher of the deaf in India, Mr. P. Albert Durairaj, thanking his pastor for the opportunity to be of service in the Church's mission.

A few months ago Mr. Durairaj's son had to go to the hospital for three months. Mr. Durairaj had to loan the money to pay the bills. Without resources to repay the loans, he wrote to the Synod's Ministry to the Deaf department for aid. Mr. Durairaj is principal of the India Evangelical Lutheran School for the Deaf in Ambur. Soon after, the Synod's Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf, Pastor Herbert Rohe, met with seven Regional Advisors in Ministry to the Deaf. He brought to them the plea from Mr. Durairaj. Pastor William Lange, of Minneapolis, one of the Advisors, asked for a copy of the letter which he forwarded to his brother Alvin. He knew of Alvin's interest in missions overseas and his willingness to approach his people in Trinity congregation for mission gifts.

When Pastor Alvin Lange received the letter, he remembered Mr. Moentann's previous offer that "if there was ever an extraordinary need such as this not to hesitate to inform him of it, because he wanted to know what the needs of the Lord were and was anxious to help as much as he could."

Strangely, Alvin writes, "As I was going to contact him he met me as I was coming out the driveway." Pastor Lange told him about Mr. Durairaj's letter. "He thanked me, wrote out a check for the full amount and went

happily on his way."

Then Pastor Lange writes: "I praise God that he gives such gifts of His Spirit to His people and am sure you will use this occasion to praise and thank God too! By the way, it happens that today is his (Mr. Moentann) birthday, number 78. Mr. Moentann thanked Pastor Lange several times for the opportunity to perform this meaningful service on the anniversary of his birth."

Thus Mr. Moentann had a most happy birthday with his "birthday gift in reverse". We do indeed praise God with Pastor Lange.

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Eighty-five million Americans drink alcohol, 10 million are alcoholics and problem drinkers, and approximately 365,000 become addicted each year.

Twice as many innocent bystanders were killed by drunken drivers as were killed by robbers, rapists and arsonists combined.

For every liquor revenue dollar received the cost to the taxpayer is \$7.36.

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### MINI-MESSAGE

In a waterfront restaurant in Sitka, Alaska, a friend of mine saw this sign:

"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES - IT WILL  
DRIVE THEM CRAZY!"

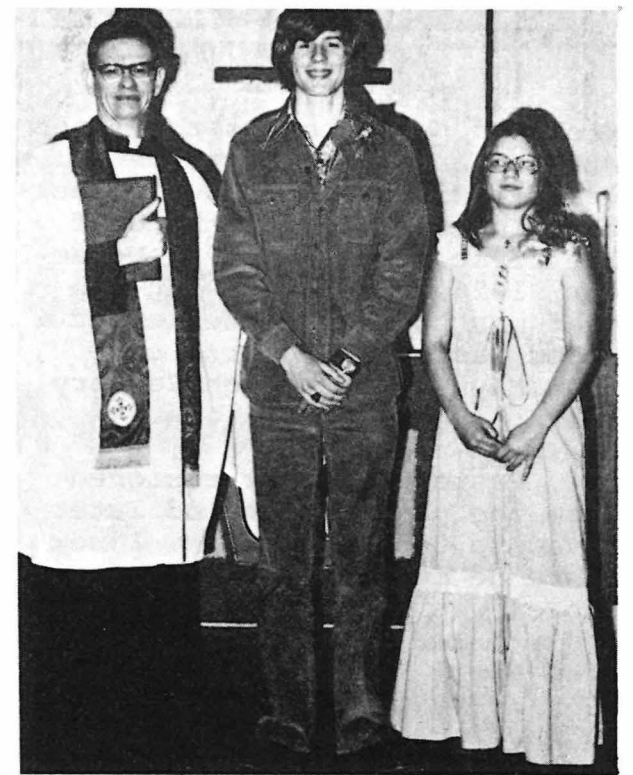
You can say that again - only not quite in those words:

Yes - if you love your enemies - it will upset them - unnerve them to a degree. So many people misunderstand the strength and invincibility of Christian love. They usually associate the supreme love that Scripture speaks about with the word "meek" . . . and construe it to be weak. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Something does happen to your enemies if you continue to love them. With the help of the Holy Spirit. . . it will happen to you too. Try it. According to Jesus - that's the way Christians are made.

"The Clarion"

## Confirmation Celebrated



L. to R. Rev. Wm. Ludwig, Greg Deeth, and Cathy Buckly.

### CONFIRMATION AT OUR REDEEMER

On Sunday May 1, 1977 Greg Deeth and Cathy Buckly received the Rite of Confirmation at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle, Washington.

A reception was held for the two young people immediately following the worship service.

Mr. Jacob Weber, representative of the Aid Association for Lutherans Insurance Company presented both young people with a beautiful cross, gifts from the AAL.

Greg Deeth will graduate from Roosevelt High School this summer and plans to attend the Seattle Community College in the fall. Cathy Buckly attends the Vancouver School for the Deaf in Vancouver, Washington.

Rev. William A. Ludwig is pastor of the Western Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf and conducts Bible Class and worship services in Seattle, Everett and Tacoma besides having two preaching stations in Bremerton and Yakima, Washington. As Pastoral Advisor of the Northwest area, he also conducts service in Spokane, Washington.

-by Meta Luetzow



"Besides mission aid, memorial gifts, and all-out stewardship, does anyone know how we can raise a few bucks?"



## ARE YOU ONE IN SEVEN ?

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to information given by the National High Blood Pressure Education Program.

\*Today your blood pressure is \_\_\_\_\_. The first or top number measures the FORCE of your heartbeat pushing blood from the heart into the vessels (systolic pressure). The second or bottom number measures the pressure when your heart is at rest between beats (diastolic pressure).

\* When these numbers get too high (in adults that's usually anything over 140/90) it means that there is too much pressure or STRAIN on your heart and blood vessels.

\* High blood pressure is very common. One out of seven adults, or 23 million Americans, has high blood pressure. Hypertension is another term for high blood pressure.

\*If you do have high blood pressure and don't get it treated, you run serious risk of heart disease, kidney failure, or stroke.

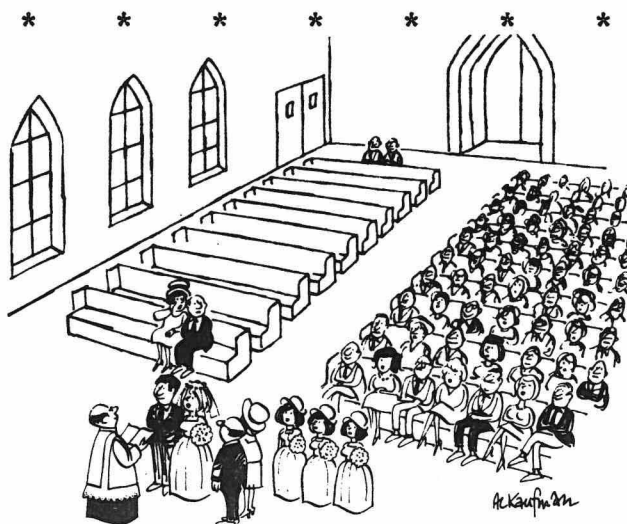
\*The only way to know if you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure measured by someone specially trained.

\*If you are told that your blood pressure is normal, have it rechecked each year. It could get high next year and there's no other way of knowing, because high blood pressure has no symptoms.

\*Once you have high blood pressure, you will probably always have it - BUT, if you treat it, it can be kept under control. You can be healthy today and tomorrow if you keep your blood pressure under control.

\*If the doctor gives you medicine, take it regularly - not just when you remember to or when you feel like it. Before the prescription runs out - get more pills. And keep your appointments with your doctor. Together you can keep your blood pressure under control.

-from HEARTBEAT



"He wanted a small wedding and she wanted a large one."

## COMPUTERIZED BOARD ENABLES SPEECHLESS BOY TO TALK

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Autocom will produce a "read - out" tape.

To get someone's attention, Tommy can point to a square that rings a bell. In case of an emergency, he can activate a bell that continues to ring until someone responds.

Tommy is currently using four of the seven levels. The first level is programmed for the alphabet and numbers. The next three levels become progressively harder and are encoded with words and phrases.

"The new board has a lot of advantages over the old one," Redfield continued. "Before, someone always had to observe Tommy in order to correct his mistakes. With the monitor right on the board, Tommy can work along and correct his own errors."

The Autocom was designed and built by the Trace Research and Development Center for the Severly Communicatively Handicapped, University of Wisconsin in Madison. The board will be programmed to meet Tommy's individual needs.

To learn how the board operates, Redfield spent a day training at the Trace Center. Tommy prepared by practicing with a non-computerized model of the Autocom. "Tommy realizes that he still has a great task ahead of him in learning all the words and phrases we've programmed," Redfield said, "but he's already made suggestions to me about ways he can learn."

The Autocom has other areas of potential besides expanding Tommy's vocabulary. The device has terminals that could allow Tommy to operate a computer. A voice synthesizer can be connected to the board, permitting Tommy to "speak". The Autocom also can be connected to a television monitor or a teletype machine.

The \$4,000 board was paid for through the donation of a special friend of Bethesda.

Bethesda Lutheran Home is a home, school, and treatment center for nearly 600 mentally retarded men, women, and children. The Home offers its residents over 100 programs, including educational, vocational, recreational, physical and occupational therapy, and Chaplaincy programs.

IT SEEMS THAT EVERY PERSON DOES ONLY TWO THINGS: WHAT HE WANTS TO - AND WHAT HE MUST.

## Five Year Old's Faith

-from HEARTBEAT

Five year old Mark Urich fell off his pony Saturday, broke his arm, and wound up in the hospital just shy of receiving his three months' perfect attendance pin at his church. I understand he has come very close to getting his perfect attendance pin before but something always seems to happen each time.

When Mark heard that we have a chapel service on Sunday, he felt maybe his perfect attendance record could be continued. However, the nature of his injury made it inadvisable for him to attend in person.

Prior to the service, Mark's nurse called and told me about him. Mark and his parents wondered if he watched on television and I came by later whether this would suffice. I told her that I felt it would, and I would come by to see Mark after the service was over.

Realizing he was watching, I welcomed him by name when I welcomed those who tuned in on channel 2. Later, I had a delightful visit with Mark and his parents.

When I arrived at his room, I found a friendly red-haired lad who had watched the service and heard his name on television for the very first time.

I hope that I helped Mark. His young faith, the effort he made to keep his church attendance perfect, and the friendly way he received me when I went to visit him helped me.

Mark, I hope your perfect attendance remains unbroken for a long, long, time!

-Chaplain H. Dale Wright

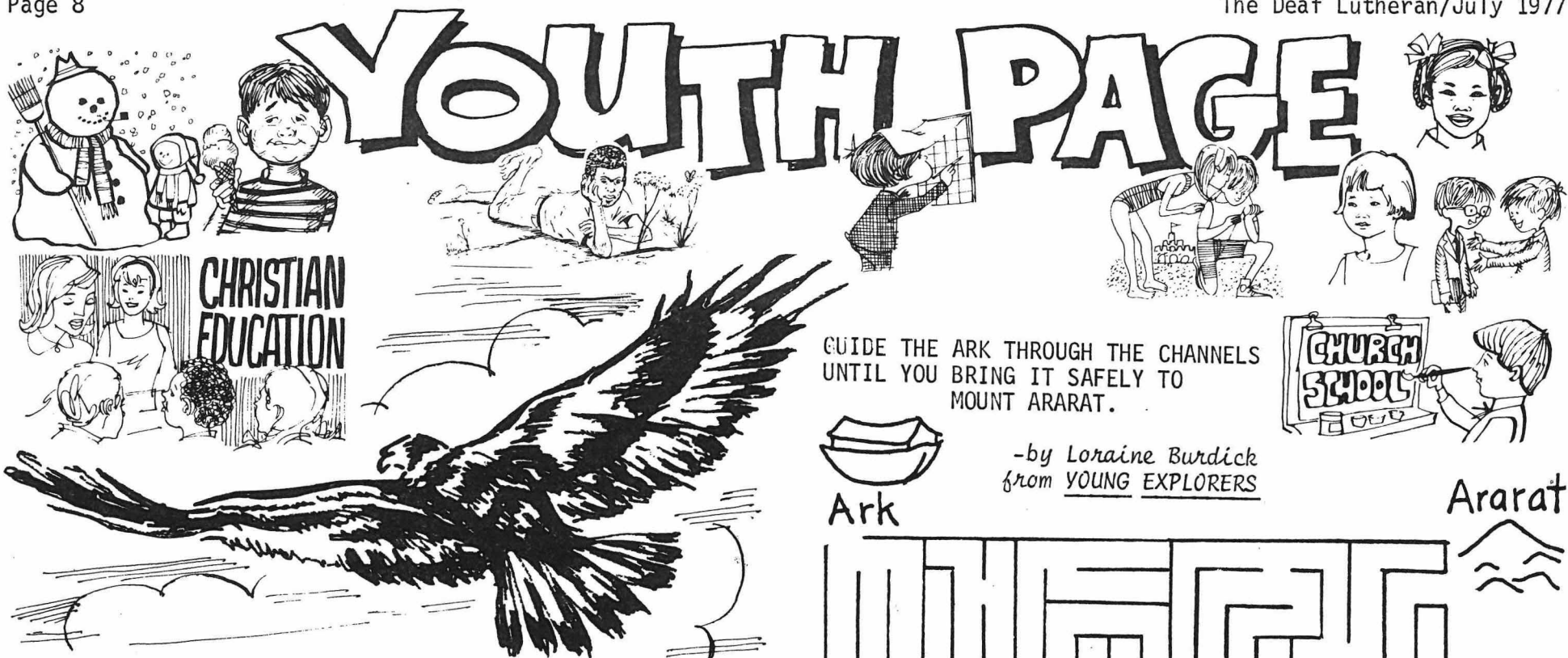
## FROM DEAR ABBY

I have finally found an answer that I think says everything:  
I am a teenager and this is what I want:  
I want a time to be alone -  
alone with my thoughts.  
I want to be accepted for what I am.  
I want to be loved by those  
who brought me into this world.  
I want a home that is rich in honesty,  
sharing and caring.  
I want to be heard: I just have something to say that you need to hear.  
I want to know more about myself -  
my sexuality, my desires, my goals.  
I want to know God and worship Him  
in my own way.  
I want to live my life one day at a time; for only then will I know its fullness.  
And as I would live my life for me,  
so would I have you live your life for you.

- A Teenager

DEAR TEENAGER: Good. Did you write it? If not, I would like to offer my congratulations to the author.

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## God's Hitchhiking Bird

God made many things for us to be happy. It is fun to watch the animals and birds that God made. It is fun to help and care for them.

God made the hawk with beautiful long wings. This helps it move in the air in a special way. It is fun to watch the hawk. Some people call it a "master glider." But others say the hawk is God's hitchhiking bird.

Bird watchers often see the hawk land on the top of a tall tree. As it rests there, it looks out on the countryside. Then it spreads its wings and takes off. Suddenly it feels rising warm air. Quickly the hawk turns as the warm air pushes under its wings and carries it up. Now the hawk turns again and again to stay in the rising warm air. When it reaches the top where the warm air is cooled, this big bird goes off in a straight line. By holding its wings out straight and moving slowly, it can float through the air for miles. When it hits another spout of rising warm air, our bird friend, the hawk, hitchhikes another ride to the top.

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## Busy Like a Bee

Honeybees store their honey in honeycombs which they have made from wax. Each little bin is called a cell. Many bees work together on one cell. All cells are alike. Each cell has six sides, but they come in two sizes. As each cell is finished, the honeycomb grows bigger and stronger.

God's children everywhere also are busy. They are busy building His church. They are interested in helping others become part of God's family. These people of God often meet together in their homes. They find ways to tell others about Jesus. Together they find others who want to thank and worship God with them. By working together like busy bees they help their church grow bigger and stronger.

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\* A mother asked her small child the name of her Sunday school teacher. The child replied, "I don't know her name, but she must be the grandmother of Jesus, because all she does is talk about Him."

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If you stand for nothing you will fall for everything!

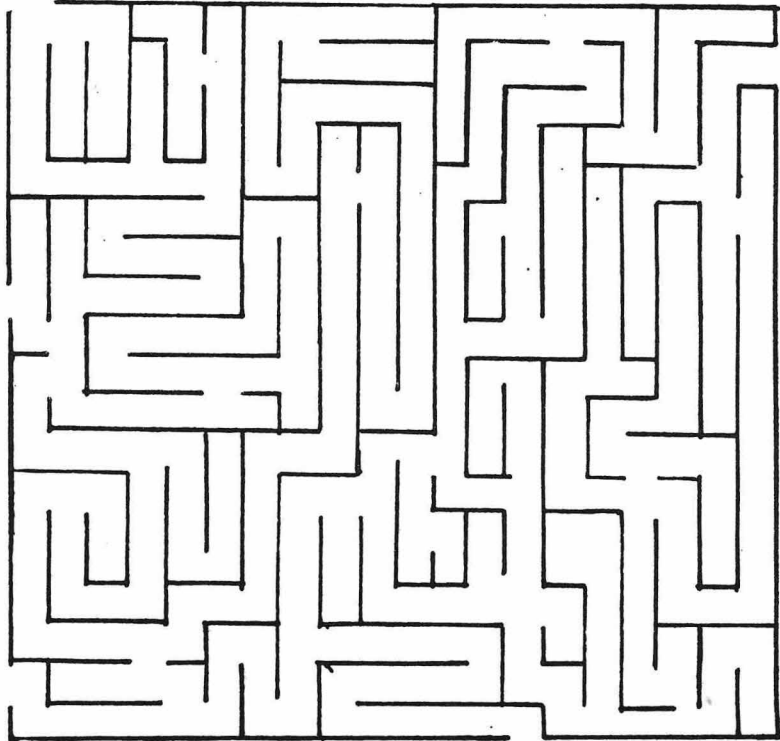
GUIDE THE ARK THROUGH THE CHANNELS UNTIL YOU BRING IT SAFELY TO MOUNT ARARAT.



Ark

-by Loraine Burdick  
from YOUNG EXPLORERS

Ararat



### RIDDLES:

Q. There were 16 ears of corn in a barrel. Each night a rabbit took three ears home. How many nights did it take to get all the corn home?

A. Sixteen nights. He took one ear of corn and his own two ears home each night.

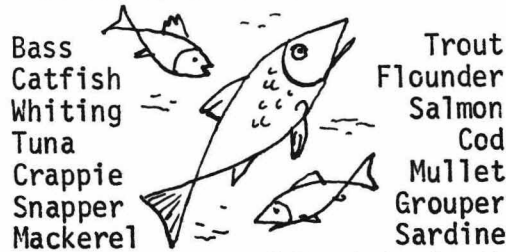
Q. A man who lived on the 15th floor of a tall apartment building took his exercise each morning then rode the elevator down to the first floor and went to work. In the evening when he returned home from work he rode the elevator only to the 10th floor and walked the stairs the remaining 5 floors to his apartment on the 15th floor. Why?

A. He was a midget and too short to reach the 15th floor button in the elevator.

### SCRAMBLED WORD FUN FOR THE DEAF

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. It was their job to catch fish and sell them to support their families. James and John were fishermen. Peter was also a fisherman.

Let's go fishing. Find these fish in the puzzle. They may be found by reading in any direction, even backwards!



BONUS: The word "fish" is in the puzzle five times. Find them!

C R A P P E E F L O U N  
G D S A H S I F T A C T  
R O O S S A R D W F S U  
O T C C N M C H M I A N  
U U A M A A I A A S R E  
P N T H O T P L C H D I  
A A S I I S E P K C I P  
R I F N F R H T E O N P  
F C G K E L U O N R E A  
A R C K C O O D O M U R  
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