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HAPPY NEW YEAR

From The Secretary for North American
Ministry for The Blind and Deaf - LC/MS

-by Rev. Donald Zuhn

Have you made your plans for the new year 1979? Some people call those plans "New Year's Resolutions," and we know what often happens to them - they are quickly forgotten! Others say, "I don't make plans, I just live each day as it comes." But I suspect that even those people have some plans: plans to keep on working, or maybe plans to retire this year; plans to eat three meals a day, or maybe plans to diet and lose weight (especially after all those Christmas goodies!). Life without plans would be in shambles.

God has plans for each one of us during this coming year. True, we do not know what those plans are in detail; it is hard for us to see into February, much less into December, from where we are in January. But God has told us much of what He plans for us. He plans to keep

on loving us this year-"His steadfast love remains forever" (Psalm 106:1). He plans to stay on our side all year - "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). He plans to forgive us our sins each day - "If we confess our sins to God, we can trust Him, for He does what is right; He will forgive us our sins and make us clean from all our wrongdoing" (1 John 1:9). God's plans - all part of His promises to us - have their center in Jesus Christ. We have seen again how God kept His promise to send a Savior for all people, and soon we will see once more how God's

plans for us took Jesus to the cross to die for all.

Remembering God's plans for you, what do you plan to do for God and His church this year? If you have not made those plans yet, I hope you do so right away. Plan to worship your Lord regularly together with other people of God. Plan to show your love with daily living that is pleasing to God. Plan to give glory to God by telling other people about Jesus and His love. Plan to support the work of the church with generous offerings that you give with love and thanksgiving. Plan ... and may the loving Lord bless your plans to serve Him.

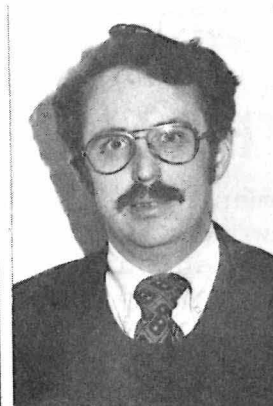
THIS IS MY COMMAND: BE STRONG, BE FAITHFUL; DO NOT BE FEARFUL OR DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO!

Joshua 1:9

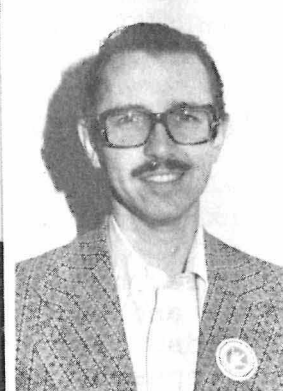
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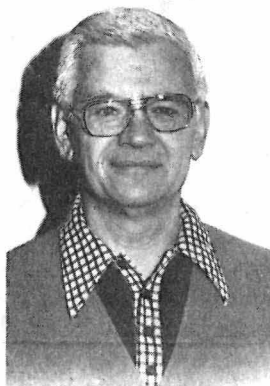
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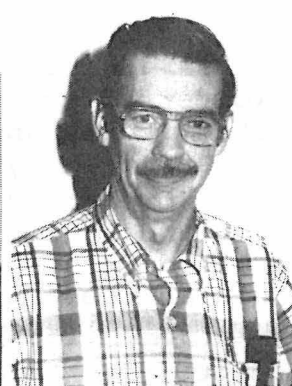
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An Apology

THE EDITOR SINCERELY APOLOGIZES FOR THE INCONVENIENCES AND THE REDUCED NUMBER OF EDITIONS THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GET OUT LAST YEAR, 1978.

THIS WAS DUE TO A NUMBER OF REASONS, BOTH PERSONAL AND TECHNICAL. HOWEVER, MOST OF THOSE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. THIS NEW YEAR (WITH GOD'S HELP) I HOPE TO REACH YOU EACH MONTH WITH AN ISSUE FULL OF TIMELY AND INTERESTING ARTICLES.

THANK YOU FOR BEARING WITH ME THROUGH THIS TRYING TIME.

The Editor

On Being Thankful

A married woman said, "I'm thankful for my wonderful husband." A married man said, "For my wife, my children, my parents, and all my relatives and friends. For the gifts of hearing, speech, and sight, or if lacking one or more of those gifts, am still thankful for my mind which enables me to use the gift of sign language or braille, and for living in such a wonderful country like the United States which lets me worship God the way I want to."

A workman said, "For having a job and an employer who is interested in his people which includes those with a handicap."

A woman who recently came to America said, "For having been made to work hard when I was young, and that the people in my new country quickly accepted me as one of them."

A mother said, "For being in good health and for having healthy children."

A grown-up son said, "For having learned about giving first aid to the sick. Especially about mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, so that I could use it to save my mother's life."

You and I and Christians everywhere will always add those thanks - all the time - in any place, "For having a loving God who sent His Son to reconcile us to Him!"

The Story Behind God's 1,000 Club

During a meeting of the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors in October 1976 there was a discussion on how funds could be obtained to help finance those board meetings. As usual, this meeting was held at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Our good friend, Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, then Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf, suggested that perhaps we could put together a group of deaf Lutherans and friends who would be willing to make an annual donation for this cause. And if enough donors could be enlisted our meetings of the Board of Directors would become well off financially.

The ILDA Board of Directors is made up of five duly elected officers at the biennial conventions, plus seven Regional Presidents. By nature of his office, the Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf (now known as The Secretary for North American Ministry for the Blind and Deaf) has always attended ILDA's board meetings having all the rights and privileges of a full board member. This brings us a total of 13 individuals that make up ILDA Board of Directors.

These board members travel to St. Louis from every corner of the United States to meet in Concordia Seminary and carry out their duties of managing the affairs of ILDA. Often they come at great personal expense since they receive no pay and frequently must use up vacation time from their regular jobs or even lose pay for the time they are away from their jobs. All they get is travel ticket expenses plus room and board at Concordia Seminary. Normally the board meets twice a year and each year since its beginning costs of having those board meetings have grown.

So in October of 1976 the Board of Directors formally accepted Rev. Rohe's suggestion. The name "God's 1,000 Club" was chosen because first of all the work of ILDA is to get the Good News of God's Son to the deaf everywhere. 1,000 represented the number of donors or club members we hope to enlist.

People who become members in God's 1,000 Club are asked to contribute \$10 upon becoming members and to make new another \$10 each year thereafter. This is not a part of the regular ILDA dues and it does not pay for a subscription to The Deaf Lutheran. Any donations given to God's 1,000 Club can only be used to help pay the expenses of ILDA board meetings.

Membership in this club is open to all who want to help. The number of people who have joined stands at a little over 100 and because its purpose and requirements do not seem to be very clear to some who have joined, the editor with this article hopes to clear away some of the misunderstandings. The Board of Directors will try to explain this club and how important it is in the working of ILDA at the Regional Conferences and the Biennial convention in Memphis, Tennessee this summer.

Suggestions from readers of The Deaf Lutheran are most welcome. Send in any ideas on how we can improve this club to me and I will publish it if it really is good. Or if you wish you may send your suggestions to ILDA Secretary Marion Van Manen; 1512 10th Avenue, S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404. We really do need your help.

*Thank you,
The Editor*

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FROM OUR PASTORS

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

-by Rev. Shirrel Petzholdt
Messenger of Hope L.C./Deaf
Portland, Oregon

"Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and he who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to him who knocks. Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone, when he asks for bread? Or would you give him a snake when he asks for fish? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, your Father in heaven will give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:7-11

Do you remember the nursery rhyme about Old Mother Hubbard and her dog? When I was a boy I always wondered what would happen if instead of finding nothing for the dog, she would have a whole ton of bones come falling out of the cupboard. It reminds me that when we pray, maybe we should bring a bushel basket!

If we really believe God's promises, we should expect His blessings to come pouring down upon us when we pray. I think that is what Jesus is talking about in the Bible reading above since we also know that Jesus didn't only talk about the power of faith. Jesus showed His power in His miracles. Remember all the sick people that He made well again? Remember the many fish that His disciples caught when they were about to give up? Remember the picnic for 5,000 people that started with only one sack lunch?

We remember these miracles, but do we really expect God to bless us the same? We may pray for something, but really, we don't expect God to answer our prayer. Or maybe we expect Him to answer our prayer with only a little bit of blessing instead of a lot of blessing.

Maybe our problem is that we don't see a miracle if we don't look for one. A miracle may be right under our noses--but if we don't look for it, we will walk right past it and never even know that we missed a miracle. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you." But that is not all Jesus said. Jesus said, "Seek, and you will find."

If we really trust in God's love and goodness, we can ask

Him to do great things for us--and in faith, we will look for great and wonderful things to happen. Miracles really do happen to those who believe in them. So, when you pray, bring a bushel basket, or maybe even a truck!

Adapted from-"My Devotions."

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"YES, I AGREE YOUR HUSBAND COULD USE HELP, BUT I'M AFRAID A SOUL TRANSPLANT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION."

Quake Shakes City and Islamabad

Please Read Matthew 28:1-8

An earthquake shook Rawalpindi and Islamabad on Friday at 7:30 P.M. Tremors which lasted for a few seconds were so severe that power supply was disrupted for a while in Islamabad. No damage was reported from anywhere.

Imagine that you are a reporter for a newspaper. Can you make the above article from Pakistan be like Easter in your town? I'll give you a start.

Quake Shakes City

-by You

Earthquake shook city on Sunday, at 5:30 a.m. The shaking which lasted for a few seconds was so great that power supply was increased and continued for all Christians everywhere. No damage was reported from anywhere except from the cemetery, where someone dressed in white, uncovered one of the graves and sat on the rock. The night watchmen were so afraid that they could not move. Some women friends of the dead man were frightened until the man in white told them. . .

Now, you finish the story. But why should we talk about Easter when we should be talking about Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is a time to remember all the good things God has done for us and the many gifts God has given to us...Without God's greatest gift, Jesus, given to us at Christmas and Easter, we really cannot fully appreciate the other gifts He gives us. We

should be thankful that Jesus died and now lives again so that we can live with Him in heaven!

-Adapted from My Devotions

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GOD GAVE THE COMMISSION

-by Rev. William H. Lange

"Prince of Peace L.C./Deaf
St. Paul, Minnesota

God gave the commission, the command, to preach the Gospel so that souls might be saved. We are Christians because someone came to us, or to our Fathers before us, with the Gospel. Through this Gospel the Holy Spirit has brought us to faith. Now we are to tell others the good news. God commands it!

God so loved the world that He gave His Son into death that the world of men might have life.

MISSIONS IS THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL. By God's grace one man must reach after another to share the good news. God's children will so love that they will give of their lives and substance to advance their King's business. Missions is at the heart of every Christian's life. The thankful Christian will proclaim what great things God has done. He will testify to the mercy of the redeeming Christ.

God gave the commission to share the Gospel with the world. Our Congregation, Our District, Our Synod DID NOT INVENT THIS COMMISSION. In fact our congregation, our District and our Synod were organized to carry out this commission. God placed the Savior's commission at the center of our congregation's and Synod's charter. Without the commission, we would soon become just another club or society. By preaching and teaching the Word of God, we Christians and our congregation are involved by God Himself in the world's most important work. We are not just supporting mission work, we are missionaries by God's commission and God's Will.

Forces are at work that would prevent us from fulfilling our Lord's commission. But we will not be sidetracked from working at the task which lies at the very center of our purpose in life. Many must yet hear from our lips songs of redeeming grace which witness to the love of Christ for sinners. Jesus involved Himself, now He involves you and me to tell of His loving kindness.

He designed missions to be the joy of our lives. For our Savior's sake, are you prepared to gladly offer that which is costly? Are you willing to do without something which you want badly but which is not really necessary so that others might stand at your side in the Kingdom? Are you ready to give

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ILDA



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A Report From The Meeting of the ILDA Board of Directors.....

-by Henry Lester Ahls
Midwest Regional President
ILDA Board Member

The absence of Rev. H.W.Rohe, former Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf-LC/MS was keenly felt as ILDA board members arrived in St. Louis Thursday, October 26, 1978 and discovered that no one had bothered to make reservations for their regular October meeting at Concordia Seminary.

However, quick thinking and action taken by President Joe Kindred and other board members quickly secured accommodations for this important three-day meeting, October 26-28, 1978. The board met at The Bel Air Motel-West, New York Room. There they also were given lodging and meals.

Thursday night at the opening of the meeting all were present except for board members Thuve and Fitzgerald who sent word that they were unable to attend. Pastoral Advisor, Rev. Paul Dorr sent word that he would arrive the next morning. A reading of Scriptures as written in Luke 22:37-42 opened the meeting. President Kindred sang, "How Great Thou Art."

Secretary Marion Van Manen gave his reports which included the announcement that word was received that Rev. Donald Zuhn of Brainerd, Minnesota had accepted the call to the position of Secretary for North American Ministry to the Blind and Deaf.

The books of the Treasurer, Elmer D. Francisco were audited by Richard Crossen and Harold Thuve who reported them to be in good order and correct. The report of Treasurer Francisco was then accepted.

Regional Presidents gave their reports: Henry Lester Ahls for Midwest; Richard Crossen for Great Lakes; Betty Jo Healey for Central. She highlighted her report by announcing that the 1979 Central Regional Conference would be held in Peoria, Illinois. She told of the great success of the past conference that was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was happy about the coverage it received in The Deaf Lutheran. She expressed her hopes that the other regions would also make arrangements to have their regional conferences publicized in a like manner. Harold Rife then reported for Northwest Region; Leroy Treibel for Eastern Region, stating that his region had held a fund raising affair and will donate half of the proceeds with ILDA while keeping the other half for their needs. He encouraged other regions to do the same. In the absence of Harold Thuve, Charles Kotal read the report from the Pacific Region. He announced that plans for the 1981 ILDA Convention in Los Angeles, Ca. are already being made and the convention dates are set for July 23-26, 1981.

The first evening's business was concluded with a report by Mr. Lawrence Fields of Dixie Region about progress to date made for the 1979 ILDA Convention in Memphis, Tenn.

The second business meeting of the board opened Friday morning with a reading from Scriptures by Mr. Van Manen. He quoted Chapter 24 of Matthew, verses 24 and 25. The hymn "I heard the Voice of Jesus" was sung by Betty Jo Healey.

President Joe Kindred reported that since Rev. Rohe left his post on the Board of Missions there has been a communication gap between them and ILDA, however, since the position is now being filled by Rev. Donald Zuhn, he hope that the lack of communications will soon be resolved.



Two different views of the board meeting that was held at the Bel-Air Motel-West in St. Louis, Oct. 26-28, 1978. Top photo, Clockwise from Rev. Paul Dorr (speaker): Mrs. Betty Jo Healey; Russel Healey; Richard Crossen; Harold Rife ; LeRoy Treibel; Mrs. Betty Ahls; Lawrence Fields; Henry Lester Ahls; Elmer D. Francisco; Marion Van Manen; Joseph Kindred, and Charles Kotal.

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God Gave The Commission

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more generously and more regularly for missions so that others might have the Bread of Life to feed their starving souls?

God brought our church into existence so that it might be His instrument to introduce Christ to those who do not know and love Him, to deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him, and to demonstrate by the Holy Spirit the way of love to the world. God gave this commission. Royal sons and daughters of God, let us be about our King's business and be faithful to our commission as we share the Gospel.

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ILDA Board Meeting

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Pres. Kindred praised the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf for their generosity of donating \$5,000 to The Deaf Lutheran to help in its work, and the donations of like amounts to our Lutheran Seminaries to help provide scholarships in the Deaf Ministry. Praise was also given for their offer to provide TTYs for workers in the Deaf Ministry.

Law Committee Chairman Charles Kotal reported: All regions have cooperated and sent him copies of their Constitutions and By-Laws except Dixie region. Lester Ahls said that after Midwest region had sent a copy of their Constitution, there existed an earlier and valid Constitution and By-Laws that was not known to him. The matter of those two Constitutions will have to be resolved at the 1979 Conference in Cedar Rapids.

Law Committee Chairman Kotal continued with a recommendation that two officers sign all ILDA checks so that it will be unnecessary for the treasurer to be bonded and save ILDA several dollars and greatly facilitate the payment of bills should one of the two expire.

Kotal dwelled at length on the problems that come from the rule that newly elected Regional Presidents to attend ILDA Conventions and take the oath of office. Sometimes such Regional Presidents cannot afford the expense of making such a trip. He proposed that this rule be changed and permit the local Regional Pastoral Advisor to give this oath of office at the Regional Conference whenever such officers are elected. President Kindred authorized Mr. Kotal to write up a proposed rule to be studied by the board at its next meeting in February.

The treasurer's report showed a grand total of \$10,709.43. Treasurer Elmer D. Francisco urged that "God's 1,000 Club" be pushed, noting that pledges were not being renewed as hoped. He feels that many of the original donors did not understand the nature of the plan. (See page 2 of this issue). Mr. Francisco said that there were currently about 80 contributors but hoped that we will soon realize many more. Mr. Francisco asked that a coupon with a gentle reminder be put in The Deaf Lutheran as a permanent feature. The board voted positive on this and the editor was authorized to accommodate this.

President Kindred reported that the site of the 1979 Ephphatha Conference would be M.S.U. (Memphis State University). ILDA's board has been invited to consider attending it following the ILDA convention. He likes the idea and will try to arrange a meeting the two bodies in this manner.

At Mr. Kotal's suggestion that the Master of Ceremonies at the 1979 convention be a deaf person, the board decided to give this some consideration and will make a decision at the Feb. 1979 board meeting in Memphis.

Pastoral Advisor Rev. Paul Dorr recommended that we keep a careful balance of the good (Christian goals) to be obtained from our conventions versus costs of other things (entertain-

ment, tours, picnics, etc.) on our convention programs. Convention committees should obtain costs of all activities under consideration and stay within specific limits so that a proper balance of entertainment versus good Christian activities and goals may be maintained.

A letter from the Southern District of Wisconsin was read which said that this district would cover the costs of printing our convention booklets in 1979. 2,000 copies will be made available to convention goers on a complimentary basis with some 400 being retained by the District. The cover design was described as bearing the ILDA seal. This booklet is not to be confused with the regular convention program book which will be kept separate.

At this point, the board adjourned for lunch.

Friday afternoon's session was opened with a prayer by Rev. Dorr. A hymn was sung by Betty Ahls.

A letter to Rev. Donald Zuhn on taking his new assignment as Secretary for North American Ministry for the Blind and Deaf was recommended. It is to express our concern about the large number of pastors who have left the Deaf Ministry. There are now fifteen vacancies in this field and it is the largest number of vacancies in recent memory. A similar letter will be sent to Rev. Martin Kosche, President of the RAC (Regional Advisors Committee). We would like to work with those two men on ways to change the exodus of our ministers.

Archie D. Marshall, editor of The Deaf Lutheran gave his report. He admitted that he was having serious problems of getting the paper out on schedule. Recently had to combine two months editions into one. He is making all efforts to get back on a monthly basis and expects to do so very soon. He said that by the time the ILDA meets in Memphis next summer he would recommend that we appoint a new editor if he is still experiencing difficulties.

Mr. Russel Healey, Business Manager of The Deaf Lutheran gave his report. He said that we currently have 3,842 subscribers. His treasury currently amounts to \$6,990.16 which includes the \$5,000 received from Lutheran Friends of the Deaf which is earmarked for use in purchasing necessary equipment to increase the efficiency of his and the editor's office.

The board then turned its attention to discussing ways in which the \$5,000 one-time grant from Mill Neck Manor could most efficiently be used in the improvement of The Deaf Lutheran. A committee was formed with Mr. Lester Ahls as chairman and LeRoy Treibel and Betty Healey as members. This committee will study all suggestions and make recommendations to the board on which are the best.

The board voted to have its next meeting on February 15-17, 1979 in Memphis, Tennessee so that besides its regular business it could also help round out the convention plans there. In the event that those days are inconvenient, then Pres. Kindred will choose another date. For the board's Fall 1979 meeting, the dates October 25-27 were chosen.

Because two board members were absent, the Chair decided not to take up any unfinished business.

President Joseph Kindred suggested that we recommend Rev. Herbert W. Rohe be named to receive The John of Beverly Award. Richard Crossen (Francisco) moved that this suggestion become a motion. However, following in the discussion, it was noted that Rev. Rohe being a member of the Board of Friends of the Deaf might make this difficult if not impractical. Both motion and second withdrew by mutual consent.

The meeting was then adjourned for supper.

At the beginning of the board meeting Fri. evening Oct. 27, Pres. Kindred opened with a hymn.

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Field Gleanings

A Texas Retreat

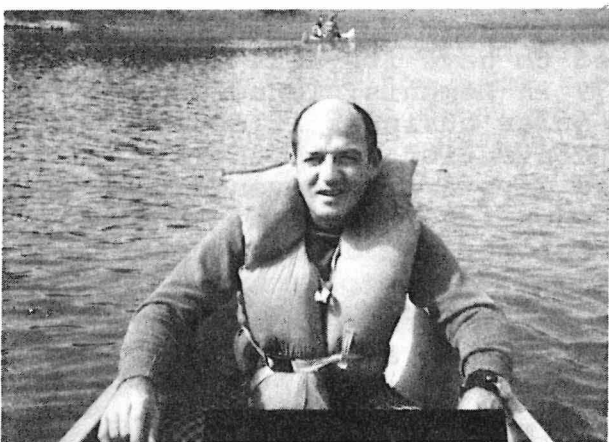
HOUSTON, TEXAS...

Holy Three-In-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Houston; and Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Austin; had their annual retreat at Lone Star Camp, La Grange, Texas on October 27, 28, & 29. Packed with fun-filled activities: Devotions, Chit-Chat hours, canoeing, horseback riding, hiking, volleyball, archery, and ending Sunday noon with different worship service in which everyone had part in leading. The other hearing group joined with us and it was truly an experience for them.

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Happy folks who participated in the Lone Star Camp retreat. Left to right back row: Rev. Reinap, Nell Reinap, Mrs. Abe Nirider, Peggy Stewart, Mary Case, Deg Lowe, Leroy Keller, Kathleen Case holding Robin Reinap. front row: Ruth Seeger, Carol Christ (teachers from TSD), James Markham, Yolanda Villareal, and Calvin Friedrich.



Pastor Case relaxing while daughter Kathleen (not shown) paddles on.

CONGRATULATIONS (belated)
...To Pastor John Nickerson (Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Chicago) who this past summer received his PhD Degree. It took some years of serious study and hard work, and so it is well earned. Congratulations, Dr. Nickerson!

er's during its years of existence.

Linda became almost totally blind at the age of twelve. But she doesn't let that stop her. She travels on two buses to come to Bible class and worship services. Her classmates and other members of the congregation interpret for her.

She skis, does her own cooking and laundry, loves camping and works at the Lighthouse for the Blind in Seattle.

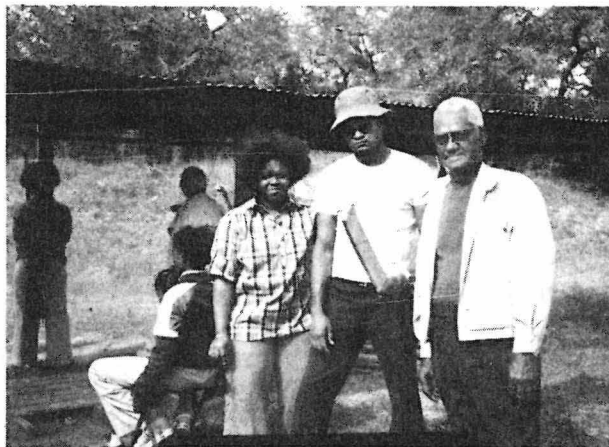
Mrs. Alvin Luetzow, a hearing woman prepared her for confirmation. "The hardest part of her work," Mrs. Luetzow said, "was sitting there while Pastor William Ludwig gave her the final test."

A reception was held for Linda after the worship service. Linda's pastor W.A. Ludwig serves the forty-five communicant members in Seattle and also brings God's Word to congregations in Everett and Tacoma, Washington and two preaching stations in Bremerton and Yakima.

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Pastor Reinap giving his children Robin and Richard a ride in canoe.



L. to r.: Alta Poole, Ollie Poole, and Deg Lowe. Mr. Lowe is president of Holy Three-In-One and is 82 years old. (hope we all can look as young as he does when we become his age!).

You can be a Buddhist. . . without
Knowing Buddha,
You can be a Muslim . . . without
knowing Muhammad,
But you cannot be a Christian . . .
without knowing Christ
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DEAF-BLIND WOMAN BECOMES MEMBER

-by Meta Luetzow
Seattle, WA

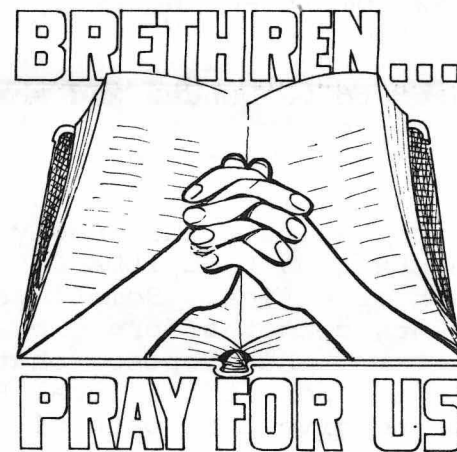
Sunday, October 1, 1978, Linda McNair, a young woman both deaf and blind became a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle, Washington through the rite of confirmation.

Linda is the second deaf-blind person to hold membership at Our Redeemer's during its years of existence.



Pastor William A. Ludwig with Linda McNair outside of the church for the deaf.

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Your brothers and sisters in the 14 churches that have no pastor are asking for your prayers. Pray that Jesus, the Lord of the harvest, will send workers into the fields that are ripe for the harvest.

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We thank God for leading Rev. George Natonick to accept the call to Washington - Christ/Baltimore - St. Mark. He will be installed in early February.

ILDA Board Meeting

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Mrs. Betty Ahls, wife of board member, Lester Ahls, was a visitor at the recent ILDA board meeting. She and her husband had just come to St. Louis from a vacation trip. Mrs. Ahls took a part in the meeting by sing-signing some of the hymns.

Lester Ahls motioned(Rife) that membership cards for God's 1,000 Club be printed and sent to members of this club. Passed unanimously. The new cards are also to show dates of membership and renewal of donations.

Suggestions discussed but no action taken were:

1. To discourage churches for the deaf from the practice of calling a pastor from another church for the deaf, and to encourage them to seek replacements from outside of the deaf mission field.
2. T-shirts emblazoned with the ILDA symbol in the interest of our young deaf members.
3. To transfer back to The Deaf Lutheran treasury the sum of \$1,096.82 being held in the ILDA treasury.
4. Make available materials on the deaf and deafness be sent to the libraries of our various synodical colleges. (This one was held up pending the arrival of Rev.Zuhn).
5. Writing up a handbook to give future ILDA Convention committees some guidelines to follow.

LeRoy Treibel motioned(Betty Healey) that we have printed and distributed a new batch of pamphlets that outline our mission goals, projects, and other endeavors. Passed.

At this point, the board adjourned and retired for the night.

Saturday morning, Oct.28th, the board opened its last business meeting with a reading from Scriptures by Elmer D. Francisco.

The last order of business was an informal discussion of the plans for the 1979 convention in Memphis. After this long discussion which lasted until noon, the board adjourned.

A demonstration of a new TTY console called a C-Phone was given to the board members by Mr. Eugene McDowell, representative of this St.Louis based firm that manufactures this new concept in TTY communication. This interesting unit uses a TV screen instead of the usual roll of paper.



Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
injury let me sow pardon
doubt let me sow faith
despair let me sow hope
darkness let me sow light
sadness let me sow joy.

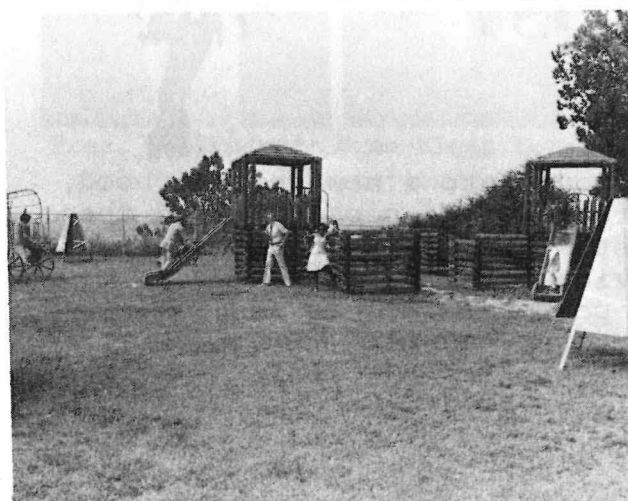
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive
pardoning that we are pardoned
dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

ILDA BOARD MEMBERS TOUR HOLIDAY-INN

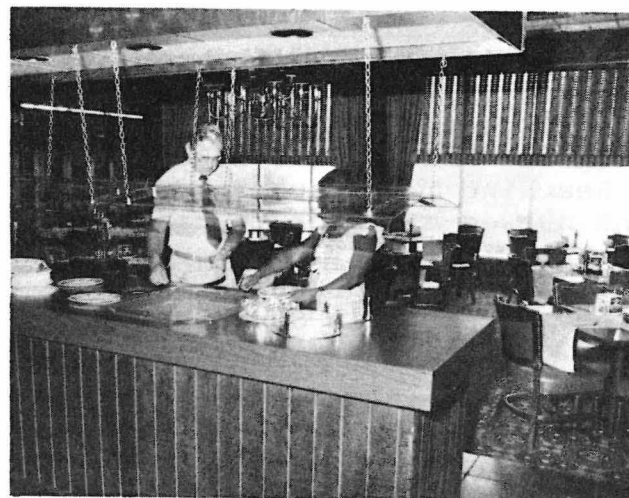
This tour is continued from the last issue. The purpose of this is to show the many beautiful and fascinating parts of the site of our ILDA Convention this year, June 21-24. This is a nice place where we can continue doing our work in the service of our Lord!

Convention goers can get a good view of the two swimming pools from their balconies which



includes a spacious and well equipped play ground, so bring the kiddies.

Hungry? There are many dining rooms such as the one shown here that features many tasty dishes, or



You can serve yourself from the buffet bar. Prices are reasonable.

Summing up the tour, one of the convention chairpersons, Ms.Lordy Revels gives the sign "I love this place, and you will too!"





AMERICA'S FIRST WELCOME WAGON HOST

When people move into a new neighborhood, they often are greeted by a person called the Welcome Wagon Host. Not only does this person offer helpful advice and information for the new family, but this person often has small gifts from the nearby storekeepers.

After the Pilgrims landed in America, one of the first Indians to welcome them was the well-known Squanto. Many boys and girls read about this famous friend of the Pilgrims, but few of them know much about him. Have you wondered why Squanto should be friendly to the Pilgrims and not an enemy? Or how was Squanto able to talk with these strange white people who had come across the sea?

The story of Squanto's life is not fully known, but records show that Squanto's adventures with the white man really began 15 years before the Pilgrims landed in 1620.

As early as 1605, Squanto came in contact with the English people through the explorer Captain George Weymouth, who captured him and took him back to England. While Squanto was there, he was treated kindly. It was at this time that he learned to speak the English language and became a Christian.

After a while Squanto wanted to see his people again and so Captain John Smith brought him back to New England in 1614. But Squanto did not remain with his tribe for long. That same year he and other Indian Braves were taken as slaves to Spain. Reaching that country, monks brought Squanto and nursed him back to health. During his stay in their monastery he learned to speak Spanish. But as soon as he was well, Squanto was set free. From Spain Squanto went to England, and in 1618 again sailed to New England.

But again misfortune entered Squanto's life. He found that his entire tribe had been wiped out by sickness. What should he do? He decided to live with a neighboring tribe called the Wampanoags.

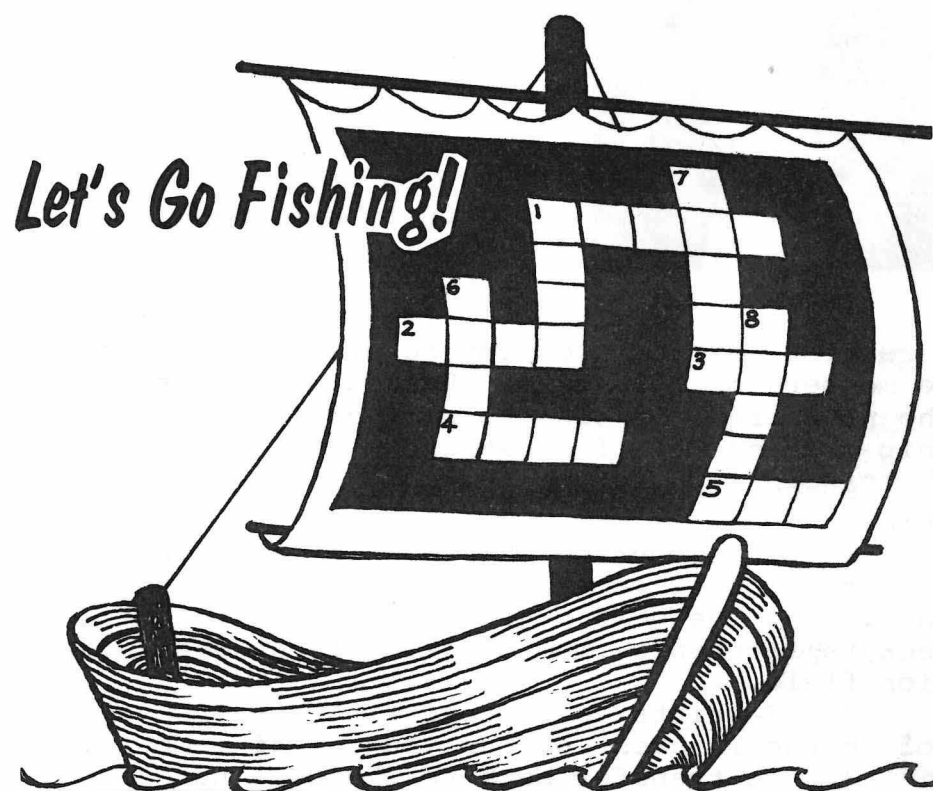
The year passed quickly, and in December 1620 Squanto again came in contact with people from England. This time it was the Pilgrims that landed at Plymouth Rock. Squanto was now ready and able to help the Pilgrims in so many ways. How fortunate for the Pilgrims that Squanto liked the ways of the English better than those of his adopted tribe!

Not only did he act as interpreter for the Pilgrims and make a friend of Chief Massasoit, but he also showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn, hunt, and fish.

Within a short time nearby Indians distrust-

ed Squanto for his friendliness to the Pilgrims. They captured him and sentenced him to death. It was now the Pilgrim's turn to help Squanto. They drove off the Indians and set him free. However, Squanto was again in danger about a year later when he led an exploring party of Pilgrims into the wilderness. This time he became ill and died. Even though the place where Squanto lies buried has no monument, he shall always be remembered when the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock is talked about.

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ACROSS:

1. During a storm the disciples' boat was filled with _____. (Luke 8:23)
2. Jesus said: "Let down your nets." When they did, their ships were filled with fish and began to _____. (Luke 5:4-7)
3. Jesus walked upon the _____. (Mark 6:48)
4. Great ships are guided by a small _____. (James 3:4-King James Version)
5. During a storm, the men tried to ____ their ship to land. (Jonah 1:13)

DOWN:

1. Peter left his ship and began to _____ on the water. (Matthew 14:29)
6. When the disciples did as Jesus told them, they caught many _____. (John 21:6)
7. _____ was asleep in the boat during a storm. (Matthew 8:22-24)
8. "I am going fishing, said _____. (John 21:3)

Answers:
Across: 1. water, 2. sink, 3. sea, 4. helm, 5. now.
Down: 1. walk, 6. fish, 7. Jesus, 8. Peter.

