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## GRANT TO INITIATE SEMINARY DEAF MINISTRY POSITION

St. Louis, Mo. - A two-part \$50,000 grant has been authorized to establish a chair (faculty position) of Deaf Ministries at Concordia Seminary.

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc. (LFD), based in New York, is providing funds for initiating the two-year faculty position. The position will begin a program of additional ministerial training and will assist those students with hearing difficulties.

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf is a support organization for a number of Lutheran deaf ministries, including the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf at Mill Neck, N.Y.

LFD indicated willingness to consider renewing the grant after the two-year period.

In addition to the grant establishing the chair, which will be known as The John of Beverly Professorship for Deaf Ministries, LFD has also

given \$5,000 to the seminaries at St. Louis, Mo. and Ft. Wayne, Indiana, for scholarships to aid students preparing for the deaf ministry.

The new program is intended to prepare future parish pastors for ministry to the deaf; to recruit professional church students for this specialized ministry; and to develop continuing theological education for pastors, teachers, and congregations to prepare better other workers assisting with the deaf ministry.

The first \$25,000 check for the program was presented shortly after the opening

of the current academic year at Concordia, St. Louis. At that time, LFD board member, Rev. Geo. Kraus spoke of the joy of LFD and Mill Neck Manor at being able to establish the program.

Concordia president, Dr. Ralph Bohlmann expressed thanks and pledged the seminary's resources "to explore every possibility so that this professorship and this program will better serve Christ's people with hearing handicaps."

Dr. Bohlmann said that faculty committees are studying the potential and needs of the program. He indicated that the preliminary study should be completed by spring 1979 so that the first professor of deaf ministry might be called to the John of Beverly Chair by mid-1979.

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU; LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, THEN ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES. John 13: 34-35

## The Good News



**"He set His face to go to Jerusalem."**  
Luke 9, 51

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### A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

#### IN THE WILDERNESS

Feb. 28

Ash Wednesday

#### TURN

This is the doorway to Lent. It is open. It invites you to enter. It pleads, "Use this season for your spiritual growth. Uproot your faults. Put aside the obstacles in the way of living a Christian life." Over this doorway is the word - "Repent." It is not there to condemn you but to bless you. It means to change your direction, to turn about. The door is open. In the distance you see Calvary. Turn and enter. There will be blessings. Read Luke 3, 1-15

Thursday, March 1

#### TEMPTATION

Temptation to do wrong is very real. Even Jesus was tempted. Satan tries to persuade Him to use His power to turn stones into bread, but He replied, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Again he tried to lead Jesus into false worship, but He said, "You shall worship the Lord your

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## THE EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

-by Mary L. Burgess

### Theme

### "ARISE WITH CHRIST"

The Eastern Regional ILDA Conference was hosted by St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf. It was held April 14-16, 1978 at the Holiday Hills YMCA, Pawling, N.Y.

There were 10 committee members chaired by Mrs. Mary L. Burgess, who worked hard and for many long hours to insure the success of this conference.



Committee from the host church, St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf, New York, N.Y. Front (left to right): Mrs. M. Cheese, Rev. Kenneth Schnepf, Mrs. D. Jackson, Ms. S. Rinehart, Mrs. M. Burgess. Back row, (l. to r.) Mr. A. Randolph, Mr. R. Jackson, Mr. J. McAlister, Mr. J. Cheese, Mrs. M. Cardo

Registration began on Fri. evening, April 14th that was followed by a social hour which included delicious snacks.

Following the social hour, the meeting shifted to the auditorium where Rev. Kenneth Schnepf gave an address of welcome and a short devotion including the singing of "Jesus Loves You". Then the conference broke up into small groups for more Bible study and discussions that were lead by Rev. Fred Anson and Vicar Dayton Williams.

There was a meeting by the ER-ILDA Board of Directors. Rev. Gerhold gave his Pastoral Advisor's report. Following this meeting, everyone retired for the night.

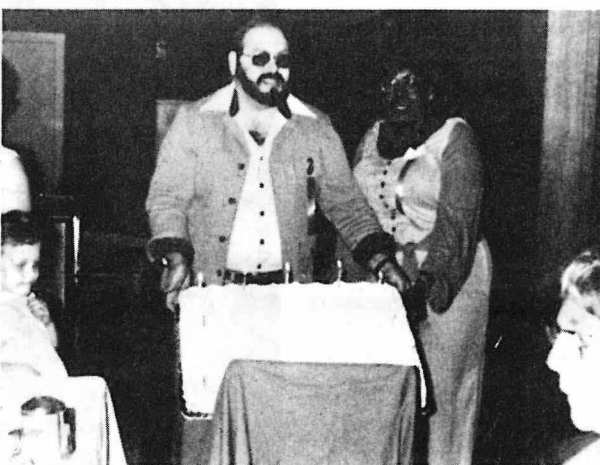
Saturday morning following a delicious breakfast, the regular business meeting began. President Elroy Triebel gave a welcoming speech. He introduced ER-ILDA officers, representatives, pastors, vicars and important visitors.

81 people attended this conference. They came from Hartford, Conn., St. Matthew & St. Mark of N.Y., St. Matthews of N.J. Delaware Valley, Pa., Laurel-Trinity Lutheran Church of Pa., Isaiah 29 Center for the Deaf Missions and Gallaudet College of Washington, D.C.

Regular routine matters were discussed in the first morning session which included the discussion of some proposed changes in ER-ILDA CONSTITUTION and By-laws.

In the afternoon meeting the projects chosen at the board meeting of Sept. 1977 were discussed. The projects are as follows: 1. Nova Scotia, 2. Deaf Mental Retarded Children, 3. AA Deaf, 4. World International Vision-Deaf Orphan Girl-India. Project #1. received the most votes and was adopted as our priority project and will be awarded the money after our first collection. It was suggested that our churches donate part of their social affairs profits to finance some of the other mission projects named above.

The new budget of ER-ILDA was adopted. The following officers were elected by acclamation: President-Elect-August Beyer; Secretary-Don Galloway; Treasurer- Mary Burgess; Regional Advisor- Rev. Daniel Pokorny and Rev. Allen Page.



Birthday cake presented to a smiling Rev. Schnepf by Mrs. M. Burgess and the conference.



Mrs. Burgess presenting banner awards to D. Glenney for Delaware Valley (3rd place and \$5.00) and to Dorothy Cohler for St. Matthews (1st place and \$15).

That evening, a banquet dinner was served which included a surprise birthday cake for Rev. Kenneth Schnepf. He was also presented with a birthday card which had everyone's signature on it.

Following dinner, the winners of the Banner contest were announced as follows: St. Matthew of Queens, New York-1st prize and \$15 cash award; St. Mark of Manhattan, N.Y. - 2nd prize and \$10 cash award; Delaware

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# The Good News

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God, and Him only shall you serve." Use Lent to grow stronger in your ability to say "no" to temptation. Read Luke 4, 1-13

Friday, March 2 CHRIST IS NEAR

John the Baptist fully understood his mission. He was God's messenger to prepare the way for Christ. To this end he baptized people, he preached to the crowds; he pleaded with them to "Turn, Repent." Concerning Jesus he said, "I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." Therefore, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This is the message from the wilderness that the world of our day needs. Read John 1, 19-34

Saturday, March 3 READY TO FOLLOW?

The first disciples may have followed Jesus with some degree of curiosity, but their questions were soon answered. Andrew said, "We have found the Messiah." Phillip said, "We have found Him of whom Moses wrote." And Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Are you ready to follow Him? You'll find the answers to your questions. Read John 1, 35-51

NOTE: Sundays are not considered part of Lent.

## AT HOME IN GALILEE

Monday, March 5 NAZARETH

In His hometown Jesus announced that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him, "He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." His message was rejected as the people attempted to destroy Him. What a warning! Don't tamper with the grace of God! Read Luke 4, 14-30

Tuesday, March 6 AT THE SEASHORE

A frustrating night of fishing led to a new vocation for four men. "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men," said Jesus after performing a great miracle at the Sea of Galilee. New directions and new opportunities often come to us out of periods of disappointment. Read Luke 5, 1-11

Wednesday, March 7 HEALING AT CAPERNAUM

A man with an unclear spirit, a woman with a high fever, and many other sick folks received healing at the hands of Jesus. The Great Physician is still among the sick today. Luke 4, 31-41

Thursday, March 8 IN OTHER TOWNS

"Everyone is searching for you," exclaimed Peter as he found Jesus praying. How great it would be if we could say the same today! People are looking but in the wrong places. They are ignoring Christ. He brings lasting happiness. Read Mark 1, 35-45

Friday, March 9 MADE WHOLE

A paralyzed man was brought to Jesus for healing, but he received more than he had hoped for. Jesus not only removed his paralysis of body, but also the paralysis of soul. "Son, be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven." Healing of body isn't enough. We need to be made whole. Jesus only can do that. Read Luke 5, 17-26

Saturday, March 10 THROUGH THE FIELD WITH JESUS

Customs often dictate the behavior of people. Jesus teaches that people are more important than customs. "I desire mercy and not

sacrifice." It is lawful to do good on the sabbath." Read Matthew 12, 1-14

## FARTHER INTO GALILEE

Monday, March 12 HE CHOSE YOU

The choosing of the Twelve is a reminder that you didn't just stumble into the Kingdom of God. You were chosen, too. As the Twelve lacked many good things, so you were not chosen because of your greatness, but because of His greatness. Rejoice in His mercy. Read Luke 6, 12-49

Tuesday, March 13 POWER OF THE WORD

"Say the word, and my servant will be healed," said the Roman soldier requesting Jesus' help in behalf of his servant. "Simply speak!" Jesus doesn't play with words. He uses them to convey His divine blessings. A servant is healed, a dead man is raised through the power of His Word. Read Luke 7, 1-17

Wednesday, March 14 TEACHING BY THE LAKE

Be careful what you do with the Word of God. Some people let it lie, others sample it, but still others cherish it. Then it brings results. "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." Read Mark 4, 1-20

Thursday, March 15 MIRACLES BY THE LAKE

A rough trip which almost ended in disaster led to Jesus stilling the tempest. Even the wind and the waves obeyed Him. The healing of a man with an evil spirit disturbed many in the community, but opened the way to salvation for many. Read Luke 8, 22-39

Friday, March 16 UNBELIEF IS A BARRIER

Faith is positive, unbelief is negative. Faith brings us together with God. Unbelief separates us from God. When Jesus came to Nazareth they wouldn't believe Him. They said that He couldn't amount to much. Scripture says, "He did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief." Read Matthew 13, 53-58

Saturday, March 17 TAKE HEART

After feeding more than 5,000 hungry people Jesus joined His disciples on the Sea of Galilee by walking to them on the water. Thinking that He was a ghost, they cried out in fear. "Take heart, it is I; have no fear," He shouted back. "Take heart." Read Matthew 14, 13-36

## A TRIP TO THE NORTH

Monday, March 19 A CONCERNED MOTHER

As Jesus went north, a concerned mother begged His help. Her daughter was 'possessed by a demon.' The disciples suggested that Jesus send her away, and even He seemed to be unconcerned, but she was determined to obtain help. Her faith was recognized and her daughter was healed. Faith would not let her give up. Read Matthew 15, 21-28

Tuesday, March 20 COMPASSION FOR THE CROWD

More than 4,000 people were fed with seven loaves and a few small fish. "Impossible!" you say. Not when Jesus Christ is involved. Through Him blessings are multiplied. Do you know why? He "had compassion on the crowd." Read Mark 8, 1-21

Wednesday, March 21 ON THE MOUNTAIN

Peter, James, and John were to see Jesus in His agony on the cross. Now they saw Him in His glory on the mountain. Changed in appearance, He engaged in conversation with Moses and Elijah. He who was human, now appears in His Divine glory. No wonder the disciples exclaimed, "Master, it is well that we are here." Read Luke 9, 28-36

Thursday, March 22 FORGIVE AS WE ARE FORGIVEN

Some people want to be forgiven, but are slow to forgive. The story of the servant who begged for mercy, but who refused mercy to

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Nominees for Office  
in the ILDA

ILDA OFFICER NOMINEES, SOME WITH SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES, - TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE JUNE 21-24, 1979 ILDA CONVENTION IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

( Editor's note: Since only a few have sent in photos or biographical sketches of themselves, only the offices being run for, names and home town of nominees, and the regions nominating candidates will be printed here. It is hoped that candidates seeing their names here will send to me small black and white portraits and biographies of themselves that can be printed in this publication well in advance of the convention. )

I--CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT (a second term)

JOSEPH KINDRED: (Indianapolis, Ind.) Nominated by Central Regional Conference. Presently he is ILDA President. Home church: Peace , Indianapolis.

II--CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

HAROLD RIFE: (Portland, Oregon) Nominated by Northwest Regional Conference. Presently he is President of the Northwest Regional and a member of ILDA Board of Directors. Home church: Hope, Portland.

HAROLD THUVE: (Gardena, California) Nominated by Pacific Regional Conference. Presently he is President of the Pacific Regional and a member of ILDA Board of Directors. Home church: Pilgrim of Los Angeles, Calif.

RONALD NESTER: (Hiawatha, Kansas) Nominated by Midwest Regional Conference. He is past-Pres. of that region and has served on ILDA's Board of Directors (1975-77).

ALBERT MOORE: (Jacksonville, Illinois) Nominated by Central Regional Conference. Home church: Christ of Jacksonville, Ill. Presently is Sec'y. of Central Regional.

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III--CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY:

LILLIAN H. LONG: (Cleveland, Ohio) Nominated by Great Lakes Regional Conference. Home church: Christ of Cleveland.

LESTER AHL: (Cedar Falls, Iowa) Nominated by Midwest Regional Conference. Presently he is President of that Region and is a member of ILDA Board of Directors. Home church: Word of God of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DIANE FOSTER: (Granada Hills, California) Nominated by Pacific Regional Conference. She presently is Vice-President of Pacific Region. Member of Pilgrim of Los Angeles.

BETTY JO HEALEY: (St. Louis, Missouri) Nominated by Central Regional Conference. Presently she is President of this region and a member of ILDA Board of Directors. She is a member of Holy Cross of St. Louis, Mo.

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IV--CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER:

ELMER D. FRANCISCO: (Detroit, Michigan) Nominated by Great Lakes Regional Conference. Presently he is Treasurer of ILDA and has served as President of ILDA two terms. He is employed by

Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf.

MINERVA WEBB: (Los Angeles, California) Nominated by the Pacific Regional Conference..He is presently Treasurer of this region. His home church is Pilgrim of Los Angeles.

EARL CHRISTIANSEN: (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) Nominated by Central Regional Conference.

V--CANDIDATES FOR PASTORAL ADVISOR:

REV. PAUL DORR: (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) Nominated by Great Lakes Regional Conference. Pastor Dorr is presently ILDA's Pastoral Advisor.

REV. WILLIAM LUDWIG: (Seattle, Washington) Nominated by the Pacific Regional Conference.

REV. W.H. LANGE: (Minneapolis, Minnesota) Nominated by the Northwest Regional Conference.

REV. RON FRIEDRICH: (Northern Illinois District) Nominated by Central Regional Conference.

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# The Good News

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another illustrates that we cannot expect God to forgive if we have no forgiveness to offer others. Read Matthew 18, 23-35

Friday, March 23 DEVOTION TO THE FULLEST

Jesus never lost sight of His purpose to be our Savior. Surrounded by people in need, confronted by those who hated Him, He continued to "set His face to go to Jerusalem." Why? Because He was devoted to the greatest task that ever faced one - the task of being your Redeemer. Read Luke 9, 51-62

Saturday, March 24 LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST

Jesus sent 70 workers out to share the Good News. Like today, some people hear the Word with joy, while others reject the offer of mercy. Pray that the people of the world will pay attention to the Good News. Read Luke 10, 1-20

THROUGH JUDEA AND SAMARIA

Monday, March 26 THE GOOD SAMARITAN

No one can overlook the fact that God wants us to show mercy toward our neighbor when we review the story of the Good Samaritan. Greed moved the robbers to attack the traveler; selfishness kept the priest from helping the wounded man, but compassion led the foreigner to take care of the victim. Who proved to be the neighbor? "He who showed mercy." Read Luke, 10, 25-37

Tuesday, March 27 TEACH US TO PRAY

It was customary for religious leaders to teach their followers about prayer. John the Baptist did. So the disciples request, "Lord teach us to pray". Jesus then taught them "The Lord's Prayer." There is no prayer that is more complete, more simple and more profound than this model given by our Lord. Read Luke 11, 1-13

Wednesday, March 28 TRUST GOD

Life becomes very frightening! Evils seem to multiply, darkness seems to spread. But trust God. Trust Him all the way. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Read Luke 12, 22-34

Thursday, March 29 THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Being a Christian isn't easy. The cost is high. Jesus uses strong language to tell us about that. He must really rate first in our life. The Christian's life must be one of sacrifice. And it is worth it. Read Luke 14, 12-34

Friday, March 30 JOY OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS

The value of one person who turns to God with a repentant heart is emphasized in the stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. People place their value on things but God places His value on people. Read Luke chapter 15

Saturday, March 31 THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

The name Lazarus means "God is my strength." This man seemed to display everything but that. He was a beggar, he was poverty-stricken, he was sick. The rich man seemed to fare well. But the story shows that the rich man was really poor, and Lazarus was rich. God was his strength. Read Luke 16, 19-31

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+ Be a good listener, but be careful who you +  
+ listen to. +  
+ Master concentration and you can master +  
+ anything. +  
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## Eastern Regional Conference

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Valley of Pennsylvania, Pa.-3rd place and \$5.00 cash award. Mrs. Mary Burgess presented the winning certificates and cash prizes to winners.

The program for the evening was made up of various skits, humorous and serious. A movie was also shown which was about puppets that could use the sign language. At the close of the evening, Rev. Schnepf gave a devotion service.

Sunday, the following day, breakfast was served. Then there was Bible study made up of small groups. DT

A communion service closed the Eastern Regional Conference. The next conference of the Eastern Region will be held in West Hartford, Conn. in 1980.



Mrs. Burgess showing the 2nd place winning banner that was designed and made by St. Marks of N.Y.

## COMMUNICATING WITH DEAF PEOPLE

from Scientific American February 1979

Communicating with Deaf People: A Resource Manual for Teachers and Students of American Sign Language, by Harry W. Hoemann. With illustrations by Shirley A. Hoemann. University Park Press, 233 East Redwood Street, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

A fascinating new natural language has arisen here in the U.S. and is still growing apace. It is at the point of generating a literature of its own: already a play and a work of poetry have been published that were "originally conceived in Sign." (American Sign Language is otherwise known as ASL or "Sign.") This small book is not yet truly a general reader's introduction: it is intended for teachers of Sign, mainly as a second language for people with hearing who speak English. It is thin in vocabulary examples, but by that economy it is made unusually readable. Its concern with general structures, with the wide variety of strategies and with the recent history of Sign and of Sign studies gives it lively interest. Most of the literature on Sign has so far been either highly utilitarian and detailed or linguistically technical: this book presages wider treatments to come. The drawings are helpful.

The immediate message of the book is the striking richness of Sign. This rule-governed language is not made up of finger spelling. English speech translated word by word into signs or even the deft use of isolated conventional signs, although they all have roles. The language is rather the living production of a big human community, the community (one almost could say the nation) of half a million people in the U.S. It bears the marks of any working language, with dialects, dictionaries (and off-color words not listed in the dictionaries) and of course a complex and powerful set of grammatical rules. It is less than 20 years since the first analysis of the signs themselves was made by William C. Stokoe, Jr., who found that combinations of a dozen locations of the hand with similar numbers of configurations and movements were the

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Rev. Martin A. Hewitt of Spokane, Washington writes. . . 'Sometimes we see people wearing T-shirts with the slogan, "I'M #1". Christians should wear T-shirts that say, "I'M #3". This will let people know that in our lives God is first, others are second, and we're third. Read St. Matthew 25:31-46.

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Rev. Robert M. Corl of Wausau, Wisconsin writes. . . Just think how happy you would be if you lost everything you have right now...then got it all back again!

Wouldn't you be overjoyed?

I'm sure you would.

Think of getting back your eyesight...hearing...your ability to taste, to touch, to smell a fragrant rose--all those things that most of us enjoy today but don't fully appreciate. Now if you'd be thrilled to get them all back...why not be delighted that you have all those blessings right now? Let's do away with murmuring...complaining...self-pity. Rejoice in the Lord. Be glad that you're alive...and enjoying the good things of life.

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#### WE ARE A "WE" CHURCH

a WE church -- that's what we are! Not an I church. . .or a THEY church. . .but a WE church! It's not a question of who or what is more important in the Church -- like youth ministry is more important than stewardship, or adults are more important than youth, or clergy are more important than lay people.

No, in the Church of Jesus Christ we are in it together--no one is more important. Because God calls all of us IMPORTANT through Jesus Christ!

WE are ONE Body. . .WE have ONE Spirit. . . WE have ONE Hope. . .THAT'S what makes our ministry a WE ministry instead of a ME or US ministry.

This has tremendous implications for Youth Ministry. For it affirms that youth ministry is A PART of total parish ministry and not A PART FROM it. . .and it reminds us that youth and adults need each other -- in order to be functioning as a WE church.

And it also shows that to over-emphasize youth ministry is just as tragic as to under im-

phasize youth ministry -- because WE are in ministry together, in the name of Jesus. Grandmas, teens, parents, toddlers -- the Church!

Yes, it's good to be part of a WE church. And it's also good to know that WE didn't make it that way -- but that Christ Himself binds us together in ONEness! In spite of our MENess, Christ's death and resurrection gives us WEness!

What can WE do about it? WE can thank God for our ONEness, WE can help to bring people, young and old, together in a WE ministry, WE can shout out to others the joy WE have in being united in the Lord Jesus.

Some folks still see themselves as the WEE Church. Some youth still see themselves as not yet fully members of the real church. And some adults feel the same way. Perhaps the best thing WE can do is to share this ONEness with those around us as we proclaim and celebrate WE-ness in the Lord!

WE are in this thing together -- and I'm glad! This calls for a big WEEEEEEEEEEEE!

-from YOUTH MINISTRY BULLETIN -

Oct. 1978 Author, Rich Bimler

Rev. George Winkler writes. . .The theme for February is V A L E N T I N E, our course, you say. It is the month when on the 14th we give or send a valentine or candy or something to compliment our sweetheart. So, let us make the theme for February L O V E.

"Valentine" is from Saint Valentine, a martyr of the 3rd century. Did I say "saint" Valentine? Yes, that means he was a holy man. Jesus was the only completely holy one. to make that possible (happen) He had to die to pay for our unholiness. He suffered and died on the cross to pay for all people's sins and wrongs. "Now, every person who believes in Him," the Bible says, "will not perish (with the devil) but have eternal life (with God)."

Isn't that wonderful!

St. Valentine was also a martyr. A martyr was (is) someone who witnesses to his faith with his/her life. St. Valentine believed in Jesus so strongly (his name means strong) that he gave his life for Jesus.

WHAT LOVE!

This is showing the greatest love. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than that he lay down his life for his friend."

Now, let me ask you some searching questions ? ? ?

1. Is your love so great that you are willing to lay down your life for your sweetheart? (wife? husband?)

Some of you may answer, Yes.

2. Is your love so great that you are willing to lay down your life for your friend?

Again, some of you may answer, Yes.

3. But, Is your love so great that you will be willing to lay down your life for your enemy? ! ? ! ?

That's true love! That's what Jesus did! Paul writes, "God has shown His love for us - it was when we were still sinners (enemies) that Christ died for us!"

I hope this helps you who read this to understand a little better the true meaning of l o v e.

So much of the love we hear and read about is cheap, and becomes twisted - nothing like the love God has for us.

St. Valentine had a true understanding of God's love. That's why he was not only willing to love people by giving them things, like candy and valentines, but St. Valentine became a martyr - he gave up his life for his friends.

Paul in chapter 13 of his letter to the Christians at Corinth in the Bible describes this love. Please find your Bible, open it and read this song of love. Then, maybe you, too, will begin to see what real love is.

## Communicating with Deaf people

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elements from which all the signs are built. This syllabary has led to computer simulations, to a plausible notation and to a useful sequential dictionary. Recently it has been shown that the scheme has weaknesses; for example, it neglects such side strategies as expressions of the face and certain imitative gestures. It nonetheless stands as firm working basis for study.

ASL proceeds in space as well as in time. Its multidimensionality has added to its grammar much that the linear flow of speech cannot match. Kinship words are few in ASL, as they are in English, yet in Sign one can distinguish female cousins from male ones. Gender is indicated by the placement of the sign: the right forehead and the temple for male, the right cheek and the chin for female. Location at the forehead adds to the quick recognition of signs for "know," "wise" and so on; the heart accommodates sign such as "grief", and perceptual acts are signed near the eye, the mouth or the ear. Plurals? Well, as in Chinese, add the sign for "group": a small gesture for a small group, an exaggerated sign for a big group and a double clawing downward and away for a "surprisingly large number of items." Or point out one by one the several places where a soldier is standing.

All kinds of references, pronouns, agent - patient distinctions, conjunctions and other devices in the string of more algebraic languages are carved out of the space where signs are formed: with "coffee" on the left, "tea" on the right, "which" signed over both. The use of "or" and "and" is sparing. Tense too takes spatial form: the past is thrown out of the palm back over the right shoulder, whereas the future is grasped forward. Changes in stance and expression mark boundaries of phrase and clause; explicit role playing helps the structure of complicated citations. The conditional and subjunctive do not mimic the English forms of modified verbs but often employ a questioning expression for contrary-to-fact statements. "If HAVE MONEY is signed with lowered brows, a slight squint and slightly pinched lips," the penniless inference is plain.

There is too much richness here in a little room to cite more fully. Certainly ASL and its counterparts in other lands are now prime material for the study of language itself, and they threaten to break the mold so strongly pressed on all forms of speech in this babbling world.

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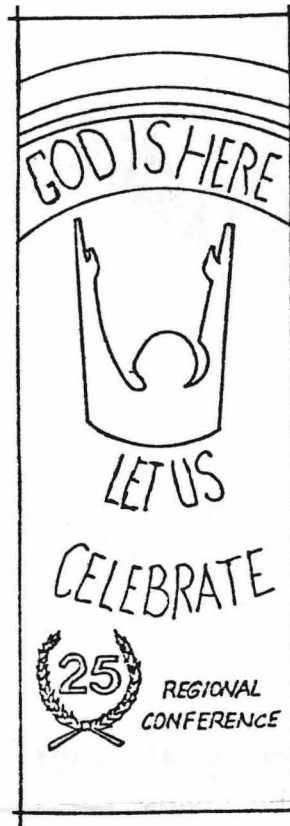
## LET'S NOT BE HOGS

Turn a hog loose in an orchard and it will eat the apples as they fall without looking up to see where they came from.

This is a whole new parable of a large part of people today. They receive many gifts from the hand of the great Giver God, but never look-up to the Source of every good and perfect gift. (Pulpit Helps Nov. 1978)

1.  
When you ask God in the morning  
For His guidance through the day,  
Thank Him for the many blessings  
He in love has sent your way.  
When you are asking help from Heaven  
Mingle with your morning prayer  
A word of praise and thankfulness  
For all His kindly care.
2.  
When you send up your daily needs  
To the Throne of Grace on High,  
Thank God for the many favors  
That His mercy does supply.  
Be more mindful of the blessing  
That His kindness does impart.  
And the Lord will richly bless you  
For the joy you brought His heart

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MUSICAL PAINTINGS  
BY JOHN MOSIMAN



A CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
GROUP WHICH  
SINGS AND SIGNS



A Black, young lad stood by a closed door. He was afraid to go in.

At last he entered and handed his application to a man at a desk. The man wouldn't even look at it. He only shook his head.

"We don't take Blacks in this college," he said.

That was the kind of trouble this Black boy had to face all through his early life.

His name was George Washington Carver. He was born of slave people. He didn't go to school until he was ten. For a long time he was very sick.

Only his faith in Jesus, of whom this Black boy had learned as a little child, kept him from losing hope and giving up.

For years he just traveled around, looking for jobs and studying whenever he could. For a time he washed dirty clothes in a laundry.

At last a college in Iowa took him as a student. This was 1891.

George studied hard. By the year 1896 he had done so well he was made a teacher in a school for Blacks in Alabama.

But what he wanted most was to study plants and how they grow and how they can be used.

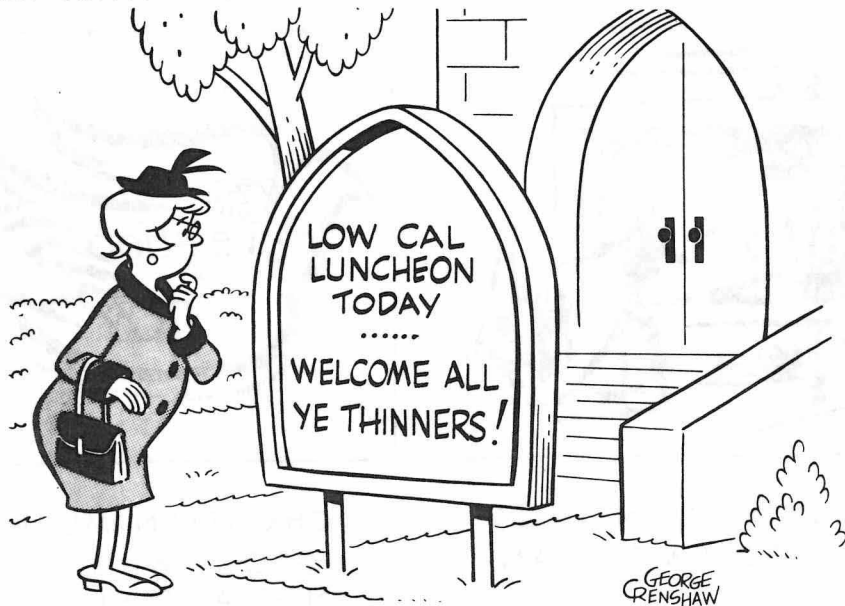
He became a botanist and, later, a famous scientist and inventor. He got to be known all over the world for the things he made from peanuts, sweet potatoes, and cotton. He made 200 new products in all.

Now his life was changed - but his heart was never changed. One day a newspaperman asked him, "Where did you learn all these wonderful things?"

"From the Book," answered George Washington Carver. "Which book?" "The Bible." "Does the Bible tell anything about peanuts?"

"No, but it tells about God, who made the peanuts. I asked God to show me what to do with peanuts - and He did. You see - I don't discover anything, but I can do all things - through Christ."

Before he died, this famous Black inventor gave all his savings, \$33,000, to his work. All his life he had always put all his trust in his Savior - and that faith never failed him.



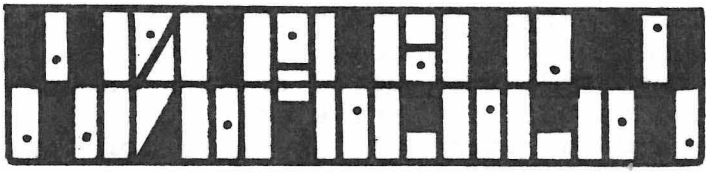
# Children's Page

I CAN DO ALL THINGS

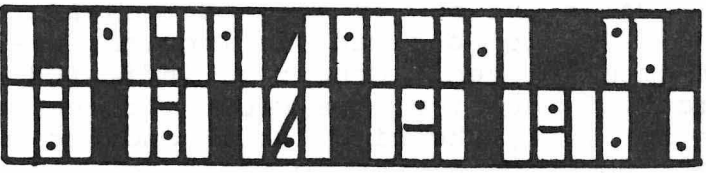


## MIRROR QUIZ

How well do you know your Bible? Answer the questions below. When you have done this, color in the dotted sections of the puzzle and hold it before a mirror. Read the answers in the reflection.



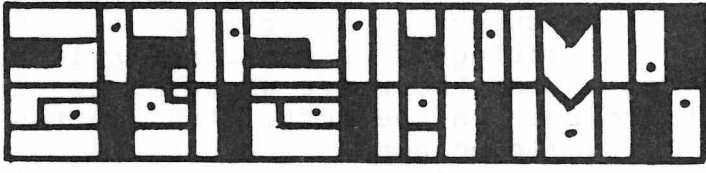
a. Who wrote the shortest book in the Bible?



b. Who was swallowed by a fish?



c. Whoslew Goliath?



d. Who was found in the bullrushes as a baby?

Answers: a. JOHN B. JONAH C. DAVID D. MOSES

## "A little donkey shall lead them"



A new light, the light of hope, has come into the district of Potosi, an outlying region of Bolivia. It came because of a hospital, the first one in the area. The hospital was built with the cooperation of the Bolivian government and the organizations and friends in other countries.

The hospital was well equipped, but when it was ready to receive patients, a curious thing happened. The natives were proud of the building and they were willing to come and get medicine. But they would have nothing to do with the tiled operating room and the shiny, sharp instruments the surgeon used. They did not trust operations.

One morning, when the community leaders were meeting to decide what to do, something happened which helped solve their problem. One of the natives courageously stepped into the hospital and brought out a doctor.

At first the doctor was puzzled. It was the peasant's little donkey that needed help. The donkey was limping because of a wound in its leg. But the doctor was willing to help. While the natives watched, the donkey's legs were tied, and the doctor carefully lanced the wound.

It wasn't long before the donkey was feeling better again. When the people saw how the doctor helped the animal, they put away all their fears and began to use the new hospital.

- from Presbyterian Life

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"Always remember we are here to help others," said a mother as she explained the Golden Rule. Her little one meditated for a moment and inquired, "Well what are the others here for?"