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"Planting For Growth"

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In many places snow still covers the cold, frozen ground. But already farmers are thinking about spring plowing and planting. Can you imagine the following conversation later this spring in Farmer Brown's kitchen?

Well, Martha, the planting is finished again! I plowed the fields ... I bought the best seed money can buy ... I planted the seed. We probably won't get a harvest again this year - just like last year and the year before that. But isn't it wonderful how hard we worked to plant the seed?

A very unlikely thing for Farmer Brown to say! You can be sure that he is looking for the seed to sprout and grow. He will keep on working - to fertilize and weed the fields - so that the crops will grow better. He wants a harvest, and he will be glad when the harvest is ready.

Sometimes we in the church have "plowed the fields" and "planted the best seed" and were quite satisfied with our work - even though we never saw a harvest (or at best, a very small harvest!) The seed, of course, is the wonderful Good News that Jesus is

our Savior and Lord. We work hard to plant that seed into the hearts of sinful people so that it will grow into a living faith in Jesus. But what when it does not grow, do we ask - "Why didn't that seed grow?"

Our loving God surely wants that seed to grow, and He wants us to plant that seed into as many hearts as possible. He wants all sinful people to believe in the Good News that Jesus lived and died and rose again for them - that is the message of this Lenten season. When people believe in Jesus, then they become part of His growing family of Christians.

We can plant the seed by telling others about Jesus. Or we can work together in our home churches to plant the seed in the hearts of people we will never see (except hopefully in heaven). We do this by supporting the mission program of our church and the mission projects of the I.L.D.A.

Let's plant for growth!

Rev. T. Frederking Honored

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The Good News



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

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ON TO JERUSALEM

Monday, April 2

One in Ten

Ten lepers begged for help when Jesus entered their village. Ten lepers received help and were healed. One leper returned to say "Thank you." Are we like the one in ten or like the other nine? The Samaritan shows the way. Read Luke, 17, 11-19

Tuesday, April 3

Two Men at Prayer

It does make a difference how you pray. One man proudly thanked God because he was better than others. The other man simply prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Whose prayer was heard by God? The second man's. Read Luke 18, 9-14

Wednesday, April 4

Possessions Stand In The Way

A rich young ruler was unwilling to part with his possessions. Jesus was on His way to give up His life for all people, but this man's goods stood in the way of his salvation. Put first things first! Read Luke 18, 18-30.

Thursday, April 5

Want To Be Great?

The ambition-seeking brothers, James and John, wanted special honor in God's kingdom. Jesus teaches that greatness comes by serving. "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Read Mark 10, 35-45

Friday, April 6

Passing Through Jericho

A blind man sitting along the road pleaded for and received help. The crowd was not sympathetic, but Jesus was. A little farther a tax collector, Zaccheus, climbed a tree to get

a better view of Jesus. Jesus visited at his home. Salvation came to two people that day. Read Luke 18, 31-19, 10

Saturday, April 7

Bethany

This was the last stop before Jerusalem. Jesus was the guest at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Mary anointed His feet and left a memorial of devotion. The crowds began to gather as the leaders plotted to put Him to death. Read John 11, 55-12, 9

HOLY WEEK - IN JERUSALEM

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 8

A Day Of Triumph

Jesus entered Jerusalem amidst great excitement. He came to bring God's peace to a sick world. Have you found that peace? Read Luke 19, 28-44

Monday, April 9

A Day Of Authority

While Jesus appeared in lowliness, He was really the all-powerful Son of God whose authority extends over all. Cleansing the Temple reminds us that the church today needs to recognize His authority. Read Mark 11, 15-19

Tuesday, April 10

A Day Of Conflict

On this day as Jesus taught many lessons, His enemies tried to discredit Him and actively planned to destroy Him. He spoke of the end of the world. Read Luke 21

Wednesday, April 11

A Day Of Silence

The Bible does not report any activity on this day. Maybe it is a reminder to us to take some moments of silence for our spiritual well-being.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 12

A Day Of Giving

This day found Jesus with His disciples celebrating the Passover, giving instructions for the future, giving the Lord's Supper, giving Judas another chance, giving Himself in prayer in the Garden, and giving Himself to His enemies. Read Luke 22

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 13

A Day of Atonement

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy on us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen Read Luke 23, 1-49

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 14

The Day Of The Silent Tomb

All is quiet in the Garden. Soldiers watch the grave. Read Luke 23, 50-56

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 15

THE DAY OF VICTORY

HE LIVES! SIN AND DEATH ARE DEFEATED. "I AM HE THAT LIVETH AND WAS DEAD. AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE. AMEN." Read Mark 16, 1-8

A Flat Tire Or A Blow-Out?

-from the Newsletter of
Minnesota North District
Brainerd, Minnesota

A pastor-friend of mine went to Duluth for a wedding recently. As he was leaving the motel to go to the rehearsal, he discovered that his car had a flat tire. He almost wished that it had been a blow-out the night before while driving around town; then he would have known about it. He would have had time that morning to change the tire, but he did not know about it until it was time to leave. Luckily he was able to catch a ride with another person also going to the wedding, so he was at the rehearsal on time.

This is the same kind of trouble some people have with their religion. Seldom do they lose it by a blow-out. Usually it is just a slow leak. If you asked many un-churched people who were once active Christians, "When did you lose your faith?" - they probably would be surprised to hear they had lost it. The fact is that many lost their religion through the slow and un-noticeable process of a slow leak. If they had lost it by a blow-out, it might have been better. At least then they would have known, and they would have had a warning to wake up before it was too late.

How sad it is for a person's faith to slip away and not even realize it is happening, to sleep away the years while his or her faith grows weaker and dies. How will they face the crises (big problems) of life? And what will they do when God calls them from this life? For then it is not just a rehearsal, but the real thing. Then there will be no chance to catch a ride on the faith of another person.

Is it possible that something like this is happening to some of us? If you are seldom in church, or if you have not received Communion for a very long time, or if you almost never read the Bible, then it is possible that your faith is slipping away. Now is the time to ask God to stop the leak! Now is the time to ask Him to fill you with His love and forgiveness again. . . now is the time to turn your eyes to Jesus - He is your Savior, and He wants to be your Lord!

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A POINT TO PONDER: If you were another person, would you like to have yourself for a friend?

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OVERHEARD: "Some church members live a cat and dog life - they purr at the prayer meeting and growl at home!"

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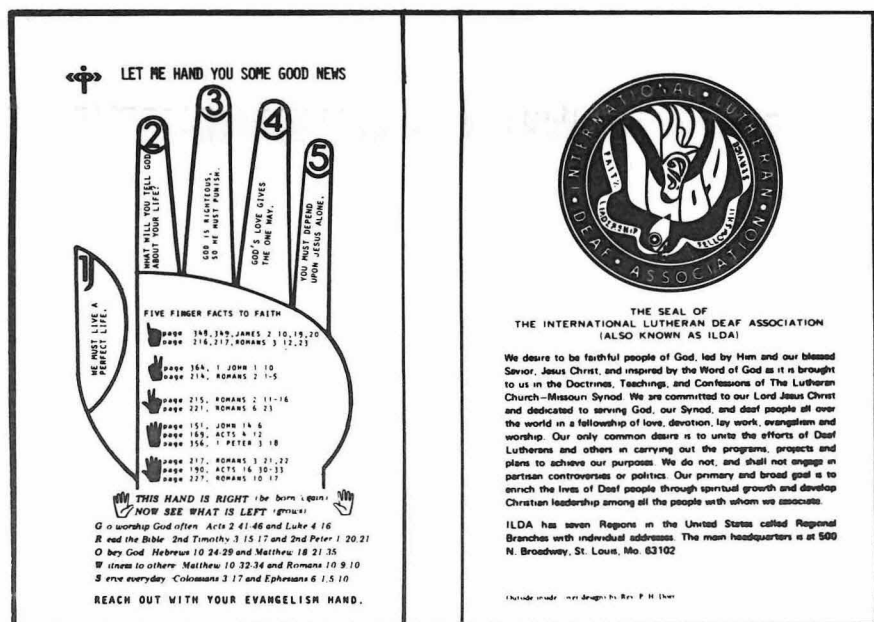
"LISTENING EYES & BELIEVING HEARTS"

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uals receive the Gospel through their eyes by reading, by oral or total communication methods. After Rev. Dorr thought of the title he drew the artwork to match the thoughts we all wanted. We have hope and positive trust that the Lord of the harvest of souls will bless in His own way and time our evangelism so that deaf obey the Gospel invitation (Luke 14:12-35-noting verse 35 is amazing and often quoted of the Savior even after Ascension). The title is even more so based upon verses Luke 11:28 and John 14: 23, 24.

The I.L.D.A. Committee decided to direct Pastor Dorr to prepare this cover, then came a wonderful blessing regarding it. After the I.L.D.A. Committee at the Memphis meeting gave its approval, the South Wisconsin District committee also became very supportive to the extent of deciding to cooperate and even double the printing to a total run of two thousand copies.

And a double blessing was that the South Wisconsin District Deaf Committee decided to direct a gift of about a thousand dollars from a hearing Lutheran Church by Milwaukee to GIVE TO DEAF PERSONS FOR EVANGELISM PURPOSES this New Testament with a special cover. Rev. Dorr designed a "hand guide" for evangelism that appears in the inside cover. These 5 steps have been used at Emmanuel, Milwaukee, since 1975.



The South Wisconsin District considered that their money would not only allow a New Testament for those attending the I.L.D.A. convention but also supply many extra copies in stock. The extra large number printed would mean that So. Wisconsin would have many copies in stock for future Wisconsin deaf evangelism, also for deaf churches and deaf individuals in other states who could order them at the Memphis convention or later. (It is also understood that additional printings are possible as demand might warrant.)

Another newly designed book "Answers from God", contains life questions. It also has a similar specially designed cover for the deaf and is a cooperative effort by Eternal Mercy of Memphis and Emmanuel of Milwaukee.

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BITS OF WISDOM:

Experience is an odd teacher; she gives the test first, then explains the lesson.

A good memory test: what did you worry about one year ago today?

The prayer of the modern American is as follows: "Dear God, I pray for patience, and I want it right now!"

Make Plans Now to Attend The 5th Biennial ILDA Convention

*Holiday Inn
-Rivermont*

Registration Forms will be printed up in the next issue....Be sure to send yours in early.

...Thank You!
The Committee

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**Memphis, Tenn.
June 21 - 24, 1979**

The Convention Committee has decided that children are allowed to attend the banquet along with their parents. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the convention even if they do not want to bring them to the Saturday night banquet. Babysitters will be available at no cost, however, donations are welcome. The Holiday Inn has a large and beautiful play area where small children (large ones, too) can romp for hours in safety. Several Walt Disney films will be shown...so come one, come all!

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ROCK GOSPEL ENDS ITS LONG TOURING CAREER



Rock Gospel, the internationally known sign-singing group, ended its nine year career of touring last December. The final two performances were held December 1st and 2nd in the Gallaudet College Auditorium, where Rock Gospel first began in 1969.

Dan Pokorny, a Lutheran pastor to the deaf, was the originator of the Rock Gospel idea, and is considered the founder of Sign-singing as a religious art form. Rock Gospel's clear message of Celebration in the Lord has inspired audiences spiritually, and artistically. Through their work, they have also inspired other groups to form, and have held a number of workshops to share their techniques and experiences. One such workshop involved students from the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and the Blind, and resulted in an impressive performance by blind musicians and deaf signers on the stage with Rock Gospel.

Over the past nine years, Rock Gospel has involved 46 musicians and signers in its show, has performed in 3 Canadian Provinces and 24 American states, has appeared in 4 television broadcasts, including an Emmy-award-winning performance for WETA in Washington, and has performed at both the World Federation of the Deaf in 1975, and at the White House Conference on the Handicapped in 1977.

The Company hopes to remain available to help other sign-singing groups develop and explore the beauty of Sign-singing. During the next year, Rock Gospel will be seeking funding to do some work in film and videotape. They hope to film some of the songs they have signed in the past, and to document their translating techniques so that other groups might benefit from their experience.

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Quality Of Life Undiminished By Deafness

from a film documentary "A Quiet Time"

-by Susan Littell

"When I see the children smile and hear their laughter, then I don't feel so lonely," Louis Weissenborn reflects in the documentary "A Quiet Time." The statement is characteristic of the man's ability of having overcome total deafness in a hearing world.

Produced by University City, Missouri resident Nancy Margulies, "A Quiet Time" follows one day in the lives of sometime magician, Weiss-

senborn, 79, and room mate, Bill Carpenter. As the title suggests, it is a quiet but unassuming film intended to heighten public awareness of the hearing impaired.

Explains Ms. Margulies, a child psychotherapist, "Deaf children often have no contact with deaf adults, and therefore come to believe that only hearing people live to adulthood." To date there has been no documentary film produced to explain deafness, she says.

The film follows both men during an average day. Ms. Margulies' narration is designed to represent Weissenborn's thoughts, rather than present a didactic dissertation (a long, formal teaching course) about deafness.

"Essentially what we did," Ms. Margulies says, "was to give them the technology of film and let them say what they wanted."

The communication is effective and the rapport of both men to the world around them and to each other is moving. Weissenborn reminisces in sign language of his student days at the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, where he has not missed homecoming in 65 years. The gentle language of sign perhaps is no more beautiful and moving anywhere in the film than at church, where a small congregation of deaf people sign The Lords Prayer as Ms. Margulies translates.



Bill Carpenter



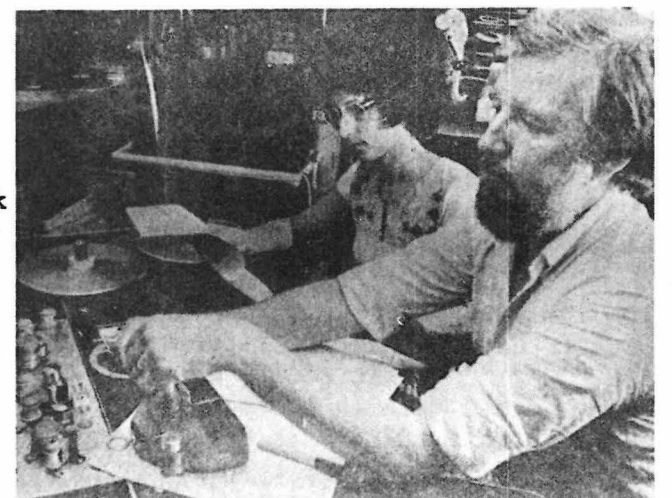
Louis Weissenborn

"Many deaf people," Ms. Margulies says, "do not realize how much they can do to influence their environment. It comes from being acted upon all the time, like having your head turned to get your attention. In school, they are encouraged to be passive, to sit back and take everything in."

The tendency to underestimate the abilities and capacities of a handicapped person is dealt with in counseling sessions by encouraging self-assertiveness and aggressiveness, Ms. Margulies says. "It is not easy to make him or her comfortable in a hearing world." But from what might have been a lifetime of silence, both Weissenborn and Carpenter show how they have filled their days, quiet ones, with substance and quality.

Co-directed with husband David Howard for the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Ms. Margulies approached friends in the business to volunteer time to create the 30-minute film.

Fully captioned for hearing impaired audiences, the film's sound track uses selected distortion so sounds are presented to hearing members as they might be experienced by Weissenborn and Carpenter.



Nancy Margulies, with husband David Howard, work a flatbed editing machine in their University City, Mo. home during the production of the documentary "A Quiet Time."



St. Paul, Minnesota. . .Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf is planning its Twentieth Anniversary celebration to be held May 20, 1979. There will be an anniversary service at 11 A.M. at which Rev. August Hauptman will be the guest speaker. This will be followed by a dinner and program in the afternoon. We invite all old friends of the congregation to attend.

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Newark, New Jersey. . .On June 22, '78 the children of Zion Lutheran School in Westwood, New Jersey, gave more than \$2,000.00 to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, N.J. The principal, Mr. Heing, handed the check to Pastor Gerhold after the year's closing devotional service. Two young members of St. Matthew's Deaf Youth Fellowship, Sharon Maynor and Lloyd Gardiner, Jr., with the congregation's secretary, Mrs. Helen Ronger, received the gift on behalf of St. Matthew's.

The children of Zion Lutheran School, from kindergarten to eighth grade, worked hard on their various projects from September 1977 until June 1978. One young boy thought of a Walk-A-Thon. So they all participated in it, even the kindergarten class walked three miles! The other grades walked many more miles. St. Matthew's is very grateful to the Lord and Zion School, because with this generous money gift, more things can be done through its Deaf Youth Fellowship.

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"Psalm 151" for Busy People

The Lord is my pace setter;
I shall not rush.
He makes me stop and rest
for quiet intervals.
He provides me with the Spirit of
Stillness,
which restores my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency,
through calmness of mind.
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish each day, I will not
fret;
for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all-importance
will keep me in balance
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity
by anointing my mind
with His oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall
be the fruits of my hours.
For I shall walk in the pace of my
Lord, and dwell in His house forever.

(Anonymous)

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—First Service Signed—

ST. LOUIS, MO. . . March 4th marked the 85th anniversary of the first worship service conducted by a Missouri Synod pastor in sign language for deaf people.

According to Rev. Donald W. Zuhn, Secretary for North American Ministries Blind and Deaf of the Synod's Board for Missions, Rev. Augustus Reinke led 16 persons in worship using sign language on March 4, 1894 in Chicago. His sermon topic was "God is Love."

Reinke had responded to a plea from Edward Pahl, a graduate of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., that the Lutheran Church preach the Gospel to deaf people in their language of signs.

Great Falls, Montana. . .Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf celebrated its' 10th Anniversary recently. This joyous event was also used to honor one of its' oldest members, Mr. Victor P. Herbold. On this day he observed his 90th birthday.

For many years, Mr. Herbold has served Christ and his church as an usher and maintenance man.

There was a large turn-out for the days' celebration and Mr. Herbold was presented with a beautifully decorated cake (see photo below). A gift



of cash was also presented to him. Attending the joint celebration were Mr. Herbold's daughter, Mrs. Victoria Catron, her husband, Robert, and their two sons, one with his wife and two month old son (Mr. Herbold's great-grandson). Congratulations!

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Northwest Region I.L.D.A. will have a workshop at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, April 27-29th. Trinity Church is in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The workshop topic will be about LISTENING and then serving God's grace in Christ.

Then following the 5th Biennial I.L.D.A. convention in Memphis, Tenn., June 21 to 24th, Northwest Region will have its annual conference at Covenant Beach Bible Camp in Des Moines, Washington August 17-19th. The Conference theme is "Serving the Lord With Gladness." It covers various aspects of the Christian life based on the Bible. Mark those dates on your calendar.

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Oakland, California. . .Deaf Lutherans sold their downtown chapel. They are now using their hearing brethren's

second chapel for worship and other purposes: Calvary Lutheran Church, 17296 Via Magdalena, San Lorenzo. The Rev. Roy L. Dahmann is their pastor. The only permanent place is HEAVEN!

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Annual Ephphatha Conference for Lutheran pastors to the deaf and other church workers involved in the deaf ministry will be held at Memphis State University in Memphis, Tennessee, June 24-28th. Topic is "Support In Ministry," based on II Timothy.

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Houston, Texas. . .The Dixie Regional Staff Retreat met in Wakulla Springs, Florida, February 6-8th. Every congregation in the region was represented. Regional Advisor, Rev. Bob Case conducted the meeting which included four sessions on Communications. It was a very worthwhile experience for all who attended. The sharing of fellowship was very special. Joys and frustrations in the field were discussed and shared. According to the reports from each field, things in the region show signs of progress and growth in the Lord's work. Rev. Don Zuhn, Secretary for North American Ministries to the Blind and Deaf, gave an inspiring talk on the future of the Deaf Ministry. The next Dixie Regional Staff Retreat is scheduled for Jan. 1980 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa. . .The Midwest Regional I.L.D.A. Conference will be held at Io-Dis-E-Ca Camp in Solon on June 15-17th. The theme will be "Share Love With Others." The tentative program is to began with a supper on Friday, June 15th at 7P.M. followed by registration, orientation, and devotion; Saturday the 16th, 9A.M.-12N. workshop on evangelism; 1-3P.M., business meeting; 3-5P.M., tour in Amana; 6-9P.M., banquet at Ox Yoke Inn. The guest speaker will be Rev. Richard Thompson. Sunday, the 17th, there will be Bible Class from 9-10A.M. and Worship Service from 10-11:30A.M. The cost of attending this conference is estimated to be about \$27 per adult.

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St. Louis, Mo. . . Rev. Zuhn has in his office at 500 N. Broadway three films of the This Is The Life program. They are captioned and available for your use at any time. There is no rental charge; just pay return postage and insurance. Titles of the films that are available are: "Valley of Vengeance", "Countdown to Vengeance", and "Game of Pretend".

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The church operates with two types of dollars:
CONTRIBUTED and INVESTED.

A contributed dollar undergrids and supports the total operating budget of the congregation, District, and Synod. An invested dollar in church extension takes care of the capital needs of the church (land, worship, and educational facilities) for mission and ministry.

These two types do not complete with one another. An invested dollar is not contributed. The contributed dollar is not the same dollar that is invested.

Both are needed. Both are important.

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REVISION PROPOSED BY THE I.L.D.A. BOARD OF
ALL REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

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THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BOARD FOR
MISSIONS SHALL ENJOY THE PRIVILEGES OF
PROPOSING AT BOARD MEETINGS; HOWEVER,
HE SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE OR TO
OR TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER IN THE I.L.D.A.

NOTE TO I.L.D.A. Members:

This was proposed at some past Board Meetings for discussion before the past Board for Missions Representative left his post and before the new Secretary for North American Ministries to the Blind and Deaf was named and is not intended to be a form of discrimination or lack of respect and love. The reason for our proposing this revision is simply that the Deaf should only be represented by vote by those people who the Deaf elect themselves. This is an important principle in American democracy and is especially important in view of the purpose and principles of the International Lutheran Deaf Association.



THE SEAL OF

THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION
(ALSO KNOWN AS ILDA)

WE DESIRE TO BE FAITHFUL PEOPLE OF GOD, LED BY HIM AND OUR BLESSED SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, AND INSPIRED BY THE WORD OF GOD AS IT IS BROUGHT TO US IN THE DOCTRINES, TEACHINGS, AND CONFESSIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD. WE ARE COMMITTED TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND DEDICATED TO SERVING GOD, OUR SYNOD, AND DEAF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN A FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE, DEVOTION, LAY WORK, EVANGELISM AND WORSHIP. OUR ONLY COMMON DESIRE IS TO UNITE THE EFFORTS OF DEAF LUTHERANS AND OTHERS IN CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND PLANS TO ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSES. WE DO NOT, AND SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN PARTISAN CONTROVERSIES OR POLITICS. OUR PRIMARY AND BROAD GOAL IS TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF DEAF PEOPLE THROUGH SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOP CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM WE ASSOCIATE.

-by Rev. Paul Dorr, Pastoral Advisor, I.L.D.A.

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June 21-24, 1979 - Memphis, Tenn.

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☐ Picnic: Friday Morning. 4.00
☐ Tour: All day Friday. 6.00
☐ Banquet: Saturday Night 15.00
☐ Children under 12 \$10.00

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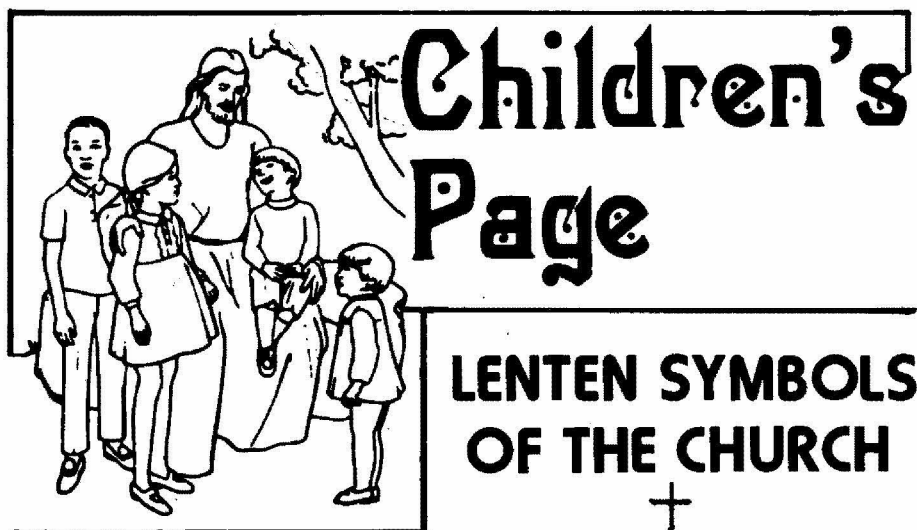
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MAIL EARLY. . . THANK YOU!

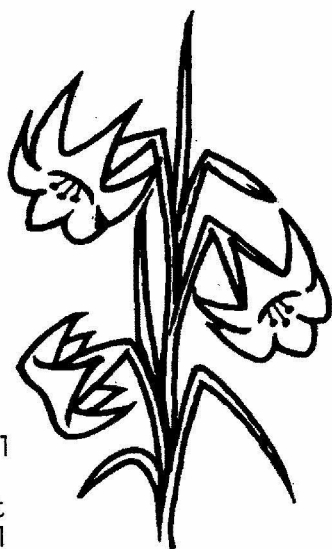
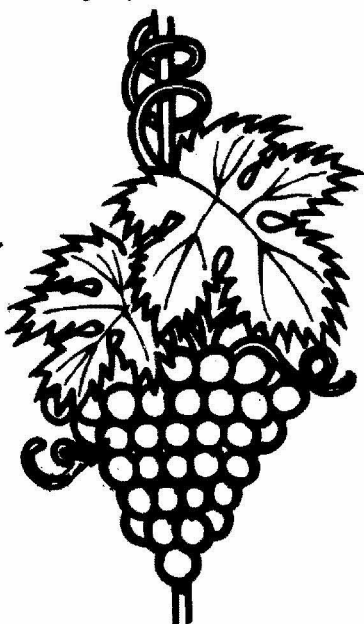


Wheat can help Christians think of Jesus. As wheat which is put into the ground first dies in order to produce fruit, so Jesus died on the cross in order to bring about (produce) the children of God. Wheat made into bread can remind us that Jesus said of Himself, "I am the Bread of Life." (John 6:35)

At the Lord's Supper on the first Maundy Thursday Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body." After that He gave them wine made from grapes, saying "Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood." That's why the symbols of wheat and grapes can help us

remember Jesus gift to us, Holy Communion.

The symbol of the thorns and nails reminds us of Good Friday. The thorns make us think of the pain Jesus felt when the soldiers put a crown of thorns on His head. The nails are like those with which He was nailed to the cross. Surely this symbol helps us remember His suffering and death.



The lily has long been used as a symbol of Jesus' resurrection. The bulb of the lily plant is buried in the dark ground where it rots, but then it produces new life - a green stalk with green leaves and beautiful white blossoms. Jesus died and was buried in the ground, but He came out of the grave bringing new and eternal life for Himself and for all of His people. Because the lily reminds us of new life, it is a beautiful symbol of Easter.

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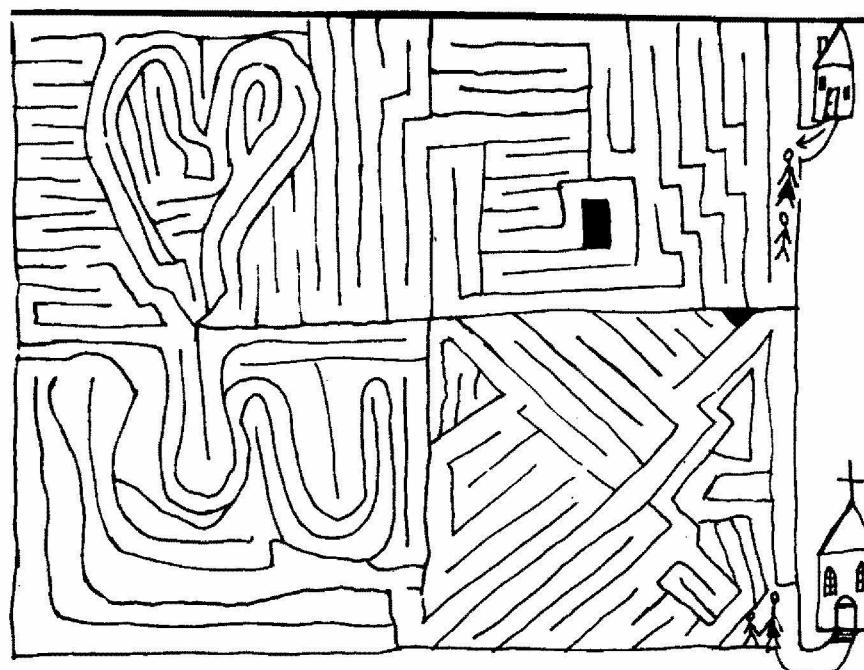
BUMPER STICKER: The person who can't find time for church will not find time to be in heaven.

BUMPER STICKER: What do I miss by being a Christian? Hell!

A-Mazing Puzzler

HELP MOTHER & SON GET TO CHURCH

-by Vincent G. Marshall



P.S. I hope that none of you ever have any problem such as this getting to your own church.

--The Editor

COLOR IN THE CHURCH

Most of us enjoy the experience of eating. We enjoy the TASTE of our food. But we enjoy the same food even more if we can also SMELL it while it is cooking and SEE how good and colorful it looks on the table. The more we use our senses (seeing, smelling, tasting, hearing), the more pleasure we have in eating.

The same is true for Christians. We are better able to appreciate the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ if we can use our senses to understand His work. One of the senses is SEEING.

Since the 16th century certain colors have been used to help us understand the seasons of the church year. It is possible that we will see three different colors on the altar during the month of March. For most of this month we see violet, which signifies repentance. Violet has also been used for many years to show sorrow at the death of a king. Our King is Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

Black is used in Christian churches only one day of the year. While some people think of black as a color, it is actually the absence of color and symbolizes death. On Good Friday it helps us understand the importance of Christ's death for us. If He had not died, we could not live with Him in heaven.

On Easter and the Sundays before Pentecost white on the altar reminds us of the new life that Christ has given us. White is the color of the risen Christ, of eternity, and of the holy angels. It symbolizes joy, perfection, and sinlessness. At Easter we have joy because of the resurrection of our perfect Savior and also because of our own "rising" from sin through Him.

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"The Reverend must have given 'em quite a pep talk today."