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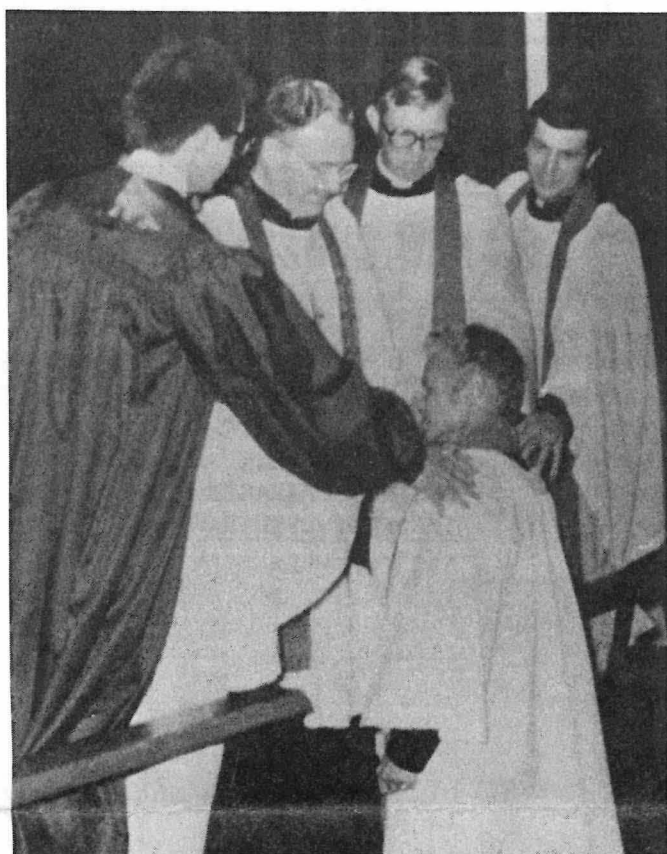
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LaVERNE M. MASS ORDAINED



The "Laying of Hands" participants in the ordination of LaVerne Mass are: (Left to Right) Marion Van Manen, Lay Minister; The Rev. John Zimmerman, President Iowa Dist. East; The Rev. Ronald Pfluger, Pastor Bethany Lutheran Church; and The Rev. Richard L. Thompson, Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church. LaVerne Mass is kneeling.

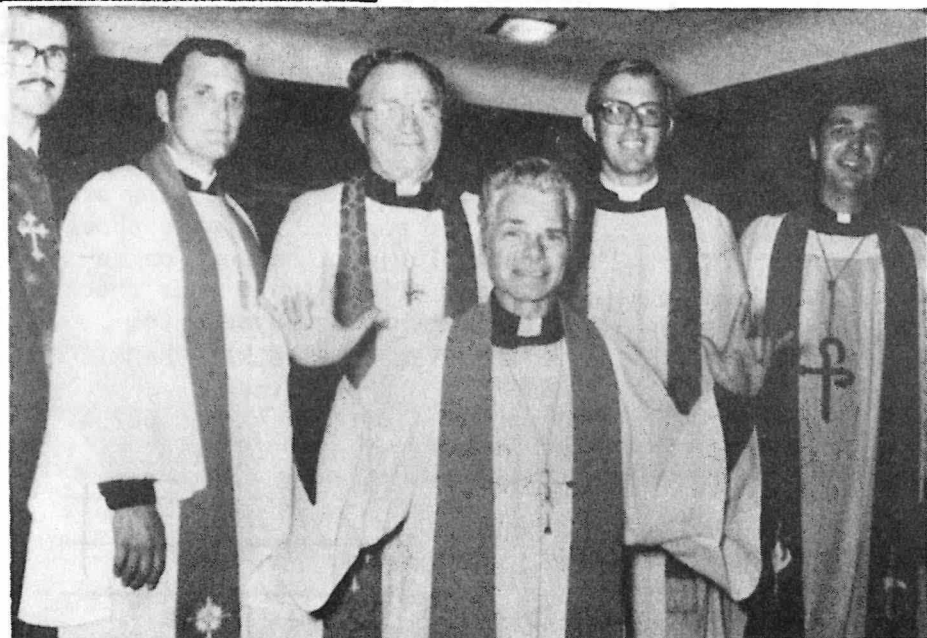
- by Lester Ahls

LaVerne Merlyn Mass was born December 27, 1934. He received Holy Baptism January 30, 1935, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minnesota.

LaVerne matured in the true faith through Jesus Christ and completed his confirmation training with Pastor W.A. Krueger in Grace Lutheran Church, Correll, Minnesota, on June 27, 1948.

He attended elementary school at Correll Public School and his secondary schooling at Minnesota School for the Deaf

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Pastors stand behind LaVerne Mass (shown making the sign "I Love You") following his ordination into the ministry.

REV. RICHARD A. MOODY INSTALLED IN ST. LOUIS



THE REV. RICHARD A. MOODY

Pastor Moody is the son of Perry and Mimi Lou Moody of Crawford, Nebraska, where he was born on February 27, 1952.

He began his pre-seminary studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1970. In Dec. 1975 he graduated from the College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

In June of that same year, prior to graduation from Nebraska, he enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. "I can remember when I was beginning high school, I thought about becoming a pastor," Moody smiled in reflection.

"I started studying sign language as an extra course. Then I helped interpret lectures at the Seminary. I learned most of my signs there. I had no idea there was such a large and growing field for work with the deaf as there is in the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod."

Pastor Moody completed his field work at Holy Cross and served his vicarage at Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. While there he worked with Rev. Daniel Pokorny where he perfected his sign language.

In 1977 Pastor Moody married a nurse, Lois a native of Webster Groves. The two are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennifer Christine, born July 15th of this year.

He began helping out at Holy Cross last September under Rev. James R. Taglauer, interim pastor at Holy Cross until his installation on June 17, 1979.

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in Faribault, Minnesota, which was necessitated due to a mastoid operation which in 1942 left him completely deaf. However he mastered the art of lip reading easily.

Following his graduation from high school (M.S.D.) in May, 1952, he eventually became a journeyman printer. He was a graphic arts instructor at Arizona School for the Deaf from 1961 until 1962. Besides being highly proficient as a Linotype operator, he was also known as a "Jack-of-all Trades" and owned an impressive number of tools that enabled him to tackle any job. (What a good thing for his next church congregation to know).

LaVerne Mass and Joan Olen-da Fonder were united in Holy Matrimony, January 31, 1954, by Pastor R.F. Cordes in Trinity Lutheran Church, Ortonville, Minnesota. From this blessed union three sons and a daughter were born.

LaVerne had always felt that God's purpose for him on earth was to become a minister of His Word to the deaf. With the assistance of Pastor R.L. Thompson and several letters, LaVerne was accepted into Concordia Theological Seminary (Evangelical Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) Fort Wayne, Ind. as a non-degree student in their colloquy program. That was in 1976. On April 2, 1979, LaVerne completed all the required academic studies. He took his vicarage training with St. John's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On July 13, 1979, LaVerne received and accepted the divine call to become Pastor to Pilgrim Deaf Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

August 26, 1979, LaVerne Mass was ordained a Minister of the Word of Jesus Christ in The Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod. The ordination took place at The Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Pastor Mass will be installed as Pastor of Pilgrim in Kansas City on September 16, 1979.

He and his wife have already purchased a home in Kansas City located at 6948 Glenwood, Overland Park, Kansas, 66204.

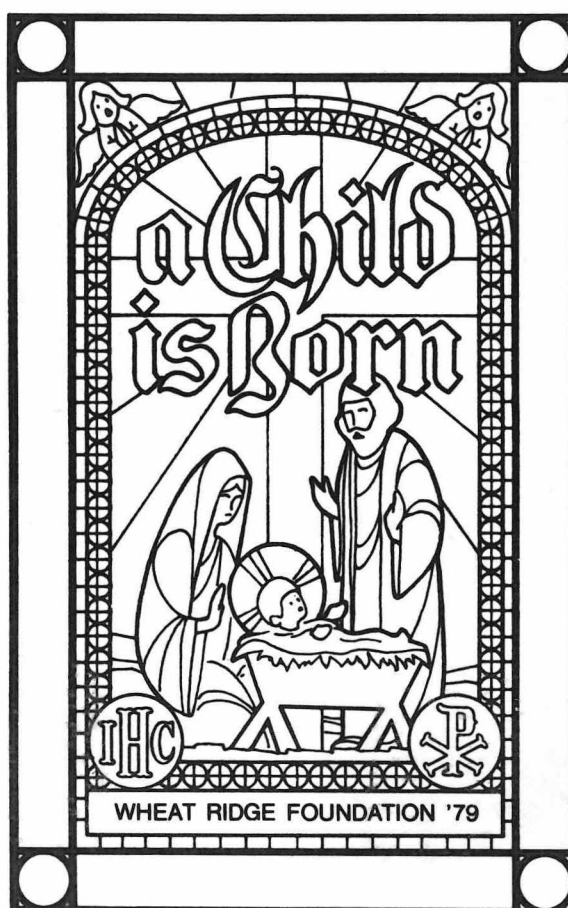
In the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod, Pastor Mass becomes the 4th ordained minister that are profoundly deaf. He joins Pastors Ludwig, Mork, and Case in this special priesthood.

All Praise and Glory to God!!



Friends sharing the great joy of the beginning of a new life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. (L.to r.) Mrs. Lester Ahls, Mrs. LaVerne Mass, and children, Rev. LaVerne Mass, and Mr. Lester Ahls. Mr. Ahls took the pictures of Pastor Mass ordination.

1979 WHEAT RIDGE SEALS, GIFTS PROCLAIM: CHRISTMAS IS FOR 'CHILDREN' OF ALL AGES



"A CHILD IS BORN" is the theme of the 1979 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals. The Seals proclaim the Good News of the birth of the Christ-Child and recall, in this the International Year of the Child, Christ's concern for little children. Contributions to the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals gift effort make it possible for Wheat Ridge to support each year nearly 50 health, education and social service projects for "children" of all ages

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REV. RICHARD A. MOODY INSTALLED AT HOLY CROSS

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The rites of installation being administered to Rev. Moody by (l.to r.) The Rev. Timothy Maschke, Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Elgin, Illinois; The Rev. James R. Taglauer, Pastor, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.; and The Rev. Don Zuhn, Secretary for Blind/Deaf Missions, The Board for Missions, Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod.



Pastor and Mrs. Moody in a happy moment following the installation. About a month later, the good Lord blessed them with their first child, a baby girl, christianized Jennifer Christine.



1979 WHEAT RIDGE SEALS

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and nationalities. Wheat Ridge is also sponsoring a Seals contest this Advent for the children of the church -- with winning designs appearing on the 1980 75th Anniversary of Wheat Ridge Seals.



"Thousands of Lebanese young people have been handicapped by the war. They have lost limbs and loved ones and the will to go on." But contributions to the 1979 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals gift effort will make it possible for Agnes Wakim (left) to continue to give new hope to her fellow countrymen, through the Contact and Resource Center for Youth that Wheat Ridge helps support in Beirut. With Agnes is Mr. Robert J.L. Zimmer, Wheat Ridge President.

- from the Wheat Ridge Foundation
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago -- Christmas is for children. For children of all ages!

The 1979 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals, in this the International Year of the Child, relate to "children" of all ages -- in each parish and around the world.

Taken from Isaiah 9:6, the theme of the 1979 Wheat Ridge Seals is "A Child Is Born." The theme itself and many of the individual seals proclaim the Good News of the birth of the Christ-child and recall Christ's concern for the little children.

Wheat Ridge President Robert J.L. Zimmer commented: "Not just during the Year of the Child -- but every year -- Wheat Ridge supports church projects overseas and at home that promote the physical, spiritual, intellectual and emotional well-being of children.

"Individual contributions to the 1979 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals gift effort will continue to make it possible for Wheat Ridge to support nearly 50 ministries each year to all kinds of children, of all ages and nationalities."


A special event sponsored by Wheat Ridge this Advent is a Christmas Seals Design Contest for the children of the church, to celebrate the Year of the Child and Wheat Ridge's upcoming 75th Anniversary. Winning designs will appear on the 75th Anniversary Seals in 1980.

The Seals Contest is open to Lutheran elementary school children (Sunday school, day school, Saturday school) from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Winners -- and their schools or congrega-

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← The Installation participants; (l.to r.) Mrs. Sharon Schwarz, choir; Vicar Don Kluge, Interpreter and lector; Rev. Timothy Maschke, liturgist; Pastor Moody; Rev. James Taglauer, Officiant; Rev. Don Zuhn, Preacher; Mr. Russel Healey, lay reader; and Mrs. Bettye Jo Healey, choir.



Children's Page

=PUZZLE FUN! =

+ FACES OF THE OLD WEST +

- BANDIT
COWBOY
GUNFIGHTER
INDIAN
BLACKSMITH
STAGE DRIVER
- GUNSMITH
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+ WORDS MAY BE FOUND BY READING IN ANY DIRECTION, EVEN BACKWARD! +

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tions -- will receive special award certificate prints of the 1980 Seals. In addition, Wallace and Irene Bronner, of Bronner's Christmas Decorations in Frankenmuth, Michigan, are donating a special keepsake Christmas ornament, made in Austria, to be given to each winning youngster.

Mr. Bronner is an Honorary Director of the Wheat Ridge Foundation, and served for many years on the Foundation Board of Directors and as a member of the LC-MS Board for Missions.

The winning Seals entries will be exhibited at Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois in December 1980.

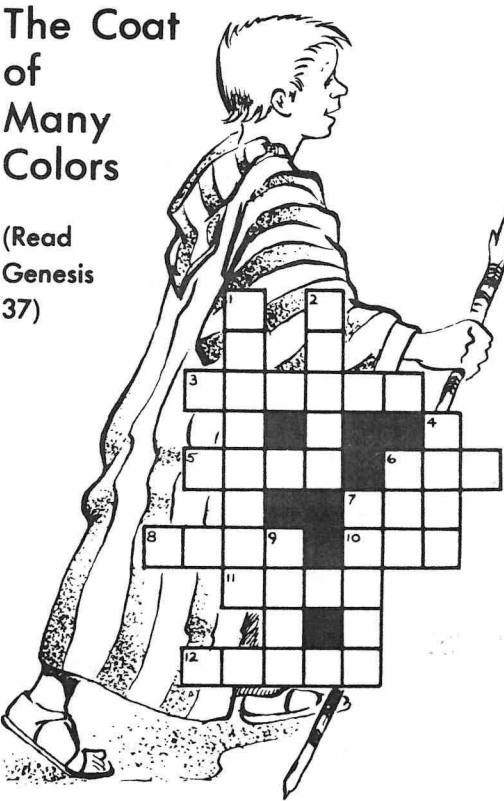
All entries must have a duplicated Wheat Ridge entry form and be postmarked by January 10, 1980. Full contest rules are available from the Wheat Ridge Foundation office (7 S. Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60603).

The Wheat Ridge Foundation grew out of a Lutheran TB Sanatorium established in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, in 1905. Wheat Ridge was one of the first charitable organizations in the U.S. to issue Christmas Seals -- with the first Wheat Ridge Seals appearing in 1910.

The Wheat Ridge Seals gift effort continues to be an annual Christmas tradition in some 5200 Lutheran Congregations in the U.S. and Canada--generally conducted as a service project of the congregational youth group.

The Coat of Many Colors

(Read Genesis 37)



- Across:
- 3—Jacob gave _____ a coat of many colors.
 - 5—Sailing vessel.
 - 6—Joseph's brothers threw him into a _____.
 - 7—Piece of material to wipe shoes on.
 - 8—Reuben did not let the other brothers _____ Joseph.
 - 10—Chewed and swallowed.
 - 11—Joseph's brothers _____ him as a slave.
 - 12—Joseph's brothers were angry when he told about his _____.
- Down:
- 1—Joseph's _____ were jealous of him.
 - 2—They took the _____ to Dothan for pasture.
 - 4—To nip.
 - 6—A light blow.
 - 7—Polite term of address for a lady.
 - 9—Joseph's brothers _____ off his coat.

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"As our collection today was quite poor - instead of today's hymn, we will now sing the blues."

9—Tore.
8—Madam.
7—Pat.
6—Bite.
5—Ship.
4—Sheep.
3—Joseph.
2—Brothers.
1—Hurt.
Across: 3—Joseph, 5—Ship, 6—Pat, 7—Madam, 8—Tore, 9—Tore.
Down: 1—Hurt, 2—Brothers, 3—Joseph, 4—Sheep, 5—Ship, 6—Bite, 7—Pat, 8—Madam, 9—Tore.

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