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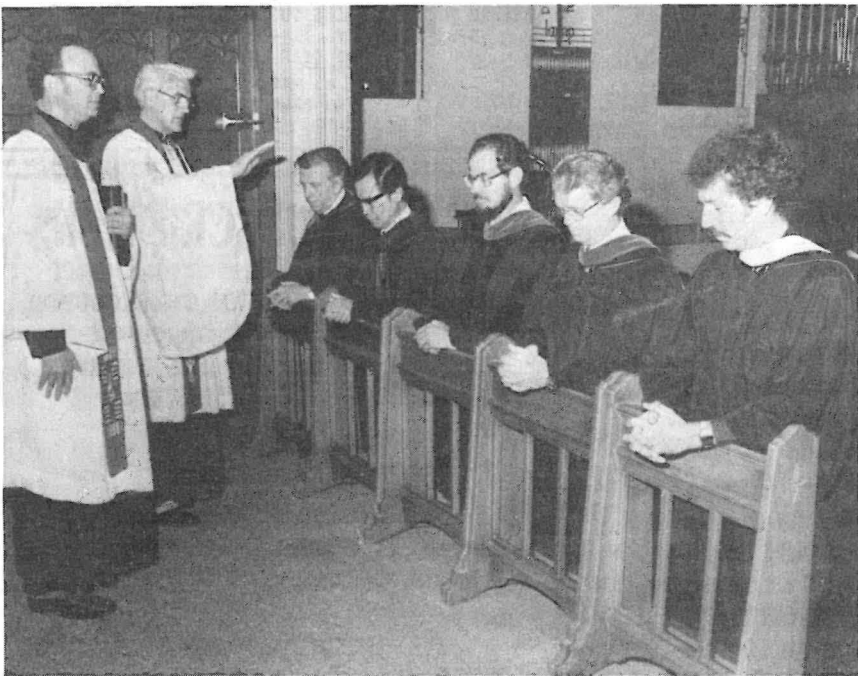
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REV. DANIEL H. POKORNY INSTALLED AS SEMINARY PROFESSOR



Rev. Daniel Pokorny being installed along with several other new faculty members at Concordia Seminary. Officiating the installation are: Rev. Paul Spitz, President of Missouri District; and Rev. Ralph Bohlmann, President of Concordia Seminary. Rev. Pokorny is kneeling at the far right.

For many years the Lutheran Church-Mo. Synod has had a large missionary staff working among deaf people. Beginning in Chicago, Ill. and spreading all over the North American continent, this ministry has been blessed and has grown rapidly. In the past few years, however, several churches of the deaf have been without pastors. It has been difficult to find new pastors to go into the work.

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf saw the need and decided to do something to help the deaf

churches get new pastors. Using a special grant fund to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, they established the "John of Beverley Chair" a professorship in ministry to deaf people.

On August 31, 1979 at 8:00P.M. several hundred people filled the chapel of the seminary. A large group of deaf people from the St. Louis area was among them. Pastor Richard Moody, a graduate of the seminary, was the interpreter. At this service Pastor Daniel H. Pokorny was installed. It was a truly joyous occasion that showed the end of many months of planning, and the beginning of a new and exciting work.

Also among the deaf people at the service were Edwin Bergstresser and Stephen Luke. These two men are students at the seminary. Stephen is in the fourth year and Edwin in the first. Part of the new professor's duties is to help these students to have interpreters in their classes and to get other assistance for their education.

The John of Beverley Professorship has two other responsibilities:

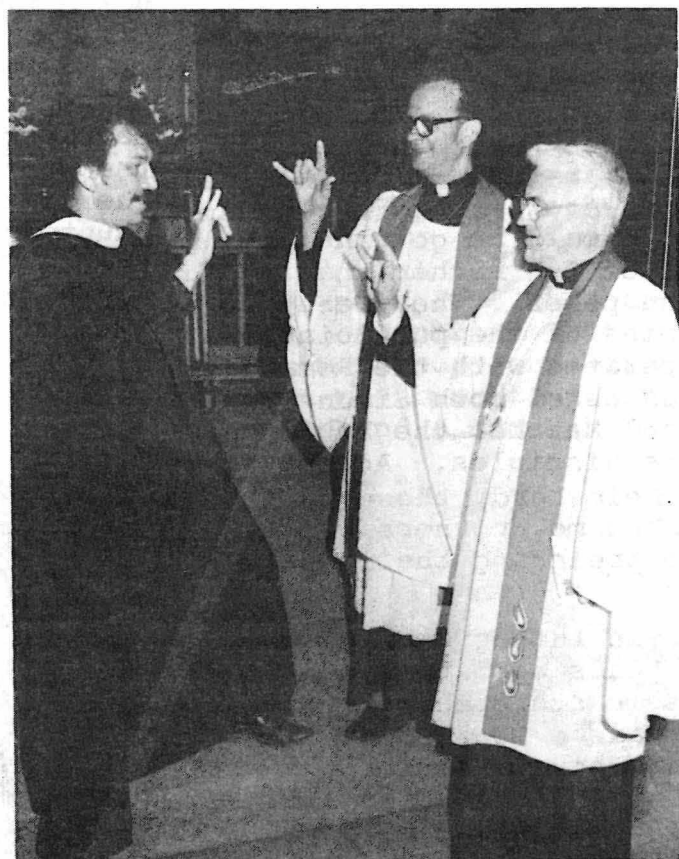
1. To recruit and train more workers for the churches of the deaf, and
2. To make every student at the seminary aware of deaf people and their problems.

Everyone has high hopes that the new position of Rev. Pokorny will improve the work that our church is doing in bringing Jesus Christ into the lives of more deaf people everywhere.

Pastor Daniel Pokorny, who is now in the "chair" has been working among deaf people since 1956. At that time he learned the sign language of the deaf from Pastor William Reinking. Pastor Pokorny vicared in New Jersey at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf. After graduation he was a pastor of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1967 he went from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C. where he was a pastor to deaf churches and also chaplain at Gallaudet College, the only college in the United States that was established solely for deaf students. Most recently Pastor Pokorny was director of the Isaiah 29 Center for the Development of Deaf Ministry in the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

For the work at the seminary to succeed, it is important that each person pray that God will bless the programs. Some churches may wish to make special offerings to help support the deaf students at the seminary or to help pay for the interpreters.

May God richly bless this work.



Showing that he is not a man who wastes time, Rev. Pokorny began teaching some signs to his installers, Rev. Spitz and Rev. Bohlmann. Maybe he can convince these two fine gentlemen to go into the deaf ministry!

(Please turn to page 3 for more pictures of the installation)

DO YOU KNOW THESE MEN?

St. Luke, because of his many references to the sacrifices of our Lord Jesus, has the winged ox assigned as the symbol of the highest sacrifice.



St. Simon (Zealot) has on his emblem a fish on the book to show that he was a fisher of men through the Gospel.

Luther described his seal as "The Christian's heart is resting on roses, E'en while be beneath the cross it reposes."



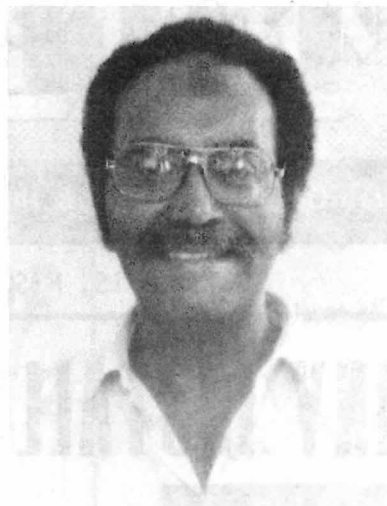
This month Christians everywhere will honor three men. Do you know them?

Luke - One of the most famous journalists of all times, this man wrote the Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, the third and fifth books of the New Testament. After interviewing many people who had known Jesus, Luke wrote about the ministry of the Savior. He related how Jesus forgave, healed, loved unselfishly, redeemed, shared the problems of ordinary people, was brave, and praised God. With beautiful words the evangelist helped Christians living in all countries and in all ages to know more about Jesus. A Greek by birth, Luke was a doctor and also a close friend and traveling companion of Paul. In the church October 18 is the day when Christians thank God for the work of Luke.

Simon - This apostle, whom we honor on October 28, belonged to a political party known as the Zealots. Members of this group believed that the Jewish nation should be independent, and they fought against Roman rule. The Zealots loved freedom and believed that men should be governed by the laws of God rather than by a foreign power. They were bitter enemies of the publicans, who cooperated with the Romans. Yet Jesus asked both Simon the Zealot and Matthew the Publican to be His disciples. Accepting Him as their Lord, these two enemies became brothers, dedicated to preaching the Gospel of Christ.

Martin Luther - On October 31, 450 years ago, this monk posted some statements for church leaders to discuss. He said that Jesus died for the sins of all men and that God saves all people who believe in Christ even though they sin daily. He was faithful to the Bible and wanted others to know its teachings. Martin Luther's conviction that only faith in God can save sinful people resulted in the Reformation.

Thank You!



Archie D. Marshall, 1979 John of Beverley recipient.

I want to say 'THANKS!' to many friends who have sent in letters of congratulations since I became recipient of the 1979 John of Beverley medal. These letters came to me from all over the country.

According to Rev. William Ludwig of Seattle, Washington, the first deaf (oralist) to be given this award was Martha E. Bruhn in 1960.

I think a story on the life and accomplishments of Martha E. Bruhn would make interesting reading in this publication. Is there anyone who can send such a story to me and hopefully a black and white photograph of this wonderful woman? Thanks in advance to anyone who does and thanks again, Christian friends for your letters to me.

Your friend, the editor
Archie D. Marshall

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PRINCE of PEACE DEAF St. Paul, Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

May 20th was a day of celebration as 150 or more people gathered for worship in the morning and remained for the dinner at noon. Rev. August Hauptman, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, who had been pastor of the congre-

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Rev. August Hauptman preaches to the congregation in the morning service on May 20th.

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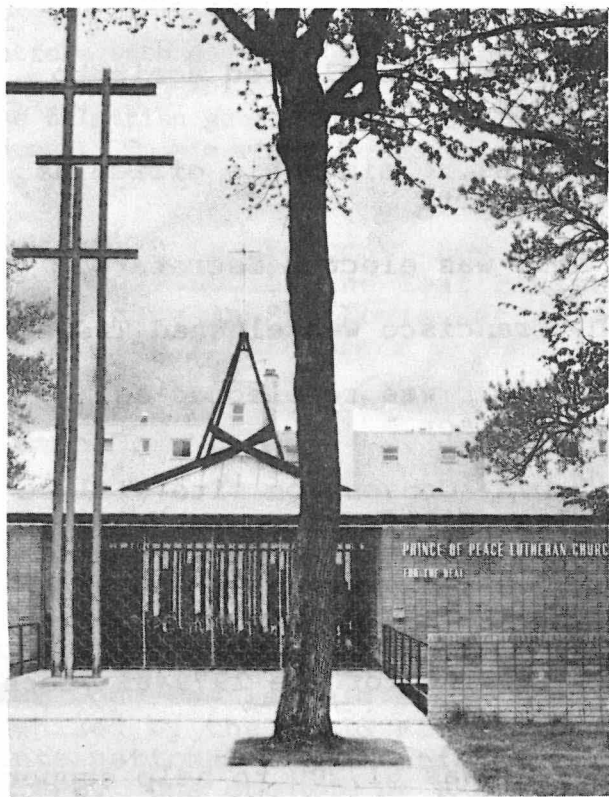
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Prince of Peace Celebrates

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gation for the greater part of its twenty years, was the guest pastor. The afternoon program also featured reminiscences by Pastor Hauptman and slides of the history of the congregation by Mr. Ernest Berger. Mr. Berger and Miss Anna Steffenson received prizes for being the oldest members of the congregation. Mrs. Olive Strasser, who came from Woodenville, Wash., received a prize for coming the furthest.



The crosses in front of the church are in memory of pioneer pastor for the deaf, Dr. John L. Salvner, who began his ministry in the Twin Cities in 1901. He retired in 1958, having spent all his ministry in the Twin Cities.



Rev. William Lange and Rev. August Hauptman greet the congregation at the close of the service.

Twenty years ago a new church building was built at the present location and at the same time two older deaf congregations, Grace of Minneapolis and Calvary of St. Paul, vacated their buildings, which were sold, and combined to form Prince of Peace. The building continues to be recognized in the Twin Cities area as one of the ten most beautiful buildings in the Twin Cities.

In preparation for the Twentieth Anniversary the chan-

cel area had been remodeled and also a new rear projection screen had been installed. The members had also done a great deal of painting of the building and general repairing. New draperies were also installed in the pastor's office and in the basement.

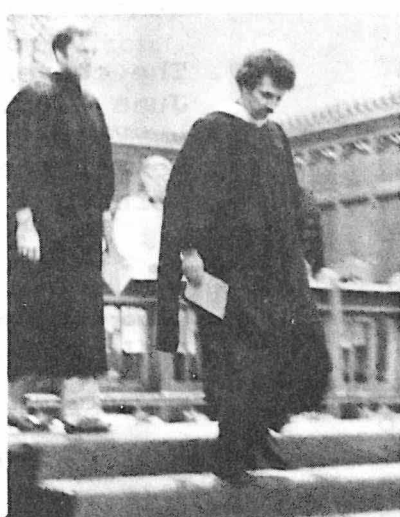


(L.to R.) Mrs. Ardella Klein, Mrs. Bertha Sweezo, and Mrs. Beverly Lachowitzer lead the congregation in singing the hymns.



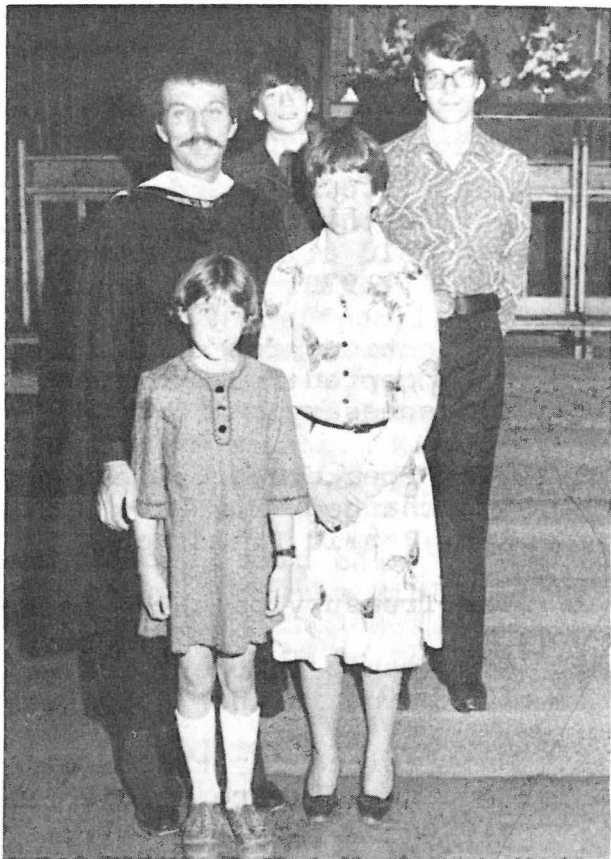
A host of friends greet Pastor and Mrs. Hauptman during the afternoon festivities.

-photos by David Sellman, a member of the congregation of Prince of Peace.



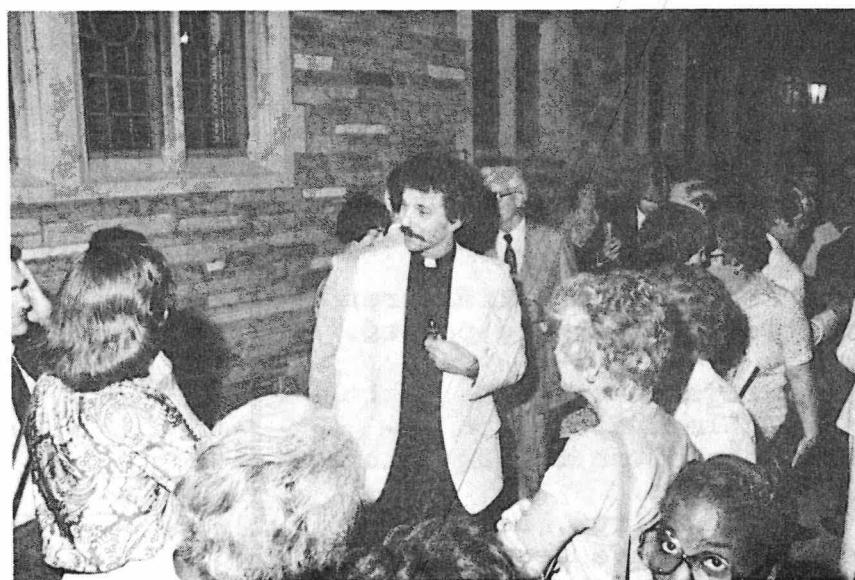
MORE PICTURES OF THE INSTALLATION OF DAN POKORNY

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The Daniel Pokorny family (clockwise) Rev. Pokorny; David; Philip; Mrs. (Pat) Pokorny; and Elizabeth.

BELOW: A group of deaf Lutherans from Holy Cross/St. Louis and some of the students at Concordia who attended the installation service. On the far left is Rev. Richard Moody, Pastor of Holy Cross who interpreted the service.



Well-wishers surround Rev. Pokorny at an outdoor reception at the Seminary following the installation services.

ILDA



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 5th BIENNIAL I.L.D.A. CONVENTION IN MEMPHIS

-A Condensation of a Report
by Lester Ahls, Secretary
I.L.D.A.

1. The I.L.D.A. Board of Directors met two days before the convention began. Their meeting was held at Memphis State University. June 19-21, 1979.
2. Nominations for office in the I.L.D.A. would be accepted from the floor of the convention if necessary.
3. Main Speaker at the convention banquet night was changed from Rev. Russell Johnson to Rev. Ronald Friedrich.
4. The Treasury balance was reported at \$7,378.
5. Membership in the I.L.D.A. totals 809 with 102 being in the 1,000 club.
6. Nominations for the Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand Award" were studied and the winner was picked but kept secret.
7. "Hire salaried workers" words in Article XVII of By-Laws were changed to read "purchase services".
8. Article I, Sec. A: A third paragraph was added that reads: In its regions ILDA shall work in cooperation with and be supportive of the mission and ministry of the districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Law Committee is to study it and prepare it for adoption by the convention. Sec. C. also was sent back to Law Committee for study.
9. Article II - Sec. A #1 had "Lutheran Churches" depleted and the words "The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and/or its partner churches" were adopted.
10. Article IV - Sec. C: Special privileges was changed to read: "The representative from the Board for Missions shall enjoy the same privileges as a board member of I.L.D.A. meetings, however, he shall not be permitted to vote or to serve as an officer in the I.L.D.A."
11. Mission Project #1 was to give \$500 to Pax Natura Ranch.
12. Mission Project #2 was to give \$1,000 to the school for the deaf in Porto Alegre.
13. Mission Project #3 was four (4) \$500 scholarships for deaf students in our Seminaries.
14. The auditors approved of the Treasurer's Report.
15. Additional mission projects will be discussed and adopted from the convention floor.
16. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the last convention (1977) were passed.
17. Concerning Mission Projects over the past two years, Treasurer Elmer Francisco reported support had been given to Pax Natura Ranch at Edmonton, Alberta. Schools for the Deaf in Beirut, Lebanon and Porto Alegre, Brazil have been sent the amounts of money adopted. Money borrowed from Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis for aid in purchasing equipment for The Deaf Lutheran has been repaid in full.
18. Mission Project # 4 was to send \$500 to support the work among the deaf in Taiwan.
19. Registration was reported at 315.
20. Election of officers for the next two years was as follows:

Joseph Kindred was elected again to the office of President.

Charles Kotal retained his office as President-Elect.

Lester Ahls was elected Secretary.

Elmer D. Francisco was elected Treas.

Rev. Paul Dorr was re-elected as Pastoral Advisor.
21. 1981 I.L.D.A. Convention site will be Los Angeles, California.
22. 1983 I.L.D.A. Convention site will be Pittsburgh, Pa. (Trinity as host).
23. A budget of \$16,500.00 for the 1979-81 years was adopted.
24. Mission Project #5 was \$1,200 to help support mission work in India.
25. Five mission projects for the next two years costing a total of \$5,200.00 were adopted.
26. 1981 Convention dates will be July 9-12 with headquarters at the Los Angeles Hilton.
27. The convention adjourned at 5P.M. Saturday June 24th.
28. New officers were installed at the Sunday morning worship service by Rev. Paul Dorr.

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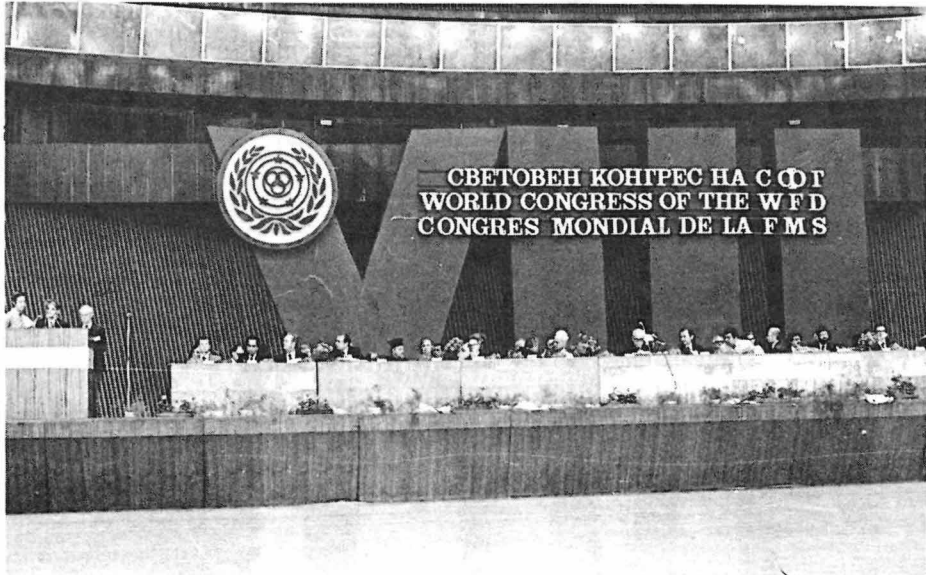
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THE 8th WORLD CONGRESS of the DEAF



The platform with dignitaries and officials at the opening of the VIIIth World Congress of the Deaf. A speaker from the Bulgarian government is talking at the left of the picture. To his right is the interpreter for English and to his left is the interpreter for French.

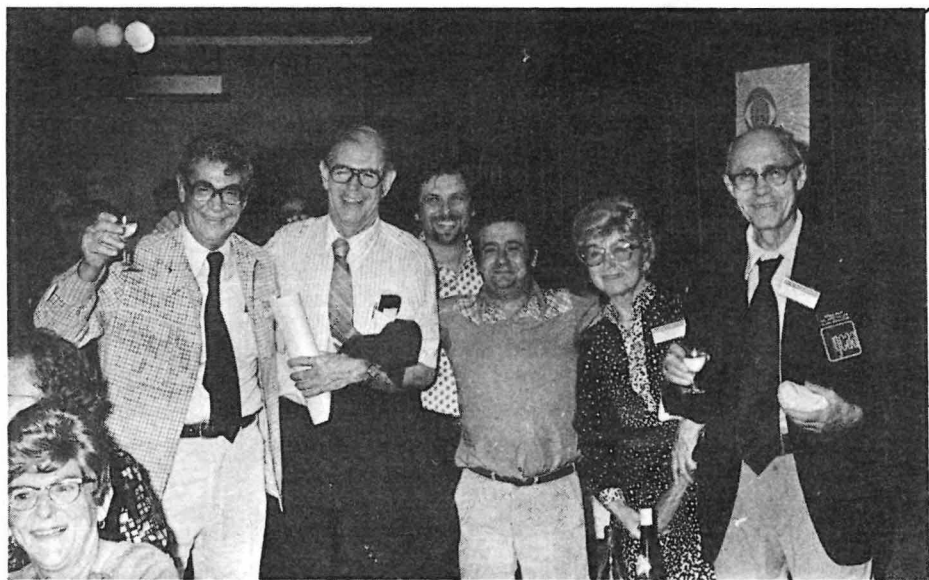
Pastor Daniel Pokorny, now the John of Beverley Professor of the Deaf Ministry at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, attended the meeting of the Eighth World Congress of the Deaf in Varna, Bulgaria from June 21-28, 1979. He went to give a paper at the meeting of the Spiritual Care Commission. His paper was about "New Methods of Religious Education for the Deaf."

Unofficial reports showed that about 3,200 people from all over the world had registered to come to the meeting. When all the registration papers were in, some reports showed that there were really 4,500 people there!!!

The Congress is held every four years and is organized by the World Federation of the Deaf. This international organization is active in many areas. One project of the WFD has been to develop an international sign-language, named "Gestuno". This sign-language was used by many trained Bulgarian interpreters.

Also among the 4,500 persons were members of the faculty staff of Gallaudet College. Among them was Mrs. Edna Adler who is a member of the Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington, D.C., Dr. Edward C. Merrill of Gallaudet College received a special award for service to deaf people.

Pastor Pokorny's experiences at the Congress were sometimes very exciting. For example: his flight to Bulgaria was cancelled because of the DC 10 problem. He had to find another way that made things very difficult. He almost didn't get out again after the meeting! The airlines people said they had no record of



Several members of the Gallaudet College delegation attend a party at the Congress. The first person on the right is Gerald Adler. Next to him is his wife, Edna. Dr. Merrill, the president of Gallaudet, is holding up a rolled up paper.

his reservation! Through the help of some Swiss friends he was allowed on. (No! Not in a suitcase...he had a seat!!)

Some parts of the Congress program seemed poorly planned. The meetings were held in various buildings around the city and transportation was difficult. Some rooms were too small for

the people who wanted to get in. Other times interpreters weren't doing a good job of translating the meetings into the different languages.

Still, many people had a chance to come together and share with one another their ideas about how to improve the lives of deaf people around the world. The Spiritual Care Commission made clear that deaf people must have the right to choose freely their religion even in countries with "anti-religious" governments. Father T. Coughlin, the first deaf Catholic priest from America had time to speak to the group.

In his paper, Pastor Pokorny said that people should follow the example of the Bible and use many illustrations to teach the deaf. The use of words and vocabulary should be reduced, so that deaf people begin to form good ideas about God. Finally Pastor Pokorny said he thought there could be a personal Bible teacher in every church if people would only begin to use computerized education. He showed a small computer program to the people and encouraged them to do the same or something for themselves.

It is hoped that our Lutheran Churches of the Deaf through members will be active in the WORLD of the deaf all over the earth and have some influence in this organization. Pastor Pokorny is thankful that he could be a part of it and hopes that many people will be helped by his lecture.



The Palace of Sport and Culture was packed for the opening ceremony of the Congress. Pastor Pokorny is to the right of the picture holding a camera. Can you find him?



"WHOA! WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO 'OBEY'?"



Teachers Conduct Sign Language Workshop

H. W. Hoemann, Ph.D.
Psychology Department
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio

Twelve teachers of American Sign Language from five states met at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, June 11-15, to share their expertise and upgrade their teaching competencies. Coordinator of the workshop was Dr. Harry W. Hoemann, Associate Professor of Psychology and member of the Certification Committee of the Sign Instructors Guidance Network, an organization dedicated to quality teaching of American Sign Language.

Topics covered by workshop faculty included lesson plan construction, curriculum development, evaluation, attitudes toward deafness and ASL, nonverbal communication, and principles of second language teaching. Sharing with Dr. Hoemann the responsibility for formal presentations at the workshop were Dr. JoAnn Reynolds of BGSU, Kenneth Rust of Madonna College, Livonia, MI, Steve Schultz of the N.T.I.D., Rochester, NY, Rosemarie Lucafo of the Oak Park Speech and Hearing Center, Oak Park, IL, Jim Dyko of the Toledo Public Schools, and Aurelia Long of the Toledo Speech and Hearing Center, Toledo, OH.

Workshop participants had the option of enrolling for two hours of credit with the Graduate College of Bowling Green State University.

Tentative plans have been made to hold a similar workshop June 16-20, 1980. Information on the 1980 workshop may be requested from Dr. Harry Hoemann, Psychology Department, B.G.S.U., Bowling Green, OH 43403.

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Mrs. Judy Miller of Portland, Oregon won the Uriel C. Jones Right Hand Award at the recent ILDA Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. She became the second person from the NORTHWEST region to do so. Mr. James M. Lowell of Tacoma was the first recipient of this high award, which was presented to him at the 1977 ILDA Convention. Congratulations, Mrs. Miller!

LaVerne Mass Installed In Pilgrim - Kansas

Reverend LaVerne Mass was installed as Pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Kansas City, Missouri.

The installation took place on the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1979 at 3:00 p.m.

Officiating in the installation were: The Rev. Donald Zuhn, Secretary for the Blind/Deaf Ministries, LC/MS - Preacher.

The Rev. Dr. Arlen J. Bruns, Interim Pastor, Pilgrim Lutheran Church - Liturgist;

The Rev. Harold H. Luke, Counselor, Kansas City Central Circuit - Officiant; Mr. Mike Messina - Organist;

The Sign Choir were: Mrs. Dolores Higgins, Mrs. Irene Morgan, Mrs. Grace Price and Mrs. Irene Searles.

Sharing with Rev. Mass this joyous day is his wife, Joan (photo on the left above), and in the photo to the right, shaking hands with Rev. Mass is Rev. Harold Luke, circuit counselor, and father of Steve Luke.



EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE - 1979



The 1979 Ephphatha Conference was held in Memphis following ILDA Convention. The man in the dark suit is Mr. Ernest Balke representing Synod's Bd.-Missions. Find your favorite pastor in above pic.



HARVEST-TIME

-by Donald Zuhn

Do you remember Farmer Brown from the March Issue of THE DEAF LUTHERAN? He was the unlikely man who planted his seed in the spring, but did not expect any harvest. My guess is that he was not disappointed.

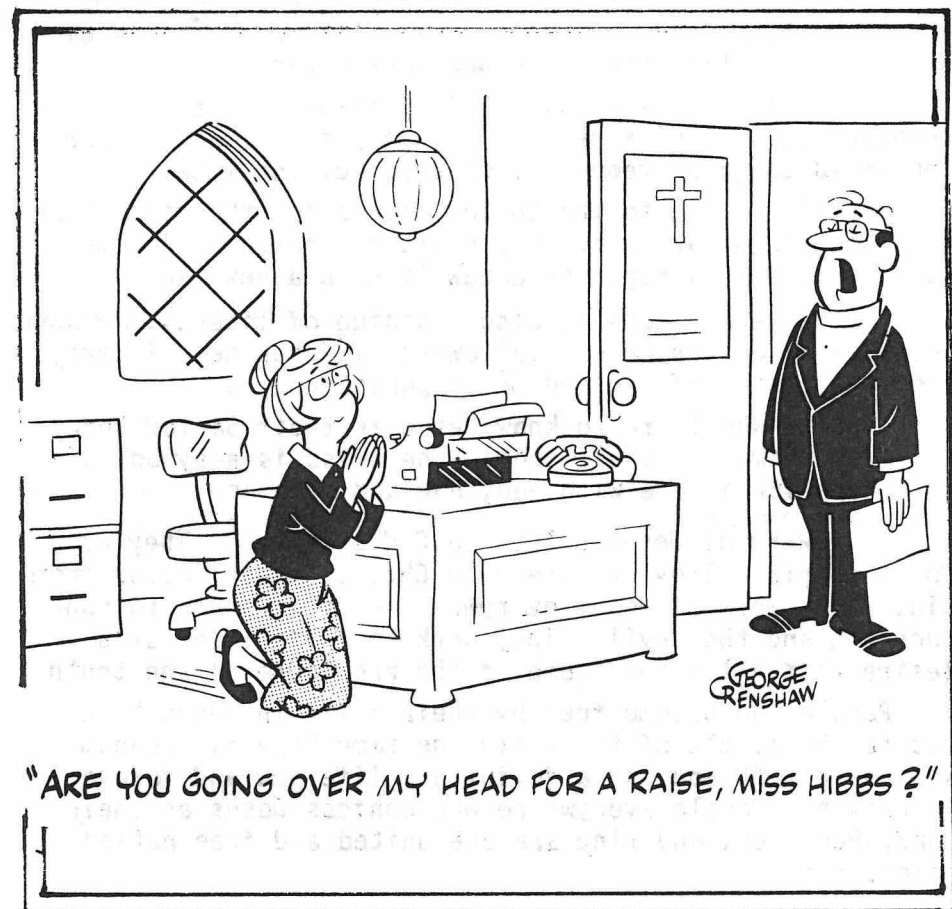
It appears that most farmers are pleased when the harvest this year. If so, it is because God has richly blessed the work that went into the plowing, planting, and caring for the crops. Rain and warm sunshine came at the right time. "Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good!"

The many of us who are not farmers can also praise the Lord for the bountiful harvest. It that there will be food for our tables too- food to make us strong to live and work and serve our God. "Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good!"

Does your life show your thankfulness? When we moan and complain about high prices (and most of us do!), it's hard to see that we are thankful people. When we selfishly keep all of God's blessings for ourselves - not giving a part back to God, and not sharing with others who have less than we have - it's hard to see that we are thankful for the love that God has shown us.

And He has shown love to us! Look to the cross of Jesus and see once again how much love He has for you and me! Yes, "Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good; His love is eternal!"

When was the last time you gave your church a cost-of-living increase?



CLOWN WORKSHOP REPORT

-by
Rev. O. Mork,
Pastor
Bethlehem Deaf
Lutheran
Church,
Omaha, Neb.



"Getting Ready"

There is an old song, "There's No Business Like Show Business" . . . and that is true, almost. Because there is one "business" that is better. "What business?", you might ask. "Clown business" is our answer! Especially when we are clowning for Christ.

One weekend earlier in the year, we clowned here at Bethlehem Deaf in Omaha. Mark Shoepp, a senior at Concordia Teachers College in Seward and his assistant, Joy Conrad, a junior at the same school, came here to teach a group of deaf and hearing young people how to become "clowns for Christ". We really had lots of fun.

Friday evening, we got to know each other and learned more about "Why the clown in church" Then we saw a clown service ourselves. It was a unique (special) experience. We were able to worship our Lord in a new way.

Saturday morning we did some "clownastics" (exercises for clowns) and then a Bible study to understand our ministry and life in Christ as a clown. After lunch, we all put on our own clown faces with the clown make-up Mark brought. We, then, put on our clown clothes and went to the Midland Mall in Council Bluffs for about two hours of "clowning around". What fun!! Rev. Mork said that he really felt like "Mork from Ork", not Mork from Norway! We all came back to Bethlehem in high spirits. We washed off our make-up and sat down to a delicious celebration supper.

On Sunday morning, some of the worship participants went to St. Mark's Lutheran Church to conduct a Clown Service for the Sunday School children and adults there. It was very well received.






























Many thanks to Mark and Joy, who taught us how to clown; to Karen, our parish worker, who arranged for this fine workshop; and last but not least, to all those who came to learn and who helped make that weekend a memorable one!














Children's Page

THE STORY OF MARTIN LUTHER

Martin Luther Part 1

 Hans Luther  Margaret  Baby  Boy  Pastor
 Long ago in Europe lived  and his wife .  worked hard every day. One day a  boy was born to  and .  carried the  to  the next day. The  baptized the . The  was called Martin. Now  Martin was one of the little  of .  Martin grew bigger and soon became the  Martin.  and  loved the  Martin. The boy Martin loved his parents. When the  Martin was 4 1/2 years old,  and  sent him to .



















Martin Luther Part 2

 Martin  Nick  Teacher  John
 Every day  s friend  carried  to  on his back.  worked hard at . His  said: " is a good worker. He can read well. Sometimes when  did not know his lesson, the  tied a wooden  around his neck. And each time  had to make a mark on his . Later  was spanked for each mark on his . When  was 14 years old, he went with his friend  to a  60 miles from home.  and  walked all the way. At that   saw the  for the first time. The  was chained to a .

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 A Sunday School teacher was telling her class of very young children how God sent the ravens to feed Elijah with bread and meat, when one little girl looked up in surprise and said, "What, no catsup?"

Martin Luther Part 3



At the city  and his friend walked through the town and sang for their food. As  grew older, he learned more about the . He learned that  loves all people.  wanted everyone to know this. One day, when  was a young man, he nailed a  to the  of the . This  told about  and His love for all people. When the people read the  they were glad to learn of  and His love.  wrote many happy songs that told of . Sometimes we sing these songs in our . Each year in October we remember  Luther and what he did to help the whole . The End

STATUES of LIBERTY



Over 100 years ago in 1886 the people of France gave to the United States a special gift. It was a statue of liberty that still stands in New York harbor.

This gift has special meaning because it helps people remember that America helped many people in lands around the world to gain freedom, independence, and liberty.

People coming to the United States for the first time see this statue as their ship nears the harbor. To them it is a symbol of hope for a new life in a new land.

A statue of Jesus is also a statue of liberty. Through Jesus dying on the cross, followers of Jesus have liberty from the chains of sin and God's punishment.

People who learn to know Jesus as their Savior knows He loves them. To these people the cross is a symbol of sure hope for a life with God, now and forever.

Followers of Jesus belong to God's family. They are God's people. They are freed by Christ, their Savior from sin. Followers of Jesus everywhere work and pray to conquer sin and the devil. They work to fulfill Christ's desire that all should come to the knowledge of the truth.

People who become free by their faith in Jesus hold out to the people of the world the same hope of freedom and peace with God and a joyful new life now and forever in heaven. People everywhere who confess Jesus as their Lord, Redeemer, and King are one united and free nation before God.