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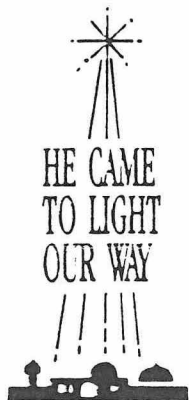
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The year of the Lord One thousand nine hundred and ninety-three is upon us as we continue in the afterglow of the holiday celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We also celebrate the Festival of Epiphany on Jan. 6, which is also known as the Twelfth Day of Christmas, when we recount the visit of the Wise Men, who were the first non-Jewish, or Gentiles, to visit the baby Jesus and to worship Him. As we enter yet another year and 1992 passes into history, we will want to reflect upon just exactly who Jesus Christ is and why He came.



GOOD NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Dr. A. L. Barry, President
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

I have some fantastically good news for you. No, it is not that you are about to get a pay raise or that your taxes are going to be cut. It is much better than that.

It is the good news that in Jesus Christ, all your sins have been completely and forever forgiven. Yes, even those that still weigh heavy upon your heart and mind from days past. All of them have been removed as far as east is from the west in Jesus Christ. Because that is the case, once again God can come to you today and say--though your sins be as scarlet, they are as white as snow. Though they were red as crimson, in Christ they are now white as wool. So rejoice! Yes, rejoice greatly! For in Jesus as a penitent believer your sins have been completely forgiven, now and forever.

God bless!

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

First of all, please note the word "is" in the question above, not the word "was" because we are referring to a person who is very much alive. Very briefly stated, Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity; He is God Himself. God the Son has always existed and through whom everything has been created and has on-going life. He is Alpha and Omega, meaning God has no beginning and no end; in short, Jesus is eternal. Jesus Christ, who was born as a man almost 2,000 years ago through the miraculous conception of the power of the "Most High," the Holy Spirit took on human flesh with a human soul within the womb of the virgin Mary. Yes, the Son was born a real human being.

WHY DID HE COME?

He came for you and me; in fact, for all people. He came to save us from that which you and I could never overcome. He came to defeat for us and to redeem us from **sin, death** and the **power of the devil** over us. Regarding sin, Paul writes: "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

With the 12th biennial ILDA convention looming this coming summer, the call is out for all regions to send in their nominations for national ILDA offices to be voted on in Austin. Past experience has shown the response to this appeal is usually poor, so the editor is hoping that 1993 will show an improvement! Send your lists to the Editor, 1004 Cherrywood Drive, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 as soon as possible. A short resume and a black and white (or colored) snapshot and the office sought would be very much appreciated.

REV. ALVIN E. FERBER DIES

An era ended on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1992 when the last of a father's four sons who had followed him into the Holy Ministry, passed away at St. Joseph's Health Center in Kansas City at the age of 93 years, concluding a ministry that lasted 68 years.

Rev. Alvin Ferber retired in 1974 when he had concluded 50 years of service in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, but continued to serve the Lord as a pastoral assistant at Calvary Lutheran Church and occasionally doing work as a vacancy pastor when the need arose. He was director of publicity and public relations for the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod for 20 years. He also received the John of Beverley Award from the Synod in 1974.

The death of Pastor Ferber follows his brother, Waldemar, who died almost a year before in Detroit Lakes, Minn. a few days short of his 97th birthday. Another brother, Gerhardt, served the deaf 15 years, bringing the cumulative total of the three to 157 years. The father of the four boys and one brother who served in a hearing church brought the total to approximately 220 years in service to God and His church.

Pastor Ferber was preceded in death by his wife, Marie, who passed away in Nov. 1984



REV. ALVIN E. FERBER
1899 - 1992

and a son, who also died the same year. Survivors include a sister, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City.

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Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21. And regarding death, we read: "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57. And regarding the devil, we are told: "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." 1 John 3:8.

How blessed are we in the love and grace of Jesus Christ! How blessed are we to have one another as fellow Christians, working together in the greatest and most wonderful pursuit on this planet, namely, to share the message of Jesus!

Blessing, joy and peace to all our members in the International Lutheran Deaf Association, in our churches and congregations, wherever you may be and may our Lord grant each one of us good health, happiness and renewed faith in HIM though out the New Year.

We rejoice because of Jesus and because of Jesus in each other.

As With Gladness Men of Old

127, The Lutheran Hymnal

As with gladness, men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee!

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat!

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!
Amen.

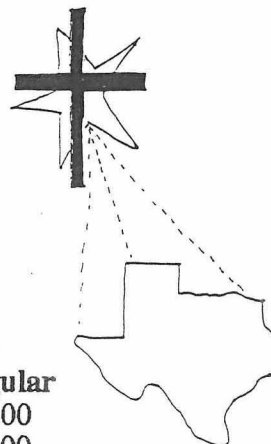
The 12th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association



at
Red Lion Hotel-Austin Airport
hosted by
Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf
Austin, Texas

July 1-4, 1993

Convention Theme "Jesus is the Lone Star" Rev. 22:16



| | Regular |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Registration (required)..... | 15.00 |
| Program Book..... | 5.00 |
| Thursday (refreshments)..... | 12.00 |
| Friday (brunch)..... | 18.00 |
| Saturday (snacks and banquet)..... | 36.00 |
| Sunday (breakfast)..... | 10.00 |

Total for tickets \$100.00

| | Before April 1, 1993 | Before June 1, 1993 | After June 1, 1993 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Special for Combo Tickets | \$75.00 | \$85.00 | \$90.00 |
| Non-member of ILDA, add..... | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |

Note: Pay \$5.00 to ILDA Treasurer for membership to save \$5.00 before April 1, 1993.

Lodging: at Red Lion Hotel-Austin Airport

ILDA Convention (Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.) \$55.00 per night

Tour Packages: Friday afternoon (include bus fare, admission and dinner)

Tentative Prices (subject to change until Fall 1992)

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| Excursion to San Antonio | \$45.00 each |
| LBJ Ranch/Fredericksburg | \$40.00 each |
| Austin Tour | \$35.00 each |
| Fiesta Texas (Theme Park) (excludes meals) | \$30.00 each |

Convention Special Services

Do you or someone in your family need special assistance or special diet? () yes

Do you want to contribute your services as a deaf-blind or oral interpreter or wheelchair assistant? () yes

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NEWS FROM AROUND

Silent Word Media Resources, which is located on the campus of Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., has called Rev. Charles E. Jones as its new director of Education and Outreach. Rev. Jones will have numerous supervisory duties with the major thrust spent on the Deaf Ministry Resources Center with responsibility devoted to the development of Christian educational materials.

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1993 convention update: Elsewhere in this issue is a flyer outlining travel discounts for people flying to Austin for the 12th biennial ILDA convention. Fares can be reduced an additional 5% from the lowest published fare by persons flying by either **AMERICA WEST** or **CONTINENTAL**. (See Page 6.)

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Want to take a cruise to **Alaska** this summer? Another flyer explains the discounts to be had for early bookings. (See Page 7.)

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An **ILDA fund** raising project this summer will feature T-shirts emblazoned with the ILDA logo on the front! At \$10 each, they make great gifts.

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The planning to bring the ILDA under the umbrella of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod as an Auxiliary of the Synod seems to be progressing well with only a couple of items relating to both Purpose and Dissolution needing additional work as requested by the Synod's Reviewing Board. Perhaps an announcement will be forthcoming in the not too distant future concerning this important milestone that was initiated in 1987.

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Now what!? **Deaf rabbits!** It seems that all the noise generated by the jetliners at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C. has begotten several generations of rabbits that are deaf.

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A letter from **LCMS President Barry** informs the editor that the 1995 convention of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod will be held in St. Louis, not in Chicago as some have supposed.

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Former pastor, **Dr. C. Roland Gerhold** and his wife, **Viola**, who are spending their retirement years near Honesdale, Pa., were honored by the congregation of St. Philip Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia

on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Rev. Gerhold's ordination in the Holy Ministry. The event brought back many happy reminiscences of his work.

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Would you like to improve your skills as a church interpreter? The 1993 dates of the **Church Interpreter Training Institute** at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. are June 20 to July 16.

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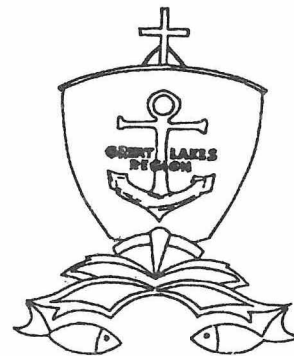
From California, we have a report that **Pastor Bob Rowland** of Sacramento underwent hip surgery on Nov. 17 to correct a problem that developed from a similar operation two years ago.

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In Michigan, **Rev. Clark Bailey** had a procedure known as "angioplasty" done to reopen clogged blood vessels. He will retire sometime this year.

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Shown here for the first time that the editor can remember is the logo of the Great



Lakes Regional Conference of the ILDA. It is the handiwork of **Larry Ginter** and **Mary Tingler** of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Two young people from the GLRC will be attending the ILDA convention in Austin this summer as delegates. They are **Todd Altaffer** and **Nelson Lawson** who will be the alternate.

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The **Wisconsin School for the Deaf** has a new superintendent in the person of Mr. **Tim Jaech**. A generation ago, it was almost unheard of that deaf person could head up a school administration. Now we have several nationwide. Supt. Jaech has pledged his continuing cooperation in the religious instruction of students who attend Holy Cross Lutheran Church which is across the highway from the campus.

D THE COUNTRY . . .

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in West Allis, Wis. has received approval for a new addition to its building which will be 25'x55' with a full basement. The architect estimates that they have enough funds to cover the project and bids have been sent out. The 'go ahead' will be given as soon as they receive final costs on the project.

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Rev. Steven Schlund of Delavan, Wis., will be serving on the Board of Directors of Silent Word at Concordia University in River Forest, Ill. Silent Word produces videos and Christian educational materials for deaf churches.

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Deaf Lutherans residing in northeast Kansas are attending services provided by Rev. Steven Harmon of Humboldt, Neb. in Sabetha, Kan. Pastor Steve's wife, Patty, does the interpreting as the pastor does not use manual communication. Rev. Harmon and Rev. John Reinke of Omaha work closely.

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Dr. Emmanuel Ojile, who graduated from the University of Alberta at Edmonton in the spring of 1992 has returned to his home in Nigeria (Africa) only to discover that the military government has closed the university where he was teaching before. It appears that the government fears that the intellectuals in the universities are opposing them. Your prayers are needed.

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Ray and Carola Rasmus of Fremont, Calif. observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 20, 1992. Both are active members of Memorial Lutheran Church in Fremont. Their son-in-law, Phil Bravin, is chairman of the Board of Directors of Gallaudet University.

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Rev. Bob Rowland declined a call to the deaf ministry in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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Rev. Rodney Ryneanson's office is seeking volunteers to assist with the production of Braille materials for blind Lutherans nationwide. No special skills are needed and all equipment and supplies are provided by his office. Dr. Ryneanson says that despite a budget cut of \$20,000 in each of the last two years, they are still serving 1,000 more people, "thanks to all those wonderful volunteers." With 80 more helpers, he say synod could save an additional \$15,000 a year.

A recent report out from **Bethesda Lutheran Home** of Watertown, Wis., states that the proposed operating budget for fiscal 1992-1993 will be \$33,877,000. The Home, which serves the mentally retarded of whom they have about 700 and thousands of others whom they serve through outreach programs from about 1,000 employees who work in 35 facilities in 10 states.

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The former **Lutheran School for the Deaf** in Detroit, Mich., and now renamed to "Lutheran Special Education Ministries" began its 120th year recently. It was founded in 1873.

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Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Edmonton, Alta. observed the 30th anniversary of the dedication of its church building on Oct. 11. The little poem, by an unknown author, was sung at the conclusion of the celebration:

At last we've built it! God's house!
We've dreamed about it, and the
dream's come true
And now it stands all beautiful and new,
And we, who've sacrifice and
watched it grow
Are close to tears. We love it so.

We enter softly, slowly . . .
God in the midst of us. Our hearts embrace
The pews, the pulpit; now this holy place,
The candles, windows, carpets,
narthax, door,
Is part of us. Forever more.



CHOIR SINGS AT ORDINATION--Ladies from deaf choir at St. James sign/sing during the ordination of John Hoopmann, (Left to right) Katrina Nokes, Sandra Hoopmann and Eleanor Lewis.



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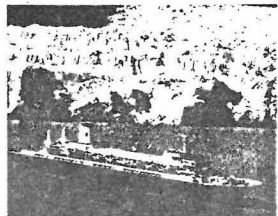
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FAITH, SPOKANE, OBSERVES 65TH

By Larry Gorton

3807 South Latawah, Spokane, WA

During the week-end of Oct. 17-18 members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church had a wonderful 65th anniversary celebration. The theme was, "Rejoice, God Is Good!" The week-end began with Saturday banquet--a fun filled evening in which 40 people enjoyed an excellent catered dinner being served from our completely remodeled kitchen.

The excellent banquet program had several stories shared by many, including Mildred Johnson, a surprise visitor and daughter of

former deaf active members. Jane Gorton led everyone in a delightful game, "Let's Make a Deal" in which everyone enjoyed with their laughs.

Rev. Wayne Bottlinger from Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Vancouver, B.C., Canada was our featured week-end guest and he shared with us God's Word of encouraging friendship with Him. Our Friendship Sunday was well attended with 70 members and friends, followed with a potluck dinner.

Our booster fund greatly helped cover the cost of our anniversary week-end expenses.

Rejoice, God is good!

ABOUT DRINKING AND DRIVING

With New Year's Eve safely past for at least another year and, hopefully, none of our friends in any trouble as a result of imbibing a bit too much, we are listing here what can happen in other countries when a driver becomes tipsy after having "one too many":

AUSTRALIA: Drunk drives get their names in the newspaper under the heading "Drunk and in Jail."

TURKEY: Drunk drivers get to walk 20 miles with a police escort.

MALAYSIA: Not only is the drunk driver put in jail, but so is his wife.

FINLAND and SWEDEN: Drunk drivers are automatically sentenced to one year at hard labor.

SOVIET UNION: The drunk driver loses his license for the rest of his life.

BULGARIA: The second time the person drives drunk, he is executed.

EL SALVADOR: There is no warning. Drunk drivers are shot.

What about the USA? In this country, we seems to be way too lenient with this national problem. Perhaps we could learn from our neighbors.



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