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Rev. Jerold D. Munz, ILDA Pastoral Advisor



Greetings in Christ to all of you. At the June 2007 ILDA Convention, I was elected as ILDA Pastoral Advisor. At the end of July I retired from active pastoral ministry in Indiana. My wife, Joyce, and I have moved to Florida. And I have accepted a part-time position as Florida-Georgia District Missionary at Large – Deaf [MAL-D] and am assigned to serve as the deaf missionary to Rogate Deaf Lutheran Church of Clearwater and the greater Tampa-St. Petersburg area.

After this lengthy introduction, we need to explain that we do have two daughters, both married, and four grand children. Also we have two dogs. Their names are Bernie and Bianca. They are black and white and are over seven-and-a-half years old. Bernie has the unique ability to talk to me. He has several tones in his bark and whines which tell me one thing or another. Also he has coal black eyes. His eyes talk.

I recall when Bernie was a teething puppy. Yes dogs and humans grow baby teeth. Later they loose their baby teeth and grow permanent teeth. Bernie was teething. He would wake me up at 2 AM and have me a look that only he can give. Then he opened his mouth. I read his eyes and I knew what he wanted. And I rubbed his gums.

Now as an adult dog, Bernie sits and turns his face toward mine. I look into his eyes and understand that he is hungry or that he needs to go outside to do his business.

You ask, but what does that have to do with you, me and God? Jesus probably saw the same look in Simon Peter's eyes in John 6:68. Simon Peter asked Jesus, *"To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."* It is true: *"where shall we go? To whom shall we go? What shall we do?"* Peter's eyes and our eyes are empty and longing eyes. When we know our Savior, our eyes are no longer blank but are filled with light and joy. We know we have everything: *"The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need or want."* Psalm 23:1.

Today your eyes and my eyes, look lovingly to Jesus Christ. Our eyes twinkle with joy and we say together, *"We don't need to go anywhere because YOU are the Words of Eternal Life."*

> Pastor Jerry Munz, ILDA Pastoral Advisor



The President's Report...



Greg Desrosiers, ILDA 2007-2009 President

Editor Wanted...

There is a job opening, starting Fall 2009, for a new *Deaf Lutheran* Editor.

Experience in computer desktop publishing, PhotoShop, Microsoft Words, Excel, Internet are recommended.

Send resume to: Greg Desrousiers, 6352 188 St., Cloverdale, BC V3S 7T9, Canada or email: gdesrousiers1@shaw.ca



As you know our life is full of mountains and valleys here, we have seen a series of terrible news on T.V. and via website, particularly the fire havocs in the area of Los Angeles and San Diego, California. It was a very heartbreaking moment to see hundreds of gorgeous houses being burnt down to the ground. How can we help? The foremost and first thing for you is to pray God for those who lost their homes and for the countless volunteers, some pilots from British Columbia, Canada to help extinguish fires from their planes. The second thing is to **sponsor Lutheran church** or community members to work in Southern California. The third thing is to help the victims get back into their home in faith. The last thing is to make a kind donation to the rebuilding effort which some homeowners do not have fire insurance on housing. You may connect with Lutheran Disaster Relief and let them work on the hopeless deaf Lutherans through www.thrivent.com. God will appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness in the name of Jesus Christ.

There is great news here to share with you follows as: "Majority of Deaf unchurched" by Rev. Glenn Schaeffer in *The Canadian Lutheran* magazine on October 2007 is printed on page 21 that Rev.

Thank You...

Dear Brothers and especially Sisters in Christ,

This past summer, the LWML voted to grant **\$50,000** for deaf ministry training at Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis. What an incredible gift. If you were raised like I was, you know that every gift is best acknowledge with a personal and sincere "thank you" whether it be in a letter, a telephone call, or simply saying those meaningful words to the giver. So, what might our response be?

First of all, I'm certain that Concordia Seminary, Pastor Reinke, and everyone involved in the Deaf Institute of Theology will do their best to be good stewards of these gifts. Perhaps, though, we might be able to take our "thank you" a step further. **The next LWML convention, to be held in Portland, Oregon on 25-28 June 2009,** would be a wonderful event to attend both to say "thank you" and to grow in our understanding of both the greater Church and our shared mission. I personally believe it would be testimony to our

www.deafjesus.org

Host(s) wanted for 2013 ILDA Convention...

As stated in ILDA's Handbook, six (6) years is suggested for properly planning for a convention. Future host(s) are asked to submit their request on their church's letterhead. 2009 convention will be hosted by Rochester, New York, and 2011 convention will be hosted by Columbus, Ohio. Hopefully a midwest or western location would host. See *www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Handbook/Article20* and scroll to "Section C-Time and Place of Next Convention" for information. Or contact ILDA President Greg Desrosiers for more information at: *gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca*. John Reinke and his wife, Dacia attended an important meeting in Edmonton, Alberta with the seminary administrators to address these challenges and to discuss solutions for Deaf ministry for the Western Canada district. Presently, some Deaf Lutherans have studied the Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) in hopes that they will be pastors and laypeople someday. For details, please browse *www.lccabc.ca* for that title since I enjoyed reading a short and sweet article. Again do me a favor. Just pray for our outreach efforts and ministry among the Deaf in Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

Next month will be a Thanksgiving in the United States after Canada celebrated a Thanksgiving Day on October 8. However, I would like to share with you about my life experience as a Canadian in Iowa from the late 1970s to the early 1990s before my American wife, Linda and I returned to my native country in 1995. I would like to show differences and similarities between the Canadian thanksgiving and the American one to you. From my perspective, the Americans are more religious than the Canadians on the eve of

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thankfulness and our desire to be about missions if two things happened:

1) We have a tremendous showing (by our attendance) at this convention. With opportunities to participate in the choir and learn more about missions, everyone attending can grow in their faith. Perhaps deaf ladies could asked to be the delegate for their zones.

2) I also believe this would be a great opportunity for the ILDA to step up and also make at least one significant mission grant for 2009 a grant for this same work, the Deaf Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis.

God bless us as we consider our response as we thank Him and our sisters in Christ of the LWML.Peace,

Pastor Bill Wrede



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80th Anniversary Celebration...

Larry Gorton, President Pictures provided by Harriette Wyene

During a delightful weekend of September 15-16, 2007, Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf celebrated its 80th Anniversary with invited guest, retired Rev. August Hauptman who first began his ministry to deaf people in Spokane/ Montana field back in 1945 as a vicar. Later during 1948 Rev. Hauptman was ordained and commissioned as missionary to the deaf in Montana and Spokane. He lived in Great Falls, MT, traveling 3,000 miles monthly to serve ten preaching stations in Montana and twice a month to Spokane. Then in 1952, Rev. John S. Salvner, the Executive Secretary for Deaf Missions announced that the Board had decided to move Rev. Hauptman and the field headquarters to Spokane because more deaf people in the field lived in Spokane. He gladly served there till April 1959 when he accepted a call to Minnesota Deaf Mission field centered at St. Paul, MN.

Everyone was delighted Rev. Hauptman brought along his beautiful wife, Ferrol and two daughters of his large family, Ida Baker/ husband Michael and Sarah Fannucchi. Other special people that came were retired Rev. and Sigrid Ludwig, Western





August and Ferrol Hauptman

Left: Russel and

Betty Healey

Master of Ceremonies, Deacon Charles Kotal



President Larry Gorton welcoming



Melba Sandberg (seating)





Elmer and Diane Francisco

Above: Deacon Charles/ LeeAnn Kotal and Rev. William and Sigrid Ludwig



Above right: Old friends of Montana Deaf field Clyde Catron (seating) and Charlotte Catron (far right)

Right: Oldest members, Ella Anderson (93 at left) and Marian Phinney (92 at right) eating with Karen Barr.

Left: Clyde and Charlotte Catron renew marriage vows from 1951 Page 3

Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Seattle, WA and Deacon Charles/LeeAnn Kotal from Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Los Angeles, CA from where Rev. Hauptman retired in 1988. Also, it was delightful to have Russel/Betty Healey from St. Louis, MO who came to renew their friendship with numerous good ILDA friends in the Northwest.

Around sixty-five people came to the enjoyable Anniversary banquet dinner. Special thanks to Deacon Charles Kotal for an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies! There Rev. Hauptman joyfully told us humorous stories that happened back in the 40's. Often, he said he tried very hard after his vicar not to stay in the Montana/Spokane field and wanted to come back to his sunny hometown in Santa Rosa, CA. He gave good remarks toward Elmer Francisco, who was always eagerly waiting at the train station in Butte, MT and anxious to bring him to a deaf fellowship which grew monthly till ALL the deaf in town were gathered together to study God's Word! Rev. Hauptman had some nice regards for Arthur Anderson, Luther Sandberg and Victor Lyons for their dedicated and loving service and now at home with their Lord. They left behind their wives, Ella, Melba and Evelyn, all whom courageously in their old ages join the celebration.

The Anniversary theme was, *"Store up for yourselves treasures*" in heaven, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20-21. Rev. Ludwig spiritually led the worship with the support of Deacon Kotal who shared the readings. Again, many of us enjoyed Rev. Hauptman's sermon and more humorous messages of how much he enjoyed having pride in himself and his large model train hobby, but reminded himself and us we must fight earthly pleasures in keeping our hearts open in God's treasure in heaven through our faith in Jesus Christ, who is now there with His abundant forgiveness and God's deep love for each of us.

At the end of service, Rev. Hauptman gave the marriage renewal vows to Clyde and Charlotte Catron, whom he married them as a young couple on September 16, 1951 in Butte, MT! Yes, exactly 56 years ago! The weekend celebration ended with a joyous lunch fellowship. The members and our friends thank God for His richest blessings on our 80 years of praise!





News from around the Regions...





Mrs. Bauer receiving Faith in Life Award



His name shall be called... Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



News from Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Canada... on May 4th, 2007 **Mrs. Eleonore Bauer** was awarded the *"Faith in Life"* award at the Concordia Lutheran Seminary's 23rd Academic Year graduation and placement ceremony (see photo in left column) in Edmonton. Also a special recognition for Deaf ministries was given by the Seminary. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has called home to Heaven **Angus Matheson**, **Robert Gillespie**, and **Louana Magnuson**.

Midwest Region...

Word of God, Cedar Rapids... *Sign Post Newsletter* now available thru emails, send email to DeafLutheran@revealed.net to be on list. Lester & Betty Ahls just finalizing adoption with their grandson, Zeth. Also **Rev.** Mark & Pam Anderson completing adoption with three-year old son, Joseph.

Calvary, Des Moines... celebrated their 60th Anniversary on September 23rd, 2007. Helen Wajda, Roy Sparks, Ron James, and Don Hundley has joined Jesus in Heaven.

Great Lakes Region...

Alpha, Rochester... Our Lord Jesus Christ has called home **Ruth Leach**. Church members have been very busy with many fund-raisers to support the coming 2009 ILDA convention in Rochester.

Vicarage Placement Service...



Pictured I-r: Rev. John Reinke, Director, Deaf Institute of Theology; Mark Larson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, MO, Missouri District; President Kieschnick, President LCMS; Mark Winkelman, Bethany, St. Paul Lutheran & Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Churches, Omaha, Nebraska, Nebraska District; and Adam Filipek, St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, IL, Southern Illinois District (with Rev. Mark Willig as his supervisor).

Rev. William H. "Bill" Lange...

PEORIA - The Rev. William H. "Bill" Lange, 80, died on Nov. 1, 2007.

He was born Oct. 4, 1927, in Minot, ND. He married Ellen Westendorf on Oct. 18, 1955, in Long Beach, Calif. She survives. Also surviving are his four children, seven grandchildren.



He was a 1954 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, then serving throughout the nation. He was minister to the deaf in the central Illinois area, serving in Topeka, Ill., and later at Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria.

Bill was ordained September 19, 1954. He served the following Deaf Mission fields: 1954-1960 Los Angeles, CA; 1960-1966 Denver, CO; 1966-1975 Omaha, NE; 1966-1968 Lincoln, NE; 1975-1984 St. Paul, MN; 1984-1993 Peoria, IL; and 1984-1993 Bloomington, IL. He retired in 1993.

From Charlie Kotal...Rev. Lange and Rev. Jonas was involved of purchasing the property for a new Pilgrim Deaf Church (LA California) on Vermont and Pico Aveenues and they have participated the ground breaking ceremony at the new site on July 27, 1958 and the corner stone setting ceremony was in placed on April 26, 1959. He was then called to Colorado Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Denver, Colorado in the fall of 1959.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Some of you have asked about Barbara Lanman's position at Mill Neck. Barbara was the Coordinator of Deaf Ministry. Last month, Barbara moved on to open her own bed and breakfast (*www.pawlinghouse.com*) a few hours north of NYC.

Her position at Mill Neck is vacant and the job posting can be found at www.millneck.org and then click on "jobs" then "employment". The job is posted as "Coordinator of Church Relations".

Peace, Rev. Bill Wrede

VBS Workshop...

It's too late to take advantage of the free Vacation Bible School Workshop for this year, but plan now to attend the Vacation Bible School Workshop next year (2008) in Austin, Texas. Learn how to:

- Organize lessons for deaf children
- Use the proper videos to support the lessons
- Have age-appropriate crafts
- Keep peace among all the children
- Get parents and other adults to volunteer
- Find the funding to support a top-notch program
- Field test new lessons for deaf children
- and much, much more! Your main instructor will be Jennifer Knaack

Ceyanes, who has taught hundreds of deaf children in the last five years, and has developed teaching techniques to keep the deaf children paying attention. Assistant teachers include about 60 kids, ages 3-12.

This is a "hands-on" workshop, meaning you will be helping with a VBS program with approximately 60 children.

For more information, contact pitch man Rev. Mark Seeger at *MarkJLCD@AOL.com*

ILDA Regional Conferences...

Spiritual Enrichment

Northwest Region...

2008... Dates & Host:

Pacific Region...

2008... will be held at Fremont, California, but the date have not been determined. The contact persons will be Rev. Roy Dahmann and LeeAnn Kotal.

Midwest Region ILDA

2008... Dates & Host:

Central Region...

May 15-18, 2008... At Christ Lutheran church of the Deaf, Jacksonville, Illinois. Theme: *"Jesus Pah!"* Romans 8:37-39.

Dixie Region...

2008... Dates & Host:



April 2008... Host: Christ Deaf Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. For information, contact Pam Kane at *PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net*

Eastern Region...

2008... Dates & Host:

I have returned the ILDA Regional Conferences column. Please send me all information on your region's next conference.

D.I.T. and DeafPAH Students... July 7 to 11, 2008 - 1 week



workshop... We want to bring all of our DeafPAH and D.I.T. students together for encouragement, practice, Spiritual feeding, and fellowship. No matter you are only

beginning or you are advanced. We are inviting you to come join us.

We want to invite our over 180 students plus mentors to join in learning, ideas, and more indepth training for DeafPAH and D.I.T.

July 7 to 11, 2008, we are planning many workshops to offer more training and time to answer questions.

We are planning:

- Spiritual study with seminary professors
- Strategic Planning for your area
- Advanced training to help you
- Answer questions for your area
- Training for you how to guide your leaders
- What does it mean to become a trainer of trainers?
- Ideas to answer frustrations
- · Fellowship and Encourage each other

NWILDA 2007 - Montana...

Northwest ILDA conference was held at Trinity Lutheran Camp near Big Fork, Montana on August 9-12, 2007. Rev. John Reinke was the guest speaker and he talked about Deaf Pah and the Deaf Institute of Theology (D.I.T.) program.



Above: Participants at the NWILDA Conference at Trinity Lutheran Camp.



Right: Pastor Reinke with Diane and Elmer Francisco.



Where: Concordia Seminary St. Louis , MO **Possible Costs:** \$300-\$400 for food and lodging Transportation on your own Cost for book, materials, speakers, etc... paid by D.I.T.

Please check your schedules and reserve the dates so you can come. Look for reservation information. We will be sending it out soon.

God bless you leading His people.

Pastor Reinke

Missionary-at-Large/Deaf, South Wisconsin District — LCMS Director, Deaf Institute of Theology revreinke@yahoo.com

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Thanksgiving as the Americans are showing "thanksgiving living" at home and in church. They say such phrases but the Canadians do not do them. From my past teaching experiences at the Iowa School for the Deaf, I asked the class of high school students what is the purpose of thanksgiving. With interest, the American students responded with conscience that they should be thankful to the Lord who provides everything. Historically, the students learned that the Puritans originated the first Thanksgiving with the natives in Massachusetts the 1630s. Usually, the students returned home to reunite with their family and attend the special church service for the cold Thanksgiving weekend. It is clear that the Americans live their life in a mindset that always gives thanks to God. The Canadians had a rather quiet Thanksgiving weekend with their families and relatives in breezy October. They prayed with thanks to God for the turkey dinner and a pumpkin pie. Again, I asked the Canadian high school students for having a purpose of thanksgiving and they looked forward to having a restful weekend to eat turkey again and again after a short grace. They did not know where Thanksgiving comes from historically in Canada. Even, they did not attend the church service before Thanksgiving in Canada. However, I had to explain that Thanksgiving was the first idea in America in the past traditional October in both Canada and the United States for two hundred years. However, with Congressional approval, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a change of Thanksgiving date from October to November in the mid-1930s in order to encourage the Americans think of God as prayer and praise for God's blessings during the Great Depression. At Thanksgiving, we express our gratitude to God for His blessings and we offer a prayer before the dinner here and there. We should educate the unchurched people that Thanksgiving has a purpose for all of us to pray and praise to God with thanks. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, American Lutherans!

Aside of thanksgiving, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in recognition of our Jesus Christ's birth.

Gregory Desrosiers, ILDA 2005-2007 President gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca

History...

For those of you interested in history and like to see the big picture, my wife found a cool website that lays out a timeline of people and events in history, including some Biblical figures.

http:// www.hyperhistory.com/ online_n2/History_n2/ a.html

Choose the category of what you want to see on the left, pick your time period on the right. It also has short paragraphs about the people in the timelines. Shortcuts to the paragraphs are on the bottom. History geeks, enjoy! Rev. Tim Eckert

Church Address Changes...

Memo from Wayne Borngesser, President of ER-ILDA. I just wanted to inform you St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, formerly located in Newark N.J. and is now in Union, N.J., recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary on Oct. 14, 2007.

Please update your records to reflect current information regarding St. Matthew's Address, phone number and Name of residing Pastor.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf 2222 Vauxhall Road Union, N.J. 07083 908-686-3965 (Voice) 908-851-2004 (TTY) 908-686-5111 (Fax) E-mail: GRACELU4U@YAHOO.COM Deacon: Richard Windisch Pastor: Rev. Donald L. Brand Parsonage Phone #: 908-686-4269





2007-2009 ILDA **Mission Projects Report...**

The 2007-2009 Mission Project Fund has collected the total of **\$11,780.24** as of October 25, 2007. It is a blessing! This amount has been only collected in five months. Praise the Lord! Our goal is to collect \$40,000 in time of our next convention in the summer of 2009. During the 2007 ILDA Convention, we agreed to have ILDA Mission Project Fund pay the amount of contributions toward prioritized designated projects as soon as the contributions are collected. The organizations will be able to use funds sooner rather than being waiting for two years. The following list of prioritized projects is as:

1. Christian/Bible Lessons for	
Deaf Children	\$7,000
2. D.I.T. (training materials)	\$6,000
3 Africa Leadership Training (materials)	

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- 5. Youth Service Project \$7,000
- 6. Starfish Deaf Learning Center \$5,000
- 7. India Leadership Training (materials) \$6,000

It will be perfect to consider a contribution especially for the celebration of our Savior's birth. Your contribution will be much appreciated and will help these projects move on so the children and adults will learn about Jesus sooner!

If you wish to give a donation in celebration of Savior's birth, please make your check or money order payable to "ILDA 2007-07 Mission Project" and mail to: John Krause, ILDA Treasurer, 9905 Madison St. NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55434-4207.

May the love of our Savior bring even greater joy to your heart and home at Christmas and in the new year!

> Linda Desrosiers, ILDA Mission Project Chairperson ldesrosiers1@shaw.ca



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Next ILDA Convention ...



JoAnna Rushton, Chairperson jrushton@rochester.rr.com





Mark your calendar!! July 23-26, 2009

ABC Deaf Leaders Meeting... August 9, 2007 - District Ministries Committee -Edmonton, AB Canada

Delegates from Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton, along with Lutheran Seminary Dr. & Mrs. Zeuch, the District Dr. & Mrs. Glen Schaeffer, and D.I.T. Rev. & Mrs. John Reinke attended. Rev. Nielsen couldn't attend due to Mom's illness.



Receiving DIT Certificates



Pastor Bauer leading Vespers





Above: ABC Deaf Leaders meetings.



Right: Participants at ABC Deaf Leaders Meeting. (Editor doesn't have a listing of names but some names are: Rev. and Mrs. Bauer, Rev. and Mrs Reinke, John Kobzey, Gloria Brian, Linda Desrosiers.)

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