

"RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD GLORY!"

Isaiah 60:1-3



**Fourth Biennial Convention
of the
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION**

Convention Headquarters

Ridpath Hotel-Motor Inn

Spokane, Washington

June 30-July 3, 1977

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ARISE, MY PEOPLE! Let your light shine for all the nations to see! For the glory of the Lord is streaming from you. Darkness as black as night shall cover all the peoples of the earth, but the glory of the Lord will shine from you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see the glory of the Lord upon you.

**Isaiah 60:1-3
The Living Bible**

DEDICATION



Rev. Rodney Richard Rynearson

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

Rodney R. Rynearson was born to Wesley and Helen Rynearson in Leigh, Neb., in 1935.

He attended parochial and public schools until his last year in high school, when he transferred to and graduated from a Lutheran high school. From there he attended St. John's college in Winfield, Kan., graduating in 1954.

He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis with a B.A. in 1956.

His vicarage was served in the South Chicago deaf field. In 1958 he married Rhoda Jean Ryan and returned to Concordia Seminary to obtain his B.D.

For all of his 18 years in the ministry, Rev. Rynearson has served deaf parishes. After receiving his B.D. from Concordia, he served his first parish at the Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Spokane, Wash. It was here that he was ordained.

He also served in Idaho and Montana. In Montana, he was instrumental in founding the Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Great Falls, with a total of 96 members. This is particularly outstanding in view of the fact that Montana has a very sparse deaf population.

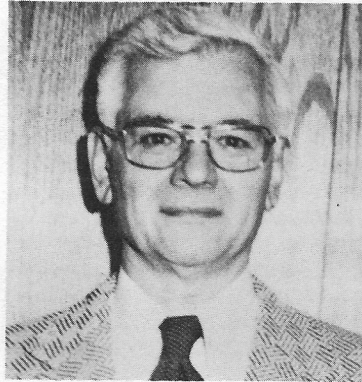
From Spokane, he was called to Rochester, N.Y., to serve at the Alpha Lutheran Church and act as Chaplain for the deaf on the campus of National Technical Institute for the Deaf. He also found time to attend the University of Rochester to obtain Master of Art in education.

Aside from his parish duties he has been chairman of the Ephphatha Conference for four years and pastoral advisor of the International Lutheran Deaf Association for six years.

Presently, he is superintendent of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich.

“RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD GLORY!”

President's Welcome Message:



Greetings with love, joy and peace to you in Jesus Christ. Welcome to the fourth biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association convention in Spokane, Washington. Enjoy yourself while you are here with us, and have a beautiful Christian fellowship with your friends during these four days.

It is my prayerful hope that you will have a spiritual experience while here. Share your love in Christ with your friends by being Christian, and telling them what Jesus means to you. Upon your return home, please share your experiences in Christ with your church members and friends.

My heartfelt thanks go to the ILDA Board of Directors and all the people who worked hard to make the fourth ILDA convention a glorious event.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

Elmer D. Francisco

**Elmer D. Francisco,
ILDA President
1974-1977**



David H. Rodgers,
Mayor

Delegates
International Lutheran Deaf Association

Welcome!

On behalf of the people of our community, I am pleased to extend to you Spokane's most cordial welcome on the occasion of the International Lutheran Deaf Association Biennial Convention here in our city, June 30 to July 3.

We know your sessions will prove successful and we hope that a memorable time will be had by all attending. We invite you to enjoy yourselves and to return often to our beautiful "All-America" City.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David H. Rodgers".

Mayor

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April 22, 1977

Elmer D. Francisco, President
International Lutheran Deaf Association
10004 East Mission
Spokane, WA 99206

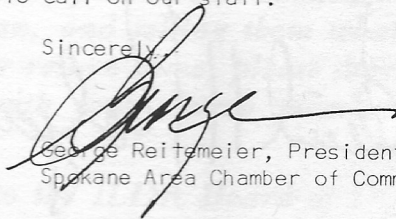
Dear President Francisco and conventioners:

On behalf of Omar E. Lofgren, Chairman of the Board and the entire Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome the International Lutheran Deaf Association to the beautiful city of Spokane. Many opportunities are available to cover your varied interests including sports, great shopping areas and plenty of mountains and streams for exploration.

We hope during your stay in our town of Expo-'74 that you will have an opportunity to take in the many beautiful sights and adventures.

If the Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce can be of any help during your stay, please feel free to call on our staff.

Sincerely,



George Reitemeier, President
Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce

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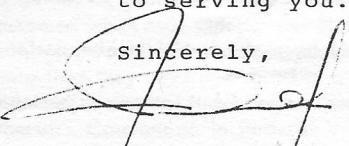
April 19, 1977

Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, President
International Lutheran Deaf Association
10004 East Mission
Spokane, WA 99210

Dear Mr. Francisco:

It's a pleasure having the opportunity to be selected
as host for your 1977 Biennial Convention. We extend
a warm welcome as our entire staff is looking forward
to serving you.

Sincerely,



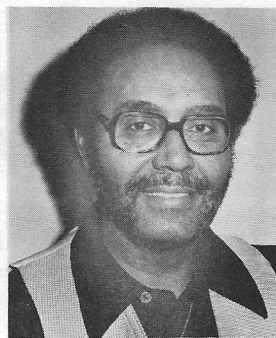
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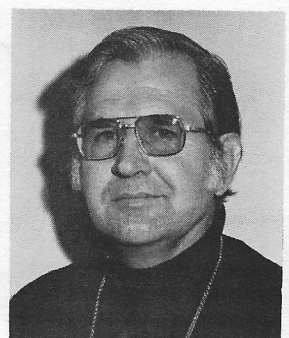
ELMER D. FRANCISCO
President



JOSEPH J. KINDRED
President-Elect



ARCHIE D. MARSHALL
Secretary



RUSSEL HEALEY
Treasurer

HOW WE FEEL ABOUT BEING OFFICERS OF THE ILDA

ARCHIE D. MARSHALL, Secretary—When I was elected Secretary of the ILDA in 1973, I had no idea that a secretary's work could be so inspiring and at the same time a challenge to all of my talents and abilities. Because of this experience, I have received inspiration from the Holy Spirit and have grown in the knowledge of the Lord. I see more clearly how He uses everyone of us in different ways but with one purpose . . . that is, to fulfill His command to "Go and teach all nations . . . baptize them in the name of The Father, and The Son, and the Holy Spirit."

How thrilling it is to be a witness to the same Spirit giving like inspiration and abundant energy to my fellow ILDA BOARD MEMBERS who came together from every part of the United States for the purpose of serving the very same Lord! Together with our beloved Pastors and teachers we labor to bring the "Good News" to more and more of our deaf brothers and sisters everywhere.

My chief work as Secretary is to keep good records of all these Christian activities so that others who come after me will have a good foundation in which to carry on the task until "it is finished!"

JOSEPH J. KINDRED, President-elect—It is heartening to say, "The Will of God" has truly answered our Prayer as we congregate today.

The ILDA has, since its inception a short time ago, functioned immensely to reach its goals of which I feel elated to be a partner.

With this blessing, Dear Fellow Christian, I ask not only YOU get on "God's Band-wagon," but rather you partake in His Joy to Salvation that follows.

As we give our thanks in ACTION:

Advocating christian beliefs to every creature.

Creating fellowship for all to see.

Testing and fostering goals un-ending.

Improving and extending service to yielding Nations.

Organizing and supporting the un-reachables.

Negotiating an equitable status according to the WORD.

We Shall Do This!

RUSSEL HEALEY—Holding the office of treasurer to the ILDA has been experience to treasure. I have enjoyed watching the membership growing and been pleased with the member of "from the heart" donations of money and ideas towards growth of the ILDA. Because I am also business manager of the Deaf Lutheran and find it time consuming I will not be running for the office of treasurer again this year. I want to thank everyone sincerely for the past two years of cooperative efforts with the people and officers of the ILDA.

ELMER D. FRANCISCO—It has been a pleasure to serve the Lord through the ILDA during the last four years. It has been one of the truly great experiences of my life and brought me many blessings from the Lord through my prayers to Him for help in carrying out my duties. ILDA is a meaningful group. I can foresee rapid growth as our officers and board of directors cooperate in their efforts. However, officers and board of director cooperation is not sufficient, what is needed is YOUR enthusiasm, faith and action. Although I am leaving office, I am not leaving YOU. It is my hope that I can always be some small part of the ILDA. Thank you.



TOM BAKER

PHIL TEACHMAN

MOE GARCIA

BOB ROTHWELL

"THE NEW LIFE SINGERS"

"The 'New Life Singers' are four dedicated Christian men. All members of Atonement Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., they are active in their own church as Elders, Bible Class teachers and members of the choir.

"In the Fall of 1973 a friendship between Bob Rothwell and Tom Baker resulted in the idea of a quartet. This idea blossomed when Moe Garcia and Phil Teachman joined Bob and Tom. Singing for a social function at Atonement, the group was an immediate success.

"Since then they have appeared at a number of functions in the Northwest. They were asked to help present the project of a mini-bus to be used for work among the deaf at the Washington Federation of the Aid Association for Lutheran's Convention in Federal Way, Wash. Words composed by Bob put the project across.

"The 'New Life Singers' have sung for weddings, family and youth events in various churches, at AAL functions to raise funds for the 'Reach Out to the Deaf' project. All profits from the sale of these records will also go for the mini-bus.

"The kind of music presented by the 'New Life Singers' is exciting, stirring, and inspiring. Basically 'Country-Gospel' it speaks clearly of God's love for us in Christ which inspires these men in their daily lives. The songs on this record are truly a personal witness from Bob, Tom, Moe and Phil. May you also be inspired."

Mrs. Priscilla Lords is the older daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Lyon of Bozeman, Mont. She is hearing and works as an interpreter for the deaf students at North Seattle Community College. She is a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Seattle.

Mrs. Kim Norton has no deaf relative, but she becomes interested in the deaf through her friendship with Mr. Richard French. She prepares both Vacation Bible School and Sunday School materials for the deaf Lutheran children. She is married and member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mercer, Island.

Miss Cynthia Acrey is the fifth child and older daughter of the deceased Edmond Acrey and his wife, Mrs. Arlene Acrey. A recent graduate from high school, she is now working in Seattle. Altho she has normal hearing, she holds membership in the Seattle deaf Lutheran church.

Mr. Richard E. French serves as the lay-worker under the auspices of the Northwest District in the Western Washington deaf field, since his installation on July 7, 1974. He studied at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Neb., and worked for Boeing Company. He is a member of Hope Lutheran Church in west Seattle.

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION— —FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 28, Tuesday

7:00 p.m. ILDA Board of Directors arrive.

JUNE 29, Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Worship and Lord's Supper
Board of Directors meet all day.

JUNE 30, Thursday

9:00 a.m. Board of Directors meet until noon
Noon REGISTRATION BEGINS
4:30 p.m. Opening Buffet.
7:00 p.m. Opening Service with Hymn Singing.
Welcoming Address: Marilyn M. Stanton, City Councilwoman
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Rodney R. Rynearson.
9:00 p.m. Coffee Break.
9:30 p.m. First Business Session.
Closing with Hymn Singing

JULY 1, Friday

8:00 a.m. Hymn Singing
Bible Studies with Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt.
10:30 a.m. Planned Activities and Relaxing Time: Picnic and Guided Tours.
7:00 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf.
Other speakers are to be announced later.
8:30 p.m. Chancel Drama Competition.

SPEAKERS

DR. EMIŁ G. JAECH—President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, covering the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska with headquarters in Portland, Ore. He is a former pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Seattle, and Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Spokane.

MRS. MILDRED JOHNSON is the daughter of deaf parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Skoglund of Spokane. She has been a life-long member of the Lutheran church. She has been a Department of the Vocational Rehabilitation counselor since 1966 and is an active board member for such organizations as the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C., Regional Resources Center on Deafness and the Department of Social Health Service committee on the deaf. She is a member of TRIPOD, Seattle Community Center Board and is a charter member of Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, holding a comprehensive skills certificate.

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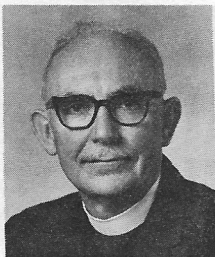
JULY 2, Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Hymn Singing and Devotions
 - 9:00 a.m. Second Business Session and Elections.
 - 10:00 a.m. Presentation of Candidates.
Coffee Break.
 - 10:30 a.m. Business Session.
 - 12:00 Lunch.
 - 1:30 p.m. Hymn Singing.
Third Business Session.
 - 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break.
 - 3:30 p.m. Business Session.
 - 5:30 p.m. Adjournment.
 - 7:00 p.m. Banquet and Entertainment.
Harold Rife, Master of Ceremonies.
Banquet Speakers: Dr. Emil Jaech, President of Northwest District of LC-MS;
Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Voc. Rehab. of Seattle, Wash.;
- Harriet Wjgare* → Elmer D. Francisco, President of ILDA;
Joseph Kindred, President-Elect.
Entertainment: "New Life Singers" from Seattle, Wash.
Magic Show from Spokane, Wash.
Chancel Drama Winner Awards.
Closing—The New Life Singers.

JULY 3, Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Class.
- 10:00 a.m. Preparation for Worship.
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Lord's Supper.
Dr. Emil Jaech, Speaker.
- 12:00 Closing of ILDA Convention.
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting if the new president of ILDA requests.

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DR. EMIL G. JAECH
President of the Northwest
District of the Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod



MRS. ALLAN JOHNSON
Vocational Rehabilitation
State of Washington

ILDA REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

AUGUST O. BEYER was born in Newark, N.J., October 20, 1907. He attended New Jersey School for the Deaf in Trenton, N.J., graduating in 1928. He married Hazel Carrigan on August 24, 1940. Rev. Ball confirmed him in June 1940, at St. Mathew Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark, N.J., where he held the position of President for one year and as Treasurer for 10 years. He was also President of the Protestant Guild for the Deaf for two years. He is the acting President of Eastern Region ILDA and is on the National Board of Directors.

BILLY FITZGERALD SR. was born in Paris, Tenn., May 29, 1935, the only deaf child among the 13 children of the family. He attended Tenn. School for the Deaf, Knoxville, Tenn. He began his Christian life at the age of 15. He is married and has six healthy children. He is now President of DDLC. He has held various offices in that field.

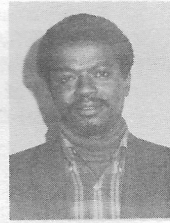
BETTY JOS (FARRIS) HEALY was born in Olive Branch, Ill. She attended Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville. At the age of 16, she transferred to Community high school, Thebes, Ill., near her home town where she graduated. She came to St. Louis in 1950 and attended Brown Business college for a year. For the last 22 years, she had worked for Mercantile Trust Co. and Barnes hospital as I.B.M. Key Punch operator. Now she is a full time housewife. She helps her husband Russel with the Deaf Lutheran subscriptions on her free time. She is a gifted and talented actress and assistant director with the St. Louis Drama club also a housepainter, carpenter, interior decorator and a beginner gardener. She is the President of the Central Rekgion Conference and a director of the church choir. She was a Sunday School teacher, past president of the LWML and secretary of the Voters Assembly and a treasurer of the Lutheran Guild, also active in community affairs, having served as Director on the Board of the St. Louis Chapter of the Mo. Asso. of the Deaf.

RONALD D. NESTER was born in Elkhart, Kan. He became deaf at 1½ years of age. He attended and graduated from the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe, Kan. He and his wife, Ruth, have a daughter and two sons. Ron has been President of the Midwest Regional Conference for five years. He has been active in the church in Denver, Colo., for over 10 years. He and his family moved to Hiawatha, Kan., three years ago where he works as a machinist.

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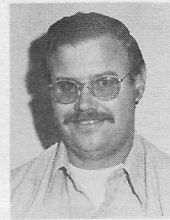
AUGUST O. BEYER
Eastern Region



BILLY FITZGERALD
Dixie Region



MRS. BETTY JOS HEALEY
Central Region



RONALD D. NESTER
Midwest Region

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HAROLD RIFE was born in Corvallis, Oregon, and became deaf at six due to an accidental fall. He attended the Oregon School for the Deaf for four years then transferred to Wash. School for the Deaf where he graduated. He has been President of the Hope Lutheran Church for 12 terms, Secretary for six terms and also held offices almost continually. He has served as President of the N.W. Lutheran Conference six terms and has been Secretary several terms also. He is now serving President of the Northwest ILDA Branch Regional and is on the ILDA Board.

CLARENCE F. SCHULTZ is the son of a Missouri Synod Lutheran Lutheran pastor. He lost part of his hearing during infancy. He attended the Texas School for the Deaf, the Lutheran School for the Deaf and finally graduated from the Michigan School for the Deaf. He married Nonie Watson of North Carolina and has two daughters. He has been Vice President of the Great Lakes Regional Conference for several years and last August was elected President. He is a regular layman of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Detroit, Mich., and held the office of President for four years and is presently Secretary. He is assistant editor of the Deaf Lutheran to which he has contributed many of his writings.

HAROLD O. THUVE — Attended the Devils School for the Deaf at Devils Lake, N.D., and Jr. High School in Los Angeles. A member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf for 27 years he has been President four years, Vice President 20 years, Treasurer for the guild Society for 12 years. Pacific Coast Regional Vice President since 1971. He married Joanna Smith in 1950 and they have two boys, Mark and Mathew. His aim for ILDA right now is to visit the congregations in his region to lecture about the ILDA's work and importance.



HAROLD RIFE
Northwest Region



CLARENCE F. SCHULZ
Great Lakes Region

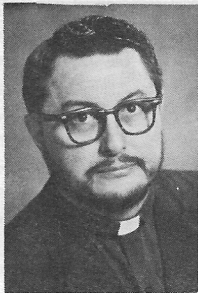


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Pacific Region

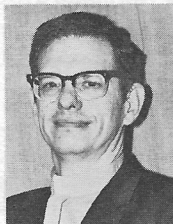
And now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he who became the great Shepherd of the sheep by an everlasting agreement between God and you, signed with his blood, produce in you through the power of Christ all that is pleasing to him. To him glory forever and ever, Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21
The Living Bible

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PASTORS AND LAYMINISTERS



REV. ROBERT A. BAUER
Cross of Christ Lutheran
Edmonton, Alta.



REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Seattle, Wash.



REV. FRED P. GEHRS
Trinity Lutheran Church
Vancouver, B.C.

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REV. ROBERT A. BAUER was born in Stony Plain, Edmonton, Alta., in 1930. He attended Concordia College, Concordia Seminary and the University of Alberta, in Edmonton where he majored in psychology. He is now pastor of the Cross of Christ Lutheran church in Edmonton. His many duties and interests include: Public relations director of Alberta-British Columbia District-Lutheran church and Edmonton Council of Lutheran churches; social ministry board of A.B.C. District I.C. and Edmonton Council of Lutheran church; board of director of Good Samaritan Society-Lutheran Social Services; executive director of Pax Nature Society for Rehabilitation of the Deaf; member of symposium on the mental health needs of the deaf; volunteer probation officer; chief court room interpreter and certified family life counselor. He is married and has four children, all are fluent in sign language and their various goals and interests are closely entwined with the deaf community they serve.

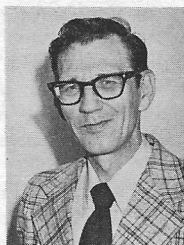
REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG was born in Winner, S.D., on Feb. 29, 1932. Soon after birth he became gravely ill. The illness resulted in the loss of his hearing. He went to the Lutheran school for the deaf in Detroit, Mich. Upon his graduation from that school he went to and graduated from the Colorado school for the deaf, Colorado Springs, Colo. From there he went to Gallaudet college where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He applied to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., but the school did not want to admit him because he was deaf. Three pastors persuaded the Seminary to accept him and he entered Concordia Seminary. At first the Seminary registrar wanted to admit him as a special student, but because he did so well that was changed and he went on to win a Bachelor of Divinity Degree, and became the second deaf student ever to enter and graduate at Lutheran Seminary. In all of his work Bill had to make up for the missed lectures by extra reading and by copying his classmates' notes. He married Sigrid Ellram and has one son and two daughters. Since his ordination Rev. Ludwig has served Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the deaf and the central Ohio Field (1959-1971), and now serves the Western Washington field covering Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton and Yakima. During Spokane's vacancy he is now serving once a month. In addition he is regional advisor for the Northwest Region.

REV. FREDERICK PAUL GEHRS was born in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21, 1939. He attended high school and junior college at Concordia, Milwaukee, Wis. After attending Concordia senior college in Fort Wayne, Ind., he transferred to Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1964 with a bachelor of theology degree. His year of pastoral internship was served with Rev. W. O. Ferber, ministering to the deaf in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1962-63. He was ordained on June 14, 1964, called as Lutheran pastor to the deaf in Manitoba and served there until the fall of 1973. On Nov. 4, 1973, he was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Vancouver, B.C. On July 28, 1963, he was married to Karen Steiner. They have three children. Rev. Gehrs is presently serving as secretary of the Canadian Religious Workers with the Deaf, an ecumenical organization of Christian pastoral workers with the deaf in Canada.

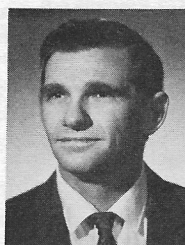
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Christ Lutheran Church
Great Falls, Mont.



MR. HAROLD ZIPRICK
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
Calgary, Alta.

VACANCY
Faith Lutheran Church
Spokane, Wash.

REV. SHIRREL PETZOLDT was born in Perryville, Mo., where he attended elementary school. He graduated from St. Paul's high school in 1966 and from St. Paul's college in 1968 in Concordia, Mo. Then he attended Concordia Seminary; later Concordia Seminary in Exile, graduated in 1975. After a summer at Gallaudet college, he took over the pastor's duties at Hope Lutheran church, Portland, Ore. He also has two preaching stations; Longview, Wash., and Eugene-Lebanon, Ore. He teaches sign classes at Concordia college, Portland, religious classes at the school for the deaf in Vancouver, Wash., and the Hasford school for the deaf in Portland. He is married to Janet Bunke of Sheboygan, Wis.

MR. RICHARD FRENCH has served the deaf in Western Washington under Rev. William Ludwig since 1974. He is married. His wife's name is Magdalene Launer, and he has two daughters.

(Editor note: This man is very humble!)

MR. BILL WEGNER was born in Billings, Mont., on April 10, 1931 and lived in the Billings area until 1944 when his family moved to the Snowy Mountains north of Ryegate, Mont. On Nov. 28, 1954 Bill married Molly Fleming and the Lord blessed this marriage with five children. The family lived on the ranch at the Snowy Mountains until 1960 when they moved to Shawmut, Mont. In 1969 the family moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where Bill attended Concordia college. In 1971 Bill graduated as a lay minister and received a call from the Broad for Missions of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, to serve as a missionary at large to the deaf. The Wegner family moved to Delavan, Wis., where Bill worked with Rev. Martin Kosche and helped serve the deaf in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. Bill served in this area until December 1975 when he received a call from Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf to serve the deaf in Montana. Bill accepted the call and began serving the deaf in Montana on Jan. 1, 1976.

MR. HAROLD ZIPRICK is married to Leleta Katherine and has a daughter, three sons and three grandchildren. He was graduated from Lutheran Lay Training Institute, Milwaukee, Wis., and called as "missionary at large" to serve the deaf and hearing people in the Alberta field with headquarters at Mount Calvary Lutheran church, Calgary, Alta. He moved to Calgary, Alta., Canada, July 1969 and served the deaf people with Cross of Christ Lutheran church of the deaf and hearing people at Mount Calvary Lutheran church. Since 1973 serving the deaf people of southern Alberta full time under the Alberta-British Columbia district of the Lutheran church-Missouri Synod.

WHAT IS THE ILDA?

The International Lutheran Deaf Association was founded in Chicago during the first biennial convention in 1971. The purpose, according to the revised constitution, is "to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services in our congregations, to help promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior; to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran deaf people, all deaf individuals, and others with whom we associate; and to carry on our ministry throughout the world."

The ILDA shall communicate and convey to the deaf members the programs, plans and goals of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It shall support lay leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of faith and life.

Membership in the ILDA is open to all deaf, and is divided in three categories: Active, Associate and Sustaining.

The ILDA relies on **The Deaf Lutheran** to convey information of its activities and services to deaf Lutherans.

The mailing address of the ILDA is 1500 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

Still in its infancy, despite the financial and coordination difficulties, the ILDA held its second inspiring biennial convention at Kansas City, Mo., 1973.

At Washington, D.C. in 1975 the members voted for ratification of the revised constitution. The historic document will help develop the ILDA image and facilitate the operation and administration of the association. During this convention the members supported the goal of recruiting as many lay people as possible and getting them actively involved in the ILDA affairs. The aim is to carry out the objectives of serving out Lord and His Church and to obtain the financial support that would lead to self sufficiency. It is hoped that many programs and projects for the ministry and mission of the ILDA become a reality.

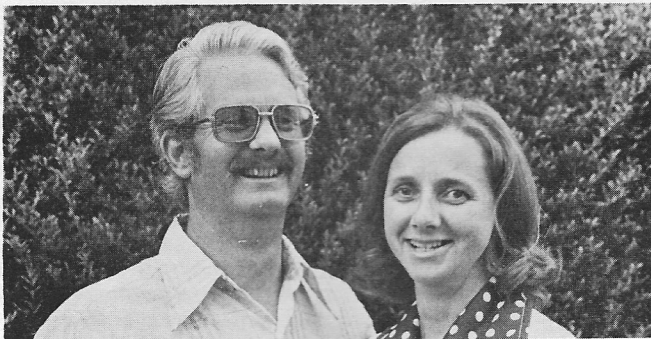
CURRENT MISSION PROGRAMS

ILDA has committed itself to support worldwide Mission projects.

ILDA is giving \$2000.00 to Mr. and Mrs. John Ames to purchase a jeep. The Ames are a deaf couple formerly from Southern California. Several years ago they moved to Western Brazil where Mrs. Ames' father is a Missionary. While there, they began to meet many deaf youngsters. They have started a school for the deaf in that wilderness, forest area. The jeep is needed to transport children to and from School and to take them to medical help.

The ILDA also granted \$1000.00 to Miss Bessy Lau for scholarship support to complete her studies to earn a master's degree in Special Education. Miss Lau formerly taught four years at the Deaf School in Hong Kong and is now studying in Manchester, England. On completion, she hopes to go to Hong Kong to become the principal of the Deaf School and the general supervisor of deaf education.

The ILDA is still enthusiastically supporting the Lay leadership training program, appealing to deaf individuals to share God's word and His love among other deaf persons both here and abroad.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN AMES

CURRENT PROGRAMS

The ILDA has willingly accepted responsibility of carrying on the mission projects for world-wide expansion. During the Second International Training Seminar on Christian Ministry Among the Deaf (SITS) at Washington, D.C., August 9-12 the ILDA gave a grant of \$53,000, received from the Aid Association for Lutherans, a Lutheran insurance company to the SITS, for further development of world-wide missions.

The ILDA is furthering the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. This society helped begin Christian ministries in Hong Kong and Ghana.

The ILDA will develop new ideas designed to increase Missouri Synod awareness of deafness and deaf people and will encourage greater use of total communication with deaf people. The ILDA will serve all types of deaf and hearing impaired Lutherans of different educational levels and will fight for their God-given rights.

The ILDA is seeking to give greater services to deaf Lutherans and to develop sound relationships between other organizations and the ILDA.

The ILDA is cooperating at all times with Lutheran ministers for greater services to deaf Lutherans, to further develop religious sign languages, and to support communication.

The ILDA encourages deaf Lutherans to participate in a variety of cultural interests and also supports Christian literature to stimulate reading interests to deaf Lutherans.

FUTURE PLANS

- Help spread the Gospel among the deaf.
- Cooperate internationally to develop lay training and leadership programs.
- Encourage better understanding between hearing parents of deaf children and the deaf congregation.
- Hope to establish a comprehensive library on spiritual development of church member.
- Intensify the ILDA publicity in **The Deaf Lutheran** to keep the deaf fully informed of its activities.
- Encourage cultural programs for deaf individuals.
- Assist the Regional branches with efficient counseling and guidance.
- Support internationally the development of an universal sign language.
- Encourage educational efforts to best possible levels at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf and Mill Neck School for the Deaf, New York.
- Support in greater measure the concept of a TTY network of services.

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THE DEAF LUTHERAN

ARCHIE MARSHALL, editor, is a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago and a commercial artist with 27-year experience. He is an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf in St. Louis.

He is a leader both in his parish and in his community. Although active in many deaf organizations, Archie has always found time for his Lord and church. In addition to serving as the secretary for the International Lutheran Deaf Association board of directors he also accepted the appointment as editor for THE DEAF LUTHERAN after being recommended for that position by a great number of deaf congregations from across the country. He assumed his duties as editor on July 12, 1974.

CLARENCE SCHULZ, assistant editor — In addition to his duties as regional president, Clarence accepted the appointment editor for THE DEAF LUTHERAN from the ILDA board. He took up his duties on July 12, 1974, and has served faithfully in that capacity since.

RUSSEL HEALEY, business manager, has held almost every office in the congregation from president to his present position as elder and director of the stewardship committee. He serves as layreader and Sunday school teacher. An avid actor with his wife in the Saint Louis Drama Guild, Russel is a unique and talented man, who finds much joy in serving God and God's people.



REV. HERBERT W. ROHE
Secretary for
Ministry to the Deaf

REV. HERBERT ROHE—A 1945 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Pastor Rohe has served deaf parishes for thirty years. He served Western Pennsylvania and New York from 1952 to 1960, Texas-Oklahoma from 1960 to 1964. From his graduation in 1945 to 1960 he served Trinity Parish in Pittsburg. Since 1964 Pastor Rohe has served as Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf for the Board for North American Missions in the LC-MS.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

God told Moses 1,500 B.C. that the deaf and other handicapped persons are also His. Therefore, we are not to neglect nor despise these people of God. God's message of Salvation in Christ is to be brought to these people too. In 1893 a deaf man pleaded that Synod recognize the deaf as part of Christ's great commission "to preach the Gospel to all Nations."

The Mission to the Deaf was Synod's second major mission endeavor; begun in 1896.

Since 1896 (over 80 years) the Synod has had over 200 pastors who served as missionaries to the deaf.

The Mission has grown from 16 communicants in 1896 to nearly 6000 in 1976 and there are over 12,000 deaf Lutherans in the world.

Today there are over 70 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod professionally trained pastors, teachers, and lay ministers serving the deaf full time and over 400 part time volunteers.

Our pastors and workers also minister to persons who are doubly handicapped—both deaf and blind. Nearly 200 are members of the LC-MS.

Your missionaries conduct over 5000 services each year to a total attendance of more than 200,600.

There are 54 organized deaf congregations in the Synod. The three largest deaf congregations each have over 200 members. One of these is in Hong Kong.

There are five Lutheran Schools for the deaf overseas.

There are two Lutheran Schools for the deaf in the U.S., one in Detroit over 125 years old; and one in Mill Neck, N.Y., 25 years old.

Over 400 deaf persons were confirmed in the last two years in the LC-MS.

There are over 13,000,000 hearing impaired people in North America; and 1,767,046 profoundly deaf people of all ages in the U.S. Of these 32,725 deaf children and 56,100 hard of hearing children are in U.S. schools.

There are three deaf persons serving fulltime in our ministry and three more are in training for the Ministry.

The Deaf Lutheran is the major religious monthly paper in the world, published exclusively for the deaf. Its editor and business manager are both deaf Lutherans. It has a monthly readership of over 12,000 persons. It has been published since 1906.

Our deaf members in the LC-MS contribute over \$320,000 annually for the work of the Lord.

The International Lutheran Deaf Association was founded by the LC-MS deaf churches in 1971. This association meets biannually in convention.

The Synod's Board for Parish Education and the Board for Missions sponsor an Advisory Committee on the Religious Education of the Deaf—(ACRED) which has been at work since 1970 on the production of materials to help volunteer Sunday School teachers.

Ephphatha Conference is the name of the official LC-MS annual conference of workers among the deaf. There are 80 LC-MS members in the conference. It has been sponsored by the Synod's Board for Missions since 1903.

The LC-MS Ministry to the Deaf is cooperating with the ALC and LCA in a joint LCUSA sponsored project to develop a registry of all Lutheran deaf persons in the U.S. and Canada.

Classes for seminary students in training for Ministry to the Deaf have been conducted at both Seminaries since 1896. These were volunteer elective courses for 70 years. Today they are credit courses.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

LUNCHEON MENU

*Braised Cabbage Rolls with Beef
Tossed Salad Greens, Choice of Dressing
Delmonica Potatoes, Green Beans
Rolls Butter
Ridpath Cheese Cake
Coffee Tea Milk*

SATURDAY, JULY 2

BANQUET MENU

*Cup of Soup du Jour
Tossed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing
Swiss Steak with Red Wine Sauce
Buttered New Peas
Ridpath Breads and Butter
Ice Cream Coffee, Tea Or Milk*

*SHOUT WITH JOY before the Lord, O earth! Obey him gladly; come before him, singing with joy.
Try to realize what this means—the Lord is God! He made us—we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Go through his open gates with great thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his
name. For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each
succeeding generation.*

Psalm 100
The Living Bible

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

"Please God, show mercy and love us. Forgive us because we believe Jesus Your Son died on the cross for us."

THE FORGIVENESS AND SHARING OF PEACE

THE INSTALLATION OF I.L.D.A. OFFICERS

THE CREED

"Yes, I believe God the Father almighty made heaven, and earth, and all things. God made me and takes care of me. He gives me food, drink, family, friends, and all good things. God protects me, loves me, and keeps me alive and trusting in Him.

Yes, I believe God's Son became the man Jesus Christ, born out of the Virgin. Jesus lived, died on the cross, and rose alive again to free me from sin, death, hell, and the devil's power. Jesus ascended to heaven; He is my Lord; He rules me. And Jesus will come again to judge me right with God.

Yes, I believe God the Holy Spirit gives me new life. He gives me faith in the Triune God. He makes my trust grow more and more. The Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. The Holy Spirit chooses, invites, and gives new life to all Christian people, and joins us together in His Church. We are His people group. He each day forgives all our sins. After I die, He will raise me to live with God forever in heaven.

THE BIBLE READINGS

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

"Lord, hear us praying!" (after each prayer)

THE OFFERINGS

"We offer You ourselves, our love, our time, all the things we have, and our money gifts Thank You, God, +."

THE GREETING

"And the Lord stay with you."

THE EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

"Our Father in heaven. Your name is holy. Let Kingdom come and rule us. Let Your will happen earth, the same as it happens in heaven. Give today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, forgive the people that sin against us. Let fall into temptation. Free us from trouble and happenings. Because the kingdom's rule belong You, and the power and the glory belong to You forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE COMMUNION HYMN

THE EUCCHARIST

As often as ye eat this bread
and drink this cup, ye do show
the Lord's death till He come.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



THE DOXOLOGY

from Him all blessings and good things come.
all people here on earth.
in heaven you angel groups.
er, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE THANKSGIVING

, amen, +."

THE BLESSING

, amen, +."

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- nt Minister: Pastor Harold Ziprick
- ation Leader: Mr. Lawrence Grant
- ing Officiant: Pastor R. Rynearson
- eter: The Rev. Dr. Emil G. Jaesch
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Pastor W. A. Ludwig
Pastor S. Petzoldt
Pastor William Wegner

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- en, Mrs. H. Drake, Mrs. M. Francisco,
- r. Lyon, Mrs. F. Rife; Pastor Friedrich
- Buckley, F. Campbell, V. Catron,
- l. Petrick, Pastor D. Leber.
- Acrey. L. Brighton, R. Erickson, T. Scott,
- F. Kosanovich; Pastor R. Johnson.
- Singers: Tom Baker, Dave Eyles,
- cia, Bob Rothwell, Phil Teachman.