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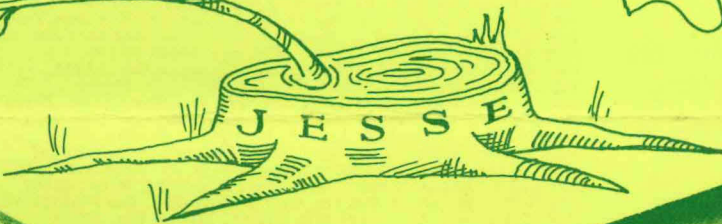


The Prophecies



A SHOOT SHALL GROW FROM THE STOCK OF JESSE, AND A BRANCH SHALL SPRING FROM HIS ROOTS. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM, A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, A SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD. HE SHALL NOT JUDGE BY WHAT HE SEES NOR DECIDE BY WHAT HE HEARS; HE SHALL JUDGE THE POOR WITH JUSTICE AND DEFEND THE HUMBLE WITH EQUITY; HIS MOUTH SHALL BE A ROD TO STRIKE DOWN THE RUTHLESS, AND WITH A WORD HE SHALL SLAY THE WICKED.... THERE IS A VOICE THAT CRIES: PREPARE A ROAD FOR THE LORD THROUGH THE WILDERNESS, CLEAR A HIGHWAY ACROSS THE DESERT FOR OUR GOD.

Isaiah 11:1, 40:3



The Annunciation



AND IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD TO A TOWN IN GALILEE CALLED NAZARETH, WITH A MESSAGE FOR A GIRL BETROTHED TO A MAN NAMED JOSEPH, A DESCENDENT OF DAVID; THE GIRL'S NAME WAS MARY. THE ANGEL WENT IN AND SAID TO HER, "GREETINGS, MOST FAVORED ONE! THE LORD IS WITH YOU." BUT SHE WAS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY WHAT HE SAID AND WONDERED WHAT THIS GREETING MIGHT MEAN. THEN THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR GOD HAS BEEN GRACIOUS TO YOU; YOU SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS"... "HOW CAN THIS BE?" SAID MARY; "I AM STILL A VIRGIN." THE ANGEL ANSWERED, "THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU; AND FOR THAT REASON THE CHILD WILL BE BORN HOLY AND WILL BE CALLED 'SON OF GOD'.... "HERE AM I," SAID MARY; "I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT; AS YOU HAVE SPOKEN, SO BE IT."

Luke 1:26-31, 34, 35, 38



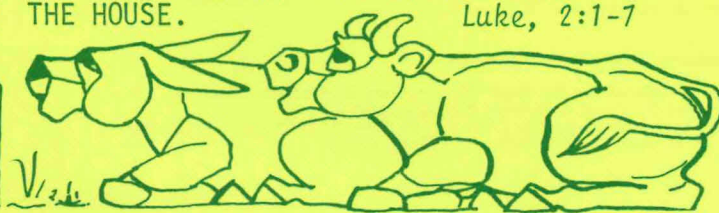
A Blessed Christmas To All

The Blessed Birth



AND IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WAS ISSUED BY EMPEROR AUGUSTUS FOR A REGISTRATION TO BE MADE THROUGHOUT THE ROMAN WORLD. THIS WAS THE FIRST REGISTRATION OF ITS KIND; IT TOOK PLACE WHEN QUIRINIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF SYRIA. FOR THIS PURPOSE EVERYONE MADE HIS WAY TO HIS OWN TOWN; AND SO JOSEPH WENT UP TO JUDEA FROM THE TOWN OF NAZARETH IN GALILEE, TO REGISTER AT THE CITY OF DAVID, CALLED BETHLEHEM, BECAUSE HE WAS OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID BY DESCENT; AND WITH HIM WENT MARY WHO WAS BETROTHED TO HIM. SHE WAS EXPECTING A CHILD, AND WHILE THEY WERE THERE THE TIME CAME FOR HER BABY TO BE BORN, AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON, HER FIRST-BORN. SHE WRAPPED HIM IN HIS SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM TO LODGE IN THE HOUSE.

Luke, 2:1-7

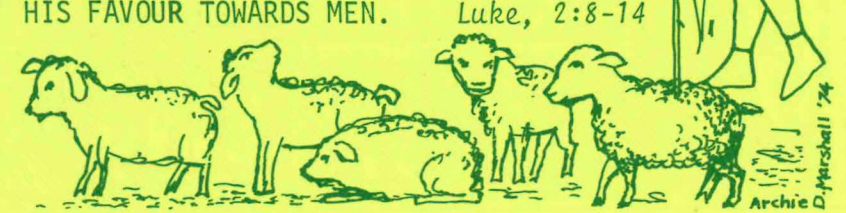


The Messengers of God



AND IN THIS SAME DISTRICT THERE WERE SHEPHERDS OUT IN THE FIELDS, KEEPING WATCH THROUGH THE NIGHT OVER THEIR FLOCK, WHEN SUDDENLY THERE STOOD BEFORE THEM AN ANGEL OF THE LORD, AND THE SPLENDOR OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM. THEY WERE TERROR-STRICKEN. BUT THE ANGEL SAID, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU: THERE IS GREAT JOY COMING TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE. TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A DELIVERER HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU-THE MESSIAH, THE LORD. AND THIS IS YOUR SIGN: YOU WILL FIND A BABY LYING WRAPPED IN HIS SWADDLING CLOTHES, IN A MANGER. "ALL AT ONCE THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A GREAT COMPANY OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, SINGING PRAISES OF GOD: "GLORY TO GOD IN HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH HIS PEACE, HIS FAVOUR TOWARDS MEN.

Luke, 2:8-14



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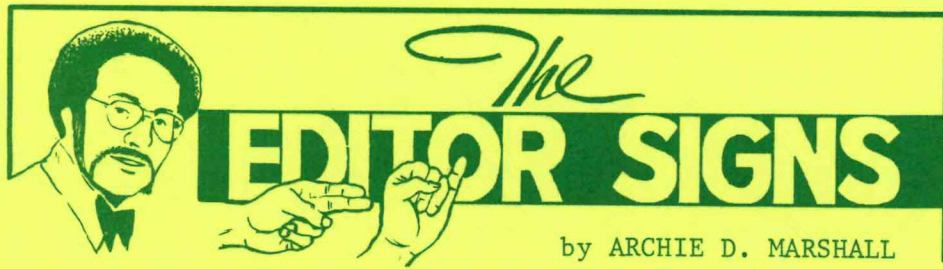
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MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our readers and friends from the Staff of The Deaf Lutheran; Business Manager Russel Healey, Assistant-Editor Clarence F. Schulz and myself! We hope you enjoy the cover (front page) of this issue. It shows how the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ takes its roots way back in the Old Testament. The story is that God let the people of Israel be taken captive and then the same thing happened to Judah one hundred plus years later. So the people were upset what and why did God do this. It happened because of their sins. But the Prophet Isaiah came back and said the tree is cut down, the throne of David ended, but God will give life to that dead stump again. A shoot will grow up from it and that shoot will be Jesus, the promised Savior who will reign as king. In our illustration on the front page, we start with this shoot growing out of the stump of Jesse, going past the Prophet Isaiah, on and on and finally wrapping itself around the new born baby Jesus who is about to be laid in the manger by his mother Mary.

With this issue, we close the year 1974, looking eagerly to an exciting new year 1975. This coming new year is bound to be full of New Hope, New Life and New Growth for all of us, especially the ILDA. The convention of the ILDA is fast shaping up. It promises a New Experience without precedence for those who attend it.

Your Editor has also been growing in experience and his work-load is growing likewise. Assistant-Editor Schulz can relieve some of the burden of editing the news. We will appreciate it if all churches for the deaf will include Clarence on their monthly newsletter mailing list. His address is: Clarence T. Schulz; 27212 El Capitan Drive; Warren, Michigan. However, please continue to send your newsletters and general news with photographs directly to the home of the Editor as you have been doing.

Business Manager Russel Healey plans to send out his regular yearly subscription renewal forms very soon. You will be hearing from him and we encourage all our member churches to subscribe to the "Blanket Plan" which not only saves money, but assures every church member a copy of The Deaf Lutheran being mailed to their homes each month as soon as it comes off the press.

Well folks, enjoy yourselves this happy season and continue to remember in your prayers...your pastors and their families...your D.L. staff...your ILDA officers... your convention committee Chairman and his hard working staff...your Missionaries and Christian friends everywhere!



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Season's Greetings...

from The BOARD for MISSIONS

To all of our deaf members and friends

December, 1974

A JOYOUS BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS!

Dear Friends:

Again it is the season when our thoughts are directed to a special place and a special night -

"O Little Town of Bethlehem, How Still We See Thee -"
"Silent Night, Holy Night, All is Calm, All is Bright."

It has always impressed me that our deaf churches on Christmas Eve are so much like the first Christmas Eve congregation in Bethlehem. Our deaf services are silent and quiet. They are not loud, nor conducted with the fanfare and ceremony often seen and heard in hearing congregations. They are most often small groups of deaf who gather quietly to observe and remember their "Ephphatha" Savior's birth.

It was in a little town, on a silent night, to a very small group of worshippers that God's miracle first came. Mary, a peasant's daughter, Joseph, a carpenter, and a few lowly shepherds worshipped in a stable at a manger-altar. Yet in this poor setting, to these lowly, unnoticed, forgotten people, heaven touched down with divine honor and glory. God spoke to them first, To them His angel messengers first appeared. That night became for them a most Holy Night, a night of marvelous blessing, joy and wonderful remembrance.

We must never fail to note that a truly great church would have no greatness without the little, still, silent, "Holy Night," "Bethlehem" congregations which are served by devoted and faithful pastors who with a "Bethlehem" spirit watch over their little flocks wherever they are.

Greatest of all are the tiny churches whose members kneel in simple faith at the manger and reflect that faith in the humble service of little things. Little things which, though often unnoticed, are not the least in the kingdom of heaven.

In God's view, there are no second-rate congregations, pastors, teachers, or members. It is where his "two or three are gathered together in My Name" that He comes. Upon and among them His glory shines.

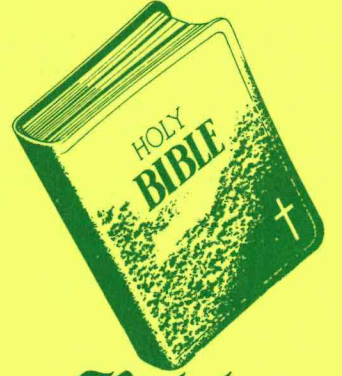
It is with these thoughts that we come to you, our deaf congregations, pastors, and members to wish you a truly blessed, joyful, holy Christmas. May you one and all with faith-filled hearts and hands rejoice in the "good news of great joy" that "unto you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord!"

In Christ, our newborn King -

H. W. Rohe

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Secretary for Deaf Missions
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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading for Dec. 1974

FULLNESS OF TIME

- 1 Sunday .. Galati
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- 2 Romans 13:12-13..
- 3 Isaiah 2:2-4.....
- 4 Isaiah 28:;6-20..
- 5 Mark 1:1-4.....
- 6 Mark 1:9-12.....
- 7 1 Thess: 3:11-13.

BURY THE PAST

- 8 Sunday.. Matthew 3:7-10...
- 9 Isaiah 55:6-9....
- 10..... Luke 19:41-44....
- 11..... Luke 18:9-13.....
- 12..... Psalm 6:1-4.....
- 13..... Psalm 32:1-5.....
- 14..... Psalm 130:1-4....

THE NEW HOPE

- 15.Sunday. John 1:6-9.....
- 16..... Matthew 11:2-6...
- 17..... Philippians 4:4-7
- 18..... Isaiah 61:1-3....
- 19..... Rev. 19:11-15....
- 20..... Rev. 22:12-16....
- 21..... Matthew 17:1-5...

GOD WITH US

- 22.Sunday. Isaiah 7:13-15...
- 23..... Matthew 1:20-23..
- 24..... Luke 1:39-42.....
- 25..... Luke 2:15-19.....
- 26..... Hebrews 10:5-7...
- 27..... Romans 1:2-5.....
- 28..... Micah 5:1-3.....

OUR SALVATION DRAWS NEAR

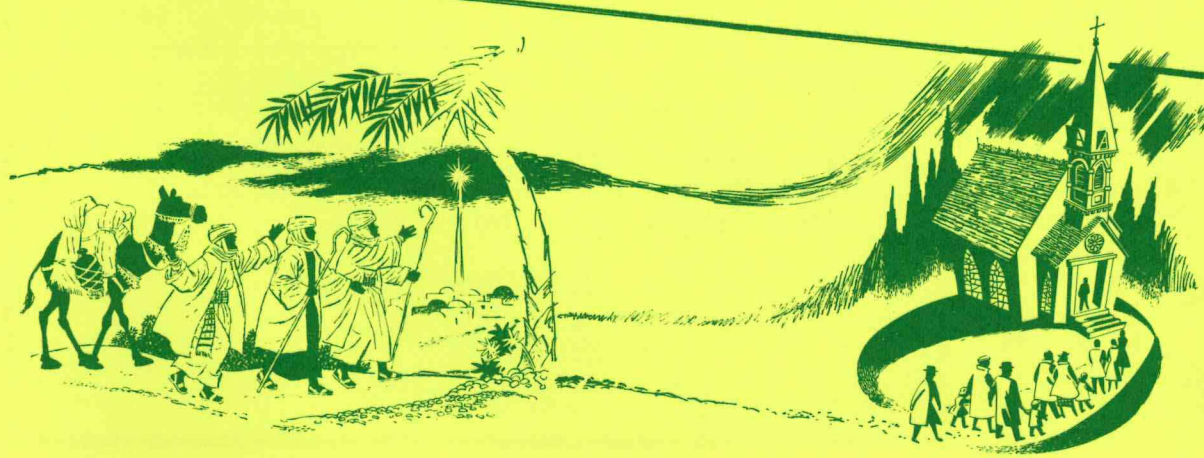
- 29.Sunday. Luke 2:28-34.....
- 30..... John 15:1-4.....
- 31..... Matthew 28:16-20.



"Seek ye out the book of the Lord, and read . . ." Isaiah 34.16

WHEN YOU READ THE BIBLE,
GOD TALKS TO YOU.
WHEN YOU PRAY,
YOU TALK TO GOD.

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GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST-
OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME...
-A Hymn



ILDA



PAGE

NEW ILDA LIFE ABOUNDS EVERYWHERE

by The Rev. Robert J. Muller
Editor, 1975 ILDA Official Program

The 1975 ILDA Convention in Washington, D.C., July 31-August 3, will emphasize "New Life!" The theme, "New Life," will fill the activities, the speeches and the minds of all delegates who attend our convention. When we are born, we receive new life, however, only GOD in His grace gives us NEW LIFE through baptism. Through this glorious sacrament, we become new people, born again to JESUS CHRIST!

In this very same way, the ILDA was born in the minds of our lay people and ministers. This coming summer, the ILDA will receive her baptism. The ILDA will become a new living servant of JESUS CHRIST, growing with exciting programs and projects of ministry and mission work for the deaf. For all the people who attend our convention this coming July at Stouffer's National Center Inn, these people will witness the beginning of this NEW LIFE for the ILDA.

New and exciting activities and practices will begin with this convention that will become the history and tradition of the ILDA. One of these outstanding traditions we hope to establish will be the biennial publication of a magazine that will be THE OFFICIAL ILDA CONVENTION PROGRAM.

This year's beautiful devotional ILDA magazine will contain 48 glorious pages covering the whole "1975 ILDA NEW LIFE" experience. It will include a complete history of the ILDA, how it happened, its founders, why it happened and those who have so unselfishly contributed so much of their lives to make the ILDA possible. It will include the activities that happened, the people who spoke, the messages delivered and the stories about many of the exciting and enjoyable events that will be part of the ILDA convention. Each page of this beautiful magazine will be brilliantly illustrated by a deaf commercial artist, William Crume, who is very adept at bringing out the many meanings of God's gift of NEW LIFE!

Outside of all the beautiful art work, photos and stories, The Official ILDA Program will contain a directory and schedule of events. In the back pages, there will be a listing of congregations and others who have contributed boosters to make this magazine possible for all to share this wonderful NEW LIFE of the ILDA whether they are able to attend the ILDA Convention or not.

This beautiful historical ILDA magazine will go on sale June 1, 1975 at a price just slightly over the cost of publication. Congregations that have purchased boosters will receive a free complementary copy, however, everyone will naturally desire to have their own personal copy. If you wish to obtain a copy of this treasured memento of our ILDA and convention, just fill out the coupon below and send a check or money order in the amount of \$1.75 for each copy you want and we will mail them to you. This price includes handling and postage but don't delay in ordering your copy as supply will be limited. To insure your receiving a copy, clip and mail the coupon with your remittance TODAY! We cannot guarantee a reprint!

Be sure to plan to come to the 1975 ILDA Convention. It will be the most exciting, important and successful convention we will ever have. God needs all of us as His willing servants. See you at the convention!!!



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A Human Interest Story for Christmas. . . SHARING CHRISTIAN LOVE THROUGH. . .

BIG BROTHERS

by Michael R. Wetzberger

About three months ago I had the rare good fortune to get involved with the Big Brother program. Re-involved would be a more apt term. Prior to my disabling illness I was in the program for five years but I was sure that my deafness would prevent my further participation. Donald Kaufman, the local director, contacted me and told me of a deaf little guy they had just accepted for placement and would I be interested in working with kids again.

When I went to pick up Tim for the ball game I first became aware that working with a deaf boy was going to require limitless patience, and also a willingness to measure triumph in little amounts.

Tim, like many pre-lingual deaf (before they have learned to talk), has a pattern to his life that he is afraid to disrupt. Unaware of this, I had arranged to take him to something new and different. This fact, coupled with the idea that I was a comparative stranger, prompted him to refuse to go.

Since that time I've gotten to know Tim better, but still he is unwilling to venture very far from the world he knows and has become accustomed.

Tim is my second experience with the Big Brother program. My first was a beautiful, highly rewarding adventure. Shannon and I enjoyed a remarkable sense of trust and dependence. I had never had a brother, or sister for that matter, so Shan and Crystal, his sister, were truly my family. Our ties were as close or closer than blood.

I joined the Big Brothers in 1967, three years after the local chapter was formed. At the request of William Mathews, the father of a boy killed in a service station robbery, a group of local businessmen were granted a charter for a local unit. The National Organization was formed in Cincinnati in 1903, with the express purpose of organizing concerned adult males, who wanted to provide a masculine image for fatherless boys.

About the time I first started losing my hearing, Shannon's mom got remarried. According to the rules of the Big Brothers, my official status was due to be ended. However, we were good friends

and a friendship you can't phase out, so we still are in contact with each other.

After my deafness had progressed to total, I felt sure my involvement with Big Brothers was finished.

I briefly discussed re-involvement with Donald Kaufman, the local Big Brother director. His points were direct, but not very encouraging. He had no deaf applicants and no knowledge of any to come.

Three days later I got a message that the Big Brothers had called and they had a match for me.

I happily accepted a deaf little brother, totally unaware of the frustration I was inviting. With Shannon the process was built-in, so I couldn't see it to measure. Now I had to search for hard won inches instead of the miles I was used to.

After a series of disappointing contacts, I began to lose interest. All the fun I'd had with Shannon was missing.

A little soul searching brought me to the realization that the fun wasn't missing, I just wasn't looking in the right place for it. It was up

to me to convince Tim that he could enjoy doing things with me.

It will take more than just will power. I have prayed for the strength to build a solid friendship with Tim. Not just strength in persistence, but also strength in the wisdom to make decisions that will build mutual trust and respect.

Working with Tim is a whole new experience for me and I have tried to put into verse some of the feelings I have. Enclosed is that effort.

TIM

By Michael R. Wetzberger

My little brother
Is deaf like me;
Oh, how I want
to teach him to see

That the world around us
Has limitless joy;
Each day of life
Is made for a boy.

You don't have to hear
To play in the park
Or throw pointed darts
At the bulls eye mark!

The Lord put us on
This earth for a reason
Maybe to see
The change in the seasons.

There are so many things
That must be seen;
To the ear they are dirty
But to the eye are clean!

I don't want him to use
Deafness as a crutch
Nor to think he has little
But know he has much!

To do away with self-pity
Is my major goal;
Ears are not the key
Eyes open the soul!

I love Tim
And I ask the Lord
To please help me find
Our common chord.

Tim and "Big Bro."
Michael



Tim and Michael
outside the church
...one of the
places they really
enjoy together!



practicing sign language
in the park



Michael and Shannon (1968)...

Memphis, Tenn. (Eternal Mercy)
 A Special Christmas Choir called "The Eternal Mercy Hands in Praise" will give a special concert in December. with songs and signs giving glory to God for the Birth of the Savior, Jesus. Rev. Donald Leber, Miss Cynthia Case, Miss Laura Fitzgerald, Miss Greta Greer, and Miss Katy Smith will sign while Vicar Friedrich (and others) will sing. The "Hands in Praise" will present the Christmas Story, both traditional and contemporary carols. Both deaf and hearing people will enjoy the program. The Memphis concert will be Christmas night, December 25th at 6:30 P.M. The choir will then travel to Nashville, Jackson, Mississippi, and New Orleans

NEW YORK - The New York State Department of Transportation has ruled that signs warning "Caution Deaf Child in Area" are illegal and will have to be taken down. By law, all municipalities must install only signs in the state's uniform sign manual. "What strikes me as ironic," said the mother of a deaf child, "is that "Deer Crossing" signs are ok. The State of New York cares about deer, but doesn't care about my child."

Warminster, Pa. (D.V.L.C.).... Thanks to the grant from N.J. LWML we have bought a new 1974 twelve passenger van. It has power brakes, power steering, automatic transmission AM/FM radio, etc. You must see this to believe it. We traded in the old V.W. 9 Pass van for the new one. (O-WOW).

FT. Wayne, Ind. (St. John's).... The Northern Indiana Chapter of Interpreters for the Deaf started last month and this is the service every deaf person should know about. Our own George Perry was elected President with Dick Holle as Vice-President. So far there are twenty-five people interested in improving the skill of interpreters for the deaf in Fort Wayne. The next meeting will be held Dec. 21st at the central Y.M.C.A. on So. Barr Street, on the second floor from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Warminster, Pa. (D.V.L.C.).... So many people came to the REFORMATION SERVICE that there was little room to sit. Pastor Munz interpreted the service for the many many deaf, The offering was used to help



Deafness in the Digest.....

DEAFNESS in THE DIGEST The August 1974 Readers Digest carried an article, condensed from Christian Herald, titled: "The Lonely World of Silence." Written by Ronald Schiller, who visited schools for the deaf across the country and talked with a variety of educators and administrators, the article explains the difficulty of teaching English to prelingually deaf children, discusses the conflict between oralists and manualists, and points out the isolation of the deaf adult from his hearing neighbors and co-workers. The article also points to the example of deaf businessman Bruce Clary who has a machine products plant in Los Angeles and the hopes of employing 1000 persons-9/10ths of whom will be deaf.

Missionary News...The Rev. Vernon Schindler, a missionary of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod loaned to Lutherans in the West African country of Ghana, reports that weekly Bible lessons at a primary Deaf school have been started recently.

The Wheat Ridge Foundation with offices in Chicago supports, through the sale of its "Wheat Ridge seals" about fifty medical, social and Educational projects in India, Japan, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Korea, Ghana, New Guinea, North and South America. In Addition, Wheat Ridge provides scholarships for social workers and chaplains and underwrites special projects such as health care volunteer program, telephone ministry, filmstrips for the mentally retarded, and innovative education programs. Gifts to the campaign prove Christmas is sharing!

Portland, O. (Hope)...Deaconess Grace Jewett Baranski has accepted a call to Ephphatha in Chicago. On Dec. 22nd during the worship service, she will be consecrated. Her last day at Hope will be Dec. 31, 1974.

St. Louis, Mo. (Holy Cross).... Mr. Dayton Williams of Clev. O was installed as a fieldworker. Pastor Hewitt declined a call to West Hartford, Conn.

Everett, Tacoma, Seattle, Wash.. The Rev. Geo. Winkler declined the call to serve the hearing parishes in Odessa and Marlin also, The Rev. Gerhard Gehrs of Riverside, Calif. returned the call to Hope, Portland.

Ft. Wayne, Ind. (St. John's).... A large choir will sing about Christ's birth. We will visit various churches and old folk homes in Dec. and show that God does work through people who are deaf.

Warminster, Pa. (D.V.L.C.).... So many people came to the REFORMATION SERVICE that there was little room to sit. Pastor Munz interpreted the service for the many many deaf that came. The offering was given to DELAWARE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH to help buy the new church van. We hope that we can start using it very soon!

Lakewood, O. (Christ).... Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf will have Mid-week Advent worship this year. The worship services will be on Wednesday evenings to help us prepare ourselves for Christmas. The first service will be on Wed., Dec. 4th with Pastor Prok as preacher. Wed., Dec. 11th will find Pastor Hauptman from Toledo in the pulpit, and then on Dec. 18th, Pastor Winkler from Columbus will preach the final Mid-week Advent worship.

PRAYER-GRAF: Board for Missions Secretary for Deaf Ministry, Herbert Rohe tells of a little deaf girl in Edmonton, Alberta, who was asked to write a prayer. Hers was brief and to the point: "Jesus follow me." We usually ask that we follow Jesus, yet in asking Jesus to follow us we say, "Please go where I go." That's a good thing to pray for as we go out in mission for our Lord

Omaha, Neb. (Bethlehem).... We congratulated our sister congregation, Siouxland Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, S.D., as they celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, Nov. 24th. Our congratulations also to Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Delavan, Wis., upon the celebration of its 50th Anniversary, November 8, 1974.

Washington, D.C. (Gallaudet)... The Japanese press not long ago carried an item stating that Japanese technicians has developed "a new kind of type writer that spoke the words tapped out on its keyboard. "Nobody knows the lipreading problems we're about to see!"

Detroit, Mich. (Our Savior).... Since October, over \$115.00 has been donated by the members of Our Savior to help relieve the suffering and loss caused by the hurricane in the Honduras.

Devils Lake, N.D. (L.M.D.).... It's only November, but the Fargo and Fergus Falls church services had to be cancelled because of icy roads and drifting snows.

A mother wanting to impress the visiting pastor said to her daughter, "go and get the Book we read so much." She was shocked when her daughter returned with a Sears-Roebuck Catalog. What Book do you read so much?

LAST MONTH THE QUESTION WAS ASKED: "WHAT ONE THING WILL NEVER GO UP IN PRICE BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT INFLATION?" THE ANSWER IS: "THE COST OF OUR SALVATION." CHRIST PAID THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR YOU.... YES.... YOU! HE PAID WITH HIS INNOCENT BLOOD. THERE CAN BE NO HIGHER PRICE!

A Christmas Play in India

given by INDIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH for the DEAF, Ambur

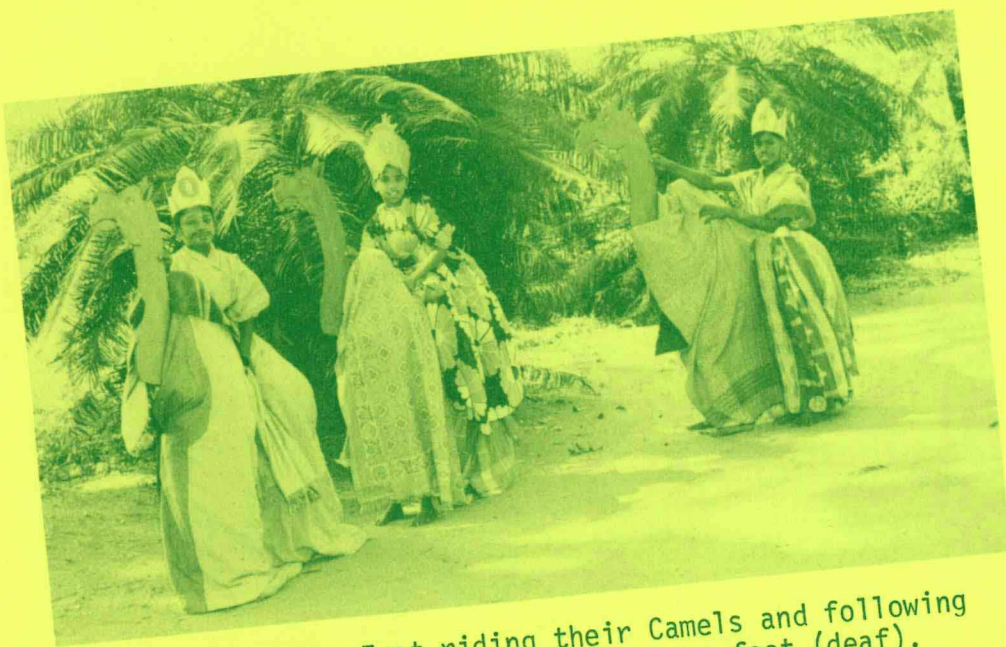


The Manger Scene with Angels.

MARY and JOSEPH going to Bethlehem. (the donkey's head is made from cardboard. Notice the human feet (deaf) of the donkey under the blanket).



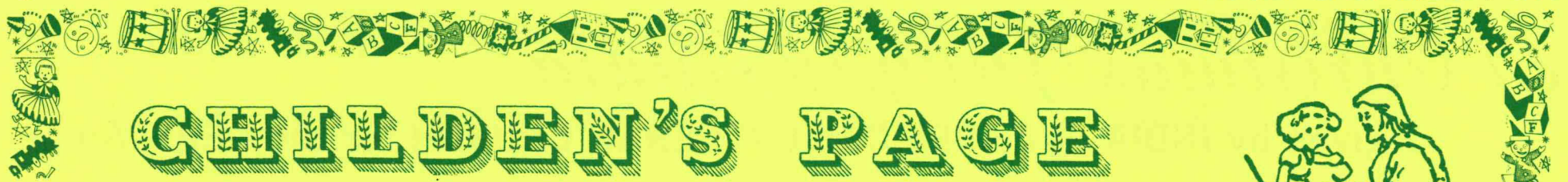
The Wise Men from the East asking Herod the king where is the baby (Jesus) born king of the Jews. The Chief Priests and Scribes are reading from the Prophets to find out.



The Wise Men from the East riding their Camels and following the Star towards Bethlehem. Notice the human feet (deaf).



The Angels appearing to the Shepherds.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



Stars STARS StArS

How many kinds of stars are there?

1. First, we have our old friend, the five-pointed star. Do you know how to fold a white sheet of paper in such a way that you can make one snip with your scissors and have a perfect five-pointed star!

2. Next is the Star of David. It has six points.

3. Who knows the Moravian Star? I'll give you the technical name for it. Be ready! GREAT STELLATED DODECAHEDRON! Imagine me using a 12-letter word in my Children's Page! I did.

Because I am out of space, I will send you a drawing and directions on how to make this kind of star if you will write to me for it.

Love and Merry Christmas,
The Editor.



I Love To Tell The Story

*I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story;
'Tis pleasant to repeat.
What seems, each time I
tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
For some have never heard
The message of salvation,
From God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story;
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory
I sing the New, New Song,
'Twill be the Old, Old Story
That I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*

FOR OUR CHILDREN

*Lord Jesus, who didst
take little children
into Thine arms and
laugh and play with
them, bless, we pray Thee
all children at this
Christmastide! As with
shining eyes and glad
hearts they nod their
heads so wisely at the
stories of the angels
and of a baby cradled in
the hay at the end of
the way of a wandering
star, may their faith
and expectation be a re-
buke to our own faith-
lessness. Help us to
make this season all joy
for them, a time that
shall make Thee, Lord
Jesus, even more real to
them! Watch tenderly
over them and keep them
safe. Grant that they
may grow in health and
strength into Christian
maturity. May they turn
early to Thee, the
Friend of children, the
Friend of all. We ask in
the lovely name of Him
who was once a little
child. Amen.*

--Peter Marshall
(From "The Prayers of
Peter Marshall.")

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