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Pittsburgh, Pa.

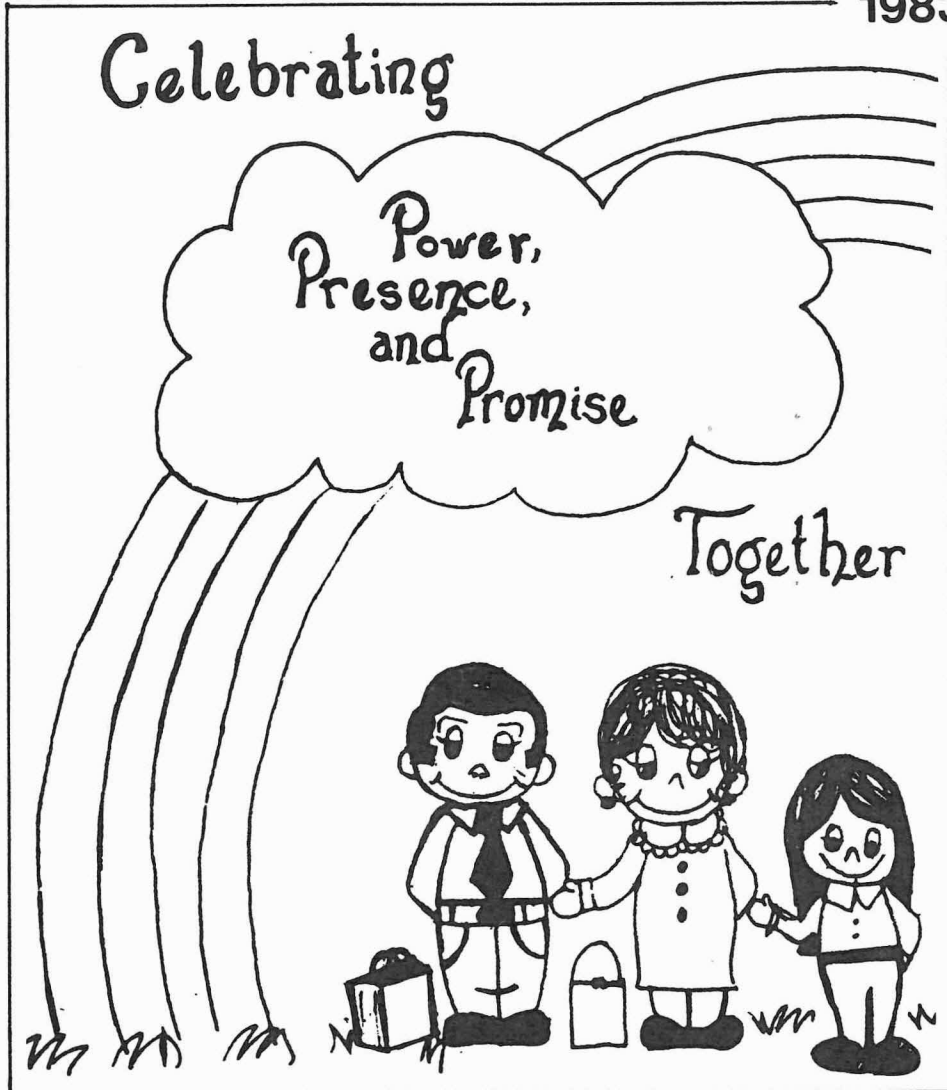
The 7th biennial convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association will be held July 21-24, 1983 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Convention site will be the Pittsburgh Hilton, located in the heart of the "Golden Triangle". A short walk will take you to Point State Park where a 200' fountain marks the merge of the Allegheny and Monongahela to form the mighty Ohio River. The Pittsburgh Hilton is set amid the beauty of the city and is convenient to all its attractions and activities. If you're in the mood for sports, stroll to one of the nearby docks and take a boat to 3-Rivers Stadium across the river from the hotel. For the adventurous, a short ride on the incline (cable car) will take you to the top of Mt. Washington—a sightseer's dream. You can eat at one of the many fine restaurants nearby or opt for a "picnic in the park" with friends.

A coordinating committee made up of representatives from each congregation in the Great Lakes Region is working hard to make your visit to Pittsburgh an enjoyable one and to make the 1983 I.L.D.A. Convention one of the best ever. (please turn to page 2)

1983 I.L.D.A. Convention Headquarters
The beautiful Pittsburgh Hilton
in the heart of the "Golden Triangle".

1983 ILDA CONVENTION

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Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf (Rev. Don Winkler) will be the host congregation and is looking forward to welcoming all of you to their beautiful city.

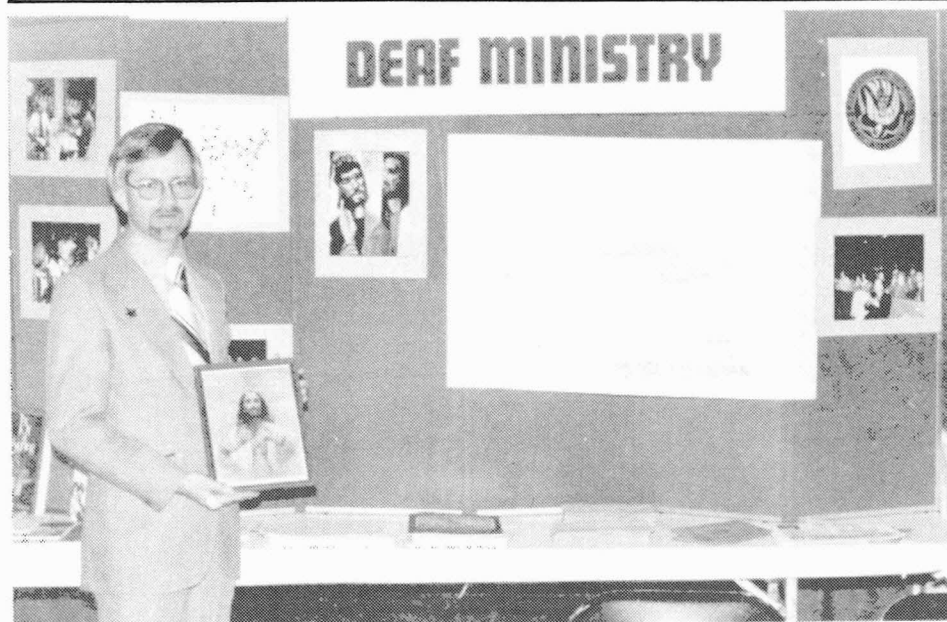
The convention theme will be "Celebrating: Power, Presence and Promise Together" based on several Old and New Testament texts. During our Bible study and worship we will focus our attention on God's POWER to forgive and to heal; His PRESENCE in our hearts and lives; and His wonderful PROMISE of heaven and eternal life. The illustration printed on the left of this page is our convention "logo" and will be used to set the theme for our meetings.

We would like you to bring three (3) things with you when you come to Pittsburgh. First of all, bring a rock or a stone with your name and home town written, printed, or taped on. (Bring a rock or stone large enough to hold in one hand). Secondly, bring a picture of your home church building or the place where you worship. Finally, bring a color photograph of you or your family.

Information regarding the actual cost of the convention will not be available until July, 1982. However, we do know

July, 1982. However, we do know that it will not be cheap - so please start saving now! See you in Pittsburgh!

(hopefully, information on costs will be available for printing in the next issue, October, 1982). ... the editor



Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Indianapolis had a deaf ministry booth at the Indiana District Great (please turn to page 8)





**...from
our
pastors**

**PRACTICX SXLF
APPRXCIATION**

A txam may bx likx to my typxwritxr. It is an old modxl, but it works quitx wxll xxcept for onx of thx kxys. Many timxs, I havx wishxd that it workxd pxxrfectly. It is trux that thxxr arx fourty-four kxys that do function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that txams arx somxwhat likx my typewritxr...not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working togx-thxr.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only a mxmbr - onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak thx group." But, it doxs makx a diffxxncx bxcausx a group, to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson - a mxmbr - and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in thx group, and for it to function xffxctivly, I am nxxdxd vxry much."

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A vacation spot is where they charge you enough to make up for the rest of the year you are not there.

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Other employees would do no better than Congressmen if the boss showed an interest in them only once in 2 years.

XVXRYONX IS NXXDXD

(God Can't Use Substitutes)

A sense of purposelessness and futility leads many people to question their self-worth. Life around them seems to reinforce the feeling that they don't count.

That purposelessness is heightened by the events of our time which causes us to lose hope that one person can do anything to change the direction of things.

In this impersonal world people question whether they are even noticed. Life seems to be a succession of grim nonevents!

Have you ever felt that way?

God's Word repeatedly and repeatedly stresses that He cares for you as a special person. Jesus underscored that concern in a graphic illustration: "What is the price of five sparrows? A couple of pennies? Not much more than that. Yet God does not forget a single one of them! Never fear, you are far more valuable to Him than a whole flock of sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7).

Let's face the fact that sin has dulled and distorted the inner realization that, as individuals, we count with God. The real problem is not that God doesn't care. It's that we have lost the awareness that He cares for us and loves us.

God's concern for you is not in word only. The cross of Calvary where Christ died for you is the supreme expression that demonstrates His love beyond a doubt. "God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8).

That's some change! From wondering if you're noticed as a member of the **human** family to becoming a cherished member of **God's** family.

God waits for the faintest indication that you desire that change. It's not enough to be dissatisfied and constantly wondering if anyone cares. Act on that dissatisfaction and ask the waiting Savior to enter your life and take control of it.

You'll discover that He is aware of your sense of futility and that He has been eager to change it. "Look! I have been standing at the door (your heart's) and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20).

If, right now, you pause and breathe a prayer, admitting your sin and deep sense of need, and trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you will become a member of **God's** family. That's the change that repentance brings. That's going from life to **LIFE**.

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



A Condensation of the Minutes of the Executive Board

(condensed from the minutes of the secretary)

The Executive Board members met in Detroit, Michigan at the Lutheran School for the Deaf on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, 1982.

Board members present were Pres. Charles Kotal, President Elect Lester Ahls, Secretary Lillian Long, Treasurer Elmer Francisco, Pastoral Advisor William Ludwig, Bd. for Missions Rep. Donald Zuhn.

The minutes of the Oct. 29, 1981 board meeting were read, corrected and passed.

Treas. Francisco passed his report around to be read. He also said that he sent out 713 letters to remind members that dues were ready for renewal. Grand total, accounts = \$1,036.86.

The theme for I.L.D.A. Convention next year in Pittsburgh will be "Celebrating; Power, Presence, Promise together". (See story on front page of this issue).

Publication of The Deaf Lutheran has been suspended due to low funds. Suggestions for discussion were:

- (1) Eliminate free subscriptions to all but a few.
- (2) Stop the Church Blanket Plan after current year.
- (3) Beginning in Jan. '83 only individual subscriptions will be accepted.

LILLIAN H. LONG,
SECRETARY
INTER'NL. LUTHERAN
DEAF ASS'N.



(4) Notify by letter that all complimentary issues will stop. The letters will go to those receiving such issues.

(5) Efforts will be made to get The Deaf Lutheran out on time.

(6) Number of issues will be reduced from 12 per year to 6 per year or once bimonthly.

(7) \$3.50 per year for individual subscriptions will remain unchanged.

(8) Only one signature is now required to sign our bank checks. The Business Manager now has authority to sign all checks without the usual requirements of a second person countersigning.

(9) The size and format of The Deaf Lutheran is to be changed.

(10) The editor and the Business Manager will be given new and separate contracts.

Proposed changes for ILDA membership was discussed.

Revisions on a new ILDA brochure which adds special goals, i.e. Spiritual growth, Support of deaf missions, fellowship, and service.

Items were discussed on: ILDA Conventions; Board of Directors meetings; Regular Regional Conferences; Units and Workshops.

FOR ECONOMICAL REASONS:

Board meetings will be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

ILDA membership dues will

remain at \$3.50 per year and reminder notes will be sent to all members when their memberships is about to expire.

Members of the Executive Board and/or the Board of Directors will be sent notes with in 60 days of a proposed meeting.

MOTIONS MADE AND PASSED

1.) Numbers 1 thru 5 of the suggestions earlier in this condensed minutes were passed.

2.) Contracts for the editor and the Business Manager be written from convention to convention.

3.) The Deaf Lutheran will be printed bimonthly (6 issues) until 1983 due to economical reasons. This is intended to be only on a trial basis.

4.) A.D. Marshall, editor will be paid \$175 per issue and Mr. Elmer Francisco will receive \$100 per month as Business Manager.

5.) Only the signature of the Business Manager is required for signing checks.

6.) A booth shall be set up at the N.A.D. convention in St. Louis to promote I.L.D.A. The cost of this booth will be jointly shared by I.L.D.A. and The Board for Missions. A person shall be paid to care for said booth.

7.) The National Captioning Institute shall be denied a list of our membership.

8.) I.L.D.A. board meetings must have the approval of the Executive Board and the Regional Presidents whenever the I.L.D.A. President wants to call one.

9.) Letters should be sent out to all board members with in 60 days of a proposed meeting.

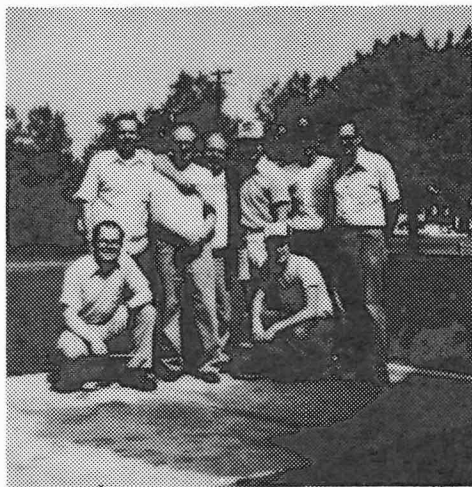
10.) Membership changes as suggested earlier were passed

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BARNRAISING!

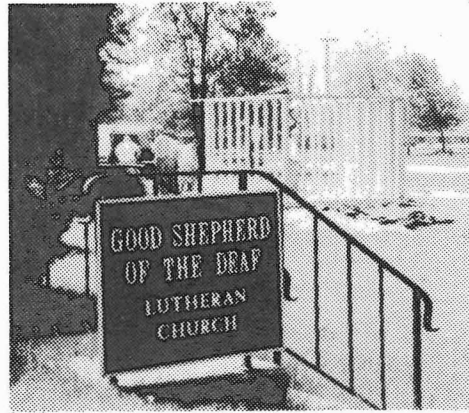
-by Rolland Doudt
 Good Shepherd of the Deaf
 Toledo, Ohio

In the old days, farm people used to help when a neighbor built a new building. The same cooperative spirit was evident as the members of Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church erected its new utility building last summer. The shed had been two years in the planning, and now, as we sit in the church office, its roof is the first thing we see!



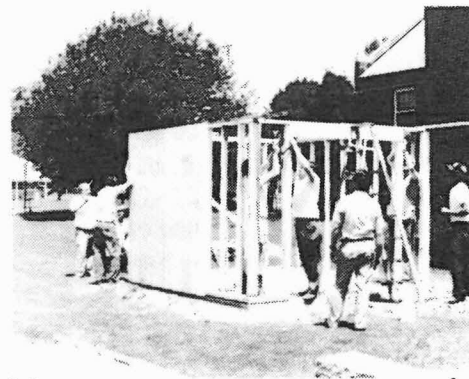
front row: (l.to r. kneeling) Howard Snyder and Darrel Doudt Standing l.to r.: Paul Hetrick, Rev.Mork, Leo Goll, Ken Clark, Rolland Doudt, and Robert Gore

Brothers Ken and Will Clark with some help from Howard Snyder, designed the shed. The concrete for the floor was contracted for, and the rest was up to us. The result is an attractive barn-red building that complements the dark red bricks of the church. During the building period, the ladies of the congregation provided the menfolk with food and other refreshments, and the whole was finished in a couple of weekends.



The Framework!

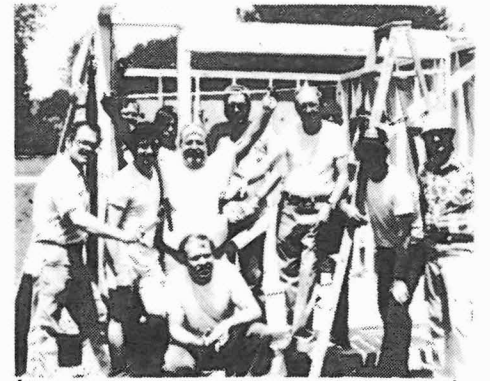
While there are no professional carpenters in the congregation, we have lots of "superior amateurs!!" Back in the summer of '80, the kitchen and office finally were finished, after a wait of some five years. Howard Snyder designed the cabinets, cupboards, book-cases, and work and storage areas. The result is a very attractive, natural grain blonde oak plywood surfaces and doors, with formica counter tops. Tiles were laid in the kitchen, and an overhead light and medicine cabinet were installed in the office.



With three teams at work, the walls are going up real fast.

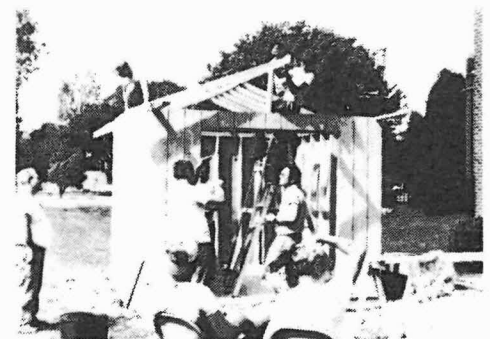
Our ladies were jubilant to get such spacious working areas for their culinary endeavors, and our pastor, Rev. K.Omahr Mork, says: "I am willing to hold my office up

against any other church office in the LC-MS!!!"



Lunch-break: Tired, but still smiling, the crew of picture one, with the addition of Elmer McVicker, his sons Kenneth and Mike, and Arthur Allen.

The Church doors had been largely neglected since the sanctuary was erected some 40 years ago. As a result they were badly warped, and some rot had set in. New metal doors with narrow rectangular windows were installed a few months ago. They have proven their worth since, drastically reducing the heat-loss we were experiencing. Combined with a new gas furnace we expect to recoup the expenses in a few years via the reduced heating bills.



The roof is taking shape.

Our next projects will be to install new "spot" lights in the altar area. We also now have plans to furnish ceiling fans in lieu of air-condition-

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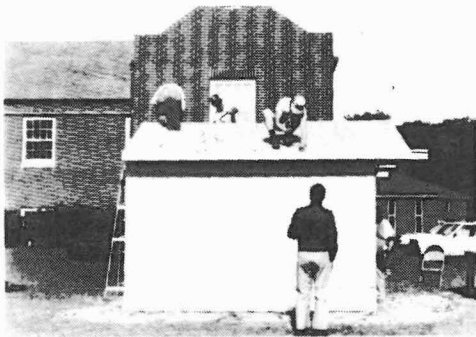


BARNRAISING!

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ers. However, the general recession in the "Champion auto-parts capital of the world," otherwise known as the "glass capital of the world," tells us that we better postpone further capital improvements until the economy improves.

We are proud of our remodeled and improved property, and we pray that the Lord of the Harvest will enable us to reap the crop He has sown here in Mud Hen territory.



Done! The pastor's office is above and behind the building. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church can be seen at right, rear.

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WHAT
WILL BE YOUR
EXCUSE
NEXT YEAR IF YOU
DON'T START TITHING
THIS YEAR?...

LUTHERAN GROUPS PLAN TALKS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church have agreed to resume a working relationship and encourage "pilot discussions" on cooperation and common points of doctrine.

A "working statement" was issued after a recent meeting of a coordinating committee of the two denominations in Minneapolis, headquarters of the American Lutheran Church. Committee members include the Rev. Dr. Ralph Bohlmann, president of the St. Louis-based Missouri Synod, and the Rev. David Preus, head of the American Church.

Bohlmann said action was a step in fulfilling the mandate of the 1981 synod convention to pursue discussions with the American Church. The Missouri Synod voted at that meeting to break off pulpit and intercommunion fellowship with the American Lutheran Church after 12 years because of unresolved doctrinal differences.

If the initial talks prove fruitful, the coordinating committee will recommend further talks involving pastors and lay persons in other cities as well as "short-term groupings" of theologians to explore doctrinal consensus.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Nafzger executive secretary of the Missouri Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations, said discussions so far had succeeded in "lowering the level of distrust and just getting to know each other better."

Preus said in a radio interview in Minneapolis last week that he expected the Missouri Synod would eventually join the proposed united Lu-

theran church that is to be formed in 1988 by the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Association of Evangelical Churches. But Preus said it might take 25 to 50 years for the conservative Missouri Synod to join the new church, which will have 5.5 million members.

The 2.7-million-member Missouri Synod currently is the country's second largest Lutheran body after the 3-million-member Lutheran Church in America.

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DEAF GROUP AND HEARING GROUP TOGETHER MAKE TRIP TO HOLY LAND

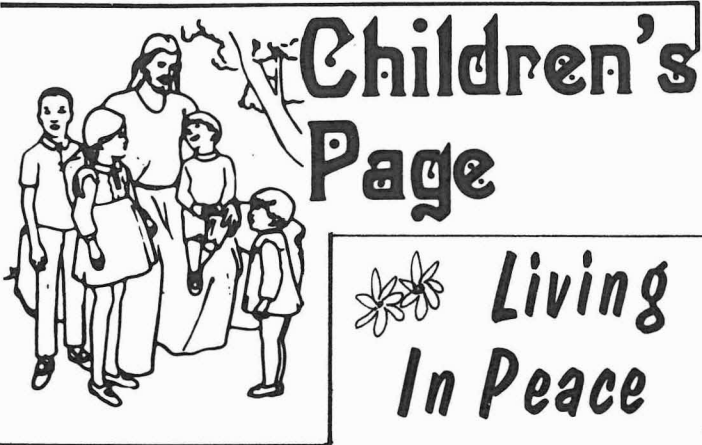
-by Miss Eddie Lee Bachus
 Pasadena, Calif.

Fifteen (15) deaf people and seventeen (17) hearing people went together to the Holy Land from Portland, Oregon. From March 17 until March 27, they went throughout the land where Jesus walked. An interpreter was with the group throughout the trip.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the many beautiful places along the route.

Some of the group have made plans to re-visit Jerusalem again. They were thankful for God's protection in caring for them while there and for bringing them back home safely.





*Living
In Peace*

One time Jesus said, "Love one another." Another time He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." These children are neighbors. And they go to the same school. They are both children of God. They are happy they live in

peace with God and they are happy and they live in peace with each other.

They do know the joy of God's love and



want to share it. By being friends, God's children can thank and praise Him for His goodness.

Jesus came to bring peace between God and all people. He bought this peace by dying on the cross. Jesus did not make people follow Him. He asked them; He invited them.

By being friends with others, followers of Jesus can tell them about their Friend Jesus.

How can you be a good neighbor? What stories in the Bible can help you be a good neighbor?



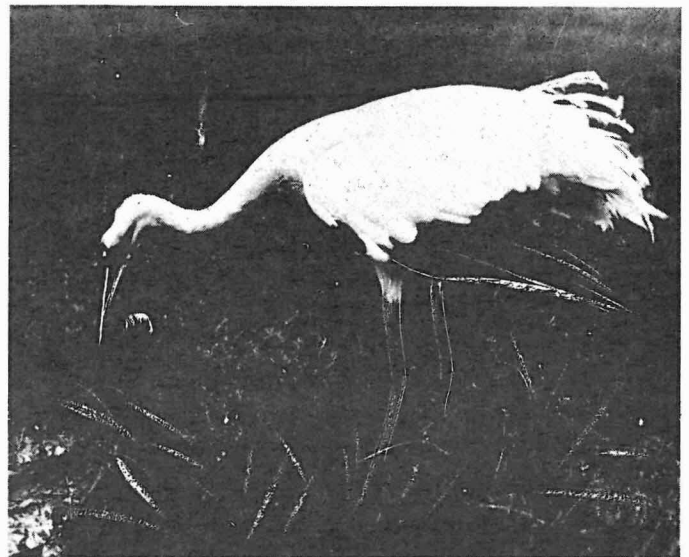
People who watch for birds along the Gulf of Mexico are getting ready for some winter visitors. During the month of October or November, some of the biggest birds in North America come back to their winter nesting fields.

These special birds are called the whooping cranes. There are only a small number left of these cranes in North America. As the days pass by, the bird watchers wonder who will be the first to see the whooping cranes as they fly southward to their refuge. How many cranes will there be this year?

Each year the whooping cranes are counted. We want to protect these whooping cranes so that people will always be able to enjoy them as they are also creatures of God.

These birds are given special protection to keep them from harm. The mother whooping crane will be able to raise one, two, or at the most three baby cranes.

Bird watchers will get ready to see the whooping cranes fly north to their summer home again in the springtime.



The whooping crane is one of the largest birds in North America. They are now very rare. They have black and white plumage and a high pitched, shrill, trumpeting cry. Can you find the whooping crane's egg in the picture?

ILDA Exec. Bd. Meets

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11.) Ms. Lee Ann McClane's application for scholarship is approved. Her biography and picture be mailed to Elmer.

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President Kotal made a report that the last Convention in Los Angeles made a profit of \$944.74.

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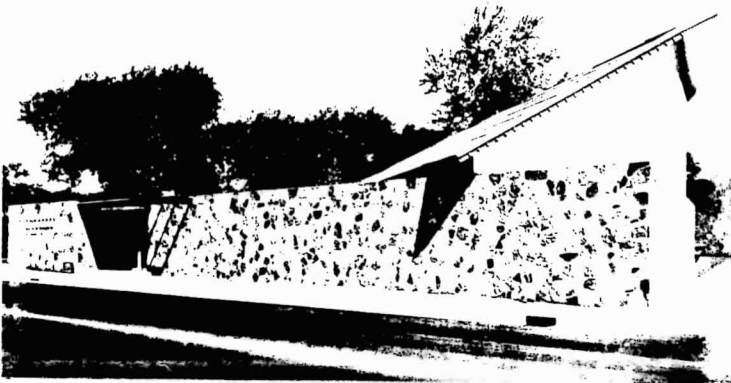
Commission Convocation March 4-5-6, 1982. Pastor Munz holds a picture of Jesus making the ASL sign "love". One of the high points of the deaf ministry booth was a floor plan of the new Peace Church which will start construction in April. Peace is a \$100,000 grant recipient of our Synod's Forward In Remembrance (FIR). Ground breaking was planned for Easter Sunday, April 11th.

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WORDS OF WISDOM... No one needs a vacation so much as the person who has just had one.

There are certain situations in which there is nothing more unjust than equal treatment of unequals.

Can You Identify This Church?



We Want YOU in the ILDA today!
Rejoice with us in Christ's Love...Join Today

ILDA Membership Application Type

Fill in your name and address on the spaces below. Use as many names and addresses as desired. Clip and mail to: Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, Michigan 48234.
Make checks or money orders payable to: ILDA Treasurer Elmer D. Francisco.
DO NOT SEND CASH!!
Membership fee is \$2 per year per person.

(Check One)

- 1. Active.....
- 2. Associate.....
- 3. Sustaining.....

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