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WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

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With another year just starting, January is a "down" for many of us following the hectic rush of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Things quiet down and things are routine once again. But do January and February have to be "down" months for us? I don't think so. Let's see what is happening.

January 1 is not only New Year's Day, but the celebration of the circumcision of our Lord. That was the eighth day in the human life of Jesus. On the 8th day, Jewish boys were circumcised as part of the Covenant promise with God to remember God's promise to Abraham. In His circumcision, we see the first suffering of Jesus, God's own Son, for us. Read the episode in Luke 2:21.

Then on January 6, we celebrate Epiphany, the coming of the Wise Men to worship Jesus. These were the first Gentiles (non-Jewish) people to worship Jesus. The Wise Men help us to remember that Jesus came into the world for all people. We, too, can be as the Wise Men of old, seeking Him to worship, and bringing Him gifts when we come to church.

On January 8, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The account is found in Mark 1:4-11 where we see Jesus being baptized by John

the Baptist. This was the beginning of Jesus' ministry of preaching, teaching and healing people.

On January 15, the church also celebrates the confession of St Peter. Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?" The disciples answered that many people thought that Jesus was a great prophet come to life again. Then He asked, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter, speaking for all, said, "You are the Christ, the Son of God."

January 22 is the celebration of the conversion of St. Paul. Read Acts 9:1-31. Paul was a strong Jew who put Christians in prison. Then Jesus appeared to Paul and changed his heart and mind. He was converted and went on to become a great preacher to the Gentiles, spreading the Gospel in many countries.

On February 5, we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. Peter, James and John saw Jesus transfigured (changed) and saw Jesus' glory. They also saw Elijah and Moses alive and talking to Jesus.

February 8 is Ash Wednesday this year and a time we remember that we are truly sinners and that it was our sins that crucified Jesus. Ash Wednesday begins the lenten season in which we express our sorrow and repentance in preparation for Easter.

WISE MEN

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NOTICE!!

Nominations for office in the International Lutheran Deaf Association should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. Charles J. Kotal, chairperson, 9345 Cedar St. #204, Bellflower, Calif. 90706.

If possible, a suitable picture of the nominee and a brief biography should be included.

Publication in THE DEAF LUTHERAN of all names submitted to the chairperson will occur in the MARCH/APRIL, 1989 issue or the MAY/JUNE issue at the latest.

WANTED: PICTURES

Do you have any old photographs of past ILDA conventions from 1971 through 1987? Would you be willing to loan or give them to the ILDA.

They are wanted to be bound up with the minutes of past conventions as well as to be on display at the convention in Portland next summer.

Send any material you may have to Mr. Donald S. Mowl, ILDA historian, 1684 E. Maiden St., Washington, Pa. 15301. Thanks, everyone!

ILDA Board of Directors Meets in St. Louis Nov. 25-27

Convening for their first meeting since the Cedar Rapids convention, the board of directors met at Concordia Seminary right after the Thanksgiving holiday. All members were present for the three-day meeting except Donald Wetzel of the ER-ILDA. Serving for him was Dennis Konkell, president-elect, from College Park, Md.

Archie Marshall of the handbook task force committee passed out samples of the work the committee has done and it was noted that it would need to be updated and corrections made before it can be presented to the convention body at Portland. A mid-winter meeting for

the committee has been set to finish the work.

An effort will be made to have the 1989 convention videotaped if adequate funding can be obtained along with other suitable material to produce a cassette that can be used for public relations purposes and increase the awareness of the ILDA among both deaf Lutherans and among those who are not deaf.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is being asked to grant auxiliary status to the International Lutheran Deaf Association. It will be necessary, however for the ILDA to review its constitution and by-law so that they fully comply with all requirements of Synod and that the LC-MS is not financially encumbered in any way. It should be known by the time of the Portland convention just what will happen.

And speaking of the next convention, it appears that plans are progressing very well under the able leadership of chairperson Ron Madding, and is should be one of our best conventions ever. With less than seven months remaining, plans should be made as soon as possible to go. United Airlines is offering discounts up to 40% on air fares to Portland between the dates of July 2 to 13. See the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

A Lenten Prayer of Reflection

Dear Father In Heaven,

It is difficult to live a life of faithfulness in a world of prosperity and pressure. Our priorities are often confused and too little thought is given to the kingdom of heaven.

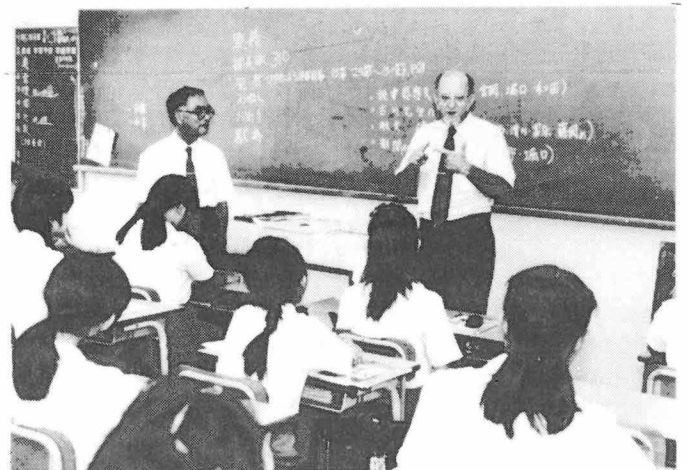
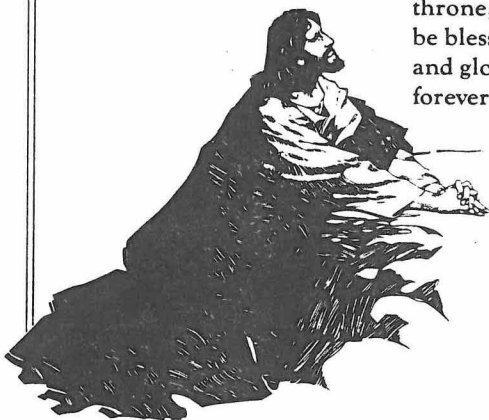
Forgive our failures and help us to be more mindful of the importance of our service to You.

Especially during this Lenten season, fill our hearts with love and concern for our fellowman... concern that flows from Jesus' crucifixion. Make us a reflection of His love.

Lord, You are great and greatly to be praised. Grant that through our lives others might join in the praise that even now fills heaven.

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessings, and honor, and glory, and dominion forever and ever."

Amen



TEACHING CLASSES IN JAPAN—Robert Oettel, former lay minister at Bethlehem Lutheran church, Omaha, is shown teaching a religion class at Matsuyama, Japan. Bob began his duties in September and will be away two years.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE MEETS IN CLEVELAND DURING OCTOBER

Meeting at the 150th Street Marriott Inn in Cleveland, Ohio Oct. 21-23, 106 people gathered to observe two important milestones in the history of the church there, the 40th anniversary of the church chapel and the 25th year of their Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), during the Great Lakes Regional Conference.

Guests of honor were Rev. Martin Hewitt and his wife, Janet, who flew in from Spokane, Wash. where the pastor is currently serving Faith Lutheran church. They had left

Christ Lutheran church 18 years earlier, where he had been pastor from 1963 to 1970.

Following an award ceremony during the banquet which saw the pastor and Mrs Hewitt recognized for setting up the LWML 25 years earlier, Chairlady Pam Kane gave a speech and the honorees addressed the gathering, reminiscing of the years when they were serving the church.

New officers elected at the meeting are: Richard Crossen, president, Columbus, Ohio; Warren Burford, president-elect, Toledo, Ohio; Helen Shoup, secretary, Rochester, N.Y.; Frank Cassese, treasurer, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mary Mowl, historian, Washington, Pa.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

To mark the 25th anniversary of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Edmonton, Alberta, a scholarship to encourage more "workers in the harvest" was set up in October, 1987. A grant in the amount of \$100.00 Canadian funds was awarded during the fall, 1988 semester to a student in the college, university or seminary preparing for full time profession in deaf ministry in either the Lutheran Church-Canada or the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Addition information may be obtained by writing to the standing committee on deaf ministry, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, 11460--60 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T6H 1J5.

CIRRHOSIS OF THE GIVER

This disease was discovered in 34 A.D. by a husband and wife team named Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5.) It is an acute condition which renders the patient's hand immobile when it is called upon to move in the direction of the billfold or purse and then to the offering plate.

The remedy is to remove the patient from the House of God, since it is clinically observable that this condition does not occur in other places, such as the bowling alley, supermarket, restaurant, or club.

Of course, the best therapy, a sure and lasting cure, is to get right with God, as this affliction is symptomatic of a more serious problem: Heart trouble.



LWML AWARD PRESENTED—GLRC Chairlady Pam Kane presents Janet and Pastor Martin Hewitt a plaque during banquet at Cleveland, Ohio Oct. 23.



POSING FOR ANNIVERSARY PICTURE—Top row, Pastor Martin Hewitt and Gary Lawson. Second row: Lois Watts and Mary Tingler. Third row: Patti Cassese, Pam Kane and Lynn Ginter. Fourth row: O. Lauton, Rev. Edwin Bergstresser, Frank Cassese Jr., Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt and Kathy Burt.

--Photos by Larry Ginter

'ROUNDING UP THE NEWS FROM HITHER AND YON . . .

Trinity Lutheran church, Pittsburgh, Pa. has just installed brand new thermopane windows in its church building with Sungate 100 film, said to be 40% better quality than double panes, and are called energy saver vinyl windows. The new installation is expected to save considerable amounts in heating and air conditioning costs. The project was made possible through an AAL grant, a baseball night and some hard work!

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Some visitors to Portland next summer might want to consider a week of fellowship, worship, learning and nature hikes in the beautiful North Cascade after the ILDA convention concludes on Sunday. Holden Village, a former mining town, was given to the Lutheran church in 1960 and has become a marvelous retreat. More information can be obtained by writing Holden Village, (Hearing Impaired Week), Chelan, Wash. 98816. Chelan is approximately 180 miles east of Seattle. There will be interpreters on hand.

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After a long absence without a pastor, Rev. Michael King of Collinsville, Ill. accepted the call to Jesus Lutheran church, Austin, Texas and was installed on Sunday, Dec. 4.

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Ever want to call your wife from uptown and find out that being deaf makes that almost impossible? Take heart! Ultratec has developed a new TDD pay phone. And Congress has just passed a new bill and sent it to President Reagan for his signature.

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Many of our readers may not be aware that Pastor Bud Palmer's wife, Jennifer, of Milwaukee has a serious bone marrow problem and the family is in need of our prayers. Her bone marrow output went from 0% to 30% output following the introduction of a (NEW EXPERIMENTAL) drug. Her hematocrit count was down to eight and the doctor said at six, she would have become comatose, so everyone is happy that she has improved. However, the doctor is still concerned and our prayers for Jennifer Palmer are still needed.

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According to reports from Dixie President Steve Luke, the regional conference this fall at Indian Springs camp at Kosciusko, Miss., was very successful. In addition to their regular meeting, a leadership training seminar was held with Beth Lockard, Charles

Kotal and Rev. David Bush leading the sessions. New officers chosen are: Stephen Usener, president-elect; Lordy Smith, secretary; Jeffery McGuire, treasurer, and Rev. David Bush, pastoral adviser.

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Saturday, Oct. 15 saw Miss Jane Joseph, formerly of Los Angeles, become the bride of Mr. Larry Gorton at Faith Lutheran church,



MR. AND MRS. LARRY GORTON

Spokane, Wash. The private ceremony, attended by friends and relatives, was performed by Rev. Martin Hewitt. The bride is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and the groom has resided in Spokane. The couple are active members in their church, the ILDA, and met at a leadership training seminar in Issaquah, Wash. a year ago, in which both were participants. They will reside in Spokane.

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Reports from Concordia school in Porto Alegre, Brazil are very encouraging. In their Christmas message this year, they report the confirmation of 15 youngsters, a healthy looking bunch of children in kindergarten, and the first deaf to graduate from a high school occurred this year at Concordia with all working at jobs, an increase of 21 this year to 36.

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So, really, January and February should be busy months for Christians and we should have no time to feel "down." And just as the Wise Men did of old, who sought and found God's Son in the manger long ago, we too, can be Wise Men, seeking Him, who has promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world.



The 10th Biennial Convention of the
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION
July 6-9, 1989

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Portland, OR 97232

Theme: "Be Alive!"

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989

- 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. Supper On Your Own
- 7:00 p.m. Open Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Orientation/Welcome Speakers
- 8:00 p.m. Skit Competition "Be Alive!"
- 9:30 p.m. Reception/Fellowship
Hosted by Hope & N. W. Region

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Devotion
- 9:00 a.m. 1st Business Session
- 10:45 a.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 12:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Washington Park (1)
- 12:20 p.m. Bus Ride to Washington Park (2)
- 1:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Multnomah Falls (1)
- 1:30 p.m. Bus Ride to Cascade Locks (2)
- 2:15 p.m. Bus Ride to Cascade Locks (1)
- 3:00 p.m. Sternwheeler Boat Cruise
- 7:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Hotel (1)
- 7:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Multnomah Falls (2)
- 8:00 p.m. Buses Arrive Hotel (1)
- 9:00 p.m. Buses Arrive Hotel (2)

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Devotion
- 9:00 a.m. 2nd Business Session
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. 3rd Business Session
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:30 p.m. 4th Business Session
- 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:00 p.m. 5th Business Session
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet/Entertainment

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1989

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Holy Communion
Installation of Officers
ILDA Banner Given to
1991 ILDA Host
- 12:00 p.m. Convention Adjourned
- 1:00 p.m. Check Out !!

Cut Out and Mail	ILDA COMBINATION TICKETS				Cut Out and Mail
	No. of Adults	No. of Children Age:4-12	No. of ILDA Member	No. of Children Non-Member Age:4-12	
Registration (Must)	\$ 9.00()			\$11.00()	
Program Book	2.00()			2.00()	
Thursday Entertainment	8.00()			10.00()	
Friday Bus Tour/Boat/Dinner	27.00()	\$20.00()		29.00()	\$22.00()
Saturday Banquet/Pleasure	26.00()			28.00()	
Sunday Breakfast	6.00()	5.00()		7.00()	6.00()
Total	\$78.00()	\$25.00()		\$87.00()	\$28.00()
Discount	10.00			10.00	
EARLY BIRD COMBO	\$68.00			\$77.00	
Saturday Pleasure Only	\$10.00()	\$ 5.00()		\$12.00()	\$ 6.00()

(COMBO DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1989)

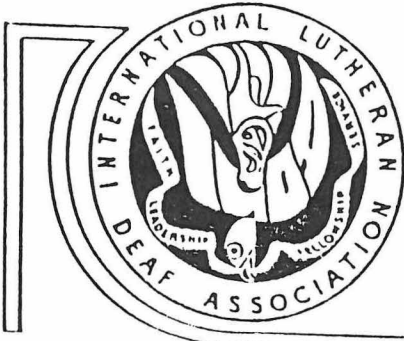
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1989 ILDA Convention

1940 N. E. 57th Avenue . Portland, Oregon 97213

MEMO: TO ALL DEAF LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

DATE: JULY 6, 1988

SUBJECT: BANNER AND SKIT COMPETITION RULES

The 1989 ILDA Convention Committee wishes to extend an invitation to all Deaf Lutheran congregations to actively participate in the Banner and Skit Competition at the convention. Plaques and cash prizes with certificates will be presented to the winners at the Saturday evening banquet. Banners are to be displayed at the hotel's cascade ballroom. The Skit Competition is to be held on Thursday evening and is limited to the first ten (10) entries received. There are no limited entries to be received for the banner competition.

July 6-8, 1989 -- Banner Competition

Rules: Each congregation is invited to make a colorful banner 40 inches wide by 57 inches long from any kind of material. The banner must depict a Biblical scene or message based on the convention theme "Be Alive!" from Romans 6:11. Banner must be brought with a six-foot pole and stand to the convention. Banners shall have the name of the congregation, the city and state of those entering on the back of the banner.

July 6, 1989 -- Skit Competition

Rules: Limit ten (10) congregations to participate in the Skit Competition. No limit of number actors. Skit time is limited to 10 minutes. Entrants must provide their own costumes, props, etc. Entrants must prepare their skit based on the convention theme "Be Alive!" from Romans 6:11. Entrants must perform their skit in a religious manner. The first ten (10) Skit Competition entries received will be invited to participate. All congregations sending entries will be informed if they have been accepted or not. Please submit your entries on or before June 1, 1989.

1989 ILDA CONVENTION COMMITTEE,

Our congregation wishes to enter the following competitions:

_____ Banner Competition Church name: _____

_____ Skit Competition Address: _____

(Check one or both) City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CLIP AND MAIL THIS COUPON IF YOUR CONGREGATION WISHES TO ENTER THESE COMPETITIONS TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 1989.

Attention!!



Attention!!

United Airlines has been selected as the official airline carrier by the 1989 ILDA Convention Committee for ILDA members and friends to attend the 10th Biennial ILDA Convention at Portland, Oregon, July 6-9, 1989.

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To receive 5% off any applicable fare from First Class to Ultra Saver (including excursion and Ultrasaver fares) - or 40% off full coach...follow these easy steps...

1. Call the Convention Desk at 1-800-521-4041 (TTD) 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM EST.
2. Give the I.L.D.A. Account Number 9187N.
3. United specialists will make reservations for all flights and fares. Your special discounts are available only on United flights in the United States.
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United's convention discounts will be applied to the best available fare, subject to any restrictions. Your exact fare will be guaranteed when your ticket is issued.

Seats may be limited, so call now for best availability.

P.S. FullMILEAGE PLUS credit is awarded on all discounted fares - ask for an application if you're not currently enrolled.



CROSS OF CHRIST, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CELEBRATES RENOVATION OF CHAPEL

A former church building belonging to the United Church at Linaria, Alberta and purchased and relocated to Pax Natura ranch at Clyde, Alberta was the scene of a renovation service on Sunday, Sept. 4 when 120 parishioners and supporters gathered for a dedication service during excellent fall weather. The newly renovated chapel is ready for retreats and programs planned for both the deaf and hearing.

The dedication service was preached by Rev. James Anderson who dwelled on the text as we find it written in Psalm 122:1, and ex-

horting all to renew and dedicate our lives to the Lord, our Saviour and King.

The Alberta-British Columbia District of the LWML, long time supporters of both the ranch and Cross of Christ Lutheran church, was represented in the person of its president, Mrs Carol MacKay who joined others who praised the fine work done to the building.

A potluck supper and hayrides topped off a very eventful day as "another Day of the Lord" was enjoyed by all.

EVANGELISM: WHOSE JOB IS IT?

One man came out of his house on his way to church just as his neighbor came out with his golf clubs. The golfer said, "Henry, come play golf with me today." Henry, with an expression of horror on his face, replied, "This is the Lord's Day, and I go to church. Certainly, I would not play golf with you."

After a moment of silence, the golfer quietly answered, "Henry, I have often wondered about your church, and I have admired your faithfulness. You know also that this is the 7th time I have invited you to play golf with me, and you have never invited me to go to church with you."

EVANGELISM: Whose job is it.?

OVERHEARD IN A STORE AT CHRISTMAS

"It just makes me so mad to see these church people trying to put Jesus into Christmas."

True, some people feel that way.

But then, we see a sign saying, "Jesus is the reason for the season."



MARKING THE THRESHOLD WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS--

On the steps, Mel Primrose (left) and Bill McLean (right) with Rev. Robert Bauer holding processional cross; (left) Rev. James Anderson, dedication preacher and John Fleming (back to camera). Messrs. Primrose and McLean were the builders.

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