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DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION



Rev. Mark Anderson,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only true Savior of sinners. Already, just as we completed the Advent Season, the **Lent Season** is almost already here! Now, it is time for us to quickly shift our attention from the Babe who was born for sinners to the Son of man, who is also the Son of God that was to be crucified for sinners.

Most of us know a little bit about the importance and significance of observing Lent before Easter arrives. But I think it is a good time for us to quickly review the Lent season in order to more appreciate what the Lord God has done for us sinners. Most active Christians set aside the 40 days, not counting Sundays, as a personal time of reflection (looking back on our sinful life and thinking upon the great mercy of the Lord) and devotion (paying homage/respect to HIM by reading HIS Word).

Jewish tradition had encouraged a time of preparation for important religious celebrations/observances. Since the first early Christians were mostly Jewish, it was only natural that they set up a special time for personal reflection and devotion before the celebration of the glorious bodily resurrection of the King Jesus Christ, the Savior of the sinners. Such a celebration is known as "Pasch" or Easter, the most important major Christian festival of the Church year.

The main reason why the early Christians chose the 40 days as the time frame of personal reflection and devotion is the number of times in the Bible of the usage of 40 days. For example, Moses spent 40 days in fasting on Mt. Sinai before receiving the Ten Commandments (*Exodus 34:28*). Elijah fasted for 40 days on his way to Horeb (*I Kings 19:8*). Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert before HIS temptation by Satan (*Matthew 4:2*).

According to church history, the length of the time for Lent had been changed several times over years. In the early church times, it

was a 36-day period of fast. During the rule of Charlemagne (Charles the Great, the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire) in the year of 800 AD, the church added four days to Lent to make it 40 days, the same of which is in agreement with the above passages of Moses, Elijah and Jesus.

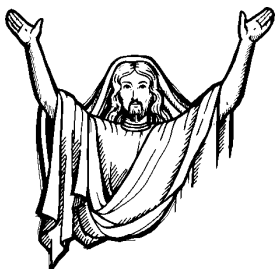
Ash Wednesday is the first day that begins Lent. It is the time when active Christians show their humility before the throne of the Almighty God. Some churches use ashes (burned palm leaves from the year before) to be put on the foreheads of repentant sinners as a reminder that they are to be returned to dust (*Genesis 3:19*).

Maundy Thursday is the day of commemoration (celebration of memory of someone or something) of the time when Jesus sat with HIS disciples as HE instituted (began) the Lord's Supper (also known as the Holy Communion). The Word "Maundy" comes from Latin, which means "commandment." On that night Jesus gave a new commandment to HIS disciples to love each other just as Jesus loved them (*John 13:34*).

Good Friday is the commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It seems a little strange to call this unique day "Good" Friday, but it is not. The reason why it is called "Good" Friday is that when Jesus said, "It is finished," HE completed the plan of salvation for sinners. That is, HE lived in perfect obedience unto HIS death, a sacrificial offering for every sin that has been accepted by God. So what was meant to be evil came out as good.

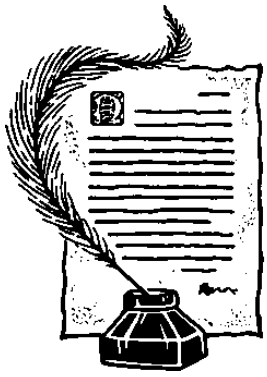
Easter, of course, is the culmination (highest point, climax, end) of Lent when all Christians, both active and inactive, come together on Sunday to celebrate the victorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord of mercy and love always keep you in the true faith in Christ, the Author and Perfecter of faith. (*Hebrews 12:2*)



ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Editorial...



Happy New Year!

Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! For several months, I have been working with Rev. Ron Friedrich on ILDA and *The Deaf Lutheran* web pages for the LCMS server. We now have a site reserved for ILDA and deaf ministries on LCMS's web server. If you would visit:

<http://www.LCMSdeaf.org/>

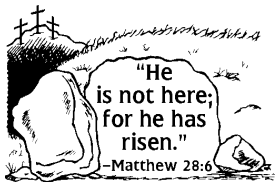
you will see many resources and useful information about our deaf ministries. You can view ILDA convention informations; print registration, membership, *The Deaf Lutheran* subscription forms; find a deaf church to visit on your vacation; etc. from these sites and linked sites.

Also, please note that Paula Willig has designed the "LCMSdeaf" home page for the web site and the links, devotions, and resource pages!

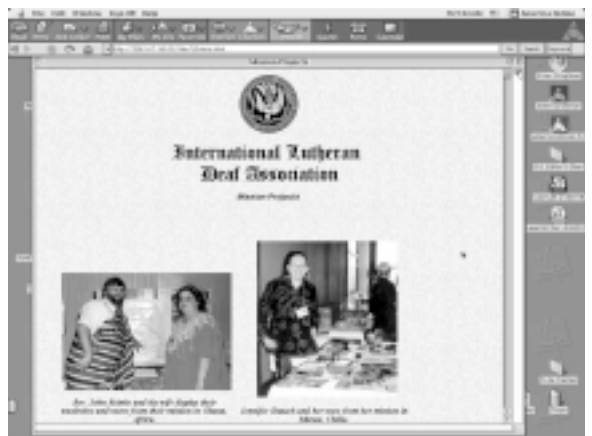
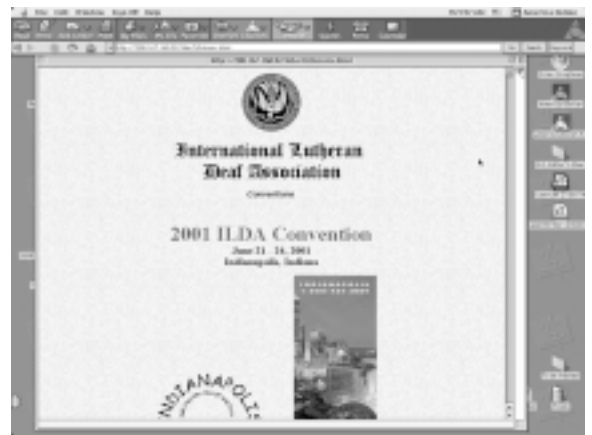
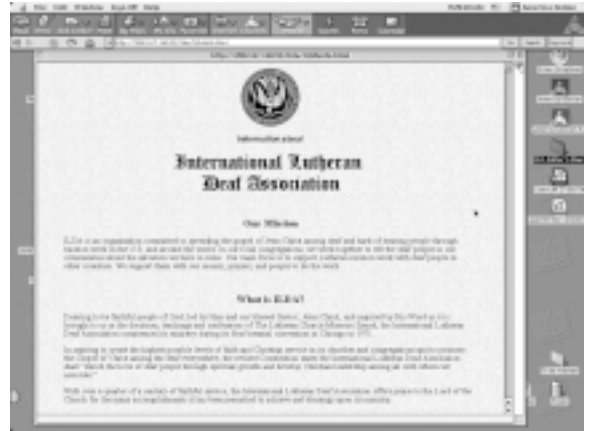
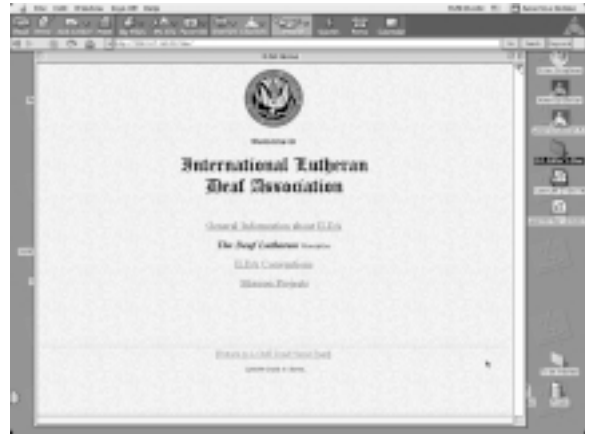
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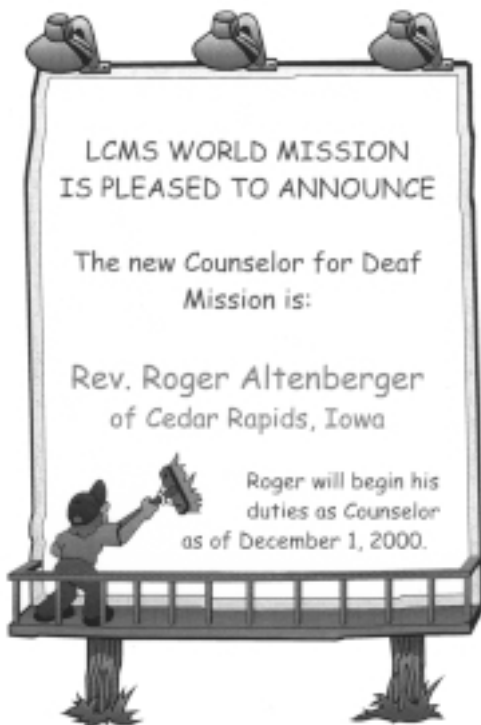
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The first or "home" page.



Above photos are samples of ILDA's linked pages.



Welcome aboard Roger!

This announcement was sent to me after the Christmas Issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* has been printed!

New Counselor for Deaf Mission:

Rev. Roger Altenberger was born and raised in Jackson, Michigan. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Jackson and attended their day school. He received his B.A. from Michigan State University in 1974. Rev. Altenberger then served with the Michigan Dept. of Social Services, first as a Psychiatric Social Worker in the Detroit area and then as a Program Analyst for Medicaid Planning in Lansing. He then entered the cable television industry and was employed as an Engineer and Technical Staff Supervisor.

In 1991, Rev. Altenberger entered Concordia Theological Seminary, graduating in 1995 with an M.Div. degree. Upon entering

the seminary, God led Roger to become directly involved with deaf ministry. In 1994 he began serving in deaf ministry with a deferred vicarage in Iowa District East and was then called to the same district to serve as Missionary-at-large for Deaf Ministry. He has attended and completed the Mission Planters Institute in Irvine, California, and served as Dean for the Deaf Mission Planters Institute in February, 2000 in Houston, Texas.

Rev. Altenberger and his wife Kim, a computer programmer, have four daughters, Kristen, Melissa, Lindsay and Tracey. They will soon be relocating to the St. Louis area from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Welcome Aboard!



Rev. Roger Altenberger

Holy Three-in-One Houston Celebrates 40 years of Ministry

On October 22, 2000, Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church for the Deaf celebrated its 40th anniversary of organization with a service of thanksgiving. Sixty-five members and visitors joined together for a worship service followed by a luncheon. The Reverend Robert Case and his wife, Mary, traveled from Omaha, Nebraska to renew old friendships and celebrate 40 years of blessing. Reverend Case served as the first full time Pastor at Holy Three-in-One and agreed to deliver the sermon at the 40th anniversary service.

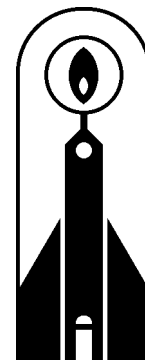
The History of Three-in-One began when on January 11, 1960, the Board of elders of Trinity Lutheran Church (hearing) in downtown Houston authorized Rev. Ervin Oermann to conduct services for the deaf in the church balcony during the regular church services for the hearing. Services continued to be held there until a house at 4411 LaBranch was donated to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin A. Klein who were members for Trinity Lutheran Church at the time. The LCMS through it's Texas District made the house available to Three-in-One to use as a church. Three-in-One had three pastors serve part

time while at Trinity Lutheran Church and at the LaBranch location. Pastors Ervin Oermann, Herbert Rohe, and Donald Haug also served other deaf congregations in the state of Texas under a multiple-parish arrangement.

In 1978, Three-in-One called Rev. Robert Case to be their first full-time pastor. After Rev. Case served Three-in-One for ten years, he accepted a call to a deaf church in California. Three-in-One next called Rev. Donald Zuhn who accepted the call and began serving in 1991. During his seven years of service, Three-in-One moved out of the building on LaBranch and began using a conference room for worship at St. mark Lutheran Church in the Spring Branch area.

In November 1997, Pastor Zuhn retired from the Holy Ministry because of a stroke. In June of 1998, Three-in-One called Rev. Larry Lieder as pastor and he accepted the call. In November of that same year, Three-in-One moved into a house at 8311 Waterbury Street which the members remodeled into a church. God has blessed Three-in-One in the past and still continues those blessing today.

To God we give GLORY!



As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. -Joshua 24:15

Johnny Bergstresser has Received his New Kidney

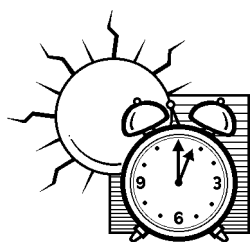
On Sunday morning, New Year Eve (December 31, 2000), Johnny Bergstresser, son of Rev. Edwin and Nancy Bergstresser of Holy Cross Deaf, Columbus, Ohio, has received his long-awaited needed kidney. He has received a kidney that matched his blood type from an unknown man. A surprised

phone call came from OSU Transplant Center calling for Johnny to attend Children's Hospital immediately. Johnny's family want to thank you all for your long time prayers and for you to continue your prayers that the kidney will continue to function without rejection. *Thanks be to God for His great mercy!*



PRAISE!

News from around the Regions...



Jump ahead one hour at 2:00 am on April 1st!

Remember to send to the D/L editor your church's newsletters!

Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton... **Diane Gehring Fedoruk** has entered God's Kingdom in October. Also called home to His Lord are Pastor Bauer's brother, **Herb Bauer**; and **Elisabeth L. Palate**.

Faith, Spokane... Jesus has called home **Dorothy Rehn** in November.

Pacific Region...

Pilgrim, LA... **Lutheran Deaf Camp** coming on Aug 5-10, 2001 at Oak Glen, CA. Deadline is May 1, 2001. Send to 15416 Faith St, Fontana, CA 92336. Visit web site: <http://www.psw.lcms.org/Deaf%20Ministry/Pilgrim%20Torch.htm> for form and more information.

On Sept. 18th, His Lord has called **Walter Charles Hammerlund** to heaven.

Central Region...

Peace, Indianapolis... is collection "**stamps for missions.**" Collect your stamps (leave a 1/4 inch paper margin around the stamp) and send to Peace Lutheran Church.

Dixie Region...

Holy Three-in-One, Houston... has celebrated their 40th year of minstry on October 22nd, 2000.

Great Lakes Region...

Trinity, Pittsburgh... will celebrate 80 years of Deaf Ministry and 35th anniversary of Educational Wing on April 22, 2001. Rev. Ed Bergstresser will be guest speaker. **Joseph Kindred**, ILDA "Right Hand Award" winner in 1993, is now residing at a nursing home in Indianapolis, IN.

Christ Deaf, Cleveland... Our Father in Heaven has called home **Beatrice "Bebe" Stewart, Wilson Martin**, and **Charles Adams** in one week of January.



Wedding of Dr. Rodney R. Rynearson to Verma Lubbert on November 18th, 2000.

ILDA Teens!!!!

Deaf Teen Ministry...

I have receive a flyer for Deaf Teen Ministry National Symposium on February 23-25, 2001 at Country Lake Christian Retreat, north of Louisville, KY. This date may be too late for our Deaf Lutheran readers. Contact them for more information at: **DeafYouth Ministries, Inc., 1806 Addington Ave, Louisville, KY 40220-1603.** Phone: 502-491-4123 v/tdd e-mail: DeafTeenQUEST@aol.com

CODA Scholarship...

Two \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded for the fall of 2001. Deadline is May 4, 2001. Contact: **Dr. Robert Hoffmeister, Chair, CODA Scholarship Committee, Programs in Deaf Studies, 605 Commonwealth Ave., Boston University, Boston, MA 02215.** Phone: 617-353-3205 v/tdd. Applicants must be the hearing son or daughter of deaf parents.

Web Sites...

An Online Concordance to find verses is a very helpful site...

<http://bible.gospelcom.net/cgi-bin/bg?passage=&language=english&version=NIV>

The Sign Language Sunday Lectionary...

<http://members.aol.com/revrmoody/deaflectionary.html>

The Sunday Lectionary in good Sign Language order (not English order or simple English) is available online from this site. This page also links you to the gloss explanation. We will add links in the table below which will take you to the directory where you can download the files. Because these files are so large, we will try to find free space to keep them online as long as possible. Bookmark this page and check back every week to download those pages added for the following Sunday. The files you download are self-extracting ZIP files that contain GIF files of each page.

This Work is dedicated to Dan Pokorny.

American Bible Society...

Daily Reading Guide provided by The American Bible Society. Visit their website at www.americanbible.org.

Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities...

Visit CCPD's website: www.ccpd.org

Regional Conference...

Midwest ILDA Region...



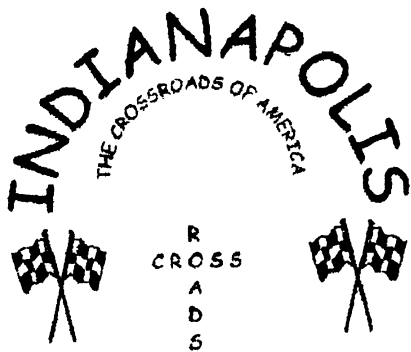
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The photo is a group shot of the Midwest ILDA Conference held in beautiful Colorado Springs on June 23-25, 2000. Please refer to Christmas 2000 Issue, page 5, for Midwest ILDA's report.

Eastern Region ILDA...

The wrong year was submitted to *The Deaf Lutheran* editor for the Fall Issue, page 9. The correct information is that the next ER-ILDA Conference will be held on **June 15, 2002** at Claggett Farm near Frederick, MD. Not in 2001! It is 2002.

Indianapolis 2001 ILDA June 21-24, 2001



The Crossroads of America
 "Choose this day whom you will serve"
 Joshua 24:15



For more information or registration forms, contact: Peace Lutheran Deaf Church, 6404 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226.

1999-2001 ILDA Mission Project Goals...



As of January 24, 2001, the 1999-2001 ILDA Mission Project Goal has reached \$26,630.17. **We still need \$28,369.83 to meet the \$55,000 goal!**



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| 1. Deaf Mission Planters Institute ... | \$15,000 |
| 2. Macau (Volunteers) | 2,000 |
| 3. Ghana | 2,000 |
| 4. D.I.T. and Zacharias | 16,000 |
| 5. Pax Natrua Ranch (Canada) | 1,000 |
| 6. Camps for the Deaf | |
| Nebraska | 3,000 |
| California | 3,000 |
| Ohio | 3,000 |
| 7. Starfish Learning Center | 6,000 |
| 8. Computer (Deaf Lutheran) | 4,000 |
| Total | \$55,000 |

Pam Kane of Cleveland, Ohio will continue to be your ILDA Mission Project Chairperson. Payments and contributions are to be made out to: **1999-2001 ILDA Mission Project** and mailed to: **ILDA TREASURER, Karen Beiter, 7300 Briggs Rd., Lima NY 14485.**

Nominations...

A reminder from Dennis Konkel... each Region please send the nomination list to Dennis ASAP! Dennis is Chairperson for 2001- 2003 ILDA Officers nominations (names for new President elect, Secretary, and Treasurer).



During your regional conferences last summer, you were suppose to submit a list of nominations to Dennis.

Due to no response, Dennis ask each churches to send him names for officer positions. For other who want to volunteer as an officer, you may subit your name along with a summary of who you are and your church's name. Please refer to ILDA Handbook at: <http://lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Handbook/Handbook.html>

Please send names to: **Dennis Konkel, 8 Founders Way, St. Louis, MO 63105.**

Thank you, Deaf Lutheran Editor

"ANGEL" Lifts Her Depression

Twelve years ago I was in the hospital for severe depression. One morning, while sitting on the edge of my bed and crying buckets of tears, a lady came and sat next to me. She held my hand and said:

"The world was never sadder than on good Friday when Christ was crucified, but just three days later, the world was never brighter than when Christ rose from the grave. Whatever your problem is today, it will seem a lot less worrisome to you if you can just wait three days."

This lady was not a nurse, and when I asked about her later, no one seemed to know who she may have been. (Maybe my guardian angel?)

"Just wait three days"—this idea helped me many time and pulled me through many hard times.

- Edith Cloud in the *Joyful Noiseletter*

Directory of Deaf Churches...

While traveling, why not visit a deaf LCMS church on your trip! For map, visit: <http://members.aol.com/revrmoody/deafministries FrameSet.html>

Foothills Deaf Luth Church
F441-4240 37th St SW
Calgary, AB T3E 3E4 CANADA
Pastor: Orlin Anderson
Time: 7:00 pm every Sunday
e-mail: Oand@telusplanet.net
Phone: 403-284-1342
FAX: 403-441-4240

Cross of Christ Luth Deaf Church
11460 60th Ave NW
Edmonton, AB T6H 1J5 CANADA
Pastor: Robert A. Bauer
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
Phone: 780-434-1671 V/T
FAX: 780-434-1671

Trinity Deaf Luth Church
3022 E 49th Ave
Vancouver, BC V5S 1K9 CANADA
Pastor: David Nielsen
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
e-mail: pastordsn@aol.com
Phone: 604-585-4273 T
FAX: 604-585-4273

Memorial Deaf Luth Church
874 Washington Blvd
Fremont, CA 94539-5222
Pastor: Roy L. Dahmann
Time: 10:45 every Sunday
e-mail: mlcdeaf@juno.com
Phone: 510-656-0756 T

Pilgrim Deaf Luth Church
1233 S Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90006
Pastor: vacant
Phone: 213-389-9940

Mt Calvary Deaf Luth Church
2882 Arlingtong Ave
Riverside, CA 92506
Pastor: Gerhard A Gehrs
Time: 3:00 pm, 2nd & 4th Sun
Phone: 909-689-8380

Valley Deaf Luth Church
5461 44th St
Sacramento, CA 95820
Pastor: Robert C. Rowland II
Time: 9:00 every Sunday
e-mail: RCRII@aol.com
Phone: 916-391-3463

Valley Deaf Luth Church
444 N American St
Stockton, CA 95202
Pastor: Robert C. Rowland II
Time: 12:15 pm every Sunday
e-mail: RCRII@aol.com
Phone: 916-391-3463

Immanuel Deaf Luth Church
848 E Pikes Peak
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Time: 8:15, 11:00 every Sun
Phone: 719-636-5011

Gallaudet Univ Chapel
800 Florida Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
Pastor: George Natonick
Time: 2:00 pm every Sunday
e-mail: GWNATONICK@gallua.gallaudet.edu
Phone: 202-651-5102

Rogate Deaf Luth Church
4825 E Bay Dr
Clearwater, FL 33546
Pastor: Larry Larsen
Time: 10:30, 2nd & 4th Sunday
Phone: 813-536-3862

Our Savior Deaf Luth Church
21 Milton St
St Augustine, FL 32095
Pastor: Heather Gorecki
e-mail: doodoo@aug.com
Phone: 904-829-6823

Word of God Deaf Luth Church
1515 29th St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Pastor: vacant
Time: Bible 9:30, Service 10:30
e-mail: MEKA5@aol.com
Phone: 319-362-5420 V/T

Calvary Deaf Luth Church
3909 E 42nd St
Des Moines, IA 50317
Time: 10:00 every Sunday
Phone: 515-262-3420 T

St Paul Deaf Luth Church
612 Jennings
Sioux City, IA 51105
Time: 1:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Sun
Phone: 712-252-0338

Messiah Deaf Luth Church
234 S Hackett Rd
Waterloo, IA 50701-1660
Time: call for information
e-mail: DeafLutheran@revealed.net
Phone: 319-233-1278 V

Ephphatha Deaf Luth Church
7956 Martin Luther King Dr
Chicago, IL 60619
Pastor: Prentice D. Marsh
Time: 10:00, Summer 9:30
e-mail: PDMARSH@flash.net
Phone: 773-723-3737 T

Christ Deaf Luth Church
104 Finley St
Jacksonville, IL 62650
Pastor: vacant
Time: 10:00 every Sunday
Phone: 217-243-2528

Joy of Jesus Deaf Luth Church
135 NE Randolph
Peoria, IL 61606
Pastor: vacant
Time: 11:00 every Sunday
Phone: 309-676-4609

Rockford Deaf Luth Church
827 16th St
Rockford, IL 61104
Pastor: Mark Anderson
Time: 9:30 1st, 1:30 3rd Sun
e-mail: maandsn@essex.net
Phone: 815-397-2227

Our Savior Deaf Luth Church
PO Box 175
Wood Dale, IL 60191
Pastor: Mark Anderson
Time: 9:15, 2nd & 4th Sunday
e-mail: maandsn@essex.net
Phone: 630-766-2838 V/T

St John Deaf Luth Church
3425 Crescent Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Pastor: David S. Bush
Time: 9:15, 2nd Sunday
e-mail: bushds@mail.ctsfw.edu
Phone: 219-483-3173

Peace Deaf Luth Church
6404 E 46th St
Indianapolis, IN 46226-3550
Pastor: Jerold Munz
Time: 10:30, Summer 9:15
e-mail: peacedeaf@juno.com
Phone: 317-546-6094 FAX:

Christ Deaf Luth Church
9545 Georgia Ave
Silver Springs, MD 20910
Pastor: vacant
Time: call for information
Phone: 301-937-1705

St Mark Deaf Luth Church
40 E Burke Ave
Towson, MD 21286-1124
Pastor: vacant
Time: 8:30 every Sunday
Phone: 410-825-8772

Grand Rapids Deaf Luth Church
Grand Rapids, MI
Pastor: Joseph Fremer
Time: 10:00 every Sunday
e-mail: goodshep@iserv.net
Phone: 616-897-8307

Our Savior Deaf Luth Church
14175 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI 48154
Pastor: vacant
Time: call for information
Phone: 743-522-6830

Prince of Peace Luth Deaf Ch
1101 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Pastor: Daryl Gehlbach
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
e-mail: DGEHLBACH@aol.com
Phone: 612-331-2474

Holy Cross Deaf Luth Church
101 N Beaumont Ave
St Louis, MO 63103
Pastor: Richard A. Moody
Time: 9:30 every Sunday
Phone: 314-533-6035

Christ Deaf Luth Church
4423 I-55 N
Jackson, MS 39206-6102
Pastor: Paul Deterding
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
Phone: 601-366-2055

Christ Deaf Luth Church
1226 First Ave N
Great Falls, MT 59401-3201
Pastor: Hank Drummond
Time: 10:45 every Sunday
Phone: 406-452-3884

Chapel Deaf Luth Church
1225 E Morehead St
Charlotte, NC 28204-2881
Pastor: Mike MacDonald
Time: 10:00 every Sunday
e-mail: mmacdon@juno.com
Phone: 704-334-8319 V/T
FAX: 704-372-7318

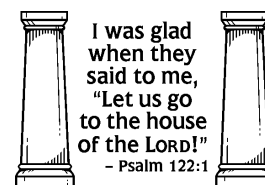
Hope Deaf at Univ Chapel
1510 "Q" St
Lincoln, NE 68508
Pastor: Cory Eckstrom
Time: 10:15 every Sunday
e-mail: COYECKS@aol.com
Phone: 402-397-9443

Bethlehem Deaf Luth Church
5074 Lake St
Omaha, NE 68104
Time: 10:00 every Sunday
Phone: 402-558-5672

St Matthew Deaf Luth Church
63 Madison Ave
Clifton, NJ 07011-2716
Pastor: Eric Ziegler
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
e-mail: PASTORERICZ@msn.com
Phone: 973-614-9060
FAX: 973-614-1737

St Matthew Deaf Lutheran Ch
41-01 75th St
Elmhurst, NY 11373-1851
Pastor: William Wrede
Time: 11:00 every Sunday
e-mail: StMattLuth@Juno.com
Phone: 718-478-2108 T

St Mark Deaf LC-Mt Zion
421 W 145th St
New York, NY 10031-5203
Pastor: William Wrede
Time: 2:00 pm every Sunday
Phone: 212-928-2840 T



Alpha Deaf Lutheran Church
1969 S Clinton
Rochester, NY 14618
Pastor: vacant
Time: 11:00 every Sunday
e-mail:
alphalutherandeaf@yahoo.com
Phone: 716-461-5320 V/T

Christ Deaf Lutheran Church
2203 Superior Ave
Cleveland, OH 44114
Pastor: Gary L. Lawson
Time: 10:45, Summer 10:00
e-mail:
christdeaf Lutheran@yahoo.com
Phone: 216-781-8571 V/T
FAX: 216-781-0590

Holy Cross Deaf Luth Church
360 Morse Rd
Columbus, OH 43214-1722
Pastor: Ed Bergstresser
Time: 10:30, Summer 10:00
e-mail: ColumbusDeafLutheran
Church@juno.com
Phone: 614-885-3362 T

Good Shepherd Deaf Luth Ch
5859 Elmer Dr
Toledo, OH 43615-2705
Pastor: Shirrel Petzoldt
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
e-mail: petz@accesstoledo.com
Phone: 419-536-3370 V/T

Hope Deaf Luth Church
11100 NE Skidmore
Portland, OR 97220-2466
Pastor: David Carstens
Time: 10:30 every Sunday
e-mail: hopelcdeaf@juno.com
Phone: 503-252-0706

Salem Deaf Luth Church
c/o 11100 NE Skidmore
Portland, OR 97220-2466
Pastor: David Carstens
Time: 3:30 pm every Sunday
Phone: 503-284-1014

St Phillip Deaf Luth Church
11047 Bustleton Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19116
Pastor: vacant
Time: 10:00 every Sunday
Phone: 215-969-4179

Trinity Deaf Luth Church
409 Swissvale Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-3542
Pastor: Mark Ruppert
Time: 11:00 every Sunday
e-mail:
rupperrtm@bellatlantic.net
Phone: 412-731-2550 V/T
FAX: 412-731-2550

Trinity Deaf Luth Church
4801 E 6th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Pastor: Matthew Nix
Time: 9:00 every Sunday
e-mail: mw_nix@yahoo.com
Phone: 605-330-0724

Eternal Mercy Luth Deaf Church
4327 Elvis Presley Blvd
Memphis, TN 38116
Pastor: Paul Tessaro
Time: 11:30 every Sunday
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Phone: 512-442-1715 V/T

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Dallas, TX 75225
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Houston, TX 77055
Pastor: Larry Lieder
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Western Washington Deaf Ch
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Time: 11:00 every Sunday
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Phone: 206-622-6679 T

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Pastor: vacant
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**Any correction/update?
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**Next D/L issue will list
interpreted churches!**

This information was gathered from several sources: LCMS Deaf Ministries booklet from Sandi Green; from the LCMS Deaf Ministry location web site; and from responses received back from Pastors and deaf churches. I know that it is not 100% correct.

Wheat Ridge Ministries...

Has awarded \$57,000 in congregation health and hope grants to 28 projects. For more information and grant applications, visit www.wheatridge.org/pd/handh.htm or call 800-762-6748.

Wheat Ridge Ministries' **Odyssey** series began a few years ago with *An Odyssey through Cancer*. The recently published *Odyssey of a Pain-Filled Life* becomes the latest booklet in the series. Copies are available at no cost. For more information, call 800-762-6784 or e-mail: wrmal@wheatridge.org.

\$311,000 was given by Wheat Ridge to seed **new** ministries. This grant was awarded to 11 recipients. Over 100 innovative ministry projects throughout the USA and in Vietnam are currently being funded by Wheat Ridge.

Wheat Ridge Ministries in Itasca, IL is a nonprofit pan-Lutheran organization that sees new ministries of health and hope in the name of the healing Christ.



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Our homes contain carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, formaldehyde (kitchen counter tops) and fumes from cooking. To clean up these pollutants, the NASA suggests that the hardy spider plant, among other plants, can help produce cleaner, healthier air. Foliage from plants can reduce the formaldehyde in a typical house up to 85% over a 6 hour period, while also absorbing carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide pollutants in the house. So go out and get some of those healthy plants for your home.



**Have you
remember to...**

- Register for the ILDA Convention and hotel yet?
- Donated to ILDA 1999-2001 Mission Project Goal?
- Volunteered or submit volunteer names for 2001-2005 ILDA Officers race?
- Renewed or applied for 2000-2002 ILDA Membership?
- Renewed or subscribe to *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletters?

New Deaf Education Center Construction Makes Progress At Mill Neck Manor

Out of the serene snow that blankets beautiful Mill Neck, Long Island, something incredible is arising out of the ground. On Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf's campus, a long-time dream is coming true. A state of the art Deaf education facility is in the middle of construction. The scheduled completion date for the Deaf Education Center (DEC), June 2001, coincides with the school's 50th Anniversary. The Mill Neck Manor community will celebrate its fine tradition of Deaf education while marking the beginning of even more innovative roads in teaching Deaf children.

Students and staff are excited to see the visible progress being made on the DEC. Week by week, students see more and more of the \$11 million building project go up right before their eyes. First came the ground breaking. Then the foundation was laid. Soon enough, the steel beams went up, and currently, the outer walls are being put in place and framework for the roof is being constructed. In an article written for a student newsletter, Mill Neck Manor high school student James "Reno" Edwards writes, "The new building has new technology and more... It's cool to see men walking on the steel... I'm looking forward to go into the new building."

The school, which was formerly a Long Island Gold Coast estate, rests on 86 acres and is housed in the grounds' Manor House and farm buildings. Students have attended classes in these buildings since the school's birth in 1951. As the years have gone by and the school buildings have become outdated, Mill Neck Manor required new facilities to ensure it offers the best possible education to its students.

The idea for the DEC first arose in 1991. The New York State Department of Education contributed \$8 million to the \$11 million project. Designed to match the look of other Tudor-style buildings on campus, the 44,000 square foot, 2-story building will house students from the Infant-Toddler program to the senior class of the high school. It is the first time all the students will be together in one building. The DEC will boast of new computer labs, 24 modern classrooms, a 220-seat auditorium, cafeteria, therapy rooms, art studio, media room and library.

Aside from physical construction, the Mill Neck Manor family is also thrilled over the sense of community the new facility is creating. Local businesses and residents generously have contributed monetary and in-kind donations. The Dolan Family Foundation is matching every donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000. In addition, Barnes and Noble recently donated bookshelves and furniture and granted Mill Neck Manor a generous amount of books for the DEC's library. The staff at Mill Neck Manor have also worked hard at various fundraisers including participation in a shopping benefit at Bloomingdales and a Game Show Night.

As the DEC comes closer to completion, it is not just another new building. "What we learn and do here on this campus is shared with programs and schools in other locations. Mill Neck Manor is more than just a set of buildings in a particular place – it is a mission of

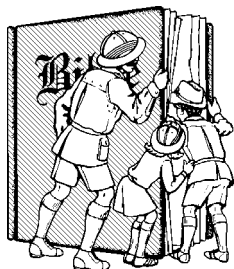


A view of the front entrance, as construction is well underway on the new Deaf Education Center on Mill Neck Manor's campus, Mill Neck, NY. The expected date of completion is June 2001.



caring and striving and sharing what we learn with others who wish to help God's people who are Deaf," said Dr. Mark Prowatzke, Executive Director of Mill Neck Manor.

Students, staff, parents and all other friends can taste the fruits of their combined efforts and eagerly look forward to the day of completion. We invite you to catch the contagious spirit the Deaf Education Center brings to Mill Neck Manor and become a part of our growing list of supporters. Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to educate Long Island's Deaf children, our future, with the best education, which they rightly deserve. If you would like to make a contribution to our Capital Campaign, please contact Mill Neck Foundation at (516) 922-3818.



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- Worship God at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem
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This tour is planned for October 2002 and will be interpreted. Pastor Shirrel and Janet Petzoldt (of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Deaf, Toledo, Ohio) will be your hosts.

If interested, please contact:
Pastor Shirrel and Janet Petzoldt, 4908 San Joaquin Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43615, 419-531-3457 v/tty, e-mail: petz@accesstoledo.com

Please note that the tour has been postponed to 2002.

2000 and Well

From LCMS Health Ministries



Healthy Families

"God sets the lonely in families..." Psalms 68:6

Today's family life can be hectic. High expectations, paired with major time commitments, create stress. This stress can often impede the growth of a healthy family.

Consider the following checklist of healthy family behaviors. Respond to each statement with a Yes or No.

My family usually:

- ✓ provides for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all family members.
- ✓ is sensitive to the needs of all family members.
- ✓ demonstrates respect for all family members.
- ✓ communicates effectively.
- ✓ provides security, support and affirmation.
- ✓ demonstrates family unity, loyalty and cooperation.
- ✓ is able to be flexible in family roles.
- ✓ is able to grow with and through the children.
- ✓ can use a crisis as an opportunity for growth.
- ✓ can maintain constructive and responsible relationships within and outside the family.
- ✓ can seek and accept help when necessary.

If you answered "no" to any item above, consider ways to strengthen that area of your family life. Just like all areas of health, family health is on a continuum, and it requires constant evaluation and attention. It is surprising how a little help at the right time can increase communication and lead to family health for the future. Blessings on your family!

For a catalog of helpful family resources, please call Lutheran Family Association's Family Connection, at 1-800-351-1001.

Article submitted by LCMS Health Ministries

Life's Balance

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

Are you over-committed, under-appreciated, fatigued, frustrated and out of balance?

The human condition seems more aligned with chaos than balance. We live lives in which the demands outpace our time and energy. Why does our culture, even our church, seem to over-value service to others and under-value care of ourselves? Selfcare may seem a luxury that few of us can afford; yet without it, a healthy balance remains out of our grasp.

How can I keep my life in balance?

Consider your current life in terms of deposits and withdrawals. Are the withdrawals outpacing the deposits? Your banker would tell you that your account is "overdrawn". Just as easily, your life and health become overdrawn, resulting in difficulty making withdrawals. You are left with nothing to offer. To follow Christ's command to "love your neighbor as yourself", remember to love yourself. Pray that the Lord will give you the wisdom to make "deposits" of time for relaxation, fun, activities with family, and self-care activities.

May your days be blessed with Jesus' peace, health and balance.

*Article submitted by LCMS Health Ministries
Information provided by Catherine Lick, MSN, RN,
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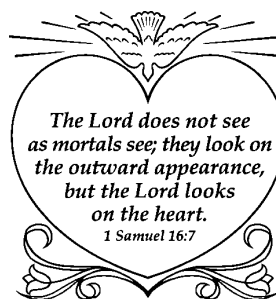
A Congregational Health Check

1. Are the members of your congregation free to express their stress and pain?
2. Does your congregation minister to the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the people?
3. Does your congregation have a health ministries committee to address the needs of the members?
4. Does your congregation offer prayer and healing services?
5. Does your congregation offer support groups for people going through life transitions?
6. Are people encouraged to express their personal needs for help at your congregation?
7. Does your congregation make efforts to provide nutritionally sound options at events serving food and beverages?
8. Does your congregation motivate and educate individuals to make choices that improve quality of life?
9. *Does your congregation enhance the quality of life in the community?*

If the answer is "no" to any of the above, a congregational health ministry may be a beneficial addition to your church.

For more information on starting a health ministry, please contact LCMS Health Ministries 1-800- 248-1930 ext. 1395, for a copy of the newly revised Congregational Health Ministry & Parish Nursing Manual.

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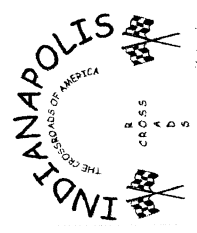
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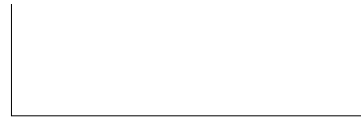
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