



# The DEAF LUTHERAN



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## DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION

It's almost time for us Christian Lutherans to celebrate a certain day, which is undoubtedly, and should always be, the most important and the most blessed day of our Christian life. That day is no other than

### EASTER!

The celebration of the most glorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior is, of course, the main Christian foundation for our faith in the Gospel. That is why we Lutheran understand that our chief doctrine (teaching) is justification by grace by faith. The Bible, the Word of God, makes it very clear, especially when we take a look at the whole chapter of 1 Corinthians 15, that the Holy Spirit inspired St. Paul to boldly proclaim (announce) that Jesus arose from the dead.

Now we focus on verses of 14,15 and 17 that **if** Christ did not arise from the dead, then our Christian teaching would mean nothing and our Christian faith would mean nothing. **If** Christ did not arise, then we will be still in our sins. What is more, **if** Christ did not arise from the dead, then every Christian pastor already lied to all people in church about Easter. Yes, **if** Christ did not arise from the dead, Easter means nothing at all.

Praise be to the Almighty God our Heavenly Father who made it sure that there would be lots and lots of witnesses who saw with their own eyes that Jesus did really arise from the dead. St. Paul continues in the same chapter of 1 Corinthians, along with other Bible verses found elsewhere in the Bible, that the witnesses were as follows: (1) Mary from Magdala, (2) St. Peter, (3) the disciples, (4) the two men on the road to Emmaus, (5) the 500 Christians at one time, (6) James, the brother of Jesus, (7) the apostles, and (8) himself. That means that there are NO ifs on whether or not Jesus arose. Jesus did really arise from the dead onto everlasting life.

The Word of God is filled with many and many promises that because Jesus arose



from the dead and that death itself has no power over Christ, we will also arise from the dead in glorified bodies at that very moment when our King returns on the Last Day in full glory.

The Holy Spirit guides us to boldly proclaim our faith to everyone whenever we use the Apostle Creed that Jesus arose from the dead. We also stand together with St. Paul in spirit by as he wrote in verse 55 of the same chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians that:

Death is swallowed up in victory!

Where, Death, is your sting?

Where, Death, is your sting

Jesus finally encourages us with His words that give eternal life to all that believes:

***I am the Hope and the Resurrection of Life. Anyone who believes in Me will live even if he dies. Yes, anyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.*** (John 11: 25, 26)

*ILDA Pastoral Advisor*



*Rev. Mark Anderson,  
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*



## EASTER

# The President's Report



*James Swalley, ILDA  
2001-2003 President*

Greetings everyone in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

To the members of the International Lutheran Deaf Association and the readers of the Deaf Lutheran, the time has gone so swiftly after more than seven months ago the 16th Biennial LDA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana was held and another success too.

The highlights of this convention were that Pamela Kane, the first woman being elected as President-Elect in ILDA's history. For a number of years she served as Mission Project Chairperson. Congrats to you, Pamela. Lee Kotal of California is ILDA's new chairperson of the Mission Projects. The 2001-2003 ILDA Mission Project goal is \$47,500 and all of us are to help to reach the goal with your donations and all of your church congregations to support our Deaf missions for the next two years.

Another highlight was that it was truly a success that there was Deaf Institute of Theology (D.I.T.) program and D.I.T. is also funded through ILDA Mission Project goal for a number of years. There were several D.I.T. certificates awarded to the ones who had completed the Leadership Training Class on levels one to three.

The next and 17th Biennial ILDA Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 3-6, 2003. The 2003 ILDA's co-chairpersons are Mark and Linda Johnson.

The Mall of America, one of the largest malls in the United States of America, is a short walk from the Hilton Hotel at Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport area where the [LDA convention will be held.

The 18th Biennial ILDA Convention shall be in Vancouver, Canada that is to be the first ILDA in history to convene outside of the United States. This convention is under the Northwest Region. ILDA has seven regions in the United States.

The ILDA Handbook indicates that convention sites shall be selected six (6) years in advance by a majority vote at the ILDA convention. More than 4 years is necessary to find appropriate facilities. Two (2) convention sites shall be chosen at each ILDA convention. The ILDA convention shall move from region to region. Potential host must have a letter written on official congregational stationary proving that their congregation has officially voted to invite the convention to their city. Prospective hosts shall make a presentation encouraging the convention to accept their bid.

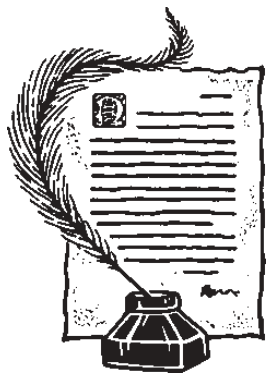
The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) is an organization committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Deaf and hard of hearing people through mission work in the United States and around the world. Within local congregations, ILDA works to tell Deaf people in our communities about the salvation we have in Jesus. The main focus of ILDA is to support Lutheran mission work with Deaf people in other countries by providing them with money, prayers, and people to do the work eventually.

As the president of the ILDA, I have assigned all the chairmen to do their responsibilities except Necrology. Anyone interested to carry the duties of this department, please contact me as soon as possible. As you know that everyone would want to know if they are still around or not.

May the Lord be with you all in the happiness and good health.

*Mr. James Swalley, ILDA 2001-2003 President  
e-mail: SWABJJ@aol.com*

## Editorial...



Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Wow! it is a new year already! On November 12, 2001, Sharon and I have become first time grandparents. That was a happy year ending event for us. So far, we only saw our grandson, Hayden Jaxon Rocks, about 4 times because they live in Columbus, Ohio. Hayden will be baptized at our Cleveland church on Sunday, February 3, 2002 by Rev. Gary Lawson.

As of this publication date, has any church(es) make an offer to host the ILDA convention in 2007? No offers were brought up at Indianapolis 2001 convention last summer. (Please read ILDA President, James Swalley's report, located on this page.)

This year is the year for regional conferences. I am hoping to be able to attend a couple of them with your financial help. Please keep me up to date on date, location, and cost.

For any e-mails sent to me, please label them clearly in the subject box. Because of a recent virus and phony e-mail like "Photos from MyParty" was sent to me, I will not be opening any future unclear e-mails. I will have to throw them in the trash can.

*David G. Brown, Editor*

## Coming up Next...

"Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us"  
Come and join us as we celebrate the 17th Biennial Convention in Minneapolis, MN. The Mall of America is a short walk from the Hilton Hotel at Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport area.

**Hosts:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 1101 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.  
V/TTY: 621-331-2474



# Installation of The Reverend Thomas W. Dunseth...

We just had a new pastor for Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf in metro Detroit. He is Reverend Thomas Dunseth. He just started the worship service with a lay leader last August 19th and was officially installed on October 7th. He has a wife, Brenda and two boys, James and Jordan. The Dunseths used to be the missionaries in south China for seven years and Rev. Dunseth served as a pastor with Concordia School of Special Education in Macau in giving bible studies to the deaf students.

The installation has taken place in beautiful Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, Michigan on Sunday, October 7, 2001 at 4 PM. The Reverend David S. Bush of Fort Wayne, Indiana, led the rites. 12 pastors has joined the rites. Seminarian Scott Johnson serve as The Liturgists. Rev.

Roosevelt Gray was the Officiant at the Rite of Installation. Around 180 people has observed the rites. The deaf choir from Ephphatha Deaf Lutheran Church of Chicago signed the songs.

If you like, you can contact Rev. Tom Dunseth at: [TDunseth@juno.com](mailto:TDunseth@juno.com)



*Beautiful Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, Michigan.*



*above: Deaf choir from Ephphatha Deaf Lutheran Church of Chicago performed the choral presentations.*



*left photo: Rev. Thomas Dunseth with his wife, Brenda and his two sons, and with Diana Lei and Rev. David Bush of Fort Wayne.*



*right: Rev. Dunseth with gift from Diana Lei, The Lord Prayer, written in Chinese.*

*Two cakes were served at the dinner reception given by LCMS-Michigan District.*



## 2001-2003 Mission Project Goal...

As of this writing, our mission project goal has reached **\$2,690.90**. Please send donations and money to the ILDA Treasurer and mark for 2001-2003 Mission Project.

Make check payable to: **ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Project** and mail to: **Jim Sipchen, ILDA Treasurer, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.**



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

## Nominations...

A reminder for all Regional Conference leaders this year... each Region please make nominations and send nomination list to Richard Norton, ILDA's Past President. Richard is Chairperson for 2003-2005 ILDA Officers nominations (names for new President elect, Secretary, and Treasurer).

Please send nomination names to: **Richard Norton, ILDA 2003 Nomination, 5801 W. Fitzhugh Road, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.** Any questions, please contact Richard by TTY: (512) 894-0378 or e-mail: RENTX@hotmail.com

For other who want to volunteer as an officer, you may submit 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>.

*Thank you, Deaf Lutheran Editor*

## Central Region News

The Central Region, CRILDA, will have their conference on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana beginning June 13 in the late afternoon and end June 16th with lunch in the year of our Lord 2002. St. John's Lutheran Church for the Deaf is hosting the conference this year. More details will be announced later.

*James Swalley, Congregational Chairman*



## Regional Conferences Dates...

Please inform your Deaf Lutheran Editor of dates before May 1, 2002 for the next issue.

### Midwest Region...

June 7-9, 2002 at Good Samaritan Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Kathy Gelling, (605) 332-7475 tty only, has more information.

### Dixie Region...

October 11-13, 2002, at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center, Tomball, TX. Contact Holy Three-in-One (713) 468-1815 for more details.

### Eastern Region...

June 14-16, 2002, at Bishop Claggett Retreat Center in Buckystown, MD. Christ LC-Deaf of Silver Springs is host. Contact Diane Munoz, e-mail: Dmunoz@gpo.gov for more details. Visitors welcomed!



## ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects Goal... \$47,500

1. DIT / Zacharus ..... \$11,000
2. ILDA PR Video Project ..... \$5,000
3. Sao Paul Lutheran Church of Brazil ..... \$2,500
4. Republic of Madagascar Schools for the Deaf ..... \$2,500
5. Summer Camps (California, Nebraska & Texas \$3,000 each) ..... \$9,000
6. Ghana ..... \$2,000
7. Macau (missionary) ..... \$2,000
8. New York West Camp ..... \$2,000
9. Concordia School for Special Education (Macau) ..... \$1,500
10. India Parsonage Improvement ..... \$3,000
11. Nyandarua School of the Deaf ..... \$3,000
12. Pax Natrua Ranch (Canada) ..... \$1,000
13. Starfish Learning Center ..... \$3,000

*Any question? contact:*

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### Pacific Region...

June 20-24, 2002, in Fremont, CA. Hosted by Memorial Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

### Central Region...

June 13-16, 2002, at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Contact James Swalley, e-mail: SWABJJ@aol.com for more details.

### Great Lakes Region...

October 10-13, 2002, Cleveland, OH - 50th year of GLRC Celebration. Contact Larry Ginter, e-mail: LarryDGinter@aol.com for more details.

### Northwest Region...

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# GLRC Regional Conference...

The Great Lakes Regional Conference was held in Toledo, Ohio on November 2-4, 2001. The host church was Good Shepherd Deaf Lutheran Church. The host committee led by Libby Ruppert has done a beautiful job!

The theme for this conference was *Choose today whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.* Joshua 24:15. The conference was held in Gloria Dei Church building, next door to Good Shepherd Deaf Church.

Good food such as baked swiss steak and oven fried chicken were served at the Banquet dinner. Food provided by Jagel's Catering, Andersons, Tim Horton, and Panara Bread. ILDA's Art Allen was Master of Ceremonies.

The Pastors and Deacon who have helped led the devotions, preaching and workshops are: Rev. Gary Lawson, Rev. Ed Bergstresser, Rev. Tomas Dunseth, Rev. Mark Ruppert, Rev. Roger Altenberger, Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt and Deacon John Rushton.



*Workshop attendees.*

*Saturday and Sunday continental breakfasts and Saturday lunch were provided by the church's members.*

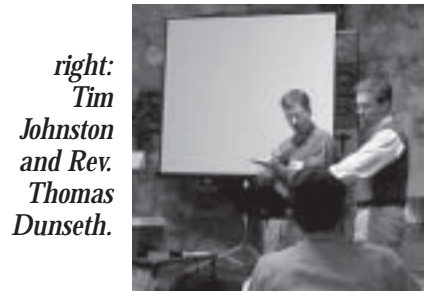


*left: Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt led the opening devotion.*



*Chairperson Libby Ruppert (standing in the middle) gives her speech. To the left is Art Allen and standing is Doris Allen.*

*Rev. Gary Lawson led "What About Anger?" workshop.*



*right: Tim Johnston and Rev. Thomas Dunseth.*



*above: Hungry people serving their helpings during the Banquet dinner.*



*left: Rev. Ed Bergstresser led the afternoon workshop. Workshopers releases their emotions with darts.*

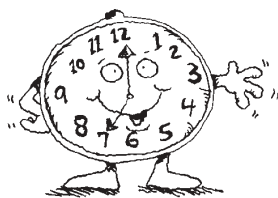
*right: People enjoying their Banquet meal.*



# News from around the Regions...



## News about our People



Daylight Saving Time at 2 AM, April 7th.

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

### Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Canada... will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of their church building this year. A group of members went to the Deaf Family Camp in Westbank, B.C. in September. This event was a success and may become an annual event. Jesus has called home **Dorothy Monahan** and **Robert Heyworth**.

New D.I.T. students are **Rita Fleming** and **Gary Andersen**. Keep them in your prayers along with all the other students who are in the D.I.T. program!

On November 18, 2001 in a surprise, **Rev. Dr. R. A. Bauer** was honored for 45 years of Deaf ministry and **Sgt. Douglas Ferguson** was honored for many years of voluntary service to the Deaf community.

Faith, Spokane... **Rev. Martin Hewitt** is back to work, a little slower than normal. Biopsy showed no cancer! We thank God for the healing process. Last October, a church staff member found the boiler out of control. Quick action turned it off and prevented a block area explosion. Thank God!

### Pacific Region...

It has been reported that past ILDA Pastoral Advisor, **Rev. Don Leber**, is recovering in a nursing home. They need donations to help with the nursing home expenses.

Pilgrim, Los Angeles... **Lutheran Deaf Camp** 2002 will be held on August 4-9, 2002. Deadline is May 1, 2002. Cost \$225 per child. Contact Rev. Leber at: 1-909-823-2468 or e-mail: RevLeber@aol.com for more information.

### Central Region...

Peace, Indianapolis... **Charles Franklin Wrenn** has entered God's Kingdom in Nov.

Our Savior, Chicago... Our Lord, Jesus, has called home **Alyce Gober** to her eternal home in Jan. She has been an ILDA'er since the inception of ILDA in Chicago in 1972.

### Great Lakes Region...

Good Shepherd, Toledo... hosted a successful GLRC conference last fall. Estimated 90 people attended.

### Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Springs, MD... **Diane Munoz** continued to write many, many interesting articles for her church's newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*, about her family's travel experiences to different parts of the world! You may be able to read about it in the church's web site, [www.christdeaf.org](http://www.christdeaf.org).

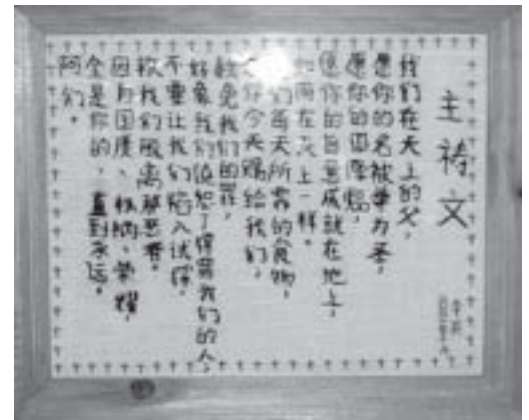


In the picture there is Betty Jo and Russel Healey, Roger Altenberger, and Mark Willig.

Russel and Betty Jo Healey finished the DIT Level 1 before the ILDA Convention this summer. For some reason, there was a slip up and their names didn't get included in the list and so they didn't get their certificates. To make up for that, Rev. Altenberger came to St. John Lutheran Church in Chester, Illinois and presented their certificates to them. We had a special worship service and Roger preached. Then he presented them their certificates during the service. My husband, Pastor Mark Willig, was their mentor.

From Paula Willig via e-mail

Editor's note: Russel Healey was ILDA's 1994-97 Treasurer.



The Lord Prayer sewn in Chinese, given to Rev. Thomas Dunseth by missionary Diana Lei.

## Oop! Corrections...

I have received a message from Joanne that there was an error in the last issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter, page 4. Under Northwest Region... The article stated "Jerry and Janne Couziech." The true people are "Jerry Douziech" and "Joanne Walmsley." I, editor, apologize for the mistake.

*D/L Editor's note: Upon reading all the church newsletters for news for the "News from around the Regions..." column, two editorial articles written by Don Peterson for his "Mustard Seed" newsletter caught my attention. Read below:*

*Written for December 2001 Mustard Seed newsletter:*  
**DECEMBER**

The Spirit of Christ moves through the night...  
Peacefully,

yet forcefully,

The Christ Child knocks at the living door.  
Open your soul, let in the light.

The Birth of Christ again has come. Wordlessly  
and joyfully

Men give to men Goodwill, and more... To the Spirit of Christ  
all men succumb.

But when the time has passed us by, Mournfully,  
so needlessly,

The Flame dissolves, is seen no more...

Men lose their warmth, and cold draws nigh.

*~D. Peterson, October 1951*

Fifty years ago I wrote the above poem (and a bunch of others), inspired by a poetry class at Gallaudet with Dr. Robert Panara. I know it is not as good as I think it is, but I still like it.

Fifty years ago it appears that I was somewhat cynical, if that's the word, as shown by the last verse. Over the years, I haven't seen much to change my mind. There still is overwhelming happy, sharing spirit up to December 25, then it suddenly seems to disappear. It doesn't need to disappear. The spirit (or Spirit) among my fellow church members at **Christ/Deaf** remains high throughout the year. I think we are blessed in that way. I'm sure that other church congregations, especially if they are small, have the same sense of happy fellowship.

I pray that this national tragedy may lead many people back to Christ; that out of the ashes of the WTC religion may be renewed in America and:

*Wordlessly ... and joyfully Men give to men Goodwill, and more..*

*Written for January 2002 Mustard Seed newsletter:*

The November issue of the LCMS Reporter carries a story about bringing Muslims to Christianity. A missionary was shocked when a Muslim boy attending a Lutheran School [it does not say where the school was, but I assume it was not in the US.] explained his understanding of Christianity. "On weekends," the boy said, "Christians kill their babies, then at church on Sundays they eat the babies' roasted flesh and drink their blood." Don't blame the child. Blame those who have taught him this terrible misconception. The missionary said many Muslims have a "partial vision of what Christianity is about, and it is up to Christians to set the record straight." It makes me wonder how much American Christians misunderstand about Islam.

In the same article, Deacon Khurran Khan, a counselor for the LCMS Muslim Task Force, states that "Ethnic groups within Lutheran organizations play a vital role in the church's future." How very similar this is to our role as Deaf Christians to bring Christianity to the Deaf of America. How many of your deaf friends attend church? How many even believe in Christ? How can we go to parties with them, play cards, have a drink, joke, go fishing, etc., **and never mention that WE are Christians?** Do you witness your faith to your friends who are not churchgoers? You do? Then you are blessed. Keep up the good work. I confess that I am weak in this respect. I pray that some day I will be responsible for some deaf people joining the Church.

## 2003 ILDA Host Convention Update

Minneapolis,  
Minnesota...

Only 16 months away, we would like to welcome you to the Twin Cities and the home of the Mall of America. This is the first ILDA convention to be held in the State of Minnesota. The date of the 2003 ILDA Convention is July 3-6, 2003. Mark this date on your calendar.

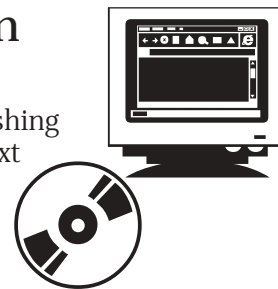
Our host committee is working hard to establish several committees. We are making progress in creating our registration and combo tickets. We sent out letters asking all deaf churches to raise funds with/without the AAL/LB matching fund for the cost of the 2003 ILDA pre-convention expenses. With your help, it will reduce the cost of the registration fees for everyone who will attend. The churches or anyone can contribute money to support it. It worked very well for the 2001 ILDA Convention host. Check it out for more information with your pastor about our letter.

Here is the great news to make everyone happy. The Airport Hilton is the hotel location, where we will meet. It is easily accessible to all interstate highways; close to the Twin Cities International Airport with a free shuttle bus service to the hotel, and within walking distance or free shuttle bus service from the hotel to the Mall of America.

The 2003 ILDA host chairman is Mark Johnson. If you have any questions or ideas, you can send an e-mail address to: [MarkLinda6@aol.com](mailto:MarkLinda6@aol.com). We will update more information in the next issue. The registration package will be sent out this fall.

## 2003 ILDA CD-Rom Available...

Any churches or individuals wishing to preview the slide show of the next ILDA convention scheduled for July 3-6, 2003 can purchase a copy of the CD-Rom by sending your name and address and a check, made payable to "**Prince of Peace**" for \$3.00 to cover postage and handling. Mail your request to: **Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 1101 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.**



## Donations Needed...

Our Deaf Lutheran Travel fund is deliberately in need of donations! Our Editor and Business Manager are owed \$233.08 for our travels in 2001. I am sure that many of you readers have enjoyed all my photos taken from events that we attended in 2001! Please make checks payable to: **The Deaf Lutheran** and mark it as "For Travel Fund." Mail to: **Larry D. Ginter, Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, 4134 Sarasota Drive, Parma, OH 44134.**

*Thank you in advance for your donations, Editor*

# Supporters of Deaf Ministries...



## What is?...

**Mill Neck Foundation, Inc.** was incorporated in 1979 to gather funds to assist in a variety of ministries to the deaf, including Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and other agencies nationwide and in other parts of the world. Mill Neck has supported the Convocation on Deaf Ministry, the project to translate the Sunday Bible readings for the deaf, and the development of many Sunday School and Confirmation materials for the deaf, among many other projects.

*Web site: [www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org)*

**Wheat Ridge Ministries** is a Chicago-based Lutheran-related charitable organization dedicated to seeding innovative projects which help bring health and hope to people in the United States and around the world. Its funds derive largely from individual and congregational donations and from an annual Christmas Seals Campaign conducted in Lutheran Congregations.

*Web site: [www.wheatridge.org](http://www.wheatridge.org)*



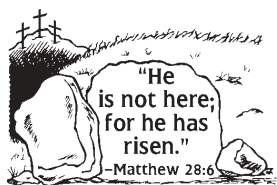
**CCPD...The Christian Council On Persons With Disabilities** is a coalition of Christian disability ministry organizations and individuals. We offer networking, leadership training and advocacy related to ALL type of disabilities: *Developmental, Physical, Mental, Hearing, Vision, and Environmental*. CCPD began in 1988 with over 700 disability ministry workers gathering at Wheaton College in Illinois for the National Congress on the Church and the Disabled.

*Web site: [www.ccpd.org](http://www.ccpd.org)*

## News from Mill Neck Manor...

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) recently presented \$2,200 to Mill Neck Manor through the AAL Member Gift-Matching Program. AAL has given more than \$23 million to Lutheran academic institutions nationwide through the gift-matching program since it was introduced in 1998.

Lutheran Brotherhood has recently presented \$275 from their Member matching gift program to Mill Neck for the new Deaf Education Center. Since 1979, Mill Neck has received \$5,210 from Lutheran Brotherhood's gift matching program. Lutheran Brotherhood has allocated more than \$52.6 million on behalf of the participating schools and outdoor ministries since 1979.



## Merger...

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) and Lutheran Brotherhood (LB) have merged, creating the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States. With a combined 185-year history, the merged organization continues to provide high quality insurance coverage, financial products and services, and fraternal benefits to help enhance the lives of our members. The merged organization operates under the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of AAL.

Pending approval of a new name by the combined membership, the merged organization will operate as Aid Association for Lutherans/Lutheran Brotherhood. The merged organization will move into the future with unified goals, a singular vision and an unwavering commitment to serving members and the Lutheran community.

Aid Association for Lutherans/Lutheran Brotherhood remains committed to serving you. *Address: AAL/LB, 4321 N. Ballard Road, Appleton, WI 54919-0001. Web site: [www.aol.org](http://www.aol.org)*



**AID ASSOCIATION FOR LUTHERANS**

**LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD**



## Mill Neck Manor Youth Take On Manhattan

### **Servanthood 2002 Plans Underway**

For 2002, the Mill Neck Manor Servanthood Project takes a new turn. After traveling far and wide around the United States and to Jamaica, helping those in need or touched by disaster, the Mill Neck Servanthood Team will use their helping hands at "home" for their annual Project from July 20-25. This year, students will be volunteering in New York City. Furthermore, Deaf youth, ages 14-21, from Deaf Congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), are invited to come to New York and co-labor with Mill Neck Manor students. The Servanthood Project is sponsored by Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry.

"This project is a great opportunity for pastors and church leadership to support youth outreach," said Barbara Lanman, Coordinator of Deaf Ministry at Mill Neck Foundation and the Servanthood Project. The goals of the project are to develop a student's leadership skills and desire to help others. Lanman also sees the project as a chance for Deaf youth from around the country to come together and make connections with one another.

Although one's thoughts turn immediately to the World Trade Center when associating "disaster," "volunteering" and "New York City," the Servanthood 2002 Team will volunteer in other areas or New York. "We would like to help out at Ground Zero, but due to it being a restricted area, volunteers are not used at the site. We plan to help in other areas of the City, where volunteer help is permitted," says Lanman.



## Saint Mark's in New York City Sponsors Servant Projects...

From January 3-9, Saint Mark's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Manhattan hosted a group of 12 people from Western Illinois University who came to do servant projects in New York. The group cleaned and painted and did other projects during the two-days they worked at the church on West 145th Street and Convent Avenue. One huge project included improving the church's restroom. The students helped with the worship service that Sunday, January 6, the "Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord." During the rest of their visit, the group offered their services at The Bowery Mission and at "Midnight Run," a meal program for people who are homeless. When asked, "Why would you give up part of your Christmas vacation to come here?" one student responded, "We thought we were coming here to give our gift of service. Instead, we have been so richly blessed by the opportunities here and by the people at the Saint Mark's."

*submitted by Bill Wrede via e-mail*

## Mill Neck Manor Expands Chapel Services...

The John of Beverley Chapel in the Manor House at Mill Neck is used for a service during the fall Harvest Festival. This fall, that was not the end of chapel services. Each Monday morning at 8:00, staff and faculty members gather with Chaplain Bill Wrede for a weekly chapel service. "It's kind of early but I enjoy starting my school week this way," remarked one staff member. A new Bible study also recently started during the lunch hour each Wednesday. Another study will begin soon for people who cannot come during lunch. Barbara Lanman, Coordinator for Deaf Ministry and Chaplain Wrede have also seen increased interest in a new program held every few months on Saturdays. This new program allows members of the Deaf Community to gather for an afternoon of activities for all ages. Including a chapel service, there are games and activities for everyone. Students are also having new opportunities to learn about Jesus and his love for them. "Our summer camp program is very successful and the children love learning how to pray and want to assist with planning and leading worship. I am thankful we are able to take that enthusiasm back to campus and are working to encourage their spiritual growth year-round," remarked Chaplain Bill Wrede. This summer, Mill Neck will sponsor "Servanthood 2002" where Deaf youth from around the country can join the Mill Neck students in a week of projects in and around New York City. More information will be send to each church before Easter.

*submitted by Bill Wrede via e-mail*

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## Prince of Peace celebrated 100 years of Deaf Ministry in the Twin Cities...

On Saturday, September 8, 2001, 48 people gathered at the Radisson in Roseville for a banquet. After an enjoyable buffet meal, those present were treated to a presentation by Rev. William Ludwig, a former vicar in the Twin Cities.

The program concluded with a slide presentation of pictures from the past one hundred years.

The next day (September 9) a special service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Arden Hills. Rev. Ludwig was the guest preacher.

Among the special guests this weekend were: Mrs. Marie Schweigert, daughter of Rev. John Salvner, the first resident Lutheran pastor for the Deaf in the Twin Cities; Mrs. Eunice Streufert, daughter of Rev. Robert Cordes; Mrs. Eleanore (Rev. Clarence) Bremer; Mrs. Irene (Rev. Floyd) Possehl; Rev. Richard Reinap; and Rev. and Mrs. Donald and Kathryn Zuhn.

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## Internet sites to visit...

[www.biblestudylessons.com](http://www.biblestudylessons.com)  
[www.bible-study-free.org](http://www.bible-study-free.org)  
[www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com)

## Deaf Church Web Sites...

Alpha, Rochester, NY: [www.frontiernet.net/~alphalcd](http://www.frontiernet.net/~alphalcd)  
New York City: [http://www.ad-lcms.org/deaf\\_min.html](http://www.ad-lcms.org/deaf_min.html)  
Jesus, Austin, TX: [www.deafaustin.com/jlcd](http://www.deafaustin.com/jlcd)  
Christ, Cleveland, OH:  
[www.geocities.com/christdeaf Lutheran/index](http://www.geocities.com/christdeaf Lutheran/index)  
Christ, Silver Springs, MD: [www.christdeaf.org](http://www.christdeaf.org)  
Lutheran Campus Ministry: [www.ChristDeaf.org](http://www.ChristDeaf.org)  
Northern California: [www.handsforchrist.faiithweb.com](http://www.handsforchrist.faiithweb.com)  
Southern California:  
[www.psw.lcms.org/Deaf%20Ministry/deafministry](http://www.psw.lcms.org/Deaf%20Ministry/deafministry)  
Florida-Georgia Missions: [www.flga-lcms.org/missions](http://www.flga-lcms.org/missions)  
Iowa Quad Cities Deaf Ministry:  
[home.revealed.net/deaflutheran](http://home.revealed.net/deaflutheran)  
Holy Cross, St. Louis:  
[members.aol.com/\\_ht\\_a/revrmoody/hcdchur](http://members.aol.com/_ht_a/revrmoody/hcdchur)  
Montana Christ, Great Falls:  
[www.forministry.com/Church/Home.asp?SiteId=59403clcftd](http://www.forministry.com/Church/Home.asp?SiteId=59403clcftd)  
Nebaska Lutheran Deaf Ministry:  
[www.ndlcms.org/District\\_Ministries/Ethnic\\_Specialized/deaf](http://www.ndlcms.org/District_Ministries/Ethnic_Specialized/deaf)  
Tennessee Eternal Mercy, Memphis:  
[netministries.org/see/churches/ch02461](http://netministries.org/see/churches/ch02461)

## 7-Ups For The New Year

### Wake-Up

Begin the day with a prayer. The day is a gift from God. It is His day for us. Be happy. Thank Him.

### Dress-Up

Put on a smile. That smile improves how people see you. People will be happy to see you coming. A smile colors your attitude from outside in.

### Shut-Up

Zipper your lips, tie your hands when tempted to talk about others. Learn to listen. Say nice things.

### Stand-Up

Stand strong with your faith. Push away bad things. Do good.

### Look-Up

Open your eyes to your Lord. After all, He is your only Savior. Worship.

### Reach-Up

Spend some time in prayer—thank God, praise God, confess sins, pray for strength for times of hard testing, pray for the needs of others.

### Lift-Up

When other people need help, give help. Give yourself to serve, to support, and to share.

- adapted from the Joyful Noiseletter



## Let us celebrate together

Church is right place to grow.  
For Jesus is my light.  
More glorious and bright.  
Our church continues to stand.

Let us celebrate together.  
Let us celebrate together.

There is sunshine in my soul.  
For Jesus is my heart.  
God's word should be strong.  
More heart feels bear.  
Our church continues to stand.

Let us celebrate together.  
Let us celebrate together.

I want to follow you.  
Help me, I want to see your face.  
I need in heaven place.  
Give me more grace.  
Our church continues to stand.

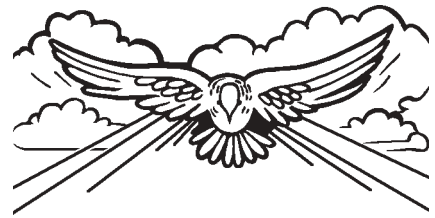
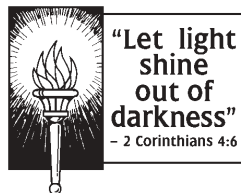
Let us celebrate together.  
Let us celebrate together.

Church of Christ should be continue.  
We need to grow God's spirit.  
Continue to grow the life of Christ.  
Hungry souls for Christ.  
Our church continues to stand.

OUR ETERNAL HOME IN HEAVEN.

II Cor 4:5

By Lisa Antonyk-Douziech  
for July 2001 Canada Celebration



## The Fruit of long suffering

I feel through His sufferings with faith, hope and love.  
Give me the strength.

I never give up.  
I continue patience and pray.  
I have kept the faith.

Lay up my hands on you.  
Lay up my hands on you.

I cry over hurt feelings.  
The bodies are gone to be united in the spirit and in faith.  
I pray for their families who miss them so much.

Don't fear.  
Please help to be strong.

Need of patience in this life.  
I am willing to stand forever.

Like true faith, true love, never give up.  
Hold the Word of God in heart.

Thank you for my prayer about the long suffering in the world.  
God bless the earth.

Amen.

by Lisa Antonyk-Douziech of Alberta, Canada for  
September 16th prayer/worship in response to 9/11  
"Attack on America."  
Gal 5:22

## Advertising Rates...

## The DEAF LUTHERAN

The following rates has been established for advertising in *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter. Ads must be in good taste, related to Christianity, and of interest to deaf Lutheran readers. Typewritten or email text are preferred. Photos and camera ready arts can be submitted by mail or sent by email in "jpeg" file format. Contact Deaf Lutheran's Editor at [TheDeafLutheran@aol.com](mailto:TheDeafLutheran@aol.com) for more information on how to submit ads.

The rates are as: \$500 for full page; \$250 for half page, \$75 for quarter page; and \$62 for one-eighth page size advertisement.

Advertising help provide some income to *The Deaf Lutheran* staff for travels to different regions.



right: Carol Ann Pickle, Central ILDA Region, gave her region's report as President Richard Norton look on during the board meeting.

below: Did the meeting move outdoor??



## Now and then...



*Donna L. Bankston and Nancy Hicks of Indianapolis, IN. Right photo shows the ladies at ILDA 2001 convention in Indianapolis.*

*Left photo shows the ladies at ILDA 1999 convention in Cleveland, Ohio. See page 12 of Fall 1999 issue of the D/L newsletter.*



*Charlie and Lee Ann Kotal of California waves "I Love You" signs! Gentleman with beard is Greg Desroisers of Vancouver, BC Canada.*



*During the board meeting, Martha Malone of Houston, Texas; and David G. Brown, Kathy Burt and Pam Kane all from Cleveland, Ohio paying attention to a "speaker" giving his/her report.*

*Above four photos were taken and submitted by Larry D. Ginter, D/L Business Manager.*

*Your Deaf Lutheran Editor has received tons of "News Releases" from Mill Neck, Wheat Ridge and AAL. Too numerous to print in the newsletter. So here are a few selections...*

## News from Wheat Ridge...

Last December, a grant of \$425,000 was approved to seed new ministries. One of the 15 recipients was Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Austin TX for \$15,000 for their plan to develop, open and operate a child care center for deaf children and hearing children of deaf parents in partnership with Mill Neck Family of Organizations. Currently, 120 innovative ministry projects throughout the world are being funded by Wheat Ridge.

In January, Wheat Ridge Ministries has appointed Richard Herman as Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. Herman will continue to manage Wheat Ridge's grant program ministry as well as other programmatic duties, while taking on several new areas at Wheat Ridge, including human resource issues, strategic planning and office management.



25 young people received *Youth Health and Hope Awards* that was awarded at the LCMS national Youth Gathering in New Orleans last July 30th.

The awards were given to young people of faith who demonstrate exceptional leadership and service to their Lord by participating in health and hope ministries in their churches, schools and communities.

## News from AAL...

Need a little help with holiday shopping? Looking for a special gift or greeting card? Searching for one of AAL's educational books or resources? A host of gifts, cards, books, resources and other merchandise is now for sale on the Lutherans Online Market Place, sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). Launched in October of 1998, the Lutherans Online Web site is a rapidly growing community of Lutherans who join together to share recipes, e-greeting cards, classified ads, genealogy tips and online "conversation."

In the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, the Lutheran Brotherhood (LB) Foundation and Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) have pledged \$45,000 to support a project that will provide specialized training to Lutheran pastors and missionaries working among the Muslim, Arab and Middle Eastern people of North America. The project, "Time of Crisis, Time of Opportunity," is a joint effort between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LB Foundation and AAL contributed \$22,500 each.

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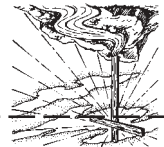
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