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*Rev. Mark Anderson,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*

Heaven or Hell Should we speak or be quiet?

How well I remember as I watched the faces of the people at ILDA – Indianapolis, IN when Rev. Roger Altenberger spoke at the platform for the first time as our new counselor (the facilitator) of the LCMS Deaf Ministry on a rather touchy issue. Boy, he did not waste his time on saying nice polite words but really was straightforward with his listeners. He used the PowerPoint program to make a clear illustration for showing us the seriousness of the issue which happened to be Heaven or Hell.

Rev. Altenberger looked straight at his ILDA listeners and told them exactly what he wanted to say no matter if they ever wanted to listen or not. To refresh our weak memories on what he said at the ILDA, he plainly yet strongly said that while there are 2,600,000 Americans who are deaf, only at least 250,000 know and trust in Christ Jesus as the Savior who is the Way, the Truth and the Life to heaven. That means that at least 2,350,000 do not know Jesus and are on the way to hell. We should not forget deaf Canadians and the rest of the Deaf community of the world. That is serious!

We all can agree with Rev. Altenberger that it is serious, but do we have to speak on hell? We can talk and talk a lot about heaven, but do we really have to say “hell”, even just once? No, it would be much better if we speak happily about heaven but just be quiet about hell. Right?

Well, let us go the Scriptures (the Word of God in the Holy Bible) and find out if Christ Jesus did talk about heaven and stay quiet about hell OR He talked about heaven and hell.

As we read through the four Gospels (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John) which reveal what Jesus Himself spoke during His three-year ministry before His suffering and death on cross, we note that Jesus DID speak about hell as well as about heaven

after all. When we read His Word, we now realize that Christ Jesus did not use light soft weak words but heavy hard strong words about hell. Even the Gospel of St. John, affectionately known as the Gospel of Love, speaks about hell, too. Jesus was indeed serious about hell because He Himself created hell. **If you wish to know more on what Jesus Himself says about hell, please read Matthew 5:29, 30; Matthew 11:20-24; Matthew 11:36-43; Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:48; Luke 16:19-31, John 3:18, 36.**

The main reason for Jesus speaking strongly about hell is warn us that we not believe that hell is a make-up mythical place but a very real and terrible place and that we do not trust ourselves for not going to hell or trust ourselves for going to heaven.

The Word of God shows that God wants all of the people to be saved and go to heaven. **(1 Timothy 2:4)** To accomplish salvation of His people, our Heavenly Father sent His Beloved Son Jesus into the world so that He lived perfectly under the Law (the 10 Commandments) for us sinners, paid the full price of all our sins with His Holy blood and arose from the grave in total victory over sin, Satan and, most importantly, hell. That is the Good News we received and believe. That is the very same Good News Christ our Lord chose us, yes, you and me, to share with those 2,350,000 deaf Americans who desperately need to receive and believe. That is true for deaf Canadians and the rest of the Deaf community of the world. Jesus wants to have every one in heaven with HIM. No wonder why Jesus wants us to speak with the deaf people about heaven AND hell. Yes, we do need to speak about hell.

ILDA Pastoral Advisor



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. I am truly disappointed that our International Lutheran Deaf Association doesn't get much support and cooperation with all seven regions in the country and we, the officers of the executive board of directors has tried everything to get the ball rolling. It is only one more year to go before the 2003 ILDA convention will be held in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota. There shall be an executive council meeting at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 18 and 19. If anyone of you wish to speak up before this meeting in October, you can contact: James Swalley, president, Pamela Kane, president elect, Tim Johnston, Secretary, Jim Sipchen, Treasurer, Rev. Mark Anderson, pastoral advisor, Rev. Roger Altenberger, LCMS Deaf Counselor and David G. Brown, editor of the Deaf Lutheran and Mark Johnson, Chairman of 2003 ILDA convention.

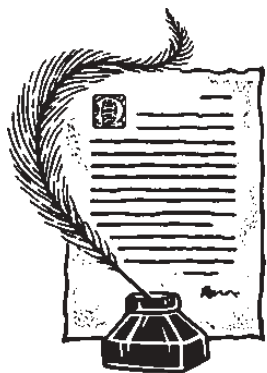
Once more again, I am asking you, all seven regions of the ILDA for your support to donate as much as you can to 2001 -2003 Deaf Mission Project and all your church congregations to help to meet the ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects goal \$47,500.00. Also, we accomplished our goals at our home congregations by inviting Deaf people to attend our Bible classes and church services. We accomplish our world goal to spread God's good news about Christ by participating and supporting the International Lutheran Deaf Association's Mission Projects.

All of you in the seven regions, I understand that there would be an election of officers in your region. You are to let our ILDA secretary, Tim Johnston know their names of new presidents that they shall be a delegate to be a member of the Board of Directors to attend the 2003 ILDA meetings next July 3-6, 2003.

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

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

Editorial...



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Central Region ILDA (CRILDA) conference, which was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on June 13-16, 2002. Larry Ginter has joined me on this trip. It was great to meet and have fellowship with new people from outside of my home (GLRC) region. Also, Tim Johnston, ILDA Secretary, has visited the CRILDA conference.

I have also enjoyed my time spent in Washington, D.C., at the DeafWayII Convention on July 8-12, 2002. That event has been a real experience for me. There was over 9,000 people registered to attend DeafWayII. And so many deaf from all over the world were there. Very interesting to meet deaf from outside our country!

And watching them communicate between each others in their native signs or actions. Most of them has some ASL/English knowledge so that they could communicate with us. Photos and report can be found on page 10 of this issue.

This fall is a busy time for ILDA. It is ILDA membership renewal time. ILDA Treasurer, Jim Sipchen, should soon mail your membership renewal notices. You can renew now by using the form printed on the last page this newsletter. Now is also the time to think about ILDA's 2003 convention in Minneapolis. There are four pages in this newsletter with registration forms and information about the convention site. I hope you marked your calendar to attend!

Peace!

David G. Brown, Editor



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News from around the Regions...



News about our People



at 2 AM on October 27th

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

Northwest Region...

Faith, Spokane... will celebrate their 75th Anniversary of their church on October 5th, 2002. **Rev. Martin Hewitt** retires on July 31, 2002. Retirement Picnic at Francisco's home June 30 for Pastor Hewitt.

Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Canada... On May 17th, **Alexander M. Wynn** was laid to rest to go home to his Savior, Jesus. He and family are well known in the earlier history of Cross of Christ.

Pacific Region...

Pilgrim, LA... **Rev. Arnold T. Jonas** has entered God's Kingdom on April 2, 2002. He was ordained and commissioned by Rev. E. Mapps on July 10, 1938. Rev. Arnold has served the deaf congregations in Colorado, S. Dakota, Seattle, and LA California. His greatest achievements in his ministry is that he established a new church for the deaf in May 1960 and he founded the Pilgrim Towers in June 1968, a housing facility for deaf and hearing persons both young and elderly.

Midwest Region...

Word of God, Cedar Rapids, IA... **Jim** and **Lynn Batchelor** has moved to Fort Wayne to begin his studies to become pastor for the deaf.

Dixie Region...

Jesus Lutheran, Dallas... Our Lord has called home **Don Grider** on May 28th.

Great Lakes Region...

Good Shepherd, Toledo... Jesus has called home **James W. Mowery** on March 4th and **Blanche King** on April 17th.

Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring... **Don Peterson** wrote a very interesting article for their church's newsletter about his work in downloading and translating Hymns to ASL versions. Contact Christ Deaf at www.christdeaf.org for more information or contact Don at dpete29@earthlink.net.

Web Sites...

From Chapel for the Deaf, Charlotte, NC: You are invited to visit our web site. You can look around at any public pages, or you can participate in our site by clicking the PARTICIPATE button. Follow the link below to visit our web site:

http://www.lutheransonline.com/servlet/lo_ProcServ/DBPAGE=cge&GID=01283001361021560363979163

Thrivent (AAL/LB)...

www.thrivent.com

New Deacon...

Charles J. Kotal was commissioned as Deacon on May 19th, 2002 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

The Liturgist was Rev. August Hauptman. Guest Preacher was Rev. Dr. Lee Settgast. Commissioner was Rev. Dietrich Schleaf.

Charlie was born on February 17, 1943 in Oak Park, IL. He moved to LA with his family when he was 6 months old. Charlie was six years old when his family discovered that he was hard of hearing (50% and 90% hearing lost). He graduated from Huntington Park HS with one of the top Honor Students. He has worked as draftman and as an Engineering Assistant at Johnson Controls, Inc. for 38 years.

Charlie is heavily involved with Pilgrim LC, Pacific Region ILDA, and with ILDA. He also has been involved with Pilgrim Senior Citizens Housing Development, Inc. for over 30 years.

Charlie is married to Lee Ann (McLane) Kotal for 14 years. They have no children.

Eastern Region ILDA...

The ERILDA conference was held on June 14-16, 2002 at Bishop Claggett Retreat Center in Buckystown, Maryland. Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf (Silver Springs) was host. Diane Munoz and Carollyn Snyder-Mason were Co-Chairs.

The theme of this conference was "**We are many, but one body**" 1 Cor 12.12. The highlight of Saturday evening was a very moving account by **Pastor Bill Wrede** about his experience at Ground Zero on 9/11.

New ERILDA officers elected for 2002-2003 term are: Wayne Borngesser, President; John Mason, President-elect; Gerald Ahrens, Secretary; Mary Burgess, Treasurer; and Rev. Ron Friedrich, Pastoral Advisor.

Christ Lutheran will host the next conference, 2004, on the Eastern Shore. \$200 was contributed to ILDA participants in DeafWayII and \$300 to ILDA Mission Project.

Rev. Ron is kicking himself for not having a group shot! Editor

Join D.I.T.!

Contact your church for more information or visit LCMS's web site: www.deaf Lutheran.org.

CCPD...

Want to present at 2003 conference?

Anyone wishing to lead a workshop at Christian Council on Person with Disabilities' 2003 conference in Chicago should send biographical info and a brief summary of the proposed subject to: Program Chairman Bill Van Dyken, c/o Hope Haven, 1800-19th St., Rock Valley, IA 51247 or e-mail: bvandyke@hopeheaven.org.

What is CCPD? Visit web site: www.ccpd.org



17th Biennial ILDA Convention July 3 - 6, 2003



Hilton Hotel Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport, Minneapolis, MN
Hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf

Please use **ONE** form for each person and send it to: Linda Johnson, 8510 Cedar Lake Ct., Morristown, MN 55052

Event	Combo Ticket	OR	SELECT	Total
Registration Fee (required)	included		\$ 25.00	
Friday Breakfast	included		\$ 20.00	
Saturday Breakfast with two breaks	included		\$ 30.00	
Saturday Banquet	included		\$ 35.00	
Sunday Breakfast	included		\$ 20.00	
SUBTOTAL	SEE BELOW		\$ 130.00	
EARLY BIRD COMBO TICKET				
On or Before January 1, 2003	\$115.00		▶▶ ▶▶	
On or Before May 1, 2003	\$120.00		▶▶ ▶▶	
After May 1, 2003	\$ 130.00		▶▶ ▶▶	
OPTION ITEMS BELOW				
Thursday Reception-Soda/Ice Cream Fountain Fun			\$ 12.00	
Friday 4th of July Reception			\$ 23.00	
Saturday Lunch Box : (check one) Turkey _____ Ham _____ Chicken Salad _____			\$ 18.00	
Saturday God's 1000 Club Luncheon			\$ 18.00	
T-Shirt (Please ✓ your size)			\$ 8.00	
Non-ILDA member, please add \$10.00			\$ 10.00	
TOTAL				

- Please see attached for:
- *Registration Information
 - *Hotel/Airline Reservation
 - *Child's Meal Prices
 - *Cancellation Policy
 - *Web page for 2003 ILDA convention

- Check all that apply:
- Deaf Hearing
 - Low vision Tactile signer
 - Deaf/Blind - Bring your attendant
 - Wheelchair - Bring your own
 - Special Diet: _____
 - Day Care form (0 - 6): _____
 - JR ILDA form (7 - 18): _____
 - T-shirt: (with small logo on the left side)
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Please make check/money order payable to "2003 ILDA/Prince of Peace". For receipt - send a self-address stamped envelope.

Office use only: Amount rec'd \$ _____ Check _____ Money Order _____ Cash _____ Date Rec'd _____ ID # _____

2003 ILDA Registration Information

You are encouraged to purchase an Early Combo Ticket (see registration form). Cut off dates for combo tickets are FIRM and strictly adhered to. No exceptions! Make check/money order payable to "2003 ILDA/Prince of Peace". Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want a receipt. Mail ILDA registration forms to: Linda Johnson, 8510 Cedar Lake Ct., Morristown, MN 55052. Any questions? Call Linda Johnson at 507-685-4433 TTY or e-mail: MarkLinda6@aol.com

CANCELLATION POLICY: (new for the 2003 ILDA convention)

After June 1, 2003 no refunds will be given for any reason except illness (must have letter from your doctor), hospitalization (letter from your doctor or hospital), death (send obituary notice), or death in the family (send obituary notice).

30 days or less.....no refund	61-90 days.....50% refund
31-60 days.....25% refund	91-120 days75% refund

Food choice for Saturday box lunch: please check **one:** turkey, ham or chicken salad on the registration form. A ticket will be given to you at the registration table to be exchanged for your box lunch.

Personal Care attendants (for deaf/blind or others who need assistance) are YOUR responsibility. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf is not responsible for paying for or finding personal care attendants for the convention.

Wheelchair users must bring your own wheelchair. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf is not responsible for providing wheelchairs.

Child's meal prices will be 2/3rd's the price of an adult meal. If you need more information please contact Linda Johnson at 507-685-4433 TTY.

Need Daycare or JR ILDA registration forms? Check the line on the ILDA registration form to receive more information about daycare or to receive a copy of the JR ILDA registration form.

T-shirt information: Please check the size of T-shirt you want on the registration form. The logo design will be a Minnesota shaped state with 2003 on top and ILDA on the bottom (left side chest area of the shirt).

Transportation Information:

A free shuttle from the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport to the Hilton Airport Hotel is available. Shuttle from the Hilton Airport Hotel to the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport is also free. Please contact the front desk at the hotel on your arrival at the hotel to sign up for your ride back to the airport on Sunday.

Hotel reservations:

You can make hotel reservations via internet by accessing the 2003 ILDA web site (see below). Or you can use www.hilton.com to make your reservations. Make sure you use the group code **ILD** on the internet reservation form.

Airline reservations:

We have contracted with International Cruise and Tour to provide airline reservations for our 2003 ILDA convention. Please use the toll free number 1-800-521-1322 (use your local relay) and ask for Judy Helland. Judy will help you make your airplane reservations. If you make flight plans 60 days before the convention there will be a 10% discount....less than 60 days will be a 5% discount. ILDA Convention attendees are encouraged to fly NWA (Northwest Airlines) for the discounts and the best price possible.

Web page for 2003 ILDA convention: hometown.aol.com/ildamp1s/home.html

(7/22/2002)

2003 ILDA CONVENTION Schedule

Thursday, July 3

1:00 pm - Registration
5:00 pm - Dinner - On Your Own
6:30 pm - Open Devotions
7:00 pm - Welcome/Orientation
7:30 pm - Banner/Choir/Skit Competitions
9:00 pm - Soda Fountain Fun Reception

Friday, July 4

7:00 am - Breakfast
7:30 am - Registration
8:00 am - Open Devotions
8:30 am - 1st Business Meeting - 2 hours
10:30 am - Break
11:00 am - Mall of America Tour/Lunch
5:00 pm - Dinner - On Your Own in MOA
6:00 pm - Back to Hotel
7:00 pm - Entertainment Night
9:00 pm - 4th of July Reception/Fellowship
10:00 pm - Fireworks Night-On Your Own

Saturday, July 5

7:00 am - Breakfast
7:30 am - Registration
8:00 am - Open Devotions
8:30 am - 2nd Business Meeting - 1 hour
9:30 am - Break
10:00 am - 3rd Business Meeting - 2 hours
12:00 - Lunch
(Special Luncheon for God's 1000 Club)
1:00 pm - 4th Business Meeting
2:00 pm - Break
2:30 pm - ILDA Board Session
DIT Session
Workshops
4:30 pm - Free Time
6:30 pm - Banquet/Entertainment

Sunday, July 6

7:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - Morning Bible Study
10:00 am - Worship Service
Installation of Officers
2005 ILDA Preview
Banner given to 2005 Host
12:00 Noon - Convention Adjourned

JUNIOR ILDA Schedule

Thursday, July 3

1:00 pm - Registration
2:00 pm - Fellowship in Suite
3:00 pm - Community Tour
5:00 pm - Pizza Party
6:30 pm - Open Devotions
7:00 pm - Welcome/Orientation
7:30 pm - Banner/Choir/Skit Competitions
9:00 pm - Fellowship/Treats in Suite

Friday, July 4

7:00 am - Breakfast in Suite
8:00 am - Bible Study/Activity
8:45 am - Break
9:00 am - Activity Practice for Banquet
10:00 am - Tour - Valleyfair- Own Meals/S
11:00 pm - Return to hotel

Saturday, July 5

7:00 am - Breakfast in Suite
8:00 am - Bible Study
8:45 am - Practice Activity for Banquet
9:45 am - Break/Treats
10:00 am - Mall of America/Camp Snoopy
On Your Own Meals/Shopping
4:00 pm - Free Time
6:30 pm - Banquet
9:00 pm - Social Party in Suite

Sunday, July 6

7:00 am - Breakfast with parents
9:00 am - Morning Bible Study
10:00 am - Worship Service
12:00 Noon - Convention Adjourned



See You in
July
2003 !



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JULY 3-6, 2003**

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**GROUP RATE: \$109.00
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2003 ILDA Right Hand Award...

By the time you dear readers receive this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN, less than a year will remain before we gather again for the 17th biennial



convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Since 1977, the ILDA has awarded its prestigious RIGHT HAND AWARD to no fewer than thirteen individuals who have demonstrated meritorious service to their congregations, regions and the national organization which is in keeping with the wonderful Christian example of Mr. Uriel C. Jones, an Educator at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, for which the award has been named.

The ILDA is requesting that nominations for this award to be presented at the 2003 convention at Minneapolis be received no later than June 15th, 2003. Next year's winner will be chosen with the board in executive session and the name of the recipient will be a closely guarded secret until the announcement on Saturday evening during the banquet.

With so many good examples of Christian service, the selection process is never an easy one and next year's task is expected to be just as difficult. Nevertheless, the cooperation from our churches and regions is deeply appreciated and expected.

Completed nomination forms should be submitted to **Lester Ahls, Chair, 1004 Cherrywood Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1614.**

Right Hand nomination forms can be found on ILDA's web site: <http://lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/UCJones/UCJones.html>

ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects...

As of this writing, our 2001-2003 Mission Projects goal has reached around **\$5,000.00**. Our goal is **\$47,500**, so we still need to do a lot of work before June 15th, 2003!

Information about ILDA's Mission Project can be found on ILDA's web site: <http://lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/ILDAmis.html>

New ILDA Officer Nominations...

Regional Presidents: please submit names for new 2003-05 ILDA officers to Richard Norton, past ILDA president, before February 28, 2003!

Article from ILDA's Handbook:

Article XVIII

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section A - Membership

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of all past presidents. The immediate past president shall be the chairman.

Section B - Responsibilities

1. The Nominating Committee shall request nominations for candidates for all the ILDA offices from the regional branches and from the congregations.
 - a. The requests for nominations shall be mailed to the secretary of each regional branch by the chairman of the Nominating Committee at least two months before the scheduled regional meeting. The regional secretary shall remind the congregations to offer name for nomination which shall then be voted on at the regional conference.
 - b. Candidates nominated need not be from within the region nominating them.
 - c. Only one candidate for each office may be nominated by a region.
 - d. Candidates shall be nominated in regions at their conference and chosen by a majority vote.
 - e. Deadline for nominations shall be the last day of February in the year of the ILDA convention, and nominations shall be submitted to the chairman of the Nominating Committee by the secretary of each regional branch.
 - f. Nominations received after the deadline cannot be considered by the Committee but can be re-offered at the convention.
2. The Nominating Committee shall obtain a biography and a photo of all candidates who agree to run for office and shall publish them in the May issue of The Deaf Lutheran before the ILDA convention.

Section C - Replacement

If for any reason the immediate past president is not available the Board of Directors shall elect another past president to serve as the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Send nominations to: **ILDA Officer Nomination, Richard Norton, 5801 W Fitzhugh Rd., Dripping Springs, TX 78620.** Any questions, please contact Richard at RENTEX@hotmail.com.

2001-2003 Mission Projects

Inclosed, please find our donation of \$ _____ for ILDA's 2001-2003 Mission Projects Goal.

Please make your check or money-order payable to: **ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Project** and mail to: **Jim Sipchen, ILDA Treasurer, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.**

Your Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone/Fax/e-mail: _____

Thank you for your support.



DeafWayII...

DeafWayII, sponsored by Gallaudet University, was held in Washington, D.C. from July 8 to 13th. There were over 9,000 people registered there. I believe over 3,000 deaf were from other countries. LCMS has donated a 10'x10' booth which was shared by ILDA Video Project/Library, ILDA, *The Deaf Lutheran*, and CITI. Attending the booth were Alice Hagemeyer, Glenda Haefner, Rev. Ron Friedrich, Tim Johnston, Larry Ginter, David G. Brown, Rev. David Bush, and Rev. Dennis Konkel as deaf pastor. Paula Willig visited and took digital photos which she created a "Flash" show for ILDA's web site. Visit <http://www.lcmsdeaf.org/Deafway.html> to view the show.

LCMS, Mill Neck, CITI, ILDA and Deaf Lutheran donated materials for the booth. All 400 deaf Bibles were given away. The next two popular handouts were "The Lord's Prayer" sign sheets and ASL/Jesus book markers.

We all would like to thank Rev. Ron and his wife Georganna; Bonnie White; and Anna Snyder for hosting several of us at their homes during our stay in Washington. And to members of Christ Lutheran Church/Deaf, Silver Springs, for financial helps. We were able to keep ILDA's expenses way down to minimum.



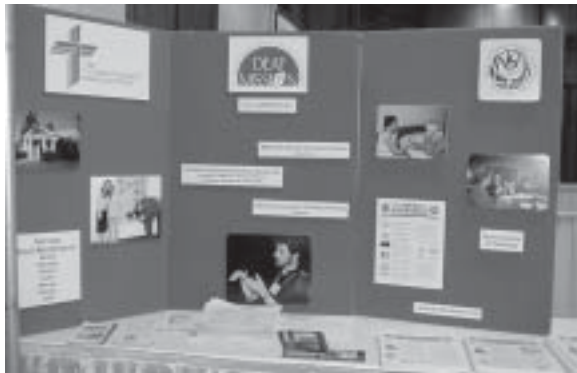
l-r: Rev. Ron Friedrich, Alice Hagemeyer, Rev. David Bush, and Rev. Dennis Konkel are shown with three booth visitors.



Larry D. Ginter communicate with a visitor while Alice Hagemeyer and Glenda Haefner chat in background.



Left photo, l-r: Tim Johnston, Rev. Ron Friedrich, Larry D. Ginter, Alice Hagemeyer, Rev. David Bush, Rev. Dennis Konkel, and David G. Brown. Not shown is Glenda Haefner.



Display board created by Rev. Ron Friedrich.



The lobby on Tuesday morning before the real crowd has arrived.



Glenda Haefner and David G. Brown posted for this photo at our booth.



Midwest Region ILDA...

Ron/Ruth Nester and Rudy/Glenda Haefner left Friday 1:00 AM from Hiawatha, KS to Sioux Falls, SD and found ourselves in S.F. two hours earlier, but it gave us a nice well-rest at Good Samaritan Center, the beautiful campus, where the Midwest Region ILDA (Deaf Lutheran) conference was held on June 7-9, 2002. The Center provided 54 of us meals, lodging and the state-of-the-art meeting classroom and Board meeting room so that it might continue to serve as a place and rest where people can focus on God's Word. Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf did a remarkable job in hosting. They made the registration button badges with the digital camera, computer and the badge maker machine.

Friday the awesome CSD tour on SD Deaf School campus. I was so surprised to see Tim Rarus working there. We talked shortly, he moved to SD from TX last Oct. & showed me a picture of his family. He has 2 boys and another is on the way. We toured at Falls Park on the Big Sioux River and took the trolley ride around the Historic Downtown SF. We went to another CSD/Deaf Club Center.

The Board meetings Friday morning and night. The workshops hosted by 9 pastors did a fine job presenting topic; conflict resolution ideas, "*Values, Visions and Missions*" and did their excellent Power Point presentations which we have learned the real values, visions and missions of being Christians. The Saturday business meeting was more efficient and clear. The members lift the officers of the MWR ILDA to continue another term until 2004 and promise their support and positive attitude to spread the good news of the Lord. All the officers were re-elected. President, Glenda Haefner, KS; Vice President, Barbara Zimmerman, IA; Secretary, Sheri Johnson, CO; Treasurer, Ron Nester, KS; and Advisory pastor, Rev Cory Eckstrom, NE.

Rev William Wrede of NY was our Saturday night banquet speaker and shared about his experience working at "ground zero" on 9-11 and the months after. He is a bachelor pastor that opportunity him to continuing his works with the crews and morgue workers until May 22. More story will be following sometimes later in Sunflower's Flyhands News, Kansas Deaf weekly newsletter.

After the speaker, Arthur Harper of Walton, NE was awarded the Certificate of Completion in Deaf Institute of



2002-2003 MWRILDA Officers

l-r: Ron Nester, Treasurer; Sheri Johnson, Secretary; Rev. Cory Eckstrom, Pastoral Advisor; Barbara Zimmerman, Vice-President; and Glenda Haefner, President.

Theology Level I. Jeremy Sebeluis of Fargo, ND and Robert Hulgand of Red Oak, IA were not there to receive their awards so they are to receive them in the mail. The door prizes drawing was given away. Northeastern Kansas Deaf Lutheran rec'd the money prize for the banner contest in theme of "*God is our refuge and strength*". Sorry that Ben Soupuk didn't make it to the banquet. His parents were there. Had a good group picture.

Sunday morning Bible Class, Worship service, Officers Oath, and lunch at Trinity Deaf Lutheran Church.

We, the board, decided we will have Midwest Region ILDA meeting at 2003 ILDA convention at Mls, Minn. It'll be the first region to held its meeting during ILDA convention in the history. The dates will be July 3-5, 2003 at the headquarter hotel near airport and Mall of America.

Midwest Region's 50th anniversary will host by Hope Lutheran Deaf Church of Lincoln, Neb in 2004.

NE Kansas host in 2005.

Glenda Haefner, via e-mail

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ILDA Necrology...

Greeting in our Lord!

The 17th Biennial convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association is coming up fast! It seems like it was only yesterday we were meeting together in Indianapolis. Next year's convention will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the dates of July 3, 4, 5, and 6 at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton.

This letter is a request that you provide me with the names, ages, and dates and locations of ILDA members who have passed away since the last convention in Indianapolis. As Chairperson of the ILDA Necrology Committee, this information will be shared with our membership during a brief memorial service during the

convention to remember our friends whom have been called home by our Lord.

I would appreciate receiving your responses no later than June 15th, 2003 so that I may prepare my report to the convention body. It is also possible that a Necrology list may be included in the Convention Proceedings, so the report should be as complete as possible.

Blessings on your work for our Lord and many thanks for your anticipated cooperation in this important project.

*In Our Master's Service,
Diane L. Francisco, Chairperson
ILDA Necrology Committee*

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