



# The DEAF LUTHERAN



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## ILDA 2003 Convention was a Success!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf and committee's General Chairperson, Mark Johnson, has done a fine job hosting ILDA's 17th Biennial convention. In fact, everyone has done a great job!

The convention was held at Hilton Hotel, near the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport and Mall of America, on July 3-6, 2003.

The theme was "Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us."



**A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!**



## Coming... 2005 ILDA Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

18th Biennial Convention  
August 4-7, 2005

Theme: "Let us praise the Lord from the mountaintops."  
Isaiah 42:11-12



*Linda Desrosiers, 2005 ILDA Host Committee Chairperson, gives her report during ILDA Board of Directors meeting.*



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Committee: Chairperson, Linda Desrosiers; Co-Chairperson, David Sullivan; Secretary, Gregory Desrosiers; Registration Chairperson, Diana Dewar and Pastoral Advisor, Rev. David Nielsen.

# The President's Report...



**Pam Kane, ILDA  
2003-2005 President**

Greeting in name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To the members of International Lutheran Deaf Association and readers of the Deaf Lutheran.

The 17th Biannual ILDA Convention held in Minneapolis, MN was held on July 3-6 2003 was successful. To the Host Chairman Mark Johnson and his committees on behalf of ILDA Board of Directors and Members we say Thank You for a job well done! you have made us feel like home. The Hilton Hotel services were just outstanding! The tour of Mall of America was fantastic I have never seen so many stores in my life we all have enjoyed it very much.

The ILDA Convention has learned much changes has been happening all over the country. There has been 19 deaf pastors laid off which is shocking and sad that this has happened. Please pray for all those pastors may one day come back and continue to spread Good News to all who are hungry for God's Word.

The next Mission Project Goal is set for 2003-2005 is \$26,000.00 Please continue with supporting these next projects so that this mission will reach out to all deaf and hearing people to come to know Jesus.

As your new President I am excited to be working with these fine officers of the ILDA Executive Council and the Board of Directors and several committees for the next two years.

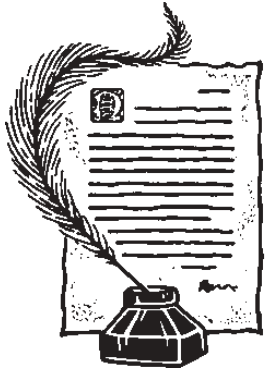
The next 18th Biannual ILDA Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC Canada. This is going to be very exciting event to look forward for the first time in history of ILDA that the Convention is beginning held outside of America, We are truly bless to have these two fine host chairmen Greg and Linda Desrosiers to be willing to take up this great event.

Last but not least please continue to pray for the 98% of the Deaf populations in all the world to come to know Jesus soon

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all always.

*Pam Kane, ILDA President 2003-2005*

## Editorial...



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I have announced during the 2003 ILDA Executive Council Board meeting that I will resign as editor of *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter effective after this Fall Issue. However, if the board has not found a replacement editor, I may stay on to help with the Christmas 2003 newsletter.

The best person to be editor is suggested to have Macintosh and Adobe PageMaker experience. Some Microsoft Words and Adobe Photoshop experience is also recommended. Anyone who want to apply to be *Deaf Lutheran* editor, please send resume to: Pam Kane, ILDA

2003-2005 President, 21831 Maydale Ave., Euclid, OH 44123-1926 or fax to Pam at: 216-731-2012.

Larry Ginter will continue his *Deaf Lutheran* Business Manager job.

I have enjoyed serving as your editor for 6 years and to meet all of you during conventions and conferences. I have to make a tough decision to step down due to personal reasons.

I continued hope to stay involved with ILDA and hope to go to ILDA's Vancouver, Canada 2005 convention.

Peace!

*David G. Brown, Editor*

## Editor Wanted!

ILDA's Web Site...  
[www.DeafJesus.org](http://www.DeafJesus.org)

## 2005 Convocation...

Kaiserhof Retreat Center, Tomball, TX, Martin Luther King weekend. Hosted by Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church, Houston, TX. Limited to 100 by invitation.

## Coming in Christmas 2003 Issue:

Minutes from General meeting  
Minutes from Board of Directors meeting

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# ILDA 17th Biennial Convention

## Minneapolis, MN July 3-5, 2003



As was reported during ILDA Board of Directors meeting, 220 people has registered for the ILDA convention and 12 kids has registered for Jr. ILDA.

The Minneapolis host committee, led by Mark Johnson, has done a wonderful job of hosting the convention. Truly all on committee has worked very hard for this successful convention!

The staff at beautiful Hilton Hotel has done a fine job.



### 2003-2005 ILDA Officers

- President ..... **Pam Kane**,  
Cleveland, Ohio
- President elect ..... **Greg Desrosiers**,  
Cloverdale, BC Canada
- Secretary ..... **Tim Johnston**,  
Royal Oak, Michigan
- Treasurer ..... **Jim Sipchens**,  
Oro Valley, Arizona
- Pastoral Advisor ..... **Rev. Mark Seeger**,  
Austin, Texas



## 2003 Uriel C. Jones Memorial "Right Hand" Award

### John Woods...God's Right Hand

John Woods was awarded the Uriel C. Jones Memorial "Right Hand" Award during the recent ILDA convention in Minneapolis. John wasn't at the convention; he was back in New York leading the service so Pastor Wrede and others could attend the convention. But, for John at least, service is not a one-Sunday thing.

For about 12 years, Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Elmhurst (Queens), New York was without a full-time pastor. During this time, many members served actively to make certain that God's Word was still preached and the ministry at Saint Matthew's continued. John Woods, though, was the one who truly did the leading and made the many trips back and forth to church to take care of everything from duties on Sunday morning to making sure the building was in good repair and ready for the next event.

What really makes John Woods a gift to God's people and the Deaf Community of the Greater New York area is his energy and being willing to go the extra mile to make sure the ministry at Saint Matthew's continued. Even before a Deaf Institute of Theology was established, John was trained by the Atlantic District and then authorized to preach and serve the Lord's Supper on Sundays when they were not able to find a pastor and an interpreter to come lead their services. During this same time period, John lost two very close members of his family to murder and a car accident. Even when John did not have a pastor to care for him, John was still there to serve and did so with a true servant's heart.

The people of Saint Matthew's rejoice that God has blessed them with such a servant as John. They also give thanks to the ILDA for an opportunity to show John how much his work is appreciated.



John Woods



**A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!**

### Mission Project Reports

The report on 2001-2003 mission project was given on Saturday, July 5, 2003 during the 2003 ILDA convention. The monies raised did not meet the \$47,500 goal due to nationwide economic difficulties. Ending July 3, 2003, \$24,942.55 was donated to the 2001-2003 Mission Project. It is about 52.5% of the goal.

The board has decided to pay the following mission project partners:

DIT/Zacharus Fund .....	\$6,242.55
ILDA Public Relations/Video Project .....	5,000.00
Republic of Madagascar School for the Deaf .....	1,500.00
Ghana .....	2,000.00
Macau (missionary) .....	2,200.00
World Mission .....	1,000.00
India Parsonage Improvement .....	1,500.00
Nyardarus School of the Deaf .....	1,500.00
Pax Natrua Ranch (Canada) .....	1,000.00
Starfish Learning Center .....	3,000.00

*Erika Sipchen, Mission Project Chairperson*

### 2003-2005 Mission Project Goal

The Board has adopted \$26,000 as ILDA's 2003-2005 mission project goal. Erika Sipchen will continue to serve as mission project chairperson.

Please send all mission project donations to: **Erika Sipchen, ILDA Mission Project, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.**

Make checks payable to: **ILDA Mission Project 2003-2005.**

The 2003-2005 goal listings will be published in the next issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter (Christmas 2003).

# News from around the Regions...



## News about our People



Don & Mary Mowl

### Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Canada... **Mr. Doug Ferguson** was honored for his long time involvement in the Deaf community, both locally and across the nation. The Edm. Ass'n of the Deaf honored him by naming the EAD-CC hall in his name. The Ranch's keen supporter, **Mr. Elmer Johnson**, has entered God's Kingdom. **Mrs. Enice Buckry** has joined Jesus in Heaven in June.

### Central Region...

South Wisconsin District... **Rev. Bud Palmer** and **Rev. John Reinke** has traveled to Ghana, Africa in July for two week mission to deaf there.

### Dixie Region...

Holy Three-in-One, Houston... **Jennifer Bonura** and **Allison Taylor** has joined **Rev. Mark Seeger** of Austin to help him with the 2003 Youth Servant Project in LA, California July 28th - August 5th. More than 30 deaf students has signed up. **Mary Dartez** has passed away July 13th.

### Great Lakes Region...

Trinity, Pittsburgh... **Don and Mary Mowl** has celebrated 50 years of wedding life at South Strabane Fire department social hall on Saturday, July 21st. Many relatives and friends from Ohio, Indiana, New York, Florida, Somerset PA, and other places were there to help celebrate the big occasion. For the party, Don wore the same old suit that he wore 50 years ago on their wedding day. He was also able to wear the same old shoes. Mary was unable to wear her wedding gown due to her gaining weight. So she wore the gold dress instead. It was just a few days after this celebration that Don and Mary's house was heavily damaged by a runaway speeding car, crashing into their living room wall. The Mowls were not injured, they were sleeping at the time of the collision. **GLRC** Celebration Conference is October 24-26, 2003 at Trinity LC, Pittsburgh.

Good Shepherd, Toledo... **Allen Rich**, President of GLRC, has entered God's Kingdom on June 8th. **Carolyn** (Althouse?) has passed away May 1st.

### Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Springs, MD... Tour the Smithsonian American History Museum with an expert! **Bonnie White** is a docent there. She recommends seeing the Petagon's damaged flag, the 9/11 Exhibition, the Star Spangled Banner Flag being restored, and Juli Child's famous kitchen, among many other wonderful exhibits. To schedule an interpreted tour, call Bonnie at: 301-493-9250 TTY or email at: boohwhite1@aol.com.

# D.I.T. - Deaf Institute of Theology...

The Office of the Secretary for Deaf Ministry along with our Synod has authorized a SPECIAL School (institute) for all deaf people. Both men and women are needed to apply for course credits. The cost is a one time application fee of \$25 along with \$40 per class from students, \$30 per class from sponsoring congregation, and \$30 from your district. There are a total of 8 levels with the top 3 levels reserved for those deaf men who wish to become pastors, themselves. This is a whole new exciting way of preparing and hopefully for doing ministry among the deaf. This new way of doing ministry puts all the tools for doing God's work into the hands of the deaf where it belongs. Deaf ministry among the deaf, for the deaf, by the deaf, with the help of God! See your church for applications!

## ILDA Banner...

Wiona Altar and her Indianapolis committee has made a new ILDA Banner to be set up at ILDA conventions. The new banner appeared for the first time at ILDA 2003 convention in Minneapolis, MN. The old, oversized banner has retired to Concordia Historical Institute.



*Below: 2003 Minneapolis host, Mark Johnson, pass on the banner to ILDA 2005 convention host.*



SET YOUR CLOCKS



At 2 AM on October 26th



# In Memorial



*Rev. C. Roland Gerhold*

## Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, 84, Lutheran pastor for deaf

A memorial service for Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, 84, of Bethany, Pa., formerly of New Jersey, will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vaux Hall Rd., Union. Arrangements are by the Arthur A. Bryant Funeral Home, Honesdale, Pa.

Rev. Gerhold died Wednesday in Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale.

He served as the Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor to the Deaf for the State of New Jersey, and was associated with the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark, where he instituted several liturgical innovations such as moving the altar away from the chancel wall so he could directly face the congregation and developing one of the first signing deaf choirs. He retired in 1986.

Previously, he served as the Missouri Synod Lutheran Pastor to the Deaf for the New England

area in Boston. Earlier, he served a mission congregation in Hawthorne, NY, and Faith Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh.

Rev. Gerhold earned a master of divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis.

He founded the Protestant Guild for the Deaf and established and directed, ALUDECA, a Lutheran deaf camp at Camp Dennis in Stillwater, Camp Watonka, Hawley, PA and Camp Linwood, Branchville.

He was among the first to interpret films for the deaf when "The Ten Commandments" was first released in Newark and New York City.

He was honored with an LLD by Concordia Institute, Bronxville, NY.

Rev. Gerhold, who was born in the Bronx and lived in Newark, is survived by daughters, Rev. Lyta G. Seddig and Chrysteem G. Schenkel; a son, Jeffrey C.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Engagement Announcements

### "Happy Couple"



*Ted and Denise*

These are the two who became engaged following Saturday evening's banquet during the ILDA convention in Minnesota, MN.

Their names are Ted Pulfer from Madison, Wisconsin and Denise Manning, from Fremont, California. They met at the Indianapolis ILDA and became engaged at the Minneapolis ILDA.

Congratulation Ted and Denise!!!!




### Diane Lei...

Diane Lei and her fiancée, Chantcy Rice, has announced their engagement last March. Diane is a native from Macau, China and both of them are students at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN and expect to receive the vicarage calls next spring.

Congratulation Diane and Chantcy!!!



*Diane Ieng Lei of Macau, China.*

**JESUS**  
**THE WAY,**   
**THE TRUTH,**   
**THE LIFE.** 

*Below: Diane Lei accepted the engagement ring from her new fiancée, Chantey Rice, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on March or April 2003.*



# ILDA Minneapolis 2003 Convention...

*"Let Thy Holy Angels  
Be With Us"*

*"For He will command  
His Angels...to guard  
you." Psalm 91:11*



*James Swalley, 2001-03 President,  
gives his reports.*



*Diane Francisco,  
Necrology Chairperson,  
gives her reports.*

  
**Hilton**  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport



*Tim Johnston, 2001-03  
Secretary,  
gives his reports.*



*Jim Sipchen, 2001-03  
Treasurer,  
gives his reports.*



*Rev. Bud Palmer,  
Pastoral Advisor,  
gives his reports.*



*ILDA members watching Thursday night competitions.*



*Pam Kane, 2001-03  
President-elect,  
gives her reports.*



*ILDA members from three churches  
perform their skits during ILDA Thursday  
night Competitions.*





*Above and below: Buffet breakfast.*



*Thursday night Soda Foundation Fun reception.*



*Ted Hines,  
Master of Ceremonies.*



*John Krause, President  
of Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church.*



*Magic tricks performed by Tom during  
Friday evening "Entertainment Night."*



*Saturday night banquet dinner.*



*Thursday evening skit competitions,  
left, Holy Three-in-One  
and right, Our Savior perform  
their skits.*



*Jr. ILDA perform their skit under directions  
of Sara McKinney during the banquet.*

# ILDA Competition Awards...



*First place Skit competition award goes to Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Houston, TX.*

Competition Awards were given with certificates and cash! First place winners received \$50, second place winners received \$25, and third place winners received \$15.



*Pam Kane receive Single Choir award.*



*First place Banner competition award goes to Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.*



*Second place Skit competition award goes to Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Vancouver, BC.*



*Second place Banner competition award goes to Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Rochester, NY.*



*Third place Skit competition award goes to Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.*



*First place Group Choir competition award goes to Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Memphis, TN.*



*Third place Banner competition award goes to Rocky Mountain Lutheran Deaf, Colorado.*



*Second place Group Choir competition award goes to Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.*



*Third place Group Choir competition award goes to Christ Deaf Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH.*

*Mark Johnson, Competition Awards Chairperson, is shown in all the photos!*



## Anniversary of Ordinations...



*Rev. Matthew Nix – 10 years*



*Rev. Daryl Gehlbach – 20 years*



*Rev. David S. Bush – 25 years*

*5 years – Rev. Roger Blisi and Rev. Tom Dunseth*

## D.I.T. Certificates...



*l-r: President James Swalley look on as Joseph Garcia, Scott Wilson and Allan Rork display their DIT certificates. Far right is Rev. John Reinke who gave out the certificates.*

## Recognitions...

Rev. Rodney R. Rynearson has received plaque of recognition from all of us. He has served for LCMS for 40 years. Rev. R. Rynearson has retired in 2000.



*Fourth place Banner competition award goes to Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Monie, IA.*

*Fifth place Banner competition award goes to Northeastern Kansas.*



*Sixth place Banner competition award goes to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cary, IL.*



James Swalley has received recognition plaque for his 2 years as ILDA president from Pam Kane, 2003-05 ILDA President.



*Paula Willig, left, introduce the interpreters for the Minneapolis convention.*

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION  
17th Biennial Conference  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) met for its 17th biennial conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota amid very troubled and uncertain times since its founding in 1971, and

WHEREAS, we are experiencing deep concerns not only for the future of our Association, but deaf ministry in general as it pertains to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, so be it

RESOLVED that the ILDA in conference assembled prayerfully implore the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the ILDA to the extent that its ministry may continue unabated to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WHEREAS, the costs of holding our biennial conventions have increased dramatically since the first ones were held more than a quarter of a century ago, and

WHEREAS, we feel that the increased costs are burdening many of our members enough that many can no longer afford to attend our conferences and participate with our fellow Christians and enjoy the fellowship that our meetings provide, so be it

RESOLVED, that the host congregations and the Board of Directors of the ILDA carefully explore ways and means to reduce the cost of attending our conferences by utilizing the facilities of colleges and Universities that may have vacancies during the summer months and camps and Retreat Centers that are usually less costly than the major hotel chains that we have traditionally used for many years.

WHEREAS, Concordia Interpreter Institute (CITI) was established in 1985 by the late Rev. Dr. George Kraus and by Rev. Robert Muller to train interpreters for churches, and

WHEREAS, ILDA members have Pastors and interpreters who were trained at the CITI program at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and

WHEREAS, there continues a growing need for trained church interpreters to help bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the deaf in their own language, so be it

RESOLVED that the International Lutheran Deaf Association in convention assembled thank the Mill Neck Foundation, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and Concordia Theological Seminary for sponsoring CITI, and be it further

RESOLVED THAT THE ILDA in convention endorse and prayerfully support the continued work of CITI (Concordia Interpreter Training Institute.)

WHEREAS, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf has earnestly and faithfully prepared for our 2003 meeting in Minneapolis and planned an excellent program for our enjoyment while here, so be it

RESOLVED that we extend them and its Pastor Rev. Daryl Gehlbach a hearty vote of thanks for all the hard work that was done for our benefit.

WHEREAS, President James Swalley has devoted two years of faithful and dedicated service to the Association as President and additional service to the Board in various capacities and

WHEREAS, he faces health concerns and hospitalization following his departure from office, so be it

RESOLVED that he receive our sincere thanks and our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery upon his return home.

WHEREAS, Rev. Mark Anderson, Pastoral Adviser to the Board of the ILDA and serving the deaf ministry in the northern Illinois District has resigned his position on the Board following the phasing out of his duties for the northern Illinois District, so be it

RESOLVED that Pastor Anderson receive our sincere thanks for his services as Pastoral Adviser and our prayers as he begins a change in his vocation while continuing to make himself available for temporary pastoral duties when needed and be it further

RESOLVED that we thank Rev. Bud Palmer for completing the remainder of Rev. Anderson's term.

WHEREAS, Mr. David Brown has handed in his resignation as Editor of our nearly century old publication known as THE DEAF LUTHERAN after five years of professional service, so be it

RESOLVED that we thank him for his work as our Editor and be it further

WHEREAS, Pastors John Reinke and Bud Palmer made a three-week trip to Ghana, West Africa (it was the second for Rev. Reinke) during July to assist the native deaf persons in their efforts to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, be it

RESOLVED that ILDA members and deaf Lutheran congregations continue to pray for deaf missions in Ghana and to support them with contributions.

WHEREAS, financial subsidies (assistance) for 19 deaf ministries throughout the United States in various LCMS districts have been cut and

WHEREAS, the office of deaf ministry counselor (facilitator) at LCMS headquarters in St. Louis was eliminated as a cost reduction move on June 1, 2003, and

WHEREAS, money for the annual Ephphatha Conference came from the office of the deaf ministry counselor, be it

RESOLVED that we, the members of the International Lutheran Deaf Association and deaf congregations throughout the United States and Canada pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the Task Force as they explore the present and future situation of deaf ministry in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

WHEREAS, the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) applies to all Christians including deaf believers as well when it comes to sharing of the Gospel of Christ, especially in these times when there are an increasing number of congregations that are without Pastors, and

WHEREAS, various deaf congregations need more dedicated and trained lay persons to carry on the Gospel ministry and encourage greater participation by deaf persons with special gifts to bring Christ to those without Him in their lives, so be it

RESOLVED THAT THE ILDA and deaf congregations be encouraged to support the Deaf Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri with prayers and financial resources and be it further

RESOLVED that more deaf individuals be encouraged to enroll in D.I.T. courses.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Lester Ahls, Chair  
Linda Desrosiers  
Rev. William A. Ludwig

**Editor's note:** The resolutions has not been announced at the 2003 General Meeting due to time limit. The board requested that it be printed in this issue of the newsletter instead.



*Lutheran Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals 2003*



In 2005, Wheat Ridge Ministries will celebrate its 100th anniversary of seeding health and hope in the name of the healing Christ. To mark the celebration, Wheat Ridge is issuing a special commemorative Seals sheet with re-creations of some of our "best" from the past 100 years.



## Wheat Ridge...

### 2003 Wheat Ridge Ministries Special Anniversary Edition Christmas Seals Now Available

In 2005, Wheat Ridge will celebrate its 100th anniversary of seeding health and hope in the name of the healing Christ. For the next three Advent and Christmas seasons, Christmas Seals from years past will be featured as commemorative anniversary sets – the first set will debut this Advent. The brightly colored, self-adhesive, Seals are a wonderful way to witness faith and hope in the Lord when affixed to Christmas greetings.

Christmas Seals are distributed free to congregations and schools for families and individuals. To place an order for your congregation or school, please contact the Wheat Ridge office at 800-762-6748 or order on-line at [www.wheatridge.org](http://www.wheatridge.org).

## For Your Information...

***“In your Lutheran worship, why do you say some of the same things every Sunday? Why don't you use more of your time teaching the Bible?”***

Most Lutheran churches use a historic form of worship called the *liturgy* - a word derived from a Greek word meaning “public.” There are some parts of the worship liturgy that change every Sunday. The various parts of the liturgy are carefully arranged in an order that represents a Christian's full relationship with God.

**Order:** (1) We begin every worship acknowledging the True God of the Bible. We worship Him alone. (2) Then we recognize that we cannot come to Him by our own merits, but we are sinners, needing His forgiveness. So the liturgy guides us through our confession and reminds us of what Jesus has done to pay the penalty for our sin and to forgive our sin. (3) We respond in praise to God, often with words which come the Bible. (4) Then we receive teaching from God's Word. (5) We respond to the teaching with one of the historic Christian creeds, which describes who God is and what He does. (6) Next we respond to

God's gift to us by giving ourselves and our offerings to Him. (7) We take time in our worship to pray for the needs of other people. (8) We celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection with the Lord's Supper, as Jesus commanded us. (9) We leave with God's blessing

**The parts that change** each week are the Bible readings and prayers that reflect the theme of the day. We usually have three Bible readings: one from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament (Epistles), and one from the life of Jesus (Gospels). The lessons are chosen following the *Church Year*, which commemorates significant events in the life of Christ. The sermon may be based on one of those Bible lessons, or may follow a thematic series chosen by the pastor.

We don't use the liturgy *instead of* teaching. The liturgy *is* teaching. It teaches us the Bible, and every week it teaches us about important aspects of our daily life with God.

*Notes from the Pastor...*

*Rev. Ron Friedrich for June 2003 issue of The Mustard Seed, Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Silver Spring, MD*

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This Club is open to any member who wish to help with the operating expenses of the ILDA Board of Directors. Add \$20 per person per 2-year. (This is an addition to membership due.)

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