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*Rev. Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*

How Strong are You?

As we were checking in at the airport to go on the recent Youth Service Trip to Wisconsin, one of the girls had a suitcase that weighed 70 pounds. The ticket agent told her that the suitcase was over the weight limit, and she shouldn't let it go on the plane like that. We were stuck, what could we do? Well, the agent did let the suitcase on the plane, but she asked our student to limit the weight of her suitcases in the future. The ticket agent then picked up the suitcase like it was empty and put it on the conveyor belt to be taken to the x-ray area and then to the plane. To some people, 70 pounds is nothing. To other people, 70 pounds is an impossible amount to try to lift. All people are different, some are very strong physically, others are not physically strong. Some people are mentally strong, others are mentally weak. Some people are emotionally strong, others are emotionally weak. Some people are spiritually strong, others are spiritually weak (some are spiritually dead!). There is one area where we are all the same. None of us are strong enough to remove the burden of sin that we are carrying. It is easy to put down the burden of a 70 pound suitcase, but it is impossible for us to put down

the burden of a single sin. We just can't do it.

Thanks be to God! He has removed the burden of sin from us. Jesus saw that we couldn't remove our sin, so He voluntarily took our sin on Himself and carried it to the cross. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, removing that burden from us. Not just for us, but for the whole world. Every person on earth, past present and future has had the burden of sin removed by Jesus when He went to the cross in our place. What's sad, though, is that some people don't allow Him to remove their burden. Some people refuse to believe that He has removed their sins, and they hold on to their sins, trying to find some other way. There is no other way. The only way to be saved, the only way to have eternal life is through faith in Jesus Christ. No other way.

How strong are you? Not strong enough to carry your sins, but you don't need to be that strong. Jesus is, and He has carried your sins to the cross, and now, because you have faith in Him, you can live with Him eternally in Heaven. How's that for strength!

Blessings!

*Pastor Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*

Alaska Cruise...

**ILDA
Alaskan Cruise,
Aug 7-14, 2005**

DAY PORT ARRIVE DEPART

- Sunday Vancouver ----- 5:30 PM
- Monday Cruise the Inside Passage
- Tuesday Ketchikan 6:00 AM 3:00 PM
- Wednesday Juneau 7:00 AM 1:30 PM
Cruise Sawyer Glacier
- Thursday Skagway 7:00 AM 8:00 PM
- Friday Wangel 12:00 PM 6:00 PM
- Saturday Cruise the Inside Passage
- Sunday Vancouver 7:00 AM -----

Cabin Prices Per Person (two people per cabin)

Inside Cabin \$963.00
 Oceanview Cabin \$1177.00
 Balcony Cabin \$1434.00

Prices include all fees, taxes meals, shows and interpreters. It doesn't cover shopping, gambling, alcohol or soda. Number of interpreters is based on the number of passengers.

For more information, contact Pastor Mark Seeger (MarkJLCD@AOL.com) or at 1307 Newton Street, Austin Texas, 78704

This cruise is open to anyone, deaf or hearing, and it isn't necessary to attend the ILDA convention to go on this cruise. To register for the cruise, send a deposit of \$275.00 to Pastor Seeger. Include the following:

- Full name as it appears on your travel documents (driver's license, passport or ID)
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Contact phone number
- Any special diets
- Bedding (either two twin beds or one queen bed)
- Which Cabin? Inside, Oceanview or Balcony

After paying the \$275.00 deposit, you can either make monthly payments or pay the whole amount anytime before May 7, 2005.

If you change your mind, full refunds will be paid up until May 7, 2005.



The President's Report...



*Pam Kane, ILDA
2003-2005 President*

Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. To the members of International Lutheran Deaf Association and readers of the Deaf Lutheran.

Hurrah! Summer is finally here. I know many people are traveling on their vacation getting away from work, home, etc., but I know one thing we can never get away from God. God is always with us no matter where we go sleep, play, working, relaxing, etc. Remember don't forget to take God with you on your trip, I know he has blessed me and my family wherever we go. Even with emergency on vacation, He right by our side solving all problems. Look up to Him in your daily activities and always Thank Him for all he has done. May you have a bless vacations this summer.

The next convention is not too far off only 13 more months till we meet again. Please pay close attention to your ILDA Convention Registration

forms. There is lots of new informations because of current foreign exchange money. It will explain what to do and should not be a problem the Canada Host committee has work very hard on this and we are so proud of them. Please make plan to come I know it will be very exciting and some scheduling are new this is only a trail base , it is not a permanent schedule for future conventions unless members wants to see it continue so we are honoring all the request that was offered at the last convention with Bible Study Workshops. We hope to see you all there.

Please keep up with the Mission Project Goals. We still have long way to go. They need our help and we would hate to turn them down for lack of funds so come on let meet these goals and spread the good News of Jesus to all the World.

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

Pam Kane, ILDA President 2003-2005

Editorial...



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I can't believe that Summer is almost over and Fall is around the corner. It is time of the year for those students returning back to school. Hope you will have a great year in school. Hope you all had a great summer.

The ILDA Executive Board meeting was held during the weekend of April 16th in Cleveland. I was invited to this meeting and I got to meet the board members. We had a long two day of reports, discussions and ILDA business. During the meeting, the board members have decided to accept me as the Deaf Lutheran Editor. I'm now offically an editor for this Deaf Lutheran Newsletters. I'm really looking forward to working on the newsletters.

I'm sorry I didn't get the Summer issue out in June; however, I have decided to combine the Summer/Fall issue for this time due to David's schedules and my schedules being conflicted during the summer. David is still training me with this issue. I'm still learning so please be patience with me. Thank you.

I'd like to have your church newsletter to be mailed to my address so I can include some important news/informations to this newsletter. I'd like to remind you that the next Christmas/Winter issue deadline will be on November 1st. Thank you very much.

God Bless You!

Melissa Eichler, Editor

Business Manager's Report...

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ! David Brown is no longer a Deaf Lutheran Editor. Your new D/L editor is Melissa Eichler. She lives in Columbus, Ohio which is about 2-1/2 hours from my house in Cleveland. She is a wonderful worker.

I traveled to Madison, WI last May. There were many wonderful CR/ILDA workshops and a new church building area in Madison, WI.

Most time, I've been paying myself to travel to your church events or regional conferences, I am asking if Thrivant Financial Lutheran or any other group or individuals could donate money to us to cover travel expenses. Please send any donations to Larry D Ginter, D/L Business Manager, 4134 Sarasota Dr., Parma, OH 44134. **Thank you.**

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Matthew 4:19: **“Come Follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”**



Central Region/ILDA - May 20-23, 2004...

Photos & Written by Larry Ginter

On Wednesday, May 19, my wife, Lynn, and I flew to Madison, WI from Cleveland, Ohio. We slept at Comfort Inn for the weekend.

On Thursday, May 20, Dawn Polzin, chairperson for CR/ILDA, welcomed all the members and visitors. There were 92 attendees. We had a fellowship and watched a movie called “You think people have deaf problem?” There were comedies in it and real good stories.

On Friday, May 20, Rev. Munz led a devotion - Bible Study (End of Life Issues) “Kingdom of God” -Mark 28:33-34 (love the Lord) and (love with the Lord in your mind and heart). We pray and go to tell everyone about Jesus. Bible Study - Luke 12:17:

*God knows how many hairs you have on your head
 *Don't be afraid.
 *You're worth more than many small birds (Jesus died for you on the cross - worth)
 *Medical Directive
 *Living Will (worth)
 *Power of Attorney
 *Will (worth)

Young People

- *Test when you get pregnant
- *Test for multi-screen genetic
- *Morning after pill
- *AIDS/HIV
- *Stem Cell Research
- *Abortion/Babies

Talk to your family

- *Funeral
 - a.) Hymn
 - b.) Bible Verse
 - c.) Confirmation verse
 - d.) Pastor can sign
 - e.) Funeral at church



Welcome



Meeting



Twins? Jack Chapman & Rev. Munz?



Workshop by Rev. Reinke



Jack Chapman, winner of Bibleonaire game.



2004-2006 CR/ILDA Officers



Pastors & 2004 CR/ILDA Hosts

Ask your Pastor
 *Holy Communion
 *Anoint with Oil
 Luke 2:25-32 “Simeon meets Jesus:”

Alan Rork - Deaf Relationship Building. Alan led the devotion - Mark 5:1-20 and Mark 7:31-37.
 *Pray *Ready *Teach

After lunch time, men went to a room to discuss Men Outreach Issues with Alan Rork while women went to another room to discuss Women Outreach Issues with Denise Manning.

After outreach issues discussion, we went to Savior Deaf Lutheran Church. It was a very nice and beautiful church with a big kitchen and patio, etc. We had technology training and workshop by Pastor Reinke. At night, we had activity for fun and fellowship.

On Saturday, May 22, Pastor Bud Palmer was supposed to give a devotion but he was in the hospital for kidney stone. The bible study was led by Pastor Moody and the bible verse was Ephesians 1:18 - “Prayer for our lives”

I Thessalonians 5:16-18
 *Always be joyful
 *Never stop praying
 *Whatever happens, give thanks
 *Because it is God's will in Christ Jesus that you do this.

“Prayer” - Psalm 19:14

May the words from my mouth/hands and the thoughts from my heart be acceptable to you, O' Lord, my rock and my defender.

Pray-God see you? - John 15:7

If you live in Me (Jesus) and what I say lives in you, then ask for whatever you want, and it will be yours.

Says - in our prayers? - Philippians 4:6

Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests while giving thanks. James 5:16 - So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. Prayers offered by those who have God's approval are effective.

Why pray to other people?

- *needing problem away
- *comfort
- *love
- *healed
- *grace-God's gift

After lunch time, we had CR/ILDA meeting at the hotel room. The new CR/ILDA officers for 2004-2006 is Janice Mancill, President; Albert Moore, Vice President; Dee Mills, Secretary; William Akins, Treasurer; and Rev. John Reinke, Pastor Advisor.

Then we went to the banquet at the hotel ballroom. There was an entertainment called “Who wants to be a Bibleonaire?” Jack Chapman of St. Louis, MO won the game, because he answered all of the questions - no mistakes. Three people answered one question wrong. That was a fun game.

On Sunday, May 23, we had bible study and worship service at the church. I really enjoyed myself there. I fell in love with the new church building. The workshops were wonderful.

The next CR/ILDA conference will be held at Walcamp in Kingston, IL on May 18-21, 2006 and will be hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The theme will be “Blessed is the King who is coming” - Luke 19:38. **Please contact Dee Mills by email: dee53@tmail.com and Pam Lang by email: pslang@tmail.com.**



Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church, Madison, WI

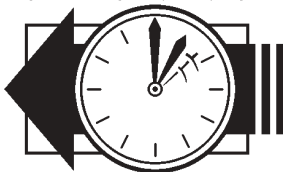
News from around the Regions...



News about our People



SET YOUR CLOCKS



BACK

on October 31, 2004 at 2 a.m.

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

Northwest Region...

Northwest Regional ILDA... Conference was held at Shoshone was held at Shoshone Base Camp in Idaho on July 16-18, 2004 The members of Faith Lutheran Church in Spokane were the host. Pastor Seeger led three workshops using mystery box.

Midwest Region...

Quad Cities, Davenport... **Pastor Tim** and **Susan Eckert** are the proud parents of a healthy daughter, Sarah Michelle. She was born on February 19, 2004. She was 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 21" long. She has two siblings, Stephen and Rachel.

Calvary, Des Moines... **Patrick Russell Sell** was installed as deacon in Deaf Ministry for the Iowa District West on May 2nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ames, IA. Rev. Paul Sieveking, IDW President, installed Patrick to work with Rev. Dennis Konkell and Pat Monroe in team ministry to outreach into new areas. (See pictures on right.)

Central Region...

Central Regional ILDA... The conference was held in Madison, WI on May 20-23. Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church was the host. About 92 people attended.

Peace, Indianapolis... **Dean Alan Rork** left for Ghana West Africa on August 11 and stayed there til September 1. There he met deaf people, including men studying to be pastors, and people studying to be bible study teachers. Alan taught classes on evangelism and catechism. He was also be a part of a 6-member mission team all there to teach and share Jesus. **Marvin Marshall, Caroline Thomas** and **Melitta Messer** have gone home to Jesus Christ. **Pastor and Joyce Munz's daughter, Caroline**, was married to Mat Russell on June 19 in Atlanta, GA.

St. John, Fort Wayne... This church lost its pastor of 14 years on July 1. The District and other funding agencies were no longer able to support **Pastor David Bush**. The church became a vacant congregation. The Indiana District asked Pastor Munz to assume the responsibilities of this church after July 1. Pastor Munz and Deacon Rork were glad to

Attention!

Our new editor, Melissa Eichler, would like to receive your church's newsletter so she can look up your church's news for this column. Please send newsletters to: Melissa Eichler, Deaf Lutheran Editor, 3169 Palomar Ave., Columbus, OH 43231. Thank you.

be able to assist the Fort Wayne area people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Great Lakes Region...

Great Lakes Regional Conference was held in Columbus, OH on July 23-25, 2004. The Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf hosted the conference this year. The theme was "Fellowship with God". All together there were about 50 people attending the conference.

Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring, MD... The **ER-ILDA Conference** was held at Day's Inn in Ocean City, MD on April 30-May 2, 2004. 30 people attended.



Above: Installation of Patrick Sell with Pat Monroe and Rev. Konkell. Right: Patrick Sell installed as Deacon by IDW President Rev. Paul Sieveking on May 2, 2004.



Midwest ILDA Region...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Midwest Region will not hold its annual conference this year. The host, Lincoln, Nebraska Lutheran, made a saddened announcement to cancel June 4-6, 2004 conference due to smallest registers. High costs of gas that made people think twice about the total expenses of the conference.

We, Midwest Region officers, honored their decision of cancellation. And regret any inconvenience this cancellation may cause you. We, the officers, will stay on for another year due to no election in no meeting.

Hard works at their best efforts, we are deeply appreciate and thank Lincoln, NE Lutheran chairman, Arthur Harper and his committees.

Please PRAY to keep your own Midwest Region continuing stronger association. Your supportive are extremely needed. The next conference will be held in June 2005 at Kansas.

We'll miss you this year.
In His Grip,
Glenda Haefner
Midwest Region president

ILDA 2005 Convention Committee at Work...



2005 ILDA Host Convention Update Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Greetings from Canada! We are getting excited in making plans for 2005 ILDA Convention as we come closer with only 12 months away. This convention will make a history because it will be the first to be held outside of the United States. The date of the 2005 ILDA Convention is August 4-7, 2005. Please mark this date on your calendar and determine to come and visit Canada, especially to see a beautiful, mountainous country God created, and share your inspiring ideas on how we can do more for the Lord.

Our host committee have committed to working hard to make the best of our next convention! We are in the process of creating registration/information booklet including registration forms, Jr ILDA forms, workshop presenter proposal forms, competition forms, schedules, tour information, cruise information, and other information. A poster, boosters, and little surprises for everyone will be included. Hopefully, these will be sent out in the fall or earlier to the congregations. Monetary donations for the 2005 ILDA Convention will be much appreciated in order to defray the cost of registration fees for everyone who will attend.

Highlights for our 2005 ILDA Convention are more workshops that we will ever have, three options for two different tours and community service after a workshop and shorter business meetings. We will have exciting plans for two different youth groups to do different things. For the older youth group, they will do some kinds of community services here in Vancouver! Watch for more information for the next newsletter.

The 2005 ILDA Host Chairperson is Linda Desrosiers. If you have any questions or ideas, you can send e-mail address to: ldesrosiers1@shaw.ca or fax at 604-574-8698. If you plan to donate, make a cheque or money order payable to 2005 ILDA Convention and send to David Sullivan, 805-1333 Hornby St., Vancouver, B.C. Canada, V6Z 2C1

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



Mission Project Goal...

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.

As of July 20, 2004, the total Mission Project amount is \$10,662.75. We still have \$15,338.25 to go to meet our \$26,000 goal.

2003-2005 Mission Projects

Inclosed, please find our donation of \$_____ for ILDA's 2003-2005 Mission Projects Goal.

Please make your check or money-order payable to: **ILDA 2003-2005 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.



Nomination...

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Greeting in name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is time of year when all of the Regional will have their conferences this year. Remind you according to the Handbook during your conferences this year you are to have nomination brought up during your meeting to select new officers for ILDA. These should take place in the even year of your conferences so that in 2005 the election of officers will go smoothly. We need President- Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Pastor Advisor. These are to be send to James Swalley, ILDA Officer Nomination Chairman before Feb 2005 so it is important that during your conference, you have decided who want to run for officers of ILDA.

I know some of you want to have your Regional Conference to have all workshops and less of business meetings but I have heard that some of you have your meeting too short of a time. It is important that you cover your conference by following the rules of ILDA Handbook, so that you would not missed any important details that need to be done for the next ILDA Convention

I pray that your conference is successful this year. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all I pray for your successful conference this year.

In Christ whom we Serve
Pam Kane
ILDA President

New ILDA Officer Nominations...

Regional Presidents: please submit names for new 2005-2007 ILDA officers to James Swalley, past ILDA president, before February 28, 2005 !

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, James Swalley, 7006 Putt Lane, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. If any questions, please contact James.Swabj@aol.com

Alaska Cruise...



Bon Voyage!

A few of the members of ILDA have asked about a cruise to Alaska after the ILDA Convention in Vancouver in 2005. A cruise is being planned but we need to know an approximate number of people who may want to go. If you are interested in a cruise to Alaska after the 2005 ILDA Convention, please let Pastor Mark Seeger know. E-Mail him at MarkJLCD@AOL.com or write to him at **1307 Newton Street, Austin, TX 78704.**

Free Alaskan Cruise!

If you are an interpreter and would like to have a free cruise in exchange for interpreting, please contact Pastor Mark Seeger at MarkJLCD@AOL.com. The cruise will be August 7 - 14, 2005, leaving from and returning to Vancouver, B.C. You must provide your own transportation to Vancouver. The cruise follows the ILDA Convention.

ILDA's Web Site...
www.DeafJesus.org

Future ILDA Host Needed...

We are looking for new bidder to host the 2011 ILDA Convention, The bid will take place 6 years in advance and we need a new bidder during the 2005 ILDA Convention anyone interest please send letter to ILDA President Pam Kane before July 1, 2005. God Bless!

Pam Kane, ILDA President

Convocation on Deaf Ministry

"Passing the Baton: The Next Generation Takes Hold"

If you would like to help set goals for the next few years of Lutheran Deaf Ministry, and if you are available January 14 - 16, 2005, and if you can pay your own way (or most of the cost) to Houston, Texas, we want to hear from you! Please send a message explaining why you would like to attend to:

Karen Beiter, Convocation Registrar
7300 Briggs Road
Lima, NY 14485
or an email to kjbndp@rit.edu.

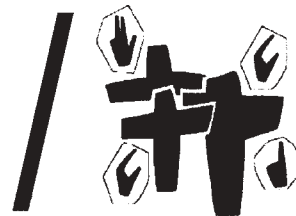
Because of grants in the past, we were able to pay most of the costs of transportation, registration, food and lodging for the participants. However, for this convocation, we will need the participants to pay much more of the costs.

We are limited to 100 participants, so if you want to attend, please let us know as soon as possible!

2005 ILDA REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

What is CAD?

CAD is short for Canadian dollars. Monies sent to us must be in Canadian dollars. Your credit card will automatically do the money exchange rate.



Early Combo Ticket:

The early Combo Ticket offers the best value and is encouraged. Cut off-date for combo tickets are FIRM, no changes allowed. We will follow post-dated mark on an envelope. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Accepted payments in form of credit card or **INTERNATIONAL money order only (not REGULAR money order)**. If you wish to pay via International money order, ask for Canadian Funds payable to "2005 ILDA Convention" or bill us via credit card. **NO PERSONAL CHEQUES/CHECKS please. Send your ILDA registration form to Diana Dewar, 178-16080 82nd Ave., Surrey, B.C., Canada, V3S 8E9 or fax to 1-604-572-4673.** Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want a receipt. Any questions about registration contact Diana at 1-604-572-4643 (TTY) or e-mail to Linda Desrosiers at ldesrosiers1@shaw.ca. **A completed registration/information booklet is forthcoming in Fall with more information about the 2005 ILDA-Vancouver convention. Ask for a copy of registration/information booklet and we will send you one.**

Cancellation Policy: After July 1, 2005 no refunds will be given for any reason except illness (must have letter from your doctor), hospitalization (letter from your doctor or hospital), or death in the family (send obituary notice).

Refund from August 4, 2005 are:	30 days or less no refund	60-90 days 50% refund
	31-60 days 25% refund	90-120 days 75% refund

ILDA Membership Dues:

Check that your membership to ILDA is updated before 2005 ILDA convention. See back of any Deaf Lutheran newsletters for application. Membership is required for all whether a Lutheran or a non-Lutheran. **ALL** are welcome to come and join with us.

Tours:

On Friday afternoon, you can choose between 2 tours. The first is the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Grouse Mountain by a bus. The second tour will go to downtown Vancouver, also by a bus. There will be a special event, for those who do not wish to tour. It includes a spiritual workshop and participating in a community service.

Personal Care Attendants:

Those who are deafblind or need assistance, PCA are your responsibility. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf is NOT responsible for paying or finding personal care attendants for the convention. We will arrange for low vision/tactile sign language interpreters for upon requests.

Wheelchair:

You must bring your own wheelchair. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf is not responsible for providing wheelchairs.

Daycare or JR ILDA:

Daycare will be provided for children aged 0-6. Two separate JR ILDA groups are being planned. The first group, aged 7-12 and a second group, aged 13-20. Please indicate on registration form. More information on daycare and JR ILDA will be included in registration/information booklet.

Denim Shirt Information:

Indicate size and sleeve preference of Denim shirt on registration form. T-shirts will be provided for the youths.

Transportation Information:

A free shuttle is available from Vancouver International Airport to hotel. Confirm in advance with hotel's front desk of your arrival and departure on Sunday. Free shuttle is on first come first service basis. See attached hotel page for more information. Look for other transportation possibilities in registration/information booklet coming out in Fall.

Border Custom Information:

Please carefully read the registration/information booklet to assure smooth border crossings. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf does not accept responsibility for problems with border crossing, or missed hotel reservations if refused entry into B.C.

TENTATIVE 2005 ILDA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 4	Saturday, August 6 (cont.)
<p>10:00 am - Registration 11:00 am - Lunch on your own 1:00 pm - Open Devotion 1:30 pm - 1st Business Meeting 3:00 pm - Afternoon Break 3:30 pm - 2nd Business Meeting 5:00 pm - Dinner on your own 7:00 pm - Welcome/Orientation 7:30 pm - Skit/Choir/Banner Competitions 9:00 pm - Reception Fellowship</p>	<p>12:30 pm - Workshop for ILDA Officers Training only (2 hrs.) 1:00 pm - Workshops (1 1/2 hrs.) A. Session 1 B. Session 2 C. Session 3 2:30 pm - Afternoon Break 3:00 pm - Workshops (1 1/2 hrs.) A. Session 1 B. Session 4 C. Session 5 4:30 pm - Free Time 6:00 pm - Cash Bar in Banquet Hall 7:00 pm - Banquet - 2007 ILDA Preview - Entertainment</p>
Friday, August 5	Sunday, August 7
<p>7:00 am - Breakfast Buffet 8:00 am - Open Devotion 8:30 am - Registration 8:30 am - Workshop (1 1/2 hrs.) 10:00 am - Coffee Break 10:30 am - Workshop (1 hr.) 11:30 am - Lunch on your own 1:00 pm - Workshop (2 hrs. with Break) 1:00 pm - Tours 3:00 pm - Community Services 7:30 pm - Arrive back at Hilton Hotel 8:00 pm - Entertainment/Reception</p>	<p>7:00 am - Continental Breakfast 9:00 am - Bible Study 10:00 am - Worship Service - Installation of Officers - ILDA Banner given to 2007 ILDA Host 12:00 pm - Convention Adjourned</p>
Saturday, August 6	See You In August 2005!
<p>7:00 am - Breakfast Buffet 8:00 am - Open Devotion 8:30 am - Registration 8:30 am - 3rd Business Session (1 hr.) ILDA Officer Election 9:30 am - Coffee Break 10:00 am - Workshop (1 1/2 hrs.) 11:30 am - Lunch on your own (Special Luncheon for God's 1000 Club members only)</p>	



Hilton

Vancouver Metrotown

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International Lutheran Deaf Association
18th Biennial ILDA Convention
August 4-7, 2005

Please reserve the following accommodations for:

Group Rate Per Night:

\$142.00 CDN plus 17% TAX	\$182 CDN plus 17% TAX
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ILDA Executive Board Meeting...



ILDA Executive Board Meeting were held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 16-18, 2004. L to R: Tim Johnson, Secertary; Pam Kane, President; David Brown, Former Deaf Lutheran Editor; and Melissa Eichler, Present Deaf Lutheran Editor.



L to R: Melissa; Rev. Bud Palmer, Task Force Advisor; Erika Sipchen, Mission Project Chairperson; Rev. Mark Seeger, Pastoral Advisor; and Linda Desrosiers, ILDA 2005 Convention Co-Chairperson. Photos taken by Larry Ginter.

Happy Birthday Deaf Ministry! 110 years ago last March 2004...

History of LCMS Deaf Missions
1894 Augustus Reinke (1841-1899) delivered the first Missouri Synod sermon for the Deaf to sixteen persons in Chicago. This marked the beginning of synodical deaf work. His sermon topic was "God Is Love." Reinke had responded to a plea from Edward Pahl, a graduate of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan, that the Lutheran church preach the Gospel to deaf people in their language of signs.

For more history information, you can find the website: www.lcmsdeaf.org/history.html.



Rev. Daniel Hodgson was ordained and installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Elmhurst, N. Y., on July 9. Rev. Daniel Pokorny preached, while Rev. H. W. Robe served as officiant at the service. Pastors attending the service are, l. to r., Row 1: Rev. H. W. Robe, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Daniel Hodgson; Rev. George Heidenreich, Mill Neck, N. Y. Row 2: Rev. George Ring, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Rev. C. R. Gerhold, Newark, N. J.; Rev. William Aiello, Trenton, N. J. Row 3: Rev. E. T. DeLaney, formerly of San Francisco, Calif.; Rev. Daniel Pokorny, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Robert Bremer, Flint, Mich.; and Rev. Clark Bailey, Oakland, Calif.

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God Calls Rev. George Ring to His Eternal Home...

We are joyful to announce that Rev. George Christian Ring of Des Moines, Iowa is now in the loving arms of his Savior - JESUS!

Rev. Ring passed away Sunday morning (Father's Day) June 20, 2004 at home.

He served several Lutheran churches during his long life: First Lutheran-Hanford, California, Hope Lutheran Deaf-Portland, Oregon, Trinity Deaf-Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Trinity Deaf-Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and most recently Calvary Deaf-Des Moines, Iowa. He retired in 1985, and remained a member at Calvary until his death.

He, was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, from June 1969 to 1973.

He is survived by his wife Doris and 6 children, 21 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. The Rings have had many friends. Cards of condolence can be sent to Doris Ring, 3215 Cedar Court, Des Moines, IA 50320-1945. Funeral service was held at Hope Lutheran Church, near Calvary Lutheran Deaf Church, on Friday. Rev. Ring's remains were buried in Resthaven Cemetery.

Please keep the family, especially Mrs. Ring in your prayers.

Information given by Rev. Dennis & Susan Konkell and Don Mowl.

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