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DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION



Rev. Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea when Herod was king. Then Wise Men came from the east to Jerusalem. *"Where is the Child who was born King of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw His star rise and have come to worship Him."* Matthew 2:1-2.

Most people have seen the now famous quote, "Wise men still seek Him!" This doesn't mean that wise people are still looking for a baby, but it means that wise people look for the Savior of all mankind, Jesus Christ. I wish ... no, I PRAY that more people would ask the question, "Where is the King of the Jews?" I pray that more people would look for Jesus. Yes, there are some looking, but there are many, many more who aren't looking for Jesus, many, many more who don't know that Jesus is the Savior of the world. So, because they aren't looking for Him, we need to look for them. We need to look for the people who don't know Jesus. We need to look for the people who are destined to be eternally separated from God, and we need to share with them our Savior.

Christmas is a time of year when everyone knows something about Jesus. No

matter how much some people try to hide Jesus, during the Christmas season there are signs of Christ all over the country. This is a great time for you to talk to your friends about your Savior. This is a great time to discuss with them why Jesus was born into this world. This is a great time to invite them to your church and your Bible studies and your activities with other Christians. This is a great time to tell them how they, too, can have eternal life in Heaven with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Wise Men came looking for Jesus 2,000 years ago. Some wise people still look for Him, but those of us who already know Him should be taking Him and His Word to our friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone else we meet daily. Share with them the greatest gift of all time, God's gift to world, His Son, our Savior, and pray that the Holy Spirit will give them God's wisdom, that they may believe and trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Amen!

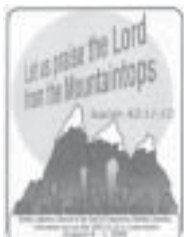
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Coming...

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



Alaska Cruise...



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.**

Please see page 6 for flyer, or page one of the Summer/Fall issue for clear information.

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.

The President's Report...



Pam Kane, ILDA
2003-2005 President

Greeting in Name of our New Born King!
To the members and readers of International Lutheran Deaf Association,

Christmas is once again around the corner how times have flies by! Christmas is time to remember our new born baby. Jesus came into the world to be our Savior and to forgive us of our sins. His gift to us is eternal life to those who have Jesus in their hearts. What wonderful gift he has given us. How about our gifts to Him? We are half way to the mark of our Mission Project Goals. We surely can!! Can we meet this goal by July 1,2005? Let keep our faith and reach this goals. Let's spread the good news of Jesus to every lost souls that need to hear of his wonderful gift to us.

We have 9 more months until we meet at the 2005 ILDA Convention in Vancouver BC Canada. It is truly beautiful country. There will be a booklet explaining all the details watch your church mailbox for this very important information to make your traveling

to Canada smoothly as possible. If you have questions, please contact your Regional Presidents for informations or questions. They are more than happy to help you.

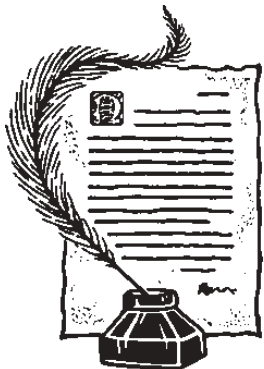
For your future information if there is any New Business to be brought up at the ILDA Convention it must be in writing and send to the Secretary 90 Days before ILDA Convention. We will not accept any new business on the Convention Floor. Any new business must be approved by the ILDA Board of Directors and if passed by the Board of Directors then it will be brought up on the convention floor what the Board of Director has passed and then this will be print in the Fall Deaf Lutheran Newsletter.

I am truly looking forward to seeing you all soon. Me and my family wishes you all a very bless and Happy Holidays.

Peace be with you all!

Pam Kane, ILDA President 2003-2004

Editorial...



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hope this finds you all well. I can't believe the year of 2004 has almost come to the end and the 2005 year is coming soon. Hope you all have had a great year!

I'd like to have all church newsletters to be sent to me so I can edit some important news/information into this newsletter. Please remove David Brown's address as he is no longer an editor. Please change the address to *Melissa Eichler, Deaf Lutheran Editor, 3169 Palomar Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43231*. For your information, I do not have fax machine.

I only use email and it is TheDeafLutheran@yahoo.com.

My family and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless you all!

Melissa Eichler, Editor



Season's Greetings to you all!!!

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.

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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Please send articles, stories and pictures to: *Melissa Eichler, Editor, 3169 Palomar Avenue, Columbus, OH 43231. e-mail: TheDeafLutheran@yahoo.com*

Great Lakes Region/ILDA Conference - July 23-25, 2004, Columbus, OH...

Photos & Written by Larry Ginter...

On Friday, July 23, Pastor Edwin Bergstresser led a devotion.

"Fellowship" - I John 1:6-7

I John 1:6 - So if we say that we have fellowship with God but we continue living in darkness (sin) then we are liars - we don't follow the truth.

I John 1:7 - God is in the light (goodness). We should live in the light, too. If we live in the light, then we share fellowship with each other. And when we live in the light, the blood (death) of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (Jesus is God's Son)

Echo - Hello - Share - Talk back - Talk back.

On Saturday, July 24, the morning devotion was led by Pastor Shirrel Petzoldt.

"Heartburn" - Luke 24:13-35. "On the road to Emmaus"

After risen from dead, Jesus walked on the road to meet two men and they don't know Him. Later they know to meet Jesus.

Pastor Gary Lawson led an afternoon devotion.

Live (body) Humid and live with Spirit.

Proverbs 18:24 - If person has too many friends, then it could destroy him. But a good friend is better than a brother. Luke 7:34 - The Son of Man came eating like other people and drinking wine. And you say Look at him! He eats too much and drinks too much wine. He is friend of tax collectors and other bad people.

James 2:23 - This shows the full meaning of the scripture that says Abraham believed God. And God accepted Abraham's faith. That faith made Abraham right with God. Abraham was called God's friend.

John 15:15 - A servant doesn't know what his master is doing. But now I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father.

There were 46 people attending the devotions.

On Saturday evening, 57 people attended the banquet. The banquet was at Fire Mountain in Dublin, Ohio.

On Sunday, July 25, Pastor Gary Lawson continued a devotion.

John 4:24 - God is spirit - people worship God in spirit and truth.

Genesis 3:7 - Both man and woman changed. It was like their eyes opened and saw things differently. They saw no clothes - naked. So they used fig leaves and sewed them together and wore fig leaves for clothes.

Genesis 3:8 - The Lord was walking in the garden. The man and woman heard God and they among the trees in the garden.

Genesis 3:9 - But the Lord called to man, God said "Where are you?" The Lord knows they became sin!

Exodus 33:18-23 (Moses sees God's Goodness)

Exodus 25:21 - I will give you the agreement (box). Put that agreement in the box and put the cover on the box.

Exodus 25:22 - When I meet with you. I will speak from between the special angels on the cover that is on the box of agreement. From that place I will give all my commands to the people of Israel.

Psalms 145:18 - The Lord is close to all the people that worship God. The Lord is close to every person that truly worship God.

Acts 17:27 - God wanted the people (us) to look for God. Maybe they could search all around for God and find God. But God is not far from any of us.

Acts 17:28 - We live with him. We walk with God. We are with God.

Hebrews 7:19 - The law of Moses could not make anything perfect. And now a better hope has been given to us. And with that hope we can come near to God.

I John 1:1 - We heard, saw with our own eyes, watched touched with our hands.

I John 1:2 - The life was shown to us. The life that continues forever. The life was with God the Father.

I John 1:3 - We want us to have fellowship together. We share together with God the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ.

I John 2:28 - We can be without fear on the day when Christ comes back. We will not need to hide and be ashamed when God comes.

I John 2:29 - Christ is righteous - we are God's children.

2 Timothy 1:12 - And I suffer now, because I tell that good news, but I am not ashamed. I know Jesus that I have believed. I am sure God is protect the things that He has trusted me with until that day.



Above: People fellowship at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio for the Great Lakes Regional Conference.

News from around the Regions...



News about our People



Our Savior is Born

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

Midwest Region...

Iowa District East... On Sunday, August 22, 2004 Word of God and Messiah Lutheran joined in the annual **All Iowa East Luther Deaf Worship and Picnic** that was held at Wilton City Park at Wilton, Iowa. **Pastor Fred Leighty** led the special non-communion worship service at 10:30 a.m. and **Pastor Tim Eckert** gave the sermon. There was a picnic following the worship service. There were plenty of good food and fellowship. About 52 people attended the worship service and picnic

Nebraska District LCMS... **Rev. Norman A. Hannemann** has entered eternal life with his Lord and Savior on Monday, September 27, 2004 at the age of 80. He had served as associate pastor since 1982, and later as visitation pastor, at Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk, NE.

Great Lakes Region...

Christ, Cleveland... God has called home **James Stark** on September 17, 2004 and **Pauline Rose** on October 17, 2004.

Good Shepherd, Toledo... **Marjorie Weitz** has entered God's Kingdom on July 6, 2004. This year, **GLRC** happened in Columbus on July 23-25. The theme was "**FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**". All together there were about 50 people attending the conference. A lot of fellowship happened. Several things were discussed and decided on during the business sessions. Next year Toledo is supposed to host the GLRC. **New Officers are Brian Grabler, President; Robert Gore, President Elect; Craig Majewiski, Treasurer; and Bob Kane, Secretary.** The banquet was at Fire Mountain. It was really good. We got to visit with Bertha Goll and her niece Charlene. We got to meet other people. We got to see Brian and Grace since they have moved to Columbus.

Trinity, Pittsburgh... **Pastor Mark Ruppert** recently accepted a God's call to serve to another hearing church as their pastor in north side of Pittsburgh. He continues to serve as part time regional missionary to deaf persons.

Eastern Region...

St. Matthew's, Union... **Marlene Wenberg and Deacon Richard Windisch, Sr** were married on July 10, 2004 at Grace Lutheran Church in Union, NJ by Pastor Brand with the help of their beloved interpreters, Dianne and Karen. Their wedding party was held in von Hall where it was decorated and they had a happy time with food and a wedding cake. For their honeymoon, they went to Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada by Amtrak train for one week. They stayed at a hotel on Lundy's Lane (a long street with rich history of Canada with its British rule then!). They got to see the famous falls: American Falls, Horseshoe Falls on Canadian side, and a small falls on the American side is called "Bridal Veil" because it has an appearance of a bridal veil on the back of a bride so it is why it is a favorite and popular attraction for honeymooners.

With Sympathy



Clarence F. Schultz

Hi Everyone,

I just received word that Mr. Clarence Schultz passed away early this morning (Friday, September 24, 2004). He had a very peaceful and dignified death. He died from general system failures but was comfortable and well cared for to the end. He was living at the Deaf Independent Living at Chestnut Lane Manor in Gresham, Oregon. His sister Nancy spend many hours with him and his other sister from So. Calif., Pam was able to spend time with him this past Sunday. He was member of the Lutheran Church in Detroit, Mich. and also at Memorial Lutheran Deaf Chapel in Fremont under Rev. Dahmann care.

Clarence was the first Chairman of ILDA during 1970 through 1971 as they worked hard to developed a newly organization, The International Lutheran Deaf Association. Without him and his committee, we would not have this organization. Marion Van Manen was elected the 1st ILDA President on July 17, 1971 in Chicago, Ill.

His sister Nancy will be accompanying his body back to Detroit area where he will be buried at the Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park.

Please pray for his family. May he rest in peace in the Glory of God. God bless Clarence.

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

Deacon Charlie Kotal

Nebraska News...

A dedication service was held December 7, 2003 at Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, NE with Paul Pettit (Nebraska District LCMS Treasurer) as an honorable guest speaker. Loretta, his wife, and his children dedicated the portrait of Kenneth Derby who had gone away on December 9, 2002 to the church president, Lee Meyers, after family and friends shared fond memories of Ken. Suzie Pauley interpreted and performed songs beautifully in American Sign Language with some help from her daughter and friends. The Ladies Guild members served a delicious luncheon afterwards.

Ken Derby contributed his time and actions as the president of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf for nearly twelve years. He also served his term of two years as the president of Midwest International Association, he also was a delegate on the Board of the International Lutheran Association. He was the delegate for the church at the Nebraska District Convention several times.

Ken was a faithful Christian who was very concerned and wanted to bring to light to the public on various matters or issues regarding the deaf people in Nebraska. It was his hope that in the years to come that the church world continue to grow under God's guidance and blessings. We pray that through us and God's help that we share the Good News of Jesus and His Love can reach out to those deaf people and hearing who do not know Him, both in Nebraska and throughout the world.

Sent by Laverne Haynes



2004-2005 Missions Projects Report...

2004- 2005 Mission Project Goal: \$26,000.00

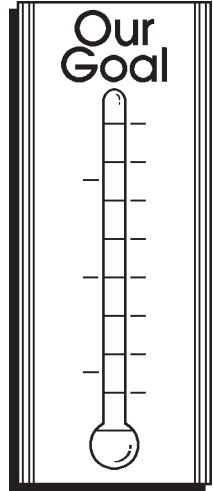
Ending November 1, 2004, \$10,337.25 has been donated to the 2004 - 2005 Mission Project Fund. Almost 40% of the goal has been reached so far. We have 60% to go to meet the goal before the 2005 ILDA convention.

I wholeheartedly encourage you, the members in each church to hold a fundraiser for only one day for ILDA Mission Project for only a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday. There are many ideas to do a fund raising. Here are some ideas to start your planning: Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, Movie Night, selling calendars, pledges (design your form), selling religious art craft, and many more of your own ideas.

If you wish to make a donation toward Mission Projects, please make a check payable to "ILDA - Mission Project" and mail the check to:

James Sipchen, ILDA Treasurer
11911 N. Centaurus Place
Oro Valley AZ 85737

I wish you all, a joyous Christmas and many blessings throughout the year.



Mission Project Goal...

2004-2005 Mission Project Goal

The Board has adopted \$26,000 as ILDA's 2004-2005 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 2004-2005.

2003-2005 Mission Projects

Enclosed, please find our donation of \$_____ for ILDA's 2004-2005 Mission Projects Goal.

Please make your check or money-order payable to: **ILDA 2004-2005 Mission Project** and mail to: **Jim Sipchen, ILDA Treasurer, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.**

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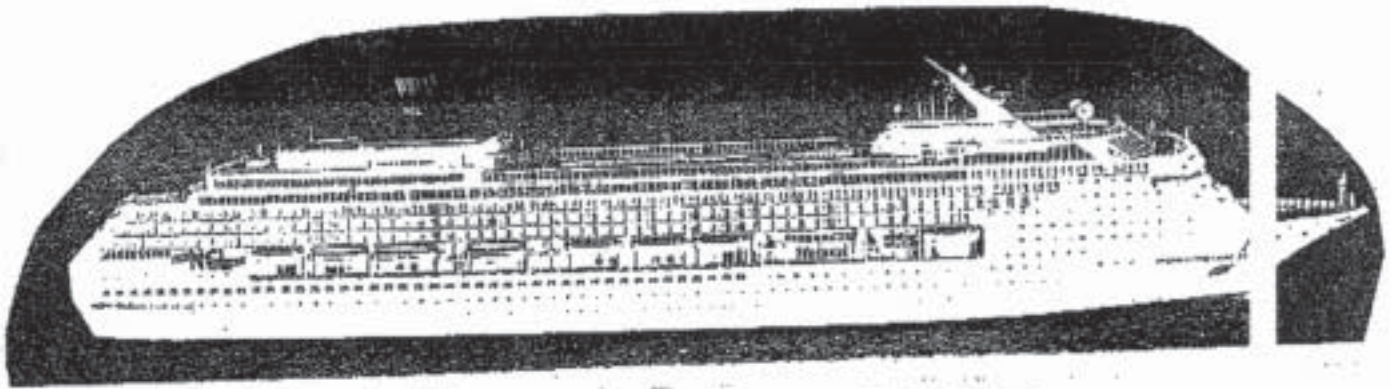
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Thank you for your support.



Cruise to ALASKA!

Join with us after the 2005 ILDA Convention.

August 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	Wangell	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 Newt 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:

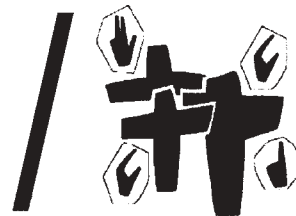
- Full name as it appears on your travel documents (driver's license, passport or ID)
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Contact phone number
- Any special diets
- Bedding (either two twin beds or one queen bed)
- Which Cabin? Inside, Oceanview or Balcony

After paying the \$275.00 deposit, you can either make monthly payments or pay the whole amount. Refunds will be paid up until May 7, 2005. If you change your mind, full refunds will be paid up until May 7, 2005.

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>	



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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
for 1-4 Adults per Room	for 1-4 Adults per Room
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Smoking:___ Non-Smoking:___	Smoking:___ Non-Smoking:___
Number of Adults:___	Number of Adults:___

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Guest Name: _____

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Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: () _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 4, 2005. RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE OR AFTER THE BLOCK IS SOLD OUT WILL BE HONORED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD OR MONEY ORDER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM LIABLE FOR ONE NIGHT'S ROOM AND TAX WHICH WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM MY DEPOSIT OR BILLED THROUGH MY CREDIT CARD IN THE EVENT THAT I DO NOT ARRIVE THAT EVENING OR CANCEL LESS THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR THE ARRIVAL DATE INDICATED.

CREDIT CARD#: _____ EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY): _____

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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

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!

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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 on your church's letterhead to ILDA President Pam Kane before July 1, 2005. God Bless!

Pam Kane, ILDA President

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