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*Rev. Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*

What is your purpose in life?

Have you ever wondered, "What is my purpose?" It seems like some people never know what they should be doing, and they hop from job to job, location to location, and they can just never settle on one position, one job, one purpose in life. By the way, a job and a purpose are not necessarily the same thing, but it's so much better if your job is also your purpose.

My purpose in life is to tell people about Jesus, our Savior. My job is the same thing, except there is a lot of office work and a lot of reports included with the job.

If you are a member of ILDA, I know some of your purpose in life. According to your constitution, your purpose is "...to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services of our congregations, helping promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior; and to promote the Christian faith and life of the Lutheran deaf people, all deaf people, and others with whom we associate, and to carry on our ministry throughout the world."




That's a pretty impressive purpose, but it can't be done by one person or by one set of officers. It must be done by ALL the members of ILDA. We must all work together to make sure these things happen. You might be thinking, "But how can I do that?" First, PRAY! The first and most important thing is to pray that God will use you and use all of us to make His will be known and done among us. Pray that He will guide us in our endeavors.

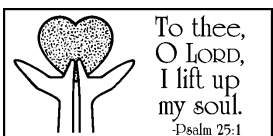
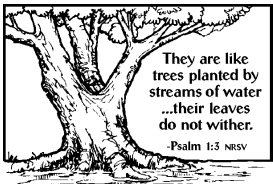
Second, WORK! Get involved in the work of ILDA. In your own congregations, in your regions and nationally. Work to make sure the purpose of ILDA is carried out. Third, SUPPORT! All the mission projects we choose at the convention need money to succeed. Whether we are sending a missionary or writing Bible lessons or supporting a summer camp, they all require money, so you can support this work by

contributing to ILDA. All our mission projects are for the glory of God and the spreading of the Gospel, and we should feel honored to support them, knowing we are helping to make the Gospel known to more people.

By doing these things will it guarantee you a place in Heaven? No, you already have that place promised to you when you became a child of God. By your faith in Jesus, you can know you will live with Him eternally. But doing these things may allow others to learn about your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your contributions to ILDA will allow our work among the deaf to continue. Praise God that He allows you to support these valuable projects, and send your tax deductible donations to John Krause, ILDA Treasurer, 9905 Madison St. NE, Blaine, MN 55434.

*Blessings!
Pastor Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*

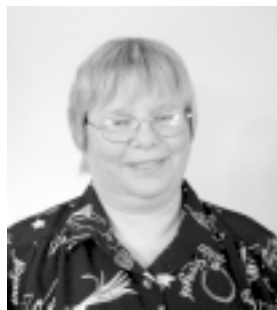
JESUS
THE WAY, 
THE TRUTH, 
THE LIFE. 



Wanted... Host(s) for 2011 ILDA Convention.

As stated in ILDA's Handbook, six (6) years is suggested for properly planning for a convention. Future host(s) are asked to submit their request on their church's letterhead. 2007 convention will be in Baltimore, Maryland and 2009 convention will be hosted by Rochester, New York. Hopefully a midwest or western location would host. Contact ILDA President Pam Kane for more information at: PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net.

The President's Report...



**Pam Kane, ILDA
2005-2007 President**

To the ILDA Members and Deaf Lutheran Readers, Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wow the winter blues are gone hurray!! Summer is just around the corner. There lots of fun going on Vacation, Traveling, Bar B Q in backyard, and yes several regional conferences taking places this summer, I encourage you all to attend them they have good Bible Study workshops which we all enjoy lots. But there also business meetings which I pray that you all will take an interest in. We need to have fund raising idea to support ILDA and the Mission Project Goals which we are a bit behind. Please remember the people in the Mission Projects that they be touch with your loves and gifts and knowing Jesus touches and loves them all. Your gifts are spreading the Gospel to all the deaf and hearing people world wide. Let do a our best to reach that small mission project goals.

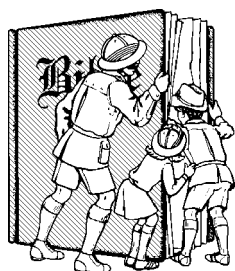
Remember to nominate for ILDA Officers during your conferences this year and send it to Larry Gorton as your past ILDA president nomination chairman his address is listed on page 5 of this newsletter. He will be at the convention next year.

The 2007 Convention Registration Forms will be out in the next Deaf Lutheran Issues. Look for it soon and start planning to come. This is going to be wonderful convention in Baltimore, MD!!

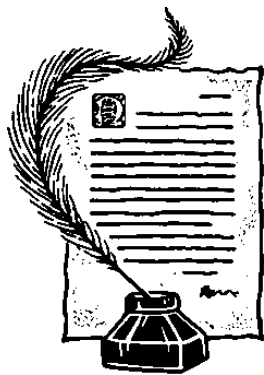
May you and your family have an wonderful bless and safe Summer Vacation, conferences. May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

God Bless You All

**Pam Kane,
ILDA 2005-2007 President
PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net**



Editorial...



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Time sure flew by fast since our convention in Vancouver last August. I have been busy on a number of projects. The ILDA's web site has been pretty much updated except for the Regional ILDA page. Please update me on your new regional officers along with officer photos.

The new updated handbook has been printed and distributed to the ILDA officers and committees. The handbook on the web site has also been updated so those of you who don't get the printed booklets, you can view and print your copy from the web. This save ILDA some expenses.

On page 6 of this newsletter, I have listed the deaf (not the interpreted) churches and addresses. I remind you that this list is not 100% correct as I have gathered the information from www.lcmsdeaf.org web site and some of the churches newsletters that were sent to me. I printed this



Coming in Fall 2006 Issue:

- Registration form and info for 2007 ILDA.
- Minutes and photo from Excutive Board Meeting in April 2006.

list in this Summer Issue so you travelers can visit those churches. Visit www.MapQuest.com to print a map to the churches.

This Fall Issue will have ILDA 2007 Balimore convention registration and information.

Peace and safe summer!

David G. Brown, Editor

From Larry Gorton...

April 28, 2006. President Pam Kane asked me to chair the Nomination Committee which is composed of the past Presidents. I once enjoyed chairing the Nomination Committee back in 1999 in Cleveland, OH. Looking back the past good years, the ILDA can see how much God has continuously blessed our fine organization of great Deaf Lutheran members, pastors and friends with responsible and dedicated officers as Christian leaders.

God gives each of us many opportunities in our lives. He gives us ways to use our minds, energy and talents. He opens doors for ways to serve Him and other people. **"Remember that you will receive your reward from the Lord. He will give you what He promised His people. You are serving the Lord Christ."** Colossians 3:24.

The 2007 ILDA Convention is more that a year away, but it is a good time to start our plans in requesting nominations for names of candidates for all the ILDA offices from BOTH the ILDA regional branches and from the deaf congregations. Let's start asking God in our prayers to show places where many of us can serve Him in the ILDA. According to the ILDA Handbook, each regional branch secretaries are encouraged to remind the congregations to offer names for nomination which shall then be voted on at the regional conferences before submitting the name to me. Many thanks!

In Christ's service with you.

Larry Gorton,

**(lajagort@comcast.net or 509 624 5650 -TTD or VP)
ILDA Nomination Committee Chair**

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2005-07 ILDA MISSION PROJECT

India Deaf Lutheran Mission -- March 2006...
 Pictures taken during the March 2006 mission trip to India



Rev. David Christudoss with DIT students. The DIT Students were telling Bible stories to the deaf children in Vellur.



Rev. Christudoss with deaf children in Vellur

ILDA 2005-2007 Mission Projects Goal... \$27,300

1. Ghana Lutheran Deaf School\$7,000
2. Starfish Learning Center\$4,800
3. India Outreach Training\$2,000
4. Rev. Leber's Deaf Camp (California)\$1,500
5. Youth Service Project\$5,000
6. Christian/Bible Lessons for Deaf Children\$7,000



2005-07 ILDA Mission Project Report...

Erika Sipchen, MP Chairperson, reported ending April 30, 2006, **\$12,102.59** has been donated toward ILDA 2005-2007 Mission Project goal.

The Board has adopted **\$27,300** as ILDA's 2005-2007 mission project goal and to this date it is about 44% of the goal. 11 months is left in meeting the goal. Erika encourage fund raising projects like garage sale, Christian movie night serving the Pizza, Spaghetti Dinner, pancake breakfast, potluck dinner, etc. If each churches do **ONE** fund-raiser for few hours, ILDA can meet its goal!

Please write checks to: **ILDA 2005-07 Mission Project** and mail to:
John Krause, ILDA Treasurer, 9905 Madison St NE, Blaine, MN 55434



DIT Training in Ambur.



Group of DIT Students



Deaf Children at Ambur



Ephphatha Deaf School



Some of the students at Ephphatha School for the Deaf

Ghana ...

More photos on page 5.



Starfish Deaf Learning Center ...



Starfish classes and graduates.



Youth Service Project ...



Youth service projects in California summer 2005.



PLEASE HELP SUPPORT ILDA MISSION PROJECT GOAL!

News from around the Regions...



Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Canada... this year, 2006, is the 30th anniversary of dedication of Pax Natura Society Ranch.

Western Washington... Our Lord, Jesus, has called home **Bonnie Jackson**. New 2006 officers are Richard Sharp, President; Gregory Deeth, Vice-President; Pastor Wm Ludwig, Secretary; and Kathryn Mack, Treasurer.

Faith, Spokane... **Karen Barr** and **Diane Francisco** has been leading worships, giving former ILDA President **Larry Gorton** a break while he heal. Help us pray for ILDA members **Elmer Francisco** (physical), **Charlie & LeeAnn Kotal** (cancer treatments), and **Russel & Betty Healey** (physical challenges).

Northwest ILDA... **Rev. Steven Schlund** was installed as pastor of Peace and Christ for the Deaf Lutheran Churches in Great Falls, Montana on May 21.

Pacific Region...

Pilgrim, Los Angeles... **Deacon Charlie Kotal** reports that he is doing well with his chemo treatment. Its been 3 years since he was diagnosed with cancer. **Lee Ann Kotal** had her skin cancer surgery on her left cheek. Praise God that the cancer was completely removed. *Editor's note... I myself had two spots of skin cancer removed from my lower back last year. It was caught in time at early stage.* **Marlene Windham**, Vice-President of Pilgrim, is license as administrator for the California Home for the Aged Deaf (CHAD), assisting living deaf residents at Arcadia, CA.

Midwest Region...

Iowa... at present production of this newsletter, unknown is how well the deaf churches in Iowa have faced the recent Spring tornado storms. **LeRoy Fleenor**, **Darlene VanderGiesen**, **Joann Brower**, and **Richard Day** have joined Jesus in Heaven.

Central Region...

South Wisconsin... Our Lord has blessed our fellow Ghana travelers- **Rev. John Reinke**, **Rev. Bud Palmer**, **Linda Zois**, **Karen Hale**, **Joseph Reinke**, **Pat Monroe**, **Rev. Matthew Nix**, **Jean Nielsen**, **Ted & Denise Pulfer**, and a number of others whom D/L editor may have omitted.

Dixie Region...

Jesus Lutheran, Austin... hosted **ILDA Executive Board Meeting** on April 27-30. Church planning on a **Mortgage Burning Celebration** during their 75th anniversary of Deaf ministry. They welcome contribution to the fund.

Great Lakes Region...

Trinity, Pittsburgh... 40th and 85th Anniversaries Celebration in April of Church building and deaf mission. Basement sale was held in May to earn money for ILDA fund. Hint! Hint! :-)

Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring... For more than two years **Diane Munoz**, **Ruth Peterson**, **Louise Crume**, **Pastor George Natonick**, and **Alice Hagemeyer** assembled all the old Mustard Seed issues (church newsletters) and **Don Peterson** scanned and converted them to PDF files that are readable on any computer. CDs are available for \$1. dpete29@earthlink.net. Former President Bill Clinton made a surprised visited R.I.T. campus recently. When he was governor of Arkansas, his office was practically next door to the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

Ghana 2006...

Rev. Bud Palmer and Sara McKinney have traveled to Ghana to do their mission work for three week in May, 2006. Sara was also a volunteer Missionary in Macau, China for 2 years. Sara is member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Mounds View, MN. She is involved with the Senior Youth program as an Adult Mentor. Sara was commissioned into the church in April as a Stephen's Minister.



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



Reminder to pay your ILDA Membership dues.

See back page for form. ILDA need your support. Thank you.

ILDA Regional Conferences... More Mission Project Pix...

Northwest Region...

2006... August 25-27, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran College, north of Issaquah, Washington (east of Seattle). Host: Western Washington LC of the Deaf. Rev. Wm Ludwig and Karen Sharp are chairpersons. Contact Northwest President Rolph Foster at rolphfoster@earthlink.net for more information. Theme: *"Know the Love of Christ"* Ephesians 3:19.



Pacific Region...

2006... Host: Los Angeles

Midwest Region ILDA

2006... July 28-30, 2006 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, Iowa. Hosted by East Iowa District Lutheran for the Deaf. Contact Barbara Zimmerman at WGBJZIMMER@msn.com or 319-465-3280 TTY/VP for more informations.

Central Region...

2006... May 18-21, 2006 at Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake, IL. Theme: *"Blessed Is The King Who Is Coming"* Luke 1:35. Contact Dee Mills at DMills1415@aol.com, 815-788-8043 TTY/FAX/VP for more information or flyer.

Dixie Region...

October 2006... Host: Dallas.

Great Lakes Region...

2006... August 25-27, 2006 at Camp Pioneer in Angola, NY. Host: Rochester, NY. Contact Kim Schutz at 585-377-7008 TTY/VP or email schutz1205@rochester.rr.com for more information.

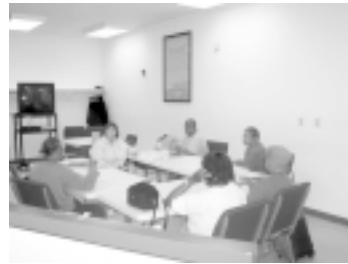
Eastern Region...

2006... June 23-25, 2006 at Charlotte University Holiday Inn in Charlotte, NC. Visit web site www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Regions/erilda for more information. Theme: *"I Finished the Race"* 2 Timothy 4:7.

I have returned the ILDA Regional Conferences column. Please send me all information on your region's next conference.

Regional Conferences Reminders...

During your 2006 Regional ILDA conferences, please gather nomination names for our next ILDA Presesident-elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Pastoral Advisor. Larry Gorton, ILDA past president, is 2007 ILDA Nomination Chairperson. He can be reached at: lajagort@comcast.net or mail to: Larry Gorton, ILDA Nomination, 3807 S Latawah, Spokane, WA 99203.



Starfish Lutheran Deaf Learning Center... various classes taught by deaf peer teachers, meet four days a week. Daily Devotions are discussed before classes. Classes designed for subjects like Independent Living, Written Driving Lessons, Math, English, Reading, Basic Home Cares and Health, Sewing, Computer, etc. to name a few. Many of the students has joined Christ Deaf Lutheran Church since starting classes. Teachers: Pam Kane, Beverly Leland, Elaine Torbet, and Lynn Ginter. Administration: Kande Floyd and Carlene Lawson. Judy Pyles deceased.



Deaf Youth from various Deaf churches have preform project in locations in USA. Past projects were in Wisconsin, California, etc. for a number of years. Leader: Rev. Mark Seeger, MarkJLCD@aol.com.



Ghana... thousands of deaf hungry to learn about Jesus. Right photo shows Jamasi school, one of several locations traveled to. Contact Rev. Reinke revreinke@yahoo.com



Deaf Churches - LCMS

Memorial Lutheran Church of the Deaf

874 Washington Blvd
Fremont, CA 94539-5222
Worship: 10:45am
Tele: 510-656-0694 TTY: 510-656-0756

Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1233 S Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90006
Bible: 9:00am;
Worship: 10:00am every Sunday
Tele: 213-389-9940

Mt Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf

2882 Arlington Ave
Riverside, CA 92506
Worship: 3:00 2nd & 4th Sundays
Tele: 909-689-8380

Immanuel Lutheran Church of the Deaf

846 E Pikes Peak
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Worship: 8:15, 11:00
Tele: 719-636-5011

Rogate Lutheran Church of the Deaf

4825 E Bay Dr
PO Box 6223
Clearwater, FL 33758-6223
Worship: 10:30 2nd & 4th Sundays
Tele: 727-536-3862

Ephphatha Lutheran Church of the Deaf

7956 Martin Luther King Dr
Chicago, IL 60619
Worship: 10:00, Summer 9:30
Tele: 773-723-3232 TTY: 773-723-3737

Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf

104 Finley
Jacksonville, IL 62650
Bible: 9:15am; Worship: 10:30am
V/TTY: 217-245-0180

Joy of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Trinity Lutheran Church
135 NE Randolph
Peoria, IL 61606
Worship: 2:30 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays
V/TTY: 217-245-0180

Rockford Lutheran Church of the Deaf

827 16th St
Rockford, IL 61104
Worship: 9:30 1st, 1:30 3rd
TTY: 815-626-3990

Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf

6404 E 46th St
Indianapolis, IN 46226-3550
Rev. Jerry Munz
Worship: 10:30am
Tele: 317-546-6094
email: peace deaf@sbcglobal.net

Word of God Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1515 29th St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-4007
Rev. Mark Anderson
Worship: 11:00am
V/TTY: 319-362-5420
email: fd_leigh ty@msn.com

Quad Cities Lutheran Deaf Ministry

Trinity Lutheran Church
1122 W. Central Park Ave
Davenport, IA 52804
Rev. Tim Eckert
Bible: 9:30am; Worship: 10:30am
V/TTY: 563-359-7105
email: deaflutheran@revealed.net
Web: home.revealed.net/deaflutheran

Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf

3909 E 42nd St
Des Moines, IA 50317-8107
Rev. Dennis Konkel
Bible: 11:30am; Worship: 10:00am
V/TTY: 515-262-3420 FAX: 515-285-9091
Web: www.ioweb.com/calvary

St Paul Lutheran Church of the Deaf

612 Jennings
Sioux City, IA 51105
Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays 1:30pm
Tele: 712-252-0338

Messiah Lutheran Church of the Deaf

234 S. Hackett Rd
Waterloo, IA 50701-1660
email: fd_leigh ty@msn.com

Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf

9545 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20910-1438
Rev. Ron Friedrich
Worship: 9:45am
Tele: 301-937-1705 TTY: 301-251-5953
FAX: 301-251-8986
email: ChristDeaf@flash.net
Web: www.christdeaf.org

St Mark Lutheran Church of the Deaf

40 E Burke Ave
Towson, MD 21286-1124
Worship: 8:30am
Tele: 410-825-8772

Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1800 W. Maple Rd
Birmingham, MI 48009
Bible: 9:30am; Worship: 11:00am
V/TTY/FAX: 248-889-3978

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf

3245 New Brighton Rd
Arden Hills, MN 55112-7914
Rev. Daryl Gehlbach
Bible: 10:00am; Worship: 11:00am
Tele: 651-633-2402 TTY: 651-633-6778

Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf

4423 I-55 N
Jackson, MS 39206
Worship: 10:30am
Tele: 601-366-2055

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1135 Macklind Ave
St Louis, MO 63110
Rev. Richard Moody
Bible: 11:15am; Worship: 9:15am
V/TTY: 314-533-6035
Web: members.aol.com/~ht_a/revrmoody/hcdchur

Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1226 First Ave N
Great Falls, MT 59401-3201
Worship: 9:30am
Tele: 406-452-3884

Grace Lutheran Church of the Deaf

545 E Memorial Dr
Grand Island, NE 68801
Worship: 1:30pm 3rd Sunday
Tele: 308-382-1190

Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf

at University Chapel
1510 "Q" St
Lincoln, NE 68508
Worship: 7:00pm every Thursday
Tele: 402-397-9443

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Deaf

5074 Lake St
Omaha, NE 68104
Rev. Matthew Nix
Worship: 10:00am
Tele: 402-558-5672

St Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf

c/o Grace Lutheran Church
2222 Vauxhall Rd
Union, NJ 07083
Worship: 10:30am
Tele: 908-686-3965 FAX: 906-822-2497
email: stmatthluthdeaf@webtv.net

St Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf

41-01 75th St
Elmhurst, NY 11373
Rev. Bill Wrede
Worship: 11:00am
Tele: 516-628-4217 TTY: 718-478-2108
FAX: 718-478-7296
Web: www.ad-lcms.org

St Mark Lutheran Church of the Deaf

c/o Mt Zion
421 W 145th St
New York, NY 10031-5203
Rev. Bill Wrede
Worship: 2:00pm
Tele: 516-628-4217 TTY: 516-628-4222
FAX: 718-478-7296

Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1969 S Clinton
Rochester, NY 14618
Decon John Ruston
Bible: 9:45am; Worship: 11:00am
V/TTY: 585-461-5320
Web: www.alphadeaf.org

Chapel of the Deaf

1225 E. Morehead St
Charlotte, NC 28204-2881
Worship: 10:00am
V/TTY: 704-532-1452
Web: www.lutheransonline.com/chapeldeaf

Christ Deaf Lutheran Church

2203 Superior Ave
Cleveland, OH 44114
Rev. Gary Lawson
Bible: 9:45am; Worship: 10:45am
V/TTY/FAX/VP: 216-781-8571

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf

360 Morse Rd
Columbus, OH 43214
Rev. Ed Bergstresser
Worship: 10:30am
TTY/FAX: 614-430-8772

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of the Deaf

5859 Elmer Dr
Toledo, OH 43615
Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt
Worship: 10:30am
V/TTY/VP: 419-536-3370 FAX: 419-536-5720
email: GSDLCC@buckeye-express.com

Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf

11100 NE Skidmore
PO Box 30957
Portland, OR 97294
Rev. Carstens
Bible: 9:30am; Worship: 10:30am
V/TTY: 503-252-0706
email: hopelcdeaf@juno.com
Web: www.deaffriends.com

St Philip Lutheran Church of the Deaf

11047 Bustleton Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19116
Worship: 10:00am
Tele: 215-969-4179

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf

409 Swissvale Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
Bible: 9:15am; Worship: 10:30am
V/TTY: 412-731-2550 FAX: 412-731-4205

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf

4801 E 6th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Worship: 9:00am
Tele: 605-330-0724

Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church of the Deaf

4327 Elvis Presley Blvd
Memphis, TN 38116
Rev. Paul Tessaro
Bible: 9:30am; Worship: 11:00am
Tele: 901-332-5723
Web: netministries.org/see/churches/ch02461

Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1307 Newton St
Austin, TX 78704-3028
Rev. Mark Seeger
Worship: 11:00am
V/TTY: 512-442-1715
VP: 512-537-8752
email: jesusdeaf@lutheran@austintexas.com
Web: www.deafastin.com/jlcc

John of Beverley Chapel for the Deaf

7611 Park Lane
Dallas, TX 75225
Worship: call for schedule
V/TTY: 972-283-4334

Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1515 Hillendahl
Houston, TX 77055-3411
Rev. Larry Leider
Bible: 10:00am; Worship: 11:00am
Tele: 281-351-9646 TTY: 713-468-1815

Western Washington Deaf

Denny Park ELCA
766 John St
Seattle, WA 98109
Rev. William Ludwig
Bible: 10:00am; Worship: 11:00am
TTY: 206-524-2283
Web: www.deaffriends.com

Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf

2733 W Northwest Blvd
Spokane, WA 99205-2381
Bible: 8:00am; Worship: 9:00am
V/TTY: 509-326-9052
email: Lookupwithfaith@aol.com
Web: www.deaffriends.com

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf

404 West Walworth Ave
Delavan, WI 53115-1648
Rev. John Reinke
Worship: 9:45am S-M, 8:45am J-A
Tele: 262-728-5980

Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church

3110 Dairy Dr
PO Box 8517
Madison, WI 53708-8517
Rev. John Reinke
Bible: 10:00am;
Worship: 9:45am S-M, 8:45am J-A
Tele: 608-223-0010 TTY: 608-373-0161

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of the Deaf

2306 S 98th St
West Allis, WI 53227
Rev. Bud Palmer
Worship: 9:45am
V/TTY: 414-321-8430 FAX: 414-321-5379

CANADA:

FootHills Deaf

3104 34 Ave NW
Calgary, AB T2L 2A3 Canada
Worship: 10:40am 2nd & 4th Sundays
Tele: 403-242-9405

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf

11460 60th Ave NW
Edmonton, AB T6H 1J5 Canada
Rev. R. A. Bauer
Worship: 10:30am
Tele: 780-434-1671 TTY: 780-435-7788

Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Good Shepherd
3825 Hillsdale St
Regina, SK S4S 3Y5 Canada
Worship: call for schedule
Tele: 306-586-0299

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf

3022 E 49th Ave
Vancouver, BC V5S 1K9 Canada
Worship: 10:30am
Tele: 604-433-9661

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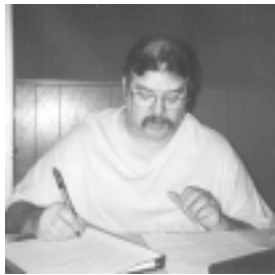
D.I.T. ...



Someone asked me, Pastor Jerry Munz, to write to The Deaf Lutheran and so I am. One thing I have noticed in the last few years is the absence of deaf people taking DIT [Deaf Institute of Theology] classes. Those who dreamed up DIT had thought people would jump at the chance to study to become better deaf leaders in their churches. Only a few have taken up the challenge to become a DIT student.

A simple question is: what will your church be like in ten years? Will you have someone to be your pastor in ten years? Look at your pastor? Will he be alive or retired in ten years? What will happen to your church in 2016 – ten years from now?

Many of you are probably saying that you don't care because you will be in heaven in



ten years. Others are saying that when their pastor is gone, they will simply phone/TTY/videophone to St. Louis and ask the LCMS Deaf Ministry Counselor to send you a Call list. Maybe you will contact your District and kindly ask them to send your church a new pastor who can sign better than the old one.

The sad news is that Synod does not have anyone to help you get a new pastor. Your District may not send you a new pastor who can sign. In many Districts the deaf congregation is now “un-funded” which is a new term meaning that if you want to continue to be a congregation, you are on your own without any District financial support or subsidy. So, what are you going to do?

An example from the small rural towns can help you and me. Many small towns do not have a doctor. So, they found someone studying to be a doctor. The town paid the young person to study medicine. After graduation from medical school, the young doctor came to the town as their doctor for a certain number of years.

You can do the same. You can and need to look around your church and see someone who can be a deacon, deaconess, or pastor. You need to encourage that person to study DIT. Also you and your congregation need to choose someone and pay for that someone to study DIT.

In the Early Church days, before 500 AD, congregations would meet and vote someone to be their pastor. You need to do the same. Look around your church and encourage people to study DIT and become your leaders NOW.

Your congregation needs to raise the battle cry “deaf pastor now. Deaf deacon now. Deaf deaconess now.” Choose someone now to be your spiritual leader. First do as the disciples in the Bible after Jesus ascended into heaven. The Apostles met together and prayed and chose Matthias as to be the twelfth Apostle (Acts 1:12-26).

Pray and vote someone to become your new spiritual leader. Encourage that person to take DIT lower level and take DIT upper level. For the sake of the church, **Do It Today (DIT)**.

Deaf Institute of Theology [DIT] – Do It Today [DIT]

The Deaf Institute of Theology is a cooperative program of LCMS World Mission, The International Lutheran Deaf Association, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Deaf Institute of Theology is to allow the Deaf congregations a way to identify, educate and empower Deaf individuals to progress in public ministry leadership skills.

Prerequisites:

The certificate program is open to Deaf persons who have been members of a LCMS congregation for two or more years.

Study Process:

All study is done at home for each course with the help of a local mentor. The courses have video tapes of the content and text books, etc. Students may study one or two courses at their own speed. However, a course must be completed within four months. At the end of each course, there is a final examination or a Bible study to teach. Levels of course work must be completed in order of numeric sequence.

Beginning with level four, each student will be required to come to St. Louis for four days each academic quarter for a peer learning experience.

For PDF application file, visit www.csl.edu/deaf.htm

If you would like to know more about DIT, please check out our websites at www.DeafJesus.org or www.DeafLeaders.org.

Scholarship is available, contact Charlie Kotal at charles_kotal@verizon.net for more informaton.

ILDA 2005 Vancouver Tours...



ILDA conventioneers wait in Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel's lobby for Friday's tours of either Option #1 Capilano Suspension Bridge/Granville Island tour or Option #2 Vancouver Bus Tour/Cruise tour.



Host committee preparation and ILDA members gathering and boarding buses for tours.

All photos this page taken by Cheryl Winter.

Friday Afternoon's Third Option...

For those ILDA conventioneers who has skipped tour option #1 and #2, they have attended workshops and community service. Following photos are taken at the Surrey Food Bank trip.



ILDA 18th Biennial Convention Saturday Night Banquet...

Crystal Ballroom
Hilton Vancouver
Metrotown Hotel
Vancouver, BC



*Photos taken by
Cheryl Winter, ILDA 2005
convention photographer.*

Friday Night Entertainment...



The *Deaf Lutheran* may have printed the wrong names in Fall 2005 Issue. The entertainment was provided by **Chinook Songcatchers**. Songs signed by deaf natives Marilyn Loehr and Rita Bain, both are ILDA members.



Better group shot of Pastors, Decons and D.I.T students. Taken by Cheryl Winter. Please note that pastor, second from left, is Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, who has joined Jesus in Heaven on Saturday, October 1st, 2005.



Rev. David Christudoss of India post with ILDA interpreters.

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Tours of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
 Food for Survival Food Packing and Distribution
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Summer Schedule 2006

June

- 17 Visit Wartburg Adult Care Community and learn more about services for deaf residents. The Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry is working on establishing quality opportunities for older deaf adults. All day event.
- 18 Father's Day Celebration in Harlem. Come and celebrate with Saint Mark's as they thank God for the men in their congregation. Service is at 2:00 p.m.
- 21 Summer BBQ Celebration at Saint Matthew's starting at 6:00 p.m.
- 23-25 Eastern Region-ILDA in North Carolina . . . stop by New York City on your way!

July

- 4 Macy's Fireworks!
- 29 Saturday BBQ at Saint Matthew's starting at 1:00 p.m.

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