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Rev. Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Dirty Hands?

The Pharisees and some Bible scholars who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They saw some of His disciples eat with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. **(Mark 7:1-2)**

You know the story, the Pharisees complain to Jesus about Him and His disciples not following the Old Testament laws and, more importantly, the laws the Pharisees made. Jesus puts those hypocrites in their place!

I'm sure the children who come to our church think that I would make a good Pharisee. I am constantly nagging them to wash their hands. The speed they zip in and out of the bathrooms, I know they don't wash their hands. I send them back and tell them to wash their hands - with soap! Some people think that I am too concerned about kids washing their hands. One mother told me, "Boys will be boys!" My response was, "Yes, boys will be boys, but while they are here, they will be boys with clean hands!" See, I am like the Pharisees.

I admit, though, that clean hands aren't the most important thing to me. No, I want the children to come here, no matter how dirty or clean they are. I want them to learn how they were cleaned by God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, when He died on the

cross for us. His hands were dirty from carrying the cross, from falling onto the ground, from the nails going through them and from the blood flowing down. He was dirty from the sins of the entire world being heaped on Him. But He made us clean! No matter how filthy our souls were because of sin, Jesus has washed away that filth and sin. Our sins are as far away from us as the East if from the West. Even though sins were like scarlet, He has made us white as snow.

There are a lot of people in the world who don't know that Jesus has taken away their sins. There are a lot of people in the world who don't know that forgiveness is offered to them free. There are a lot of people who don't know that Heaven is open for them. They don't know about their Savior. Even though Jesus died to make them clean, they are still living in their filth and in their sin.

We can be like the Pharisees and complain about the minor things, or we can be like the disciples and tell about the most important thing - Jesus Christ.

Go wash your hands... and then share with your friends how they can be cleansed by the blood of Jesus! Amen.

*Blessings to you and yours!
Pastor "Clean Hands" Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor*

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Colossians 2:6-7

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As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. -Joshua 24:15

PENTECOST
June 4th, 2007

The President's Report...



*Pam Kane, ILDA
2005-2007 President*

To the ILDA members and readers of the Deaf Lutheran. Happy Easter! Jesus is risen indeed!

This is my last report as your President of ILDA. Thank you for your supporting me for 4 years as your President.

I would like to thanks everyone for all your prayers, supports and Get Well Cards. I appreciate it so much. I am now cancer free but have a long way to go for healing. I am able to only eat soft food. It is very hard to live on soft food. I still believe in miracles that Jesus would make my throat normal so that I can go back to eating all my favorite food.

We only have few months till ILDA Convention. Would anyone please considering hosting the **2013** Convention?? We really need

your help doing this. Please contact me soon I appreciate it.

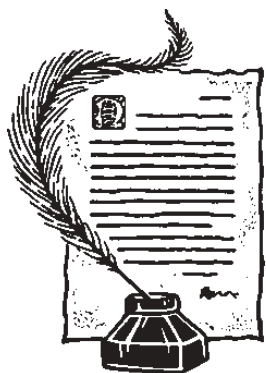
Also we still need someone to run as President-elect and other officers if you are interest please let me know ASAP.

Praise the Lord and Thank God that we all met our Mission Project Goals of \$26,000. I am so proud of all of you. The Lord will bless you abundantly.

May you and your family have a wonderful Summer Vacation. I shall see you all at the Baltimore MD Convention. Please have a safe trip wherever you go. May the peace and love of our Lord be with you all.

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



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I hope that spring will be here by the time our Deaf Lutheran readers get their newsletter in their mail. It has been a long winter since our Valentine Day snowstorms.

At the time of this newsletter writing, our prayers goes to the students, families, and community of **Virginia Tech** in Blacksburg, VA. Why again?? I have a personal issues about guns and weapons... its the worst invention in human lifetime. There are too many shootings, crimes, and wars.

In a few more week we will all be gathering again, at the Baltimore Maryland convention. Please continue to donate to ILDA Mission Project and also **the Board of Directors need your help to cover their convention expenses** to attend the Board meetings and convention. God's 1000 Club is supposed to help with the expenses but is not earning as much \$\$\$ as it used to and the cost of the Board of Directors meetings has been raising sky high. Thank you.

God Bless you all,

David G. Brown, Editor



Host(s) wanted for 2013 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, 2009 convention will be hosted by Rochester, New York, and 2011 convention will be hosted by Columbus, Ohio. Hopefully a midwest or western location would host. Contact ILDA President Pam Kane for more information at: PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net.

ILDA Regional Conferences...

New 2008 conferences listing will begin this fall. Please inform your Editor the dates, locations, themes, and contacts.

Business Manager...

We would appreciate help with support to our travel fund. This fund shall help us travel to future Regional Conferences that we dream to attend and to report on.

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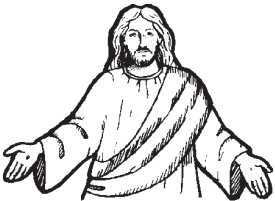
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India 07...



Rev. Dennis Konkel of Iowa and Rev. Bud Palmer of Wisconsin has traveled to India to help Pastor David Christudoss teach Jesus to the deaf Indians there. Dennis and Bud had a blast teaching the deaf in Ambur, India. The deaf are really hungry for God's word. They have been teaching about the "Gospel" (Ablaze) Bracelet - the multicolored wrist band that is like a mini-Bible. They have been training the DIT students of IELC (Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church) to reach out to their fellow deaf countrymen with the bracelet. There are over 400 deaf schools in India!



He Lives!

Also Dennis and Bud has been teaching the Catechism and its six chief parts and the deaf in India don't complain about memorizing it. The Indian deaf just do it! Their sign language is a little bit different but Pastor Christudoss help interpret our ASL. Apostle Creed, bible studies and even the movie "Passion" was shown.



2005-2007 ILDA Mission Projects Report...

Ending April 17, 2007, \$28,273.06 has been collected toward 2005-2007 Mission Project Fund. The Board has adopted \$27,300 as ILDA's 2005-2007 mission project goal and to date; it pass the goal! Praise the Lord!

There is few more weeks left before the 2007 ILDA convention. Your donation toward Mission Project will be gladly received and it will continue to support the missions that will share the good news of Jesus Christ among the children and adults who don't know Him. Please mail the donations to ILDA Treasurer before June 12th.

Please make your check payable to: "ILDA 2005-07 Mission Project" and mail to:
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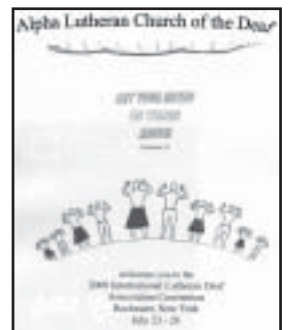
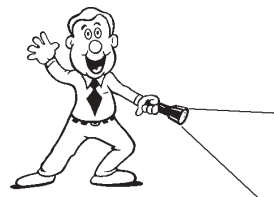
Have a bless and safe summer. May the Lord give you his peace at all times and in every way.

Erika Sipchen, Mission Project Chairperson



**Stir up the
gift of God
which is in
thee.**

-2 Timothy 1:6



Preview...

2009 ILDA Convention will be held in Rochester, New York... hosted by Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf... on July 23-26, 2009.

Theme: "Set Your Minds on Things Above."
Colossians 3.2.

Watch for details at our 2007 Baltimore convention!

www.lcmsdeaf.org

News from around the Regions...



Western Illinois University Lutheran Student Fellowship visit to New York...



Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton... Pastor Orlin Anderson's wife, **Herta Anderson**, is healing from cancer which has shrunk. Reminder that **Pax Natura Society** memberships are now due (\$10/yr).

Pacific Region...

From Charlie Kotal... **Becky Dahmann**, wife of Rev. Roy Dahmann, is recovering great from open heart surgery and a number of other procedures. On May 19, 2007, **Charlie Kotal** celebrate his 5th anniversary for serving as Deacon.

Midwest Region...

Iowa... **MILDA** will have Fall Retreat at Grace Lutheran Camp in DeWitt, Iowa on October 19-21, 2007. Everyone will learn how to become "LITES", Lutherans In Training Equipping Serving.

Central Region...

South Wisconsin... **Rev. John Reinke's grandma** has joined Jesus in Heaven while John was in Ghana. **Rev. Bud & Johanna Palmer** became grandparents with a baby girl named Claire Nicole Jagger on January 5th. **CR-ILDA** held their Spring Retreat at camp CILCA in Illinois on March 30-31st.

Dixie Region...

Holy 3-in-1, Houston... Jesus has called home **Detro Thompkins**.

Great Lakes Region...

Christ, Cleveland... Deaf Lutheran editor **David & Sharon Brown** is grandparent again, finally a baby girl, named Éowyn Sayoko Rocks, who joined her two brothers last December.

Trinity, Pittsburgh... has welcomed **Deaf World Ministries** to use their church building. Leader is Ceri-Jayne Hawley, herself is deaf born in South Africa.

Eastern Region...

St. Matthew's... celebrate its 70th anniversary (1937-2007).

Christ, Silver Spring... former ILDA Secretary, **Alice Hagemeyer & Ted**, are now all alone on the US mainland with both children living on islands (Hawaii and Puerto Rico). Thank to the Internet, they can keep in touch with each others thru emails and VP. Alice continue to keep busy with her Library projects (FOLDA: www.folda.net).

Australia... Rev. John & Sandra Hoopman celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Europe last August to October.

January is probably not the most popular time for people to visit New York City. Christmas, with the spectacular tree in Rockefeller Plaza, whimsical store windows, and excitement in the air, are excellent reasons to visit in December. Still, it wasn't until January that the members of the Western Illinois University Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) paid a visit and brought wonderful gifts. Their gifts? The gift of service.

Led by their pastor, the Rev. Michael Burdick, fourteen students and a University faculty member arrived in New York prepared to spend an entire week serving others. Mill Neck Manor bus driver Tim Gallart and Chaplain Bill Wrede met the group at LaGuardia Airport and delivered them to their home away from home, the basement of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Port Washington, Long Island. After sharing a meal together, "Team LSF" was oriented on life and

ministry in New York and were prepared for their mission.

Along with work done at the Bowery Mission, Our Savior Lutheran School in the Bronx, True Light Lutheran Church in Chinatown, Saint Paul's and Saint Matthew's Lutheran Churches in Brooklyn, the group spent an entire day at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Elmhurst, Queens. Armed with rollers, brushes, and

ten gallons of paint, the group got to work on giving the basement of Saint Matthew's a fresh, new look. The official name for the color being used was "Joyous" and that became the mood of the day. Pastor Wrede, who also serves Saint Matthew's observed, "It's amazing to see the basement transformed. The members recently had new windows installed and the walls really needed to be painted. What a blessing to have these energetic students assist us in this way. Their 'joyous' service will be long remembered."

Following lunch at a Tandoori restaurant in the neighborhood called "Little India", the Team finished painting the main room as well as the ladies restroom. "This is God's house where His people come to worship and study. The students did a wonderful job making the basement a beautiful place to meet," said Donna Wright, a member of Saint Matthew's.

This was LSF's fifth year to visit New York. "Sure, the students have an opportunity to see the sights but this experience gives them a real feel for life in New York as well as to gain an understanding of how ministry can be done here," explained Pastor Wrede. "Their visits are always inspirational and the work they do is done with humility and a generous dose of fun. Our members not only have a beautiful basement to use, they are also inspired to offer their time and talent for service as well.

The Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry was pleased to be part of this mission project.



International Lutheran Deaf Association
Executive Council Meeting
Austin, Texas
April 28-29, 2006



1. **Roll Call:**

Present: Pam Kane, President; Greg Desrosiers, President-Elect (arrived late); Jennifer Bonura, Sec'y; Pastor Mark Seeger, Pastoral Advisor; Rev. John Reinke, Special Task Force Chairperson for Rev. Bud Palmer; John Krause, Treasurer; Jeff Padon, ILDA 2007 Host Chairperson; and David Brown, D/L Editor.

2. Call of meeting to order with an opening prayer.

3. The opening devotion was done by Pastor Seeger using John 20:19-31 when Thomas doubted as 12 disciples saw Jesus back alive. PROVE IT! Song video DVD show as we sign and sing together "You are holy". That DVD has three songs, will discuss in Pastors report.

4. **President Report:**

a. Problem getting the Treasure Book from Jim Sipchen to John Krause. He has just gotten them last week and didn't have any chance to look into it before meeting. We would have to base on the last finance report from the ILDA Convention in Canada. What money we have now, not sure where it is deposit to which account, check with John in his report.

b. The survey of the 2005 Convention:

1. Most said they like the business on Thursday.
2. Enjoyed bible workshops.
3. Continue to have business on Thursday with Mission Project with more slides shows so they would know what or whom they are supporting.
4. Fund Raising Ideas.
5. More break time between workshops.
6. Some saying they want more time to relax and do things on their own.
7. Some saying hard to see speaker on stage, want large screen TV with large font captions so they can see everything.
8. Add Deaf Lutheran Newsletter to hearing churches with interpreter and see if anyone read it and get them to sign up for new subscribe to the D/L.
9. Would like to see more Mission Project Booth set up to show what who they are support.

c. Not much funds to support the Board of Director Meeting next year. Need more youth to attend to become future officers of ILDA. Can we get JR ILDA back?

d. Fund Raising ideas: "Scratch and Help"—silver dots cover with any amount from \$.50 to \$3.00 a person can scratch off as many dots as they want and add up the total amount and give cash or check in return; they will get a coupon sheet good for lots of things like oil change, pizza, etc. If we make 100 cards and make \$80.00 each card (easy total of \$8,000) cards can be split down to each Regional and have the members take it home or to their church and ask people to help donate and they will get coupons. Nationwide coupons. If we pre paid the book say 100 books we pay \$2,000 which mean they get \$20 each book sold we also get 20 free books which mean we profit of \$200.

5. **President-elect Report:**

a. "It is a simple, short and sweet report to convey to you. In fact, I arrived here safely after two hours of strong gusts in the area of Fort Worth-Dallas last night. Thanks to our Lord for our safety. I'd like to share Linda Desrosiers' report (in 2005 ILDA Convention Report) with you later. First, I want to let you know I have little bit of report as a president-elect. I'm relieved to have copies of Bylaws & Constitution. I'd like to share a major concern with you regarding a number of Lutheran deaf churches being deteriorated by year. How do we solve that problem? How soon?

We want to remind you that Rev. Bottlinger and his wife, Bernie passed away suddenly in a couple of days in October. Their funeral drew over 500 people including 20 pastors. The 75-year-old pastor named Robert Bauer from Edmonton was the speaker during their funeral. Both were cremated and their belongings were sold out to their offspring and garage sales.

6. **Secretary Report:**

It was honor to be here as your new secretary, I try my best as I got all papers from Tim Johnston at the beginning of the year. Nothing to creation, just learning from the beginning.

7. **Treasurer Report:**

Still awkward and waited for Jim Sipchen to send all the report stuff, but nothing will be solve yet till everything turn in one place. (no report, spreadsheet and membership due). None of check account as breakdown as details of things going on like deposit or credit. Only found some checks from CEF, which it is out of date, no good, need to send back and get new one, will it work out? Let try and see.

8. **Pastor Advisor Report:**

a. Deaf Youth Ministries in Mobile, Alabama was so awesome, want to see more Lutheran people show up. That workshop weekend was filled with fellowship, instruction, bible studies, worship and the opportunity to learn from each other and the leaders in the field of Deaf teen ministry. That DVD video shows music with sign 1) You are Holy, 2) "Need You", and 3) "Me, Me".

b. Jennifer (Knaack) Ceyanes want to start working on project on the Bible Lessons as we waiting on matching \$ from Mill Neck Foundation Grant which the ILDA convention passed.

9. **Deaf Mission Society** - Pastor John Reinke:

a. D.I.T. new version for DeafPAH, will have workshop in Phoenix on July 31 – August 3, 2006. The courses of the workshop are designed by and for deaf people. He want all deaf people in Arizona to know Jesus and His Gospel. For more information brochure and registration form, link: www.deafjesus.org

10. **Deaf Lutheran Editor Report:**

David Brown passed out his D/L report and say that Larry Ginter is still business manager. Got first advertisement from New York City area deaf churches joined and paid for the ad under Rev. Bill Wrede. Also update ILDA's web site and Handbook and showed us their newsletter summary chart over ten years.

11. **2009 ILDA Convention Host Report:**

Jeff Padon passed out 2007 ILDA Registration/combo draft along with convention schedule copies. Did little bit changes on schedule, add business meeting in the morning and workshop in the afternoon. There will be two tours (The Ducks sightseeing at Inner Harbor and DC sightseeing) and one mission service.

12. **Old Business** – none to discuss

13. **New Business:**

a. About Fund Raising ideas on the website, Pam Kane found few. One that she think might work it called Scratch and Help, which does is a card with 50 dots covered and the donation are from .50 up to \$3.00, person pick a spot to scratch off and pay the donation in return they get a sheet of coupons good for oil change, discount pizza hut, etc... this way we get a large return on our part each card that scratch off is a profit of 80 dollars and 20 dollars goes to the company. So say if we have 100 people help with cards we will easily earn \$8,000 which will help extremely for our God's 1000 club, administration expenses or even the Mission Project goals. Greg Destosiers moved that ILDA pay 100 copies of business brochures for fundraising purpose on a trial basis. (seconded by Jennifer Bonura). **Passed.**

b. Pastor Seeger contacted C.P.H. (Concordia Publishing House) about special fund-raiser project. There are several organizations in synod that have special envelopes that can be added to the offering envelopes that are sold thru synod. Why not use ILDA should create an envelope like that. As Pastor Seeger moved that we order 5000 \$ size envelope, 3000 regular size envelope to be available to be inserted in CPH offering set. (seconded by Greg Desrosiers). **Passed.**

c. Greg Desrosiers moved that ILDA pay Jeff Paden and Greg Desrosiers \$100.00 each for traveling expenses to carry ILDA equipment (Banner pole) somewhere in Minnesota. (seconded by Jennifer Bonura) **Passed.**

d. Larry Gorton accept to be Nominating chairperson as Elmer Francisco turn down because of his health. Also Mary Tingler is Right Hand Award Chairperson.

Greg Desrosiers proposed to close the new business section. Seconded by Jennifer Bonura. President Pam Kane closed the business meeting in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pastor Seeger signed the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jennifer Bonura
ILDA Secretary

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