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Rev. Jerold D. Munz,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

"The Plan" John 21:1-14

Do you sometimes get bored? What do you do then? When I was a kid, my Mom would make me go into the bedroom and clean my room when I got bored. John 21:1-14 is about some disciples who got bored and went fishing.

Peter convinces his buddies: Thomas, Nathaniel, James and John, and two other disciples to go fishing with him. The seven of them go fishing together. They leave together and fish all night catching nothing.

Let us back track. After Easter Jesus sent them to Galilee. Jesus told them to go there and wait for Jesus [Matthew 28:10]. They are to meet Jesus there. While they are waiting and waiting and nothing happens. Peter gets the brainy idea of going to do something. In those days there was no TV to sit and watch. There was no golf, baseball, or game-boys to do while waiting. So finally Peter decides to go fishing.

Instead of fishing off the bank like me, they get into a boat. Most of these disciples are former fishermen. For three years, they lived as students attending seminary. Judas was the treasurer. Jesus was the professor. Jesus taught and Judas collected money. He paid for their daily needs. No problems for 3 years.

Now they have lost Judas as he committed suicide. And Jesus has risen from the dead but he appears and disappears at will [Mark 16:9-15]. No one is around to take care of their daily needs any more.

So, Peter decides while waiting that they needed to do something. Either out of boredom or out of financial need. They did what they knew best. They knew how to fish. So, Peter and the other six disciples go off and fish.

They are off on their own. No one to be there with them. No Lord Jesus to direct their activities. They are alone without Jesus.

Many of us are like that. We are off on our own without Jesus to direct our lives. We decide what we want to do and when we want to do it.

We are kind of like the Hebrews when they were wandering in the desert for 40 years. We are kind of like people Jesus said are like sheep without a shepherd. We are lost. We have no plan.

The disciples were told about the plan [Matthew 28:18-20]. Jesus told Peter that he would become a fisherman of people not fish [Mark 1:16-17]. Now Peter was back catching fish not people. Peter got lost. He forgot the plan. This is God's Plan – not our plan.

Jesus shows up and gives them the fish they need to catch. The Bible says they caught 153 fish. Not just regular fish but l-a-r-g-e fish. This will take care of the money they are worried about. God takes care of the disciples. He will take care of you.

The disciples needed to put their lives in God's hands. God will take care of them. They need not be like sheep without a shepherd [Mark 6:34].

In the same way, you do not need to worry about if you have enough money or not. God will take care of you. One way or the other.

Jesus tells Peter and the disciples, that God has a plan. Their plan is to become missionaries. They are to tell the world about Jesus, Good Friday, and the Resurrection, and the Church. They are to carry out Matthew 28, which is the Great Commission.

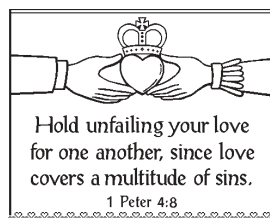
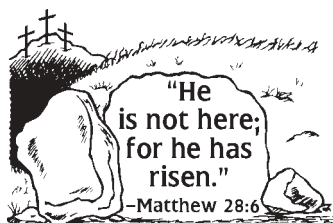
You too are a part of God's Plan. You are to carry out the Great Commission. You are to tell others about Jesus. But you will do it in your language, the language of sign.

God will take care of you and God has a plan for your life. Maybe you will need to wait until He tells you His plan. Maybe you already know His plan for your life. Maybe you will ignore His plan. Jonah ignored His plan. Jonah ran away. But later Jonah got back on track. Jesus knew God's plan. Jesus died on the cross. Later Peter did. He went to Rome and preached and died on a cross. Peter asked to be crucified up-side-down.

Let us pray to ask God to lead us to know and do His plan for our lives. It maybe a great and wonderful plan. It may be a plan that people will instantly applaud. It may be a plan that no one on earth recognizes but the angels in heaven applaud [Luke 15:7].

Let us go out and catch people for the Lord.

Pastor Jerry Munz,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor



The President's Report...



**Greg Desrosiers, ILDA
2007-2009 President**

Greetings from cold Canada to every brother and sister in Christ's name!

2008 is a new year of resolutions, mission and vision for your lifetime. As for my resolutions, I am committal to God faithfully as I am praying to Him daily. Linda, my wife and I have been studying theology to date in anticipation that we will get a new learning level. As of the vision, I would like to see the Lutheran missions being served by all of you financially, sacrament-ally, and commit-tally overseas and in North America. Finally, as for our mission externally, it has been expanded in Ghana, India and another neighbor African nation or Brazil where God leads our missionary to. Keep the faith for the new year of 2008.

As of our new Deaf Newsletter quality for 2008, I am thinking of new ideas and stories from you personally. If there is an issue you would like to see explored or you have an inspirational story that needs telling, send an e-mail to David Brown, Editor of *The Deaf Lutheran* at

TheDeafLutheran@yahoo.com. Mr. Brown already advertised a job opening for a new *Deaf Lutheran* Editor in 2009 last newsletter. Please send your resume to: Greg Desrosiers, 6352 188 Street, Cloverdale, BC, CANADA V3S 7T9 or email at

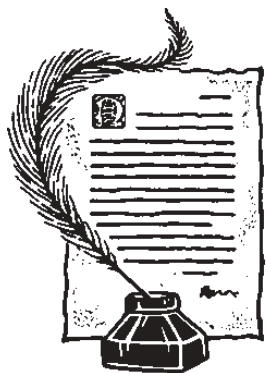
gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca.

When I read *The Canadian Lutheran* in November 2007, I noticed an interest about in-line donations. It explains that increasing numbers of non-profit and charitable organizations are providing supporters the opportunity to support their organizations though on-line organizations in Canada. I would like to see International Lutheran Deaf Association to participate in the same internet. The site is fully secure and accepts payments with VISA or MasterCard. After the donation is submitted, the system automatically generates a tax receipt in PDF format and sends it to the donor's e-mail address. The board will work on this idea shortly as we are in search of our own website for the next board meeting. Your input is very much invaluable and welcome to the board.

As we received Pastor John Reinke's e-mails on his missionary business in Ghana, the messages were highly inspirational. All of us are strongly encouraged to invest funds, needs, and commitment to the deaf Ghana Lutherans in the near future. His team did a fantastic job on building a strong faith among the deaf fellows.

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Editorial...



Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been awhile since I wrote my last editorial letter. As many of you may have notice, I will be leaving The Deaf Lutheran editor position at the end of ILDA 2009 Convention in Rochester, New York. When I leave, it will be 12 years that I have been your editor. For the past few years, I felt that it is time for the newsletter to have some new "blood" just like it was when I joined the newsletter back in 1997.

The world has changed a lot since 1997. Many of our readers have joined Jesus in Heaven and others are in failing health to continue reading our newsletters and poorer to pay for subscription. We are not having much growth in getting young people to join the church, ILDA, and subscribe to The Deaf Lutheran.

There has been talk about changing The Deaf Lutheran to Internet, but I have to balance between the "young" and "old" and our budget. The "young" can use a computer and browse the

Internet. The "old", just like my 91 years old dad... he refuse to upgrade from his old 1994 model Apple Macintosh computer which can only access old version AOL 4.0, for a newer Windows PC and the latest version of AOL to read his emails and browse the Internet. What I mean is that his old computer will not access the Internet web sites, which mean he can't read an Internet version of The Deaf Lutheran newsletter. Therefore, we have more older subscribers like my dad than younger subscribers like my children.

The Deaf Lutheran does have "pdf" version of newsletter on the web (see www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda)

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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. 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. See www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Handbook/Article20 and scroll to "Section C-Time and Place of Next Convention" for information. Or contact ILDA President Greg Desrosiers for more information at: gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca.

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Please send articles, stories and pictures to: David G. Brown, 4134 Sarasota Dr, Parma, OH 44134-6242. FAX: 440-886-2906. e-mail: TheDeafLutheran@yahoo.com

Wisconsin News...



Pastor William and Dianne Knaack with new banner that was made for the celebration great dedicated people!



Above: Long time active Lutheran members Dawn Polzin and Melissa Wiersig.



Wonderful catering service for this anniversary banquet. People catch up news with each others and enjoy a good time. People from Marshfield, Stevens Point, Eau Claire, Madison and other surrounding towns came to share the celebration.



Above: Great idea from committee and anniversary theme – God's Family Tree – has all members' names on ILY hands.

On August 11 2007 Deaf people from all over Wisconsin met at Rib

Mountain Lutheran church to celebrate 100 years of Deaf ministry in the North Wisconsin District. Nearly 100 people joined together for a day of worship, praise and fellowship. The theme was **"Celebrating 100 Years of Signing to the Lord!"**.

The day included a beautiful worship service with sign choir, a delicious catered meal, games, and door prizes. Deaf friends old and new enjoyed time to visit together.

The first worship service for the Deaf was held in Merrill, Wisconsin in 1907 by Rev. Traugott Wangerin. Over the years Deaf ministry has spread throughout northern Wisconsin. Pastors that have served there



Anniversary Celebration Committee – left side: Lisa Gertchen, Diane Knaack, Minnie Jaeger, Laura Dietel, & Steve. Right side: Jean & Bill Pinsonneault, Ann Sieve, Joyce Eno, & Rev. Knaack.

include Baker, Gade, Schroeder, Paulson, Nickerson, Corl, Heir, Hedtke, Pledger, Zuhn, and Schumacher.

Rev. William Knaack has been serving the area since 1994. He and his wife, Diane, travel through the District to seven cities. They also serve in northern Minnesota and North Dakota.



Cake/Dessert walk, later older children run this activity.



Prizes – Rev. Knaack with member Ann Sieve and Joyce Eno (behind).



Left: Children's games.



Right: Jean Pinsonneault. She is the one that brought up the idea of anniversary celebration. She was leader with this project.

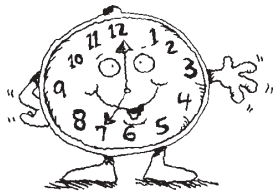


Below: Church/ anniversary service. Signs of song.

News from around the Regions...



March 9th



Daylight Saving Time



Northwest Region...

Trinity, Vancouver, BC... **Rev. David Nielsen's** mother has been called home to the Lord, Jesus Christ in January.

Midwest Region...

Calvary, Des Moines... **Rev. Dennis Konkel** is recovering from Thyroid Surgery. **Rev. William Lange, Tommy Fuller,** and **Richard Pope** have joined Jesus in Heaven.

Central Region...

Peace, Indianapolis... **Ruby Marie (Lambert) Munz,** Rev. Jerry Munz's mother has been called home to the Lord, Jesus Christ on January 26th in Kansas.

Our Savior, Madison... Jesus has called home **Walter Ericson** last November 14th.

Holy Cross, Delavan... **Leon Klein** is with the Lord, he passed away last October 18th.

Great Lakes Region...

Trinity, Pittsburgh... Our Father in Heaven has called home **Anna Kuhns** on September 6, 2007. She joined her husband, George, who went home on February 12, 2004.

Alpha, Rochester... Church members continued to be very busy with many fundraisers to support the coming 2009 ILDA convention in Rochester.

Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring... **Bob Lenderman, Mark Ehrlichmann,** and **Rev. Ron Friedrich** had a grand time at the Deaf Prison Ministry Network conference in Leesburg, VA, in September. Some good may develop for the long term out of the contacts we made there.

Don Peterson's defibrillator implant went well. He was kicked out of the hospital the next day. His only complaints: he wasn't allowed to drive or lift anything over 5# with his left arm for 2 weeks.

Rev. Dennis Konkel of Iowa had thyroid surgery that took four hours. Everything went well and he is recovering.

Alice Hagemeyer presented a deaf cultural program at the Carnegie Library of Puerto Rico in San Juan, the first program ever presented there in three languages: Spanish, English and ASL.

Ghana...

News and updates on Ghana trips can be found on the Internet: <http://www.deafjesus.org/GhanaUpdates/GhanaUpdates.html>

January 2, 2008 Rev. Bud Palmer, Linda Zoiss, and Betty Jo Lucero left the mainland USA to travel to Ghana, Africa for a three-week mission trip.

75th Anniversary...

Pilgrim Deaf in Los Angeles

The Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary of their Deaf Ministry. The Theme for the occasion will be **"Jesus Christ is the same as Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"** Hebrew 13:7-8. The celebration will take place on Sunday, April 27 at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in the Parish Hall. There will be worship service at 10:00 a.m. with Lords Prayer and then we will have banquet at 12:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. The donation will be \$20.00 The Rev. Roy Dahmann Pastor Advisor from Pacific West International Lutheran Deaf Association also pastor at Memorial Lutheran Chapel in Fremont Ca. give be giving the Sermon and he will also be quest speaker at the banquet. We are inviting PSW District Official and Mission Executive. Our former pastor Rev, August Hauptman (Emeritus) and Rev. Gary Gehrs.

If would like to RVSP, please contact Deacon Charlie Kotal at: 714-898-6572 or send check or money to: **Lee Ann Kotal, c/o Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 1233 So. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90006.** Please the check out to: **Pilgrim Lutheran Church** and on the memo write: **75th Anniversary,** The banquet will end about 4:00 p.m.

Corrections...

For **ABC Deaf Leaders Meeting** in picture published on page 7 of Christmas 2007 issue... the name of Gloria Brian is incorrect. It should be **Susan Birley** from Vancouver, BC. Two more names are **Rev. Orlin Anderson** from Calgary and **Dr. Glenn Schaeffer,** Executive Assistant-Outreach of Alberta-British Columbia District. Thank you to Linda Desrosiers for updating your Editor.

Hosanna!
IN THE HIGHEST



ILDA Regional Conferences...

As many of you already know, the year 2008 is an important Business Meeting and Election of Officers for your region.



Northwest Region...

August 8-10, 2008... at the Luther Camp in Mission, BC hosted by the Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Contact Leila Fredland at leilaf@telus.net for further information.

Pacific Region...

2008... will be held at Fremont, California, but the date have not been determined. The contact persons will be Rev. Roy Dahmann and LeeAnn Kotal at LAKOTAL@verizon.net.

Midwest Region ILDA

September 12-14, 2008... at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center, Indianola, Iowa. Hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Theme: "Never Stop Praying" Thessalonians 5:17. The contact person is Susan Konkel at Desukonkel@aol.com.

Central Region...

May 15-18, 2008... at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville, Illinois. Theme: "Jesus Pah!". "With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27. Contact Chairperson Albert Moore at VP: 217-245-9135 or email HandiAlbie5@aol.com. Flyer found on web site: www.IllinoisDeafLutheran.com

Dixie Region...

2008... Dates & Host:

Great Lakes Region...

April 25-27, 2008... at Christ Deaf Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Theme: "Light Shows" Matthew 5:14. For information, contact Pam Kane at PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net or committee GLRC2008@aol.com

Eastern Region...

October 16-19, 2008... at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, New York. Theme: "The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10. For information, contact Maureen Woods at JMWOODS11@aol.com



Nominations...

A reminder for all Regional Conference leaders this year... each Region please make nominations and send nomination list to Pam Kane, ILDA's Past President. Pam is Chairperson for 2009-2011 ILDA Officers nominations (names for new President elect, Secretary, and Treasurer).

Please send nomination names to: **Pamela Kane, ILDA 2009 Nomination, 6433 Lockwood Drive, Mentor, OH 44060-2460**. Any questions, please contact Pam by VP: 440 205-1777 or e-mail: PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net. Deadline for turning in nomination list is February 2009.

For other who want to volunteer as an officer, you may submit your name along with a summary of who you are and your church's name. Please refer to ILDA Handbook at: <http://lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Handbook/Handbook.html>.

Thank you, Deaf Lutheran Editor

2007-2009 ILDA Mission Projects Report...



The 2007-2009 Mission Project Fund has collected the total of \$4,497.98 in three months! Thank you for your heartfelt contributions for our ILDA Mission Projects. The total of our Mission Project Fund is **\$16,278.22** as of January 29, 2008. Praise the Lord!

The following list of prioritized projects is as:

1. Christian/Bible Lessons for Deaf Children \$7,000
2. D.I.T. (training materials) \$6,000
3. Africa Leadership Training (materials) \$6,000
4. Rev. Leber's Deaf Camp \$3,000
5. Youth Service Project \$7,000
6. Starfish Deaf Learning Center \$5,000
7. India Leadership Training (materials) \$6,000

Our goal is to collect \$40,000 in time of our next convention in the summer of 2009. Let us consider to contribute even more so that Africa Leadership Training, Rev. Leber's Deaf Camp and Youth Service Project will be able to use money this summer. Your contribution will be much appreciated and will help these projects move on so the children and adults will learn about Jesus sooner!

If you wish to give a donation, please make your check or money order payable to "ILDA 2007-07 Mission Project" and mail to: John Krause, ILDA Treasurer, 9905 Madison St. NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55434-4207.

May God bless you abundantly.

Linda Desrosiers
ILDA Mission Project Chairperson
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HyperHistory Online...

For those of you interested in history and like to see the big picture, here is a cool website that lays out a timeline of people and events in history, including some Biblical figures at: http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/Histroy_n2/a.html



Handbook...

Two articles were obtained from ILDA's handbook and reprinted in this issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* to serve as a refresher reminder to our readers, regional officers and members, and ILDA members.

2008 is a very important year for regional conferences and ILDA members to prepare for ILDA's 2009 conference in Rochester, New York.

Editor



Editor Wanted...

There is a job opening, starting Fall 2009, for a new *Deaf Lutheran* Editor.

Experience in computer desktop publishing, PhotoShop, Microsoft Words, Excel, Internet are recommended.

Send resume to:

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Cloverdale, BC V3S
7T9, Canada or
email:
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Article XIV THE LAW COMMITTEE

Section A — Purpose

The general purpose of the Law Committee is to evaluate situations and resolutions, study the Constitution and the Handbook and then make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes that will improve the operations, business and activities of the ILDA.

Section B — Membership

The Law Committee shall consist of the president-elect and two (2) ILDA members from his/her own city/church nominated by him/her and approved by the president.

Section C — Procedure

1. All recommendations shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors by the chairman of the Law Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the next Board meeting.
2. At that Board meeting, the Board shall review the recommendations and act upon them.
3. All Handbook changes shall be sent to *The Deaf Lutheran* for printing so that all the members can read the changes.

Section D — Meetings

1. If the ILDA president-elect (with the prior written approval of the ILDA president) thinks there is a good reason to hold a Law Committee meeting, he/she shall call a meeting at least forty-five (45) days prior to the next Board meeting at a place convenient to the members of the Law Committee.
2. Law Committee meetings shall be at the expense of the ILDA and shall include travel, lodging, meals and ground transportation costs of the members.

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 Summer issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* (deadline May 1st) 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.

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Article XXV THE DEAF LUTHERAN

Section A — Purpose

The Deaf Lutheran's main purpose is to publish news of interest to deaf Lutherans of the ILDA and its regional branches and to promote the broad interests of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Section B — Editor

The editor is responsible for:

- a. Editing the news stories and other articles that are contributed and prepare the publication for printing.

- b. Annually preparing the publication schedule and informing all parties concerned of its deadlines.
- c. Give regular reports to the ILDA Board of Directors regarding the publication.
- d. Work closely with the ILDA president and the Board for Mission Services representative in planning news stories and articles of interest.
- e. Attend all Board of Directors meetings at the expense of ILDA and attend Executive Council meeting(s) at the written request of the ILDA president.

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HAND-WAVES to Jesus Christ for His Guidance.

As a proud Lutheran brother, I would like to show you from the Globe and Mail University Report Card 2007 Concordia University College of Edmonton, Alberta ranked among the top smaller universities in Canada (with enrolment under 4000 students). The report card grades 53 universities based on the survey opinions of more than 43,000 students for overall quality of education, knowledgeable faculty and quality of teaching.

As you know our collection of captioned biblical DVDs, Linda Desrosiers was presented with a gift of a series of Love's by Janette Oke under Michael Landon's film directorship. They were highly inspirational to watch. When a new historical and archeological category of three DVDs by Professor Dr. Paul Maier who is an expert of ancient history, it was a disappointment not to have either captions or subtitles for the deaf viewers. What do we do with such wonderful DVDs without "deaf-friendly" captions or subtitles. I am planning to write a letter of request to Tobias Company in a discreet way.

Let us compliment Pastor Mark Seeger for his diligent team efforts on the youth ministry for years, so we are looking forward to having the youth grow in number under God's plan.

In closing, we would like to say a big "Happy Easter!" to all of you in recognition of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Spring is my most favorite season because I love to smell new lovely green environments of botany and light breezy air from the seacoast and mountains. The bottom line is to keep the faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

*Gregory Desrosiers,
ILDA 2005-2007 President
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but is delayed by one year. The reason we don't have the latest newsletter on the web is because we need our income from subscription fees to keep us in business.

By the time we complete our ILDA 2009 convention, we will have a better idea on the future of The Deaf Lutheran newsletter with a new "blood." Please pray for ILDA and The Deaf Lutheran in their search.

In search for new editor, it is recommended that he/she have skill using a Macintosh computer with PageMaker, PhotoShop, Microsoft Words and Excel, scanning software, etc. There is a Windows PC version of the software but be aware of the printing companies requirements and the different between Mac and Windows fonts and format, and, the cost of buying Windows PC version software. Our future newsletters could be redesigned into Microsoft Publisher but be aware of printer's requirements. Perhaps, upon the decision of the Board of Directors, the newsletter could be converted to the Internet providing that the Board find other source of funding.

Send all ideas, inquiries, and resumes to ILDA President Gregory Desrosiers, gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca. See President's Report for mailing address.

He is Risen!

David G. Brown, Editor

Deaf Pah! - DIT - Leadership Training for Deaf People

You can take 16 courses to help you learn more about your faith in Jesus Christ. Do you have to travel to a college or school to take these courses? No! You can take them all online. DEAF PAH! The Deaf Institute of Theology offers training for lay people. There is also a seminary program that will lead to ordination as a pastor or deaconess. Visit our web site: www.DeafPah.org for more information.

Deacon Alan Rork of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Indianapolis, Indiana was our first D.I.T. graduate.

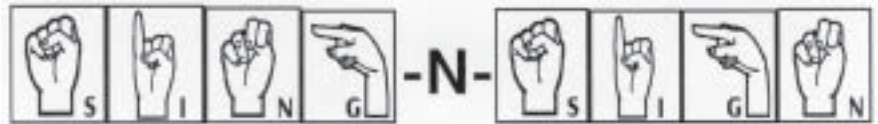
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From New York...



Bottom Row Left to Right: Deb Harris, Carol McGee, Verna Schutz, Judy Surline, Evelyn Pecora. Middle Row Left to Right: Tiffany Beach, Susan Grimes, Delane Grime, Joyce Hannold, Francis VanAken. Top Row Left to Right: Barry Dischinger, Frances Kimmes, John Eustis, Gary Morris, Deacon John Rushton. They completed course called "Getting Know to Jesus".



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

-Colossians 3:16 - NIV

- Want to *sign* interpret music in a church setting??
- Want to know how to reach out to the Deaf community??
- Want to improve your sign skills??

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Next ILDA Convention ...

July 23-26, 2009
West Henrietta, NY



JoAnna Rushton,
Chairperson
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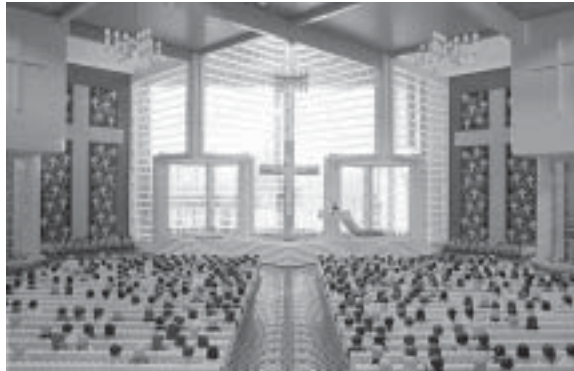
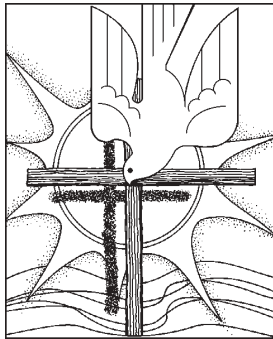


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LEGO CHURCH...

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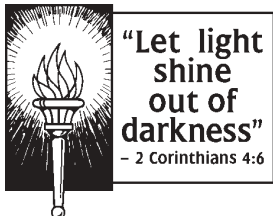
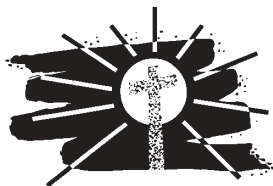
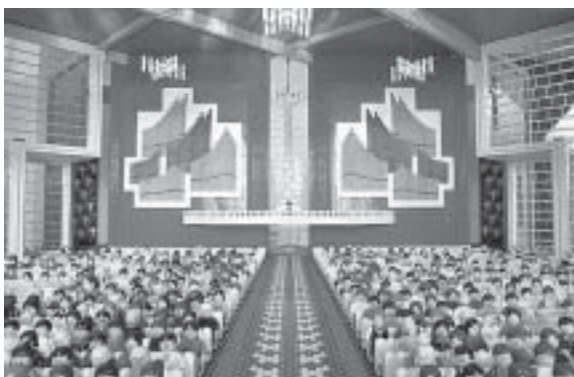
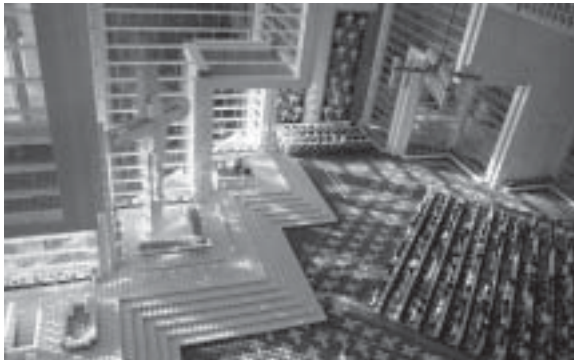
How many pieces of LEGO to build it? more than 75,000

How big is it? About 7 feet by 5 + feet by 30 inches

How many Lego people does it seat? ... 1372

How many windows? 3976

It features a balcony, a Narthex, stairs to the balcony, restrooms, coat rooms, several mosaics, a nave, a baptistery, an altar, a crucifix, a pulpit, and an elaborate pipe organ.



Right Pew – Wrong Church...

A minister was approached by a man who said he was interested in joining the church. The pastor was very pleased to hear this. But before the pastor could speak, the man said "I join your church I want you to remember that I am very busy. I can't come to meetings, don't ask me to teach in the church schools, don't ask me to come and help clean the church, I won't be here every week for worship, I won't give a good part of my pay check to the church. I am too busy for all that!" The minister thought for one minute then said, "I think you are in the wrong church. The church you want is three blocks from here." The man left and followed the pastor's directions and soon he was at the other church. The church was abandoned. The doors and windows were covered with boards. The grass and weeds were about two feet tall. The whole place was a mess. It was a dead church... it had gone out of business. DO ANY OF YOU WONDER WHY??

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Praying for your Pastor...

The great evangelical leader of the 1800's Dwight L. Moody, once said, "Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure."

Praying regularly for your pastor can have a spiritual impact on your church's place in God's plan.

Pastor Larry Harrold of Center Baptist Church says, "Pastors are human, and are susceptible to distraction, discouragement and disappointment. Pastors want to be walking with Christ, but just like everyone, can find themselves drifting away while busy doing 'God's work'."

Here's a "Weekly Guide" to praying for your pastor:

Sunday: Pray that God will use your pastor as he shares from the pulpit what God is teaching him. Pray that he will proclaim the Word of God clearly and without distraction.

Monday: Pray that your pastor will rest and spend the time with his family in order to be an effective husband and father.

Tuesday: Pray for your pastor's sermon preparation – that he will have wisdom and insights from God.

Wednesday: Pray for your pastor to have a harmonious relationship with the church staff and church leaders.

Thursday: Pray for your pastor's physical and emotional health.

Friday: Pray for your pastor's spiritual growth.

Saturday: Pray that your pastor will be protected from the enemy of his soul.

Pastor Steve Walters, Associate pastor at Christ Community Church put it succinctly: "Pastors don't always take the time they should to pray for themselves, it's wonderful when their church people are praying for them."

This article was taken from the Heartland Gatekeeper. Borrowed from Jan/Feb issue of "Calvary Newsletter", Des Moines.



LENT...

People often ask "What does Lent mean?" Why do we have Lent?"

Here are a few details.

Color - Purple = Purple is the color of repentance, sorrow, and mourning. Date - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter.

Lent is a word meaning "springtime." In the early church the term of forty days was chosen because at the beginning of His ministry Christ went off into the wilderness for forty days to prepare. Lent was the time for new converts to prepare for their baptism, which happened on Easter. Later it was connected to people coming back to faith, and finally for all Christians as a time of fasting, and self-sacrifice.

The day before Lent began was Shrove Tuesday for the word "shrive," meaning to give or receive absolution. Since Lent was a time of self-denial, people did not eat meat, butter, eggs, cream, and other goodies. These were all used in a feast called Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras. Pancakes were often made from the butter, cream and eggs.

Lent is now a time of repentance, focusing on faith, prayer, fasting, rebirth and renewal, and of thinking about the meaning of Christ's life, death, and the salvation He gives us.

Lent includes Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. Holy Week, which began in the 4th century, looks at the last week of Jesus' life. Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin "mandatum, meaning command and refers to John 13:34 -" new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." Thursday is the day Jesus shares the Passover meal with His disciples and begins the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

At the end of Worship on Maundy Thursday the altar area (chancel) is stripped of paraments and other decorations. It is left bare until the first worship on Easter. This year, you celebrate Lent, remember and thank God Jesus suffered and died for your sins. Sacrifice (give up) your time for Bible Study, prayer, and sharing Jesus love with everyone in your life.

*Pastor Reinke Missionary-at-Large/Deaf, South Wisconsin District
— LCMS Director, Deaf Institute of Theology
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South Wisconsin.*



ILDA Conventions Memories...



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_leighthy@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_leighthy@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 for 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: stmatluthdeaf@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 for 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/jlcd

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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