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DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION



Rev. Jerold D. Munz,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Recently God gave me an opportunity to talk about Jesus on a flight from Orlando to St. Louis. As I approached my seat, I learned that my seat-mate was a deaf man. He too was flying from Orlando to St. Louis. Immediately I thanked God for giving me the opportunity to share Jesus with a deaf person. Then I sat down and fastened my seat belt and began to sign with this deaf person.

During the initial greetings the young deaf man realized that I was a pastor. His reaction was to immediately turn and face the window. He put his back to me and went to sleep. He slept the next two plus hours on the plane and never spoke a word to me. Unfortunately I was unable to share with him the hope we have.

St. Peter wrote: *“Always be ready to give an answer to anyone asking you about the hope we*

have.” 1 Peter 3:15. In this instance I was ready but he was not ready to ask about the hope we have in Christ Jesus. What is this hope?

Hope is something that is not now but later. Hope is something we wait to receive. In Biblical times, the word hope was something 100% sure. A definite yes. For sure. No doubt about it. No ifs ands or buts.

But in today’s culture, the word hope has turned to a different meaning. We say “I hope to see you next week.” “I hope to win the lottery.” “We hope to go on vacation.” Hope is no longer perceived as a done deal. Hope today is a maybe. In today’s world, hope is not a “sure thing” but a “maybe.” I hope/maybe to see you next week. I hope/maybe to win the lottery. We hope/maybe to go on vacation.

For today’s world perhaps a better translation for 1 Peter 3:15 would be: *“be ready to give an answer to anyone asking about your future.”* Our future is in Jesus Christ. When we die we don’t hope/maybe but know for sure that we future/will go to heaven. Our names are already in the Book of Life. Revelation 20:12 and Luke 10:20. Just as Jesus told the thief on the cross, *“Today you are with me in Paradise.”* Luke 23:43.

My prayer now is that God will give me or someone else the opportunity to meet this young deaf man to share the hope/future I have in Christ Jesus: not only this person but all people – both hearing and deaf. Our prayer from now on is to ask God to give us opportunities to share His story one more time. My suggestion is that we all pray weekly to God for opportunities to tell the Good News. Perhaps you can ask your worship leader to add these words to the closing prayer: “Lord, this week give each of us the opportunity to share Your Son’s story one more time. Help us to be ready to tell someone this week about our future. Amen”

Pastor Jerry Munz,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor



Pray for PEACE



Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.

-Matthew 6:28

The President's Report...



Greg Desrosiers, ILDA
2007-2009 President

A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!! As you may be puzzled by that great term, let me explain to you that there was a special gathering at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Surrey, British Columbia, our hometown just outside of beautiful Vancouver. It happened that three different religious groups namely Vancouver Catholic Deaf Association (VCDA), Deaf Community Christian Church (DCCC) and Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf (TLCD) worshipped together on Saturday, April 19 afternoon. Over sixty participants along with their own clergy attended to that gathering with warm welcoming feelings aside of religious differences. Unanimously, we agreed that the purpose of this worship together is to give thanks and praises to God for His true love and peace. As we know, God gave us His Son, Jesus Christ as our Savior. All of these groups affirmed that worshipping together events will take turns to host this event three times yearly. Over the past months, there were special committee meetings at Desrosiers' residence to have three groups plan these collaboration accordingly. First, TLCD took

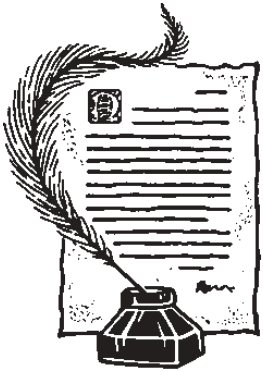
the initiative to begin Worship Together after Easter and Passover; second, DCCC will host the Thanksgiving in the fall (October in Canada) and third, VCDA will the last event for Christmas.

That idea was revived by Linda Desrosiers after a handful of senior citizens reminded her of their wonderful worship-together events in the early 1980s with smiles. So, she spearheaded the revival of that concept for our special events only. We contended that collecting offerings will go toward the agencies for the homeless, food banks and other non-profit deaf organizations that need financial assistance. We really appreciated such happy occasion that we shared this beautiful celebration as we moved in a baby step.

The ILDA board meeting will be held in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in one weekend of August, 2008. Please submit items or your ideas to the board namely Vice-president Jeff Padon of Baltimore, Maryland,

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Editorial...



Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As of this writing, we are now half way thru the Spring Season. I am now back at my summer home, my RV at campground, to enjoy the outdoors and nature.

Last March, Larry Ginter and I traveled to Pittsburgh to attend Trinity's 45th anniversary of their church building. **I again want to thanks Deacon Don Mowl and Trinity members for inviting us and for paying for our trip's expenses.** This is a real blessing as many of us are facing raising fuel and food expenses and not able to travel far.

We will be printing information and forms for ILDA's 2009 convention in our next issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* (this September).

Reminder that we are looking for a new editor for *The Deaf Lutheran* as I will be leaving right after ILDA 2009 convention in Rochester, NY. Please send all ideas, inquiries, and resumes to ILDA President Gregory Desrosiers, gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca. See President's Report for mailing address.

Have a safe summer!

In Christ,

David G. Brown, Editor



www.deafjesus.org

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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DINNER!!



Four new members of God's family, after they were baptized!



Pastor Bud's class of Evangelists and Vicars.



Betty Jo and Linda's class of students!



Right: Commissioning of the corn mill with Pastor Young and deaf village interpreter.

Left: The group of deaf from Adamrobe village.



Ghana 2008...

During the month of January 2008 the Ghana Deaf Mission team – Rev. Bud Palmer, Linda Zoiss, and Betty Jo Lucero – traveled to Ghana, West Africa to do their three-week missionary works. They met old friends deaf Vicar Akrouful, Amadu, Enoch, Dr. Fynn and a number of other people there.

The team traveled from Accra, Ghana to places like Adomrobe, Kumasi, Cape Coast, etc.

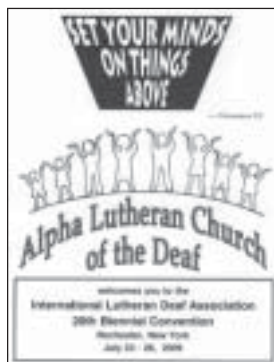
One dinner the team faced with was a scary fish dinner... dinner included the whole fish... the tiny teeth, eyes, bones, etc. Ewww. Dinner was served with yams, green sauce and cooked plantains.

Temperature there were in the 90s at night!

The team's trip stories and other mission trips can be found on the web:

www.deafjesus.org/GhanaUpdates/

ILDA 2009 Convention—
July 23-26, 2009
Rochester, NY
 Watch Fall 2008 Issue of The Deaf Lutheran for information and registration forms.

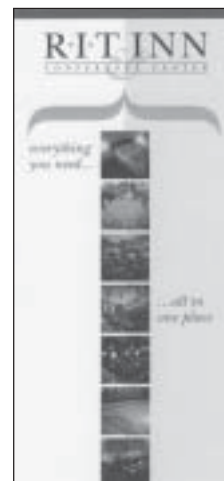


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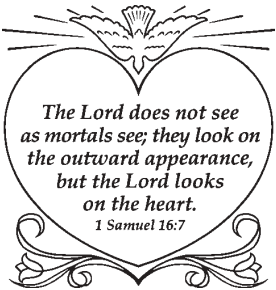


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News from around the Regions...



Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton... as reported in February, **Dr. Louis Jasper**, missionary for the Deaf in Hong Kong, is now retired and has went thru heart bypass surgery. Seminary student **Jeff Dul** is undergoing training and wife recently has a baby daughter, **Kianna Trinity**.

Trinity, Vancouver, BC... our Lord Jesus Christ has called home **Georgina (Deptford) Stone** in February.

Midwest Region...

Prince of Peace, MN... **Margaret Shockman** has joined Jesus in Heaven.

Quad Cities, IA... has voted to change their name to **Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf**.

Calvary, Des Moines... **Maxine Olsen** has joined Jesus in Heaven.

Word of God... news is that **Rev. Roger Altenberger's** cancer surgery was successful. Now he is waiting for a church to call him as their pastor.

Central Region...

Our Savior, Madison... new church officers for 2008-2010 are: **Lee Frazier**, President; **David Buntin**, Vice President; **Jane Helgerson**, Secretary; and **Bob Byington**, Treasurer. Our Father in Heaven has called home **Walter Ericson** last November.

Holy Cross, Delavan... **Leon Klein** is with the Lord last October.

Emmanuel, Milwaukee... **Omar Schmidt** has joined Jesus in Heaven.

Dixie Region...

Jesus, Austin... word is that the church is opening a faith based High School for Deaf students.

Great Lakes Region...

Trinity, Pittsburgh... our Lord Jesus has called home to Heaven **James Paul** on January 17th, 2008. **Kevin Mowl**, 22, son of Dr. Harold M. and Mary F. Mowl has joined Jesus in Heaven on February 25th from injury in explosion in Iraq.

Christ, Cleveland... new church officers for 2008-1010 are: **Robert Kane**, President; **Leonard Williams**, Vice President; **Larry Ginter**, Secretary; and **Robert Leland**, Treasurer.



Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring... on January 9, 2008, after a journey of 7 years and three seminaries, **Mark Ehrlishmann** was officially ordained into the public ministry in Lutheran Congregatons in Mission for Christ (LCMC) at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Garfield, MN.

Alice and Ted Hagemeyers spent 10 weeks with daughter in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Easy Riders...



Joanna and Deacon John Rushton of Rochester, NY, traveled to 2007 ILDA convention in Baltimore on their Harley. Submitted by Don Mowl of Pittsburgh.

Calls...

Ryan McDermott from Los angeles, CA has been assigned a vicarage in Omaha, NE. He will be part time at Bethlehem Deaf and part time at Bethany Lutheran.



Rev. Bill Wrede of Mill Neck, New York has accepted call to serve as pastor of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (Glendale) and Saint Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf (Elmhurst) in Queens.

We Goofed!



Correction...

The Spring 2008 Issue listed Rogate Deaf Lutheran Church with some errors. Correct listing is as:

Rogate Deaf Lutheran Church
1644 Nursery Road
Clearwater, FL 33756

Worship: 9:14 1st and 3rd Sundays

Telephone: 863-430-1025

Email: therevfjdmunz@yahoo.com

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 Camp Luther, 9311 Shook Rd., Mission, BC hosted by the Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Contact Leila Fredland at leilaf@telus.net for further information.

Pacific Region...

October 16-19, 2008... at Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, Fremont, California. Theme: "Teach me YOUR way, O LORD, so that I may live in YOUR truth." Psalm 86:11. The contact persons are Rev. Roy Dahmann, mlcdeaf@juno.com and LeeAnn Kotal, 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" 1Thessalonians 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...

Was held at Christ Deaf Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio on April 25-27, 2008. The theme was "Light Shows" Matthew 5:14. New officers are: Pam Kane, President; Scott Fife, President-elect; Larry Ginter, Secretary; JoAnna Rushton, Treasurer; and Deacon John Rushton, Pastoral Advisor.

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

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

2007-2009 ILDA Mission Projects Report...



The 2007-2009 Mission Project Fund has collected the total of \$1,469.69 since February 2008. The total of our Mission Project Fund is **\$17,747.91** as of April 18, 2008. Praise the Lord!

Thank you for your ongoing heartfelt contributions for our ILDA Mission Projects since last summer especially from ten different congregations, individuals and two special groups! With your support, every ministry dream, every mission goal is possible. Let us pray for collecting \$23,000 more in time of our next convention in the summer of 2009.

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

Africa Leadership Training, Rev. Leber's Deaf Camp, Youth Service Project, Starfish Deaf Learning Center and India Leadership Training definitely will need monies as soon as possible. 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 2007-09 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
ldesrosiers1@shaw.ca

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

Celebration...



New banner of the 45th celebration.



Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf celebrated their church building 45th anniversary on Sunday, March 30th, 2008.

David G. Brown, *The Deaf Lutheran* Editor, on his 60th birthday day drove D/L Business Manager Larry Ginter to Pittsburgh, PA to attend this celebration. We thank and appreciate Trinity's committee for invitation to a yummy banquet dinner that was served. Served were roast beef rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, punch, and cake & ice cream.

The 45th anniversary committee was lead by Deacon Don and Mary Mowl. Visiting Pastors whom lead the service were Rev. Edwin Bergstresser of Holy Cross, Columbus, Ohio and Rev. Gary Lawson, Christ Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio. During the service, Brian and Tammi Sita's children, Faith Amellia, Cheyanne Emilee, Brittany Rence, and Brian Joseph, Jr. were baptized by Rev. Bergstresser. Around 80 members and visitors joined this Festival.



Two of the three display tables of photos & histories.



One of the 2 cakes!



The Sita Family and Rev. Bergstresser.



Display of deceased members and awards.



Mr. Louis Kieffer talked about his deceased parents, Laura & Louis Kieffer, while Mary Mowl look on. They donated money to the Festival and to the church.



June Paul prepare her presentation about her deceased husband, James Paul as Don and Mary Mowl stand by her sides.



left: Appreciation for many years of service award (beautiful Jesus and Bible) was given to Mary and Donald Mowl by Nick Maines and members of Trinity Deaf Church.

below: Ceri-Jayne Hawley, deaf from South Africa, talk about her Deaf World Ministries program at Trinity.



Rev. Cory Erickson recently moved from Nebraska to Pittsburgh.



Deacon Don Mowl lead the Festival Worship.

Alan Rork...



D.I.T. Grad Alan Rork



First DIT Student Received Call 5/1/2008...

On Tuesday, April 22, Concordia Seminary's first Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) student, Alan Rork, along with approximately 150 candidates for the pastoral ministry and five deaconess candidates, received his first call to serve in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) provides an alternative route to ordination for deaf and hard of hearing members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The seminary-level program was created in 2004 to provide an opportunity for a deaf person to become a pastor. The curriculum provides the necessary broad foundation for missionary pastoral students. The DIT seminary-level program uses online classes with sign language video clips and mentoring by a local pastor. Annual on-campus seminars are also required. Beginning winter 2008, there will be 10 DIT students.

Alan Rork was the first applicant in 2004 to enter the DIT seminary-level program. He also completed the pre-requisite Deaf PAH program. Deaf PAH, the Deaf Institute of Theology pre-seminary program, was

developed in 1998. It is offered by the Deaf Lutheran Mission Society (DLMS), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Deaf Missions and now has over 180 students in the U.S. and Canada.

"There are profound language barriers in the deaf culture that adversely affects their understanding of religion, faith and the Bible," commented Kara Simmons, coordinator of the sign language school and assistant to the director of the DIT program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. "A majority of the deaf population use American Sign Language which does not conform to the same language translated in the Bible. With the Deaf PAH and DIT training, Alan Rork will be able to bridge that level of understanding to the deaf and hard of hearing in the deaf ministry. Alan's graduation is a huge accomplishment for someone who is profoundly deaf and will be a model of successful deaf ministerial work for the LCMS."

For more information, contact Communications, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; (314) 505-7374; Communications@csl.edu.



Alan with his family.



Rev. John Reinke, Alan Rork, and Rev. Jerry Munz



With the Indiana District President.

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Treasurer John Krause of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Secretary Jennifer Bonura of Houston, Texas and Pastoral Advisor Rev. Jerold Munz of Florida for agenda. Your ideas are very much appreciated to our board for brainstorming. Unfortunately, we learned disappointed news that a number of districts have continued cutbacks on the deaf Lutheran congregations across the United States. It is equally alarming to us, so the board will see and find out what is the best under God's guidance. Please send your visionary ideas to us via e-mail: gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca or www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Board/ILDAboard.html as soon as possible.

As for the ILDA website, I found www.deafjesus.org/ very admirable. You are strongly encouraged to use that website to see the events and updates without asking

anyone for assistance. If you wish to attend to the ILDA convention in Rochester next summer of 2009, there is a webpage ready for you. Praise the Lord for that clever website.

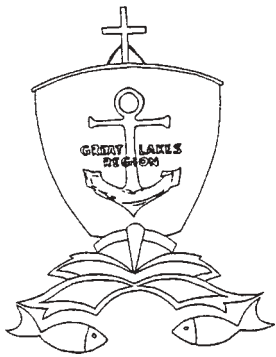
As of job opening for a new *Deaf Lutheran* editor, I am still waiting for anyone who is interested in that position via e-mail. Please advise me via gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca. I notified that the past newsletter had my misspelled email, so please disregard that.

My sisters and brothers in Jesus' name, please keep the faith. God bless.

*Gregory Desrosiers,
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GLRC...



The Great Lake Regional Conference was held on April 25-27, 2008 at Christ Deaf Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Pam Kane and committee did a fine job hosting this weekend conference.

Around 49 people from Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Pittsburgh, and Rochester attended this three-day event.

The theme was *"Light Shows"* Matthew 5:14. Devotions, studies, and sermon preaching *Light Shows* were led by Rev. Gary Lawson, Rev. Ed Bergstresser, Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt, and Deacon John Rushton.

Games led by Larry Ginter, refreshments, party-tray lunches, and Banquet keep the attendees happy. The yummy Banquet dinner was prepared by The Manor Party Center and there were plenty of left overs. Robert Leland, Jr. was Master of Ceremonies.



Above: GLRC flyer.

r: David G. Brown and visitors in lobby before the start of GLRC.



r: Robert Kane, Christ Deaf Lutheran's President, open the GLRC conference.



New 2008-2010 GLRC officers, r-l: Pam Kane, President; Scott Fife, President-elect; Larry Ginter, Secretary; JoAnna Rushton, Treasurer; and Deacon John Rushton, Pastoral Advisor.



People joined Friday Evening's Devotion choir.



Beverly Leland, Lynn Ginter, and Sharon Brown prepare the registration table on Friday before people arrive.



Deacon John Rushton, standing, and people in lobby on Friday.



Saturday evening banquet... we await to be called to the buffet table to get our food.



left: Friday evening "Chase the Ace" game led by leader Larry Ginter.

below left: Saturday afternoon "Card Bingo" games.



above: Winning table... Sharon Brown and Beverly Leland champ over Rose Chau and Leonard Williams.



above: Master of Ceremonies, Robert Leland, Jr.





Rev. Shirll Petzoldt of Toledo led Saturday morning's devotion before the start of GLRC business meeting as people look on.



GLRC President Brian Grabler point to Secretary Robin Fife at the start of GLRC business meeting.



GLRC Treasurer, JoAnna Rushton, gives her treasury report.



GLRC Pastoral Advisor, Deacon John Rushton, gives his report.



Saturday luncheon being served as people sit down at their tables to eat and chat.



Mary Mowl of Pittsburgh make a new business motion as President Brian Grabler look on.



Rev. Ed Bergstresser of Columbus preaches Sunday morning Adult Bible Study.



Deacon Don Mowl of Pittsburgh read Bible verses during Sunday Service.



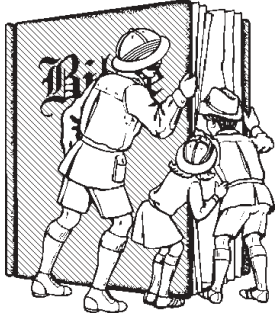
Rev. Gary Lawson of Cleveland leads Sunday choir.



Deaf Youth Service Trip...

Rev. Mark Seeger's group fly to St. John's Lutheran Church in Napa, California on July 15th, 2008.

The projects will go thru San Pablo Watershed neighborhood, Stafford Lake Park, Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center, Janet Pomeroy Center, and to a number of other places. Sunday service will be at Memorial Deaf (Pastor Roy Dahmann) in Fremont.



VBS...

Everything you ever wanted to know about a deaf VBS, but were afraid to ask!

Spend August 18th-22nd in Austin, Texas. Jennifer Knaack Ceyanes and her exciting staff of volunteers will lead this workshop.

CITI...

Summer 2008 Church Interpreter Training Institute training is June 1-8, 2008. More information is found on the web at: www.ctsfw.edu/events/citi/index.php

D.I.T. and DeafPAH Students...

July 7 to 11, 2008 - 1 week workshop...

We want to bring all of our DeafPAH and D.I.T. students together for encouragement, practice, Spiritual feeding, and fellowship. No matter you are only beginning or you are advanced. We are inviting you to come join us. See page 5 of Christmas 2007 Deaf Lutheran

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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.

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Article XXV

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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.

Life Begins At 80...

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 years are the succession of birthday parties.

Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anybody else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be three places at a the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only explain that you are 80!

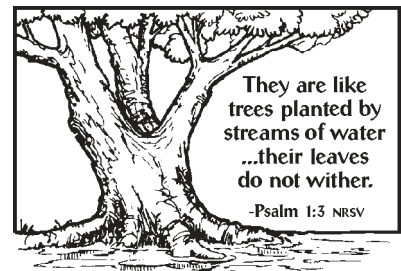
Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 you have a perfect excuse no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age they expect you to retire to a house in Florida and complain about your arthritis (they used to call it lumbago). If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect for having lived so long. Actually they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So please, folks, try to make it to 80. It's the best time of life. People forgive you for everything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

*From a dear friend who turned 80
a number of years ago.*

*Printed in Ann Landers' column 30- years ago.
Reprinted from The Mustard Seed Feb 2008*



- 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.

ILDA Conventions Memories...



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