



## I.L.D.A. Newsletter

Spring 2011



### President's Report

Jeff Padon, ILDA President, Christ Lutheran – Washington DC

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. We are much looking forward to the International Lutheran Deaf Association convention at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio on August 4-7, 2011. This convention holds a vital for the future of International Lutheran Deaf Association since we will tackle some issues especially with the member Deaf Lutheran newsletters and President & President-Elect position in the election.

First of all, I know many of you wonder what happen to Deaf Lutheran newsletters/website. Since David Brown and Larry Ginter graciously spent their times working on Deaf Lutheran newsletters for twelve years and it was time for them to take a break permanently two years ago. Unfortunately, nobody was willing to step forward and take their places. We agreed that we would just have Deaf Lutheran website and we only needed to find a Webmaster when we were at ILDA convention in Rochester, NY. Larry Blout contacted me and he's willing to help us out to find a Webmaster. He found one but turned out this person failed to disclosure that he has limited knowledge how to develop the website. Then Larry had to take over despite his busy schedule. Something unlucky occurred on his computer as it was wiped out from virus so, we went back to square one. We definitely need to set up a task force to handle the search to find at least two persons to work on Deaf Lutheran newsletters/website. Hopefully, we will able to have hard copy newsletters like we used to have them in the past.

We will face the election as we do at every ILDA convention. Some of you are aware that we do have a vacant President-Elect and supposed to take my place as my President term expires this summer. We will need a good number of candidates for the President-Elect. Also, we will welcome any candidates to run for the President position only if that person has a lot of experience involved ILDA in the past. Either if you are interested or being nominated, please contact Greg DeRosiers. He is the chairperson for nominating candidates for ILDA officers.

We will be looking forward to see you at ILDA convention soon. If you have any questions, please contact me thru email and my email address is jepadon@aol.com.



# 2010-2012 ILDA Memberships Enrollment Form

Please fill in the information needed, print this form to your printer, make check payable to The ILDA Treasurer and mail form & payment to: Patrick Sell, ILDA Treasurer, 531 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Story City, Iowa 50248-1129.

Type of Membership (please circle one)      Active      Associate      Supporting

Your Membership due \$20..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse membership due \$20 (if applicable).... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Your God's 1000 Club, add \$20 (optional)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse god's 1000 Club, add \$20 (optional).... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Totals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Title (Mr Mrs Ms Miss Rev) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Subtitle (Sr, Jr, II, Etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's full name \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you for your support!***

## Pastor's Devotion

Rev. Jerry Munz, ILDA Pastoral Advisor , Lakeland, Florida

I have two dogs. They are both brother and sister from the same litter. Their names are Bernie and Bianca. They are eleven years old, which is seventy-seven in human years, and are now starting to show their age. Arthritis is starting to impair their activity and they are also starting to grow cataracts. They are starting to slow down.

Bernie continues to exhibit a fantastic appetite. He knows when it is time to eat and will come to me and bark as if to say it is breakfast time or it is suppertime. They eat shortly after getting up in the morning and supposedly at 5 PM. But sometimes, he is hungry already at 4 PM and wants his supper NOW. He has a hard time with time management and with patience.

What I would like to share with you is what happens each Easter and again happened this past Easter. We again caught Bernie climbing onto the dining room table and eating those little chocolate Easter eggs with the aluminum wrapping. Yes, we know that dogs are allergic to chocolate. Yes, chocolate is supposed to make dogs very ill. And yes they can die from eating chocolate. Not Bernie. He has stolen chocolate candy for many years and has never shown any ill effects from eating chocolate. And he passes the wrapping just fine. Bernie may have a doggy guardian angel who works overtime..

This applies to us Christians. We too are protected from deadly peril. We have a powerful protector. Our God protects and guides us. Our Father God and His Son both send the Holy Spirit to us. The Holy Spirit has a very important job. However, most Christians do not seem to realize how much we rely on Him. The Holy Spirit guides and directs our faith. The Small Catechism says it best in the Meaning to the Third Article of the Creed: "...the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith." He keeps me in the true faith. How does He do that? The Holy Spirit sends angels to watch over us and guards us from events that may harm us and from the devil who wants to destroy our faith. For some of us, the Holy Spirit works long hours watching and protecting us. We truly thank the Holy Spirit for His hard work. We rejoice and give praise to the Triune God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us and works hard to keep us close and calls us His children.

## Secretary's Report

Jennifer Ceyenes, ILDA Secretary, Jesus Lutheran Church – Austin, TX

When Jesus was ready to ascend to heaven, He gave the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:20: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Have you ever wondered how you could do that? Maybe you already see an opportunity, but don't know how to start or what to use.

During his ministry on Earth, Jesus loved having the children come to Him. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them, " Matthew 19:14. Jesus still wants the children to come to Him today. We can bring the children to Him by teaching them about His word and bringing them to church. If the children learn and understand, their faith can grow as they believe and trust in their Savior.

Where can you find the children? Maybe they already go to your church. Or they are at the deaf school or in a mainstream program. Or you might have children of your own and know other friends who have children. The children can be young or older. They all need to learn about Jesus and what God's word says to them in the Bible! Even adults need to know too! Some adults never went to church or grew up in a hearing church, but did not understand anything.

Soon, there will be Bible lessons available for you to use! The lessons will be various stories from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Each lesson will have a power point presentation with questions and a couple of pictures. The lessons will also be on paper, if you don't have a projector available. The lessons can be used for young children or older children. You can teach the lesson in different ways to help your students understand.

The lessons can be used for Sunday School, Bible study, and Vacation Bible School. They can be used for after-school religion classes or individual study at home. They can also be used for adult Bible study if needed.

The Bible lessons will be made available when they are completed and copied on DVDs/CDs. They will be distributed to all the deaf churches and churches with deaf ministry. Individuals can get a copy as well.

If you want to know more or would like to request a copy, please email me at [jenceytex@gmail.com](mailto:jenceytex@gmail.com).

## Treasurer's Report

Patrick Sell, ILDA Treasurer, Calvary Lutheran Church – Des Moines

Mission Projects Fund. 2009 – 2011 Report

The 2009 ILDA convention in Rochester, New York, voted as follows:

Rank # 1 – D.I.T. – Zechariah Fund (North America) ( \$ 20,000 )  
Rank # 2 – Children & Youth Ministry at Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Austin, TX ( \$ 2,500 )  
Rank # 3 – D.I.T. – Zechariah Fund ( World ) ( \$ 10,000 )  
Rank # 4 – Youth Service Project ( \$ 8,000 )  
Rank # 5 – Leadership Training Development ( \$ 4,000 )  
Rank # 6 – Rev. Leber Deaf Lutheran Youth Camp ( \$ 4,000 )  
Rank # 7 – Exhibit Booth Fund (Public Relations) ( \$ 4,000 )  
Rank # 8 – Starfish Deaf Learning Center at Christ Lutheran Deaf Church ( \$ 2,500 )  
Grand Total (2009-2011) -- \$ 55,000

48 congregations, foundation, individual/couples and bequests have donated a total of \$ 49,723.00 so far. This means we are at 90.4% of our goal. My hope is that more will contribute \$ 5,277.00 or 9.6% within the next three months of May, June, and July, 2011 to reach our goal.

Please note that Ranking # 2 and Ranking # 4 showed a total of \$ 10,500.00 and this has been sent to Rev. Mark Seeger of Austin, Texas, in the fall season of 2010 and the winter season of 2011. Funds are available for Ranking # 1, # 3, # 5, & # 6.

If you have any questions concerning the above report, you are welcome to contact me at [prs\\_djs@yahoo.com](mailto:prs_djs@yahoo.com).



**International Lutheran Deaf Association 2011**  
 Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center  
 Mt. Sterling, Ohio  
 August 4-7, 2011



**Convention Registration Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Deaf \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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            VP ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COMBO:**

Registration (required)	\$35.00	_____
Thursday Night Refreshment	\$10.00	_____
Friday Breakfast	\$20.00	_____
Lunch	\$26.00	_____
Picnic (outdoor)	\$30.00	_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$20.00	_____
Lunch	\$26.00	_____
Banquet	\$40.00	_____
Sunday Breakfast	\$20.00	_____
<b>Total:</b>		_____

COMBO: (include registration)		
Before December 31, 2010	\$200.00	_____
Before April 15, 2011	\$230.00	_____
Before July 15, 2011	\$250.00	_____
Before August 1, 2011 Deadline!!!	\$275.00	_____

Optional Item: Sunday Lunch (Pack lunch box) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check to ILDA2011 Mail to Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church, % ILDA 2011  
 360 Morse Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43214

For more information: contact ILDA2011@yahoo.com

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**ILDA Newsletter Spring 2011**

ILDA Convention

Deer Creek State Park  
Mt. Sterling, Ohio

August 4 - 7

Registration:  
ILDA2011@yahoo.com

Lodge Reservations:  
1-877-678-3337  
ask for Lisa Harrison

RV and Tent Reservations:  
1-866-644-6727

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