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Devotion

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Let Your Faith in Christ Shine Forth



"No one lights a lamp and hides it or puts it under a basket. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lamp stand so that those who come in will see its light" (Luke 11:33, GWTN).

When you light a candle, what will you do with it? Perhaps put it in a secret place or under a bushel basket? "No, no," you will say, "I will put it on a candlestick, so that all who come in may see the light." Right you are! Now God has made you to be a light in this world by giving you faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. Surely He does not want you to hide this faith. Joseph of Arimathea did this. He was a disciple of Jesus; but he kept it a secret for fear of the Jews. He hid his faith as Christians so often do. They are afraid to confess Jesus as their Savior, afraid that people will laugh and mock.

Why do you think that Jesus gives us faith? First, He did it to save us; but He also did it so we would let our light, our faith, shine before men, confess Him before all the world, walk as children of light, show the world the precious Savior, in whom we believe. Then all people that meet us will see our joy, our peace, our hope through faith in Jesus. Joseph did that on Good Friday. No more afraid, he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, then took it down from the Cross, and before all

people confessed: "This is my Lord and Savior." For this reason God by His Holy Spirit also worked faith in our hearts. He wants us to let our faith shine forth and by that bring other sinners to the Cross and everlasting life.

PRAYER: Thanks, heavenly Father, for giving me the true faith and making me to be a light in this world. Help me always let my faith shine forth before all people. Amen.

From the President



Greetings from nice, sunny Pflugerville, Texas!

Now, Spring is here at last! Up north, after long, freezing winter, snow and ice are finally melting and all colorful flowers – blue (i.e. Texas Blue Bonnet), red, yellow, pink purple, etc., and leaves on trees are blooming... the weather is getting warmer and breezy, etc. Everyone is getting ready for picnics, proms, spring festivals, spring cleaning, planning vacations, etc.! Before too long, summer will be here, schools are almost over; students are preparing for finals and looking forward to summer vacation; families are planning for trips, camping, swimming/BBQ parties, Vacation Bible School for their children, weddings/bridal showers, family reunions, etc.; others are looking forward to attending conventions, visiting old friends in other towns or states, trip to State Fair or County Fair, going to beaches, hiking or biking across country, festivals (such as strawberry festival), etc.

On the other hand, when we are going on vacation and visiting family members or friends or sightseeing some places or whatever we are enjoying to do or attend, etc., we really need to include our Lord in our daily activities while we are away from home by reading and studying the Bible or saying our prayers or do our family devotions. If there are some churches that have interpreters in their worship services or have Deaf worship services. In addition, as the body of Christ, we can worship Him everywhere, and we should worship Him everyday, no matter where we are.... Matt. 22: 37-39: *“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’”*

Suppose during summer evening, we are sitting on a sandy beach or around campfire looking at the sky and watching a beautiful sunset giving in bright colors: red, orange, yellow, gold, etc. Think about how God created all these things (sky, trees, flowers, grass, lake, etc.) in the world in a perfect order! Psalm 19:1, *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”*

Can you believe it or not? Our Biennial ILDA Convention 2015 in Madison, Wisconsin will take place in only over a year away! How the time flies so rapidly that we could hardly believe it! I’m strongly encouraging you all to plan on attending and those who plan to attend your regional conference please encourage the members to plan on attending!

Lastly, I so gladly announce that I am retiring from my teaching position at the University of Texas effective on May 31st after 28 years (including 22 years at the university) of teaching!

May our Loving Lord Jesus so richly bless you all!

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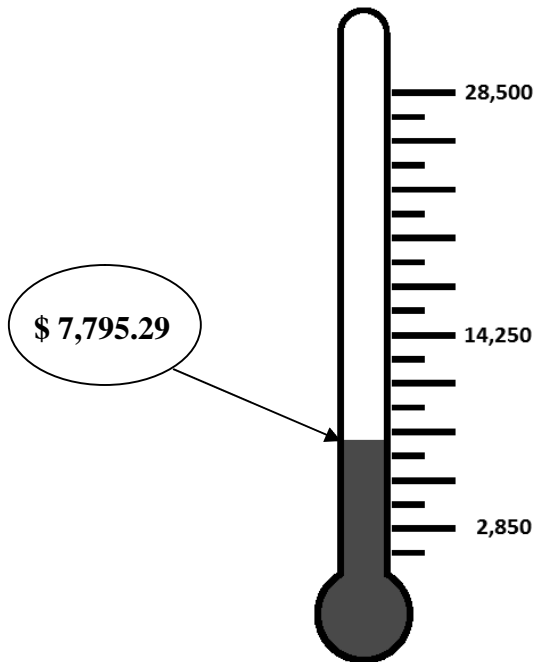
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2013-2015 ILDA MISSION PROJECTS

Goal: \$28,500

Each long line represents 10% of goal.



ILDA Treasurer Report

by Patrick R. Sell, Treasurer Pro Tem

The money collected for ILDA mission projects 2013-2015 is \$ 7,795.29 as of April 30, 2014. This is about 27%. Most of the contributions have been from individuals. We have 13 months left to raise our goal of \$ 28,500.

Rev. Steven Schumacher receives Call to Ghana, West Africa



Last year (2013) Rev. Schumacher received a call from the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod International Missions to serve as Career

Missionary to Ghana, West Africa. After much prayer and consideration he accepted the call and will be deploying the end of August or

beginning of September this year for five years or more. He will be teaching at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana’s (ELCG) new seminary in Accra and assisting the ELCG with Deaf Ministry. His wife, Cindy, will be working with four Lutheran schools in Accra, serving as a mentor for teachers and assisting with administration.

To support Rev. Schumacher’s work in Ghana a tax-deductible gift can be sent to either The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, PO Box 790089, St. Louis, MO 63179-0089 or to Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034. Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod OR Mission Central. Mark checks in the memo line as “Schumacher – Ghana.”

Mission Trip to Macau, China
by Jennifer Ceyanes



I have a wonderful opportunity to serve in Macau, China! I am going back this October for three to four weeks. I will be working with the deaf school, deaf center, and the deaf church. I will see many of the

deaf children and adults who I worked with 14 years ago when I served as a volunteer missionary.

In the fall of 1998, I went to Macau to serve as the first deaf volunteer missionary for LCMS World Mission. I worked with the deaf children and teachers at the deaf school there. I was there for a year and half before leaving in early 2000. It broke my heart to leave and I am excited to be returning this fall!

Pastor Thomas Dunseth was the career missionary in Macau at the time I was there. He left Macau shortly after I did and is currently the pastor for the deaf in Michigan. He still goes to Macau several times a year. I will be meeting him there this October and doing Bible studies, workshops, and possibly a retreat. There is much work for me to do!

The cost of this trip will be around \$2,500. This will cover the costs of airfare, lodging, and food. If you would like to support this mission,

you can either send a check made payable to JLCD to this address: Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, 1307 Newton Street, Austin, TX 78704, or go to www.gofundme.com/89czi0 and make your payment there.

Joshua Reinke Receives Call to Minnesota



At the Concordia Seminary call day, St. Louis, MO on April 29, 2014, Joshua Reinke, son of Rev. John and Dacia Reinke (Madison, WI), was called to a dual

parish in McGregor and Wright, MN. Congratulations to Joshua and we wish him and his wife, Tristin, God's blessings as they begin this new phase of their life. Ordination and installation will take place on July 13, 2014.

Andrew Schlund Graduates from Seminary



On May 23, 2014, Andrew Schlund, son of Rev. Steve and Becky Schlund (Great Falls, MT), received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He plans to remain at the seminary for additional studies and will receive his call next Spring.

Lutheran Deaf Outreach Established



A new organization created by the deaf churches in southern Wisconsin and outreach centers in the south Wisconsin/northern Illinois area was set up recently. Lutheran Deaf Outreach (LDO) has two primary goals. One is to help deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ, the church and culture. LDO will provide resources and training specifically designed for deaf people to

learn more about the love of Jesus and share it with others. The second goal is to help raise funds to cover the expenses of the ministry primarily the salaries of Rev. Bud Palmer and Rev. John Reinke. Both pastors have a passion for teaching others to share Jesus with Deaf people. Your gifts are their only source of income and they thank God for giving them what they need to continue to pay them. Financial gifts to LDO can be sent to: Lutheran Deaf Outreach, PO Box 1795, Janesville, WI 53547. For more information visit the website www.LutheranDeafOutreach.org or email LutheranDeafOutreach@gmail.com.

From the Pastoral Advisor



Greetings to all of you from rainy Vancouver, BC!

As pastoral advisor, I must admit that I have difficulty to create a bright idea for writing an article for Deaf Lutheran newsletter this spring. Since I

read and perused The Canadian Lutheran newsletter monthly, I have been trying to locate a deaf-friendly article, but it does not make sense to me to spread God's words to any deaf, hard-of-hearing, or hearing Lutheran Christians.

However, I decided to write an interesting article on viewing the Biblical films since I saw all of the closed-captioned or subtitled movies from last September to present. As a reviewer, I love writing a movie report after I watched each film monthly, so I am going to share my review with you, subscribers. As of the first Biblical Movie Night on September 2013, "The Bible: In The Beginning" was a real masterpiece and I liked the way the film was produced lovely pictures that the first seven days God created the Earth.

The second Biblical Movie Night on October 2013 called "Jacob" was dealt with a story of love for a beautiful woman named Rachel, for a bitter brother named Esau, and for a God whom Jacob wrestled with. The key story was that Jacob became the father of twelve tribes of Israel. That movie was very good biblically and historically.

The third Biblical Movie on November 2013 called Joseph was one of my most favourite biblical movies because it was very beautiful and well-versed that Joseph declared. Joseph used his gift for dreaming and sharing God's views with Pharaoh. Joseph's verses were powerful to me as he said, "Forgiveness is greater than vengeance." and "Compassion is more powerful than anger" since his ten brothers dumped Joseph down the well. But can he forgive so grievous a wrong? As for the next great movie called "Moses", we found that movie full of entertainment as Moses divided the river into two high walls of water that the Israelis walked through with awe.

The fourth biblical hero movie, "Samson and Delilah" was quite remarkable historically and this movie told a story of faith and deception. Samson terrorized his peoples' oppressors like the Philistines until Delilah was very attractive who enthralled Samson as she know Samson's secret that weakened him.

The next fifth biblical hero movie called "The Story of Ruth" was awesome for our learning. Being a Moabite, Ruth was very helpful to the Israelis for being faithful to God only since she escaped from the Moab pagan rite for the female children who sacrificed their lives for the idols.

As of the sixth movie, "David" on January, 2014, we found this story full of historical attractions and I liked the way the producer made different scenes David played through from the beginning to the end.

The seventh movie called "Solomon" was equally wonderful as the first temple was built by the brilliant Jew masons and artistic sculptors but Solomon was horrible himself as he married over six hundred wives against God's will.

The final movie named "Jeremiah" was brilliantly produced as the ancient Babylonians invaded Jerusalem very easily, captured the wicked Jewish king and his sons, and killed the sons and blinded the king in Babylon when King Nebuchadnezzar confronted and commanded his executioners to do their job. However, with interest, that cruel king requested that Jeremiah be released from an Israeli prison since the Jews persecuted and branded Jeremiah as a traitor as a warning others of the destruction of Jerusalem and he stubbornly continued with his mission.

The future movies will be "Daniel" and "Esther" in May and June respectively. About twenty people attended to each movie and asked

*The next ILDA convention will be held
July 23-26, 2015
in Madison, Wisconsin*

*Theme:
"I Will Meditate All Day and Night"
Psalm 77:12*

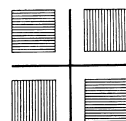
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questions after the movie. Admittedly, the people learned good lessons from each movie owing to excellent visual stimulation and great relevant captions. These movies are made of The Bible Collection by Turner Network Television (TNT) and filmed beautifully on location. I strongly recommend your local church to take over the biblical movies every month at your own convenience for socialization as well as praying together to God.

In closing, I will attend my first International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) board meeting in Madison, Wisconsin on June 18-21. Please email me concerns, questions, input, or/and advice via gdesrosiers1@shaw.ca anytime. I will bring yours to the board meeting, see and find out what happens there. The next quarterly newsletter should include my comments at the board meeting as well as the final two movie comments. Please pray God for our wisdom and guidance in what God thinks the best for ILDA. God bless you.

Rev. Greg Desrosiers

Texas Teen Deaf Lock-In



The Texas Teen Deaf Ministry will have a Lock-In at Holy Three in One Lutheran Church in Houston, TX on July 25. If you want more information please contact Becky Jungklaus. beckyjungklaus@sbcglobal.net

In Memoriam



Liv Gustafson
Sept. 19, 1916 – June 30, 2013
New York



Maureen Woods
May 31, 1943 – Dec. 12, 2013
New York



2014 Regional Conferences

Midwest Region, August 8-10, Solon IA, hosted by Cedar Rapids, IA

Northwest Region, August 8-10, Trinity Western University in Langley, Canada, British Columbia

Great Lakes Region, September 26-28, hosted by Holy Cross, Columbus, OH

Necrology Report

If you know of any ILDA members who have passed away since the 2013 Austin, Texas convention please send pictures and obituaries to:

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Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS) Annual Meeting

The 6th Annual Affiliated Congregation Meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Davenport, IA on May 3, 2014. Deacon Patrick Sell was elected President for the day and Janet Gehlbach volunteered to be the Secretary for the meeting.

In attendance were Affiliated Congregation delegates Norman Wilson, Peace, Indianapolis, IN; Jeraldine Chapman, Holy Cross, St. Louis, MO; Patrick Sell, Calvary, Des Moines, IA; Janet Gehlbach, Prince of Peace, Spring Lake Park, MN as well as Rev. Dennis Konkel, Executive Director, Des Moines, IA; Rev. Tim Eckert, Assistant Director, Davenport, IA; Board members: Rev. Mark Larson, St. Louis, MO; Rev. Ronald Meyer, New Berlin, WI and Janice Wendorf, Grafton, WI, Debbie Larson, interpreter, St. Louis, MO and several guests.

The Affiliated Congregations meet once every year as required by the by-laws. Prior to that meeting the Board members meet as well to discuss business related to the LDMS. Project leaders present their reports to those present at the Board meetings.

The 7th Annual Affiliated Congregation Meeting will be held in May 2015.

Anniversaries



Deacon Patrick Sell – 10 years
He has served the Iowa West District and Calvary, Des Moines, Iowa, since May 2, 2004.



Rev. John Reinke – 25 years
A celebration in his honor will take place on August 17, 2014 at Our Savior, Madison, WI. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m.



Rev. Bud Palmer – 30 years
A celebration in his honor will take place on July 20, 2014 at Emmanuel Lutheran, West Allis, WI. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

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