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From the Pastoral Advisor Rev. Tyler Walworth



Taught By God

If you want to know who someone is, you can do several things.

For the sake of this article our person will be named Ben and he has a wife Clara and friends. His parents are still alive. First, you can ask Ben's parents. They will know intimately about Ben's early habits and character. They will know his schedule and other details of time, place and more from Ben's childhood years. Second, you can ask Clara. She will tell you all of the intimate thoughts of Ben when it comes to family and maybe even his goals and ambitions. Clara could tell you Ben's home habits and his schedule that revolved around the house and maybe work. Third, you can ask Ben's friends. They will also know Ben's character and maybe his habits when he is out and about. The friend will know his "favorite" things and a little bit of his history. All of these are ways to find out about Ben.

The problem with all of these sources of information is that they are all limited. Ben's parents know his childhood and many of his adult thoughts and actions,

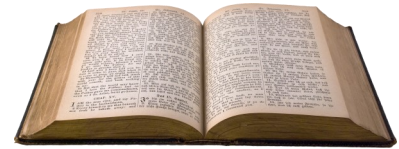
but they have their own perspective and no longer live with Ben. Clara can tell you Ben's habits and thoughts, but only when they pertain to the home or maybe future goals. She won't know all of his work habits or thoughts of his job. His friends will have another view of Ben that is separate from parents and wife and therefore they will have unique information the previous people may not have. Yet, there is one thing missing. Can you guess?

No one talked to Ben! He is the direct source that will have all of the necessary information you need. He can tell you who he is based on his own thoughts and the reason behind his habits and his schedule. This is why autobiographies are always more accurate when it comes to an individual's identity.

Ok, so what about God? If you want to know God it is fine if you consult commentaries or other Christians. You can talk to professors and friends. But in the end, it's best if you hear it from God Himself. The only way to do that, is to listen to His Word. God tells us that His Word is written by His apostles and prophets. The Bible is the way we listen to God! But it isn't a one way conversation.

Communicate with God in prayer and then read or watch Him speaking in His Word, the Bible. Then you will be taught by the

Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit uses the very Word of the Bible to teach you directly about the Father and the Son. Stay in the Word, ask the Father to give you His Spirit to help you understand it. Watch the Bible in ASL at Bible.is/deaf. Read your Bible. Your heavenly Father wants to tell you about Himself and His Son and His Spirit so don't miss the opportunity.



From the LDMS Executive Director Rev. Ron Friedrich



Every time I read the New Testament of Acts, I am amazed at the ways the Holy Spirit spread the Gospel of

Jesus Christ and made the Church grow.

The first Christian missionaries were not the Apostles. They were not professional pastors or teachers. They were normal, average people who simply loved Jesus and couldn't stop talking about Him. (See Acts 8:1 and Acts 11:19-25).

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David Brown was hard at work preparing the ILDA membership dues forms for mailing for the 2018-2020 membership year. Fill out the membership form on Page 4 in this issue and return to David with your check or money order payable to "ILDA". Check out the ILDA website below for a copy of the membership form. <http://www.deafjesus.org/ilda/memberinfo.html>.

Mission Projects Update

\$11,458.49 is still needed to meet the mission project goal of \$34,000 by the 2019 Kansas convention. Send your donation to David Brown. His address is on Page 4 of this issue.



Church Anniversaries

- Bethlehem, Omaha, NE, celebrated 80 years of Deaf Ministry in September.
- Trinity, Sioux Falls, SD, recently celebrated 100 years of Deaf Ministry.

Congratulations and God's continued blessings to both of these deaf congregations.

In Memoriam



Joan Jasper
B: 7/11/1934
D: 12/23/2017
Joan and her husband, Rev. Dr. Louis Jasper served the deaf in Hong Kong and Macau.



Sandra Schultz
B: 4/15/1940
D: 8/7/2018
Sandra was an active member of Holy Cross Deaf, Delavan, WI.

2019 ILDA convention Update

by David and Sara Hale

Hi everyone,

Planning and organizing is in full swing for the ILDA convention to be held July 18-21, 2019 in Topeka, KS.

Topeka is the capital city of Kansas, and has plenty of things to see and do for all age ranges. From the Evel Knievel Museum to the Kansas History Museum as well as the Topeka Zoo and Kansas Children's Discovery Center, you can also check out all the local breweries and wineries in the Grapes and Grains Passport. Check out all the things that Topeka has to offer at www.visitopeka.com. Topeka is also within driving distance to Manhattan, Lawrence, and Kansas City, all of which offer other activities to explore.

The ILDA schedule is filling up with not only the business meetings but also workshops, speakers

and servant events, as well as allowing you free time to explore Topeka and the surrounding area. Our theme is "God Above Gold" from Psalm 119:127, so each event and speaker is planned keeping that in mind

Families are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Registration includes childcare and activities for kids during the planned meeting sessions. Background checked adult volunteers will be available for childcare as well to help facilitate zoo animal visits, art activities and active play. Make sure to include allergies or other special dietary or social needs on the registration form, so that we can plan appropriate meals, snacks, and activities for all the kids who will be joining us.

Register early for the best rates. If you have any questions please let us know!

Hosted by KansaSEED David and Sara Hale (co-chairs, 2019 ILDA convention)



**See you in
Topeka, Kansas
July 18-21, 2019!**

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Later God sent the Apostle Paul throughout the northeast Mediterranean world, to tell the Good News to people in places that today we call Greece and Turkey. Paul never stayed in one place very long. His visits lasted only a few months, or even a few weeks, until enemies of Christ forced Paul to leave or they tried to kill him.

After Paul shared the Gospel with people in Lystra, Derbe, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and Ephesus, who stayed behind to serve as their pastors, their teachers, their shepherd? We read in Acts, *“Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church. The elders had trusted in the Lord. Paul and Barnabas prayed and fasted. They placed the elders in the Lord’s care.” (Acts 14:23 NIRV)*. These elders were average people who were mature and they loved Jesus. They were hungry to know God’s Word. They learned to be servant-leaders as God led them. The apostles continued teaching them *long-distance* through their letters.

Today several of our Lutheran Deaf congregations find themselves in a similar situation as those first Christian churches. In past generations we depended on hearing congregations of the LCMS for support to pay pastors of Deaf churches. Those days are gone. Several of our pastors continue serving in “retirement.” Other Deaf churches share their pastor with a hearing congregation. A couple of our Deaf pastors support their families with other jobs while serving their churches part time. Some Deaf congregations have been absorbed into hearing

churches. And several of our Deaf churches have no pastor at all. Yet they continue to meet for worship and fellowship under lay-leaders, just like churches that the Holy Spirit planted through the Apostle Paul. Why do they meet? Because they love Jesus and they love each other as Christ’s family.

We live in challenging times which test our commitment to Christ and His people. The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS) is working to provide resources for equipping servant-leaders in both Deaf churches and interpreted ministries. Our website is www.DeafJesus.org. Please email me at LDMS@DeafJesus.org to tell me your church’s story.

**Check out the
 DeafJesus.org
 website! Paula Willig
 has re-designed
 parts of it. Thank you
 Paula!**



**The Deaf Lutheran
 staff wishes
 everyone a blessed
 Thanksgiving, a
 blessed Christmas
 and a Happy New
 Year 2019!**



10/1/2018 – 9/30/2020 ILDA Membership Enrollment Form

Please fill in the information needed, print this form, make check payable to "ILDA" and in the memo line put "ILDA membership dues" and mail the form & payment to:
David G. Brown, ILDA Treasurer, Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church, 360 Morse Rd.,

Columbus, OH 43214.

Type of Membership (please circle one)	<u>Active</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Supporting</u>
Your Membership dues \$30	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Spouse membership dues \$30 (if applicable)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Your God's 1000 Club, add \$20 (optional)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Spouse God's 1000 Club, add \$20 (optional)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Contribution-ILDA Mission Projects Fund-2017-2019 (optional)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Subtitle (Sr, -Jr, II, Etc.) _____

Spouse's full name _____

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State/Province _____ Country _____

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Active members are deaf Lutheran lay people of an LCMS congregation.

Associate members are Lutheran deaf or hearing people of an LCMS congregation.

Supporting members are non-Lutheran Christians and have no voting privileges.

Thank you for your support!



2019 ILDA Convention

July 18 - 21, 2019

Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas

"God Above Gold"

**"Therefore I love Your commandments above gold,
yes above fine gold." -- Psalm 119:127**

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

(This is how it will appear on your name badge)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check one: VP Text Voice

Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Cong. City/State: _____

See details: <http://www.deafjesus.org/ilda/ILDAconv.html>

Please Check All That Apply

Need Deaf/Blind Interpreter

Special Dietary Restrictions

Refrigerator (for medical reason) (In Your Room)

Wheel Chair Access

Transportation (Thursday)
(Airport to Hotel)

Transportation (Sunday)
(Hotel to Airport)

Other Transportation

Child Care

___ (0-2)

___ (3-8)

___ (9-12)

REGISTRATION FEES: Each registration includes: **ALL MEALS for Friday and Saturday and Sunday Breakfast**

--Early Discounted Registration (postmarked by January 31, 2019) .. \$200 x ___ = \$ _____

--Registration (postmarked by May 1, 2019) \$250 x ___ = \$ _____

--Registration (postmarked after May 1, 2019) \$300 x ___ = \$ _____

-- God's 1000 Club Luncheon (Add'l Meal)(Friday)..... \$ 20 x ___ = \$ _____

--Banquet ONLY (Non-Registered Guests)(Friday Dinner)..... \$ 35 x ___ = \$ _____

--ILDA Membership (If already paid for 2018-2020 leave blank) \$ 30 x ___ = \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: (Book On-Line) (No Code Required):
<http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1989845&hotelID=13576> OR

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: (Call the Hotel Directly) at (785) 431-7200 *MENTION* - **KS Seed LCMS Deaf Ministry** or group code **LCMS**

\$99 + tax for 1 to 2 person, \$109 + tax for 3, or \$119 + tax for 4

CONTACT FOR ALL QUESTIONS: Sara Hale EMAIL: Kansas.seed@gmail.com TEXT ONLY: (785) 408-6862 VP: 785-246-5058

MAIL PRINTED REGISTRATION FORM TO: LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104, ATTN: Janet Powell

MAKE CHECK OUT TO: LCMS Kansas District *NOTE* On CHECK MEMO LINE INCLUDE: ILDA



GOD ABOVE GOLD

2019 ILDA – Topeka, Kansas

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2019 ADVERTISING RATES BUSINESSES OR ORGANIZATIONS		
	Full Page - 7.5" x 10"	\$150
	1/2 Page - 7.5" x 4.75"	\$90
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Sizes are approximate to allow for margins.		

2019 PERSONAL SUPPORT LEVELS		
	Patron	\$100+
	Benefactor	\$75
	Contributor	\$50
	Donor	\$25
Personal supporters at all levels will be recognized in the program book.		

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LCMS Kansas District
4410 NW Brickyard
Topeka, KS 66618
Put ILDA advertising on the memo line.

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(Church Interpreter Training Institute)

will be held in Austin, TX, January 10-13, 2019, at Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, 1307 Newton St. Austin, TX 78704. Cost of the training is \$200 and includes all classes and lunch every day. Registration deadline is 12/14/2018. For more information contact Heidi Sias at HSias@millneck.org.



Sanctified 2018 Higher Things Conferences

Another High Things conference season was successful. Three of the four conferences were Deaf Friendly with interpreters ready to provide accessibility for the Deaf attendees. The conference days were very busy and consisted of worship services, meals, plenaries focusing on the theme, breakout sessions of different topics, evening activities and an exhibitor area.



The 2019 conference theme is "Concordia" and will be held on different Concordia University campuses. Visit the website: www.higherthings.org for more information.

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Mission Projects for 2017—2019

Deaf Youth Service Project.....	\$ 8,000	(paid)
Missionary Support		
Rev. Ryan McDermott.....	\$ 2,000	(paid)
Rev. Steven Schumacher.....	\$ 2,000	(paid)
David Bush	\$ 2,000	(paid)
India	\$ 8,000	(unpaid)
Kenya	\$ 8,000	(unpaid)
World Lutheran Deaf Outreach...	\$ 4,000	(paid)
TOTAL	\$34,000	

Donations for the ILDA 2017-2019 Missions Projects can be sent to ILDA Treasurer, David G. Brown, c/o Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church, 360 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43214. Make your check payable to "ILDA" and put "Mission Projects 2017-2019" in the memo line. Your prayers and donations help ILDA to continue our work in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the U.S. and foreign countries.