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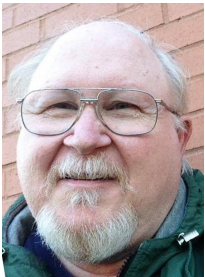
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From the President John Mason



Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hello everyone. I've been busy at work as a seasonal part time

employee but today no work is available so I seized this moment to do this article. I like to submit this ahead of time for our Deaf Lutheran editor to prepare and make adjustments to the article.

Speaking of pillars. Do you know what are our International Lutheran Deaf Association's four pillars? Yes, we do have four pillars and they are: Faith, Leadership, Fellowship, and Service.

What is Faith?

We, the members of ILDA, according to Martin Luther's catechism, share the faith together with God, the Father; Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What is Leadership?

We, the elected officers and chairpersons of ILDA, according to our constitution and by-laws, lead the meetings, chair the projects and chair the convention programs. Leadership also gives encouragement and motivates the members with help from our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What is Fellowship?

We share our celebration and inspiration among our members of ILDA. We have the same belief and faith of our Holy Trinity. We come from many different LCMS Deaf congregations, but we share the fellowship together at ILDA.

What is Service?

We do our part to contribute funds to the Mission Projects by individuals and/or congregation offerings and its fundraising. These are ongoing projects that we provide the support of service for their needs and to reach out to those who know nothing about Jesus Christ. Also we do the worship service together at the ILDA conventions.

These four pillars are an important part of ILDA. Just like on an actual building, four pillars support the weight of the roof evenly, but if one fell then the other three pillars are in danger of falling down together.

All four pillars depend on each other. Without Faith, there is no leadership, fellowship and service. No Service, then the rest is worthless. Lack of Fellowship could lead to dissolution. Without Leadership, then there is nothing to maintain.

Thank you and God Bless!
John Mason (2019-2021)

Mark your calendars!!

2021 ILDA Convention

July 22-25, 2021

Holiday Inn

1000 Busse Rd.

Elk Grove Village, Illinois
(Chicago area just
15 minutes west of O'Hare
airport)

Start saving your
dollars for this event! It is
ILDA's 50th anniversary
celebration!

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Host congregation for
the 2023 ILDA conven-
tion. **Please** send
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to:

John Mason, ILDA Pres.
6721 Deep Run Parkway
Elkridge, MD 21075

**From the Pastoral Advisor
Rev. Tyler Walworth**



Take Heart!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope this finds you strong in the faith and overflowing with love toward all people.

In our time there is much fighting about politics and religion. People are leaving the church. What should we do! Before you begin to panic, take a deep breath and look to the Word of God.

Moses led the people of Israel through the wilderness. Israel rejected God's plan for them and all of the people 20 years old and older were forced to march in the wilderness for 40 years until they died. Now talk about a decline in the church!

King Rehoboam, Son of Solomon, Son of David, was foolish when he ruled over Israel. Because of his bad work, he divided the kingdom!

Jeroboam, the leader of the 10 tribes of Israel, built golden calves and the people of Israel were even-

tually carried off, never to return, because of their idol worship.

When Jesus came, the people of Judah rejected him. In the end, He died alone on the cross while all of His apostles ran away.

But Jesus made it clear that this has happened and will happen until the last day of the resurrection. Why? Because of the devil, the unbelieving world and our sinful nature. Yes we are surrounded by enemies both outside and inside of us. But Jesus came anyway. Jesus came into the middle of our nasty sins and our blind hearts. He died WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS! Now, the job he gives to His church is to proclaim the word of life to a dead world.

The Word of Jesus is full of the Holy Spirit. This Word of Jesus raises us from the death of sin, washes this sin away and gives us new life to follow Him. If the church continues to proclaim this word, then Jesus is still among us in His body and blood. Jesus is still converting people and feeding them in the wilderness of this sin-filled world. Jesus will do this work until the day when He brings them to the final promised land.

Jesus said the gates of hell will not prevail against the church. Why are we so worried? Let us confess our sin of unbelief. We have not trusted that God will care for the church, especially for the Deaf, and so we have tried to take over and do everything ourselves. Instead, let us pray the Jesus would continue to do the work He promised to do among us. Pray that He would send pastors to proclaim the Word of God, Baptize and feed the lambs of God with His body and blood. Pray that all Deaf Christians and all Christians who know sign language would continue to proclaim the work of God in Jesus Christ. Pray for increased faith that Jesus has not forgotten anyone, let alone the Deaf community, and He will bring His lambs home. Take comfort in Jesus, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. He will not fail or prove faithless. He will do what He says. Praise the Lord.

May this peace in Jesus Christ comfort you and give you joy.
In Him,
Pastor Walworth



Deacon John Rushton was ordained and installed as pastor of Alpha Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY on September 19, 2019. Congratulations Pastor Rushton!

God's 1000 Club photos from the 2019 ILDA Kansas convention



John and Carolyn Snyder-Mason

Dawn and Gregory Werth



Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach



David G. and Sharon Brown



Carolyn DeFalco



Mary Ann Barton



Rebecca Catchpole

Rev. Mark and Carol Seeger



ILDA members enjoying a meal at the DSA Conference in Seattle, WA in September.



These are photos from India showing the renovations done at the Deaf Ministry Center and paid for by funds sent from the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.

Congregations celebrating anniversaries

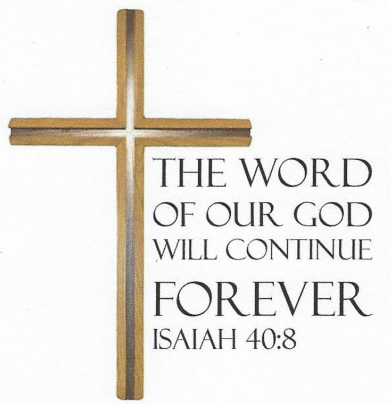
Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Vancouver, Canada celebrated 90 years of blessings on August 31, 2019 with a luncheon and two workshops led by Rev. Dr. John Reinke.



Rev. Reinke displaying Ghanian clothing



Rev. Gregory Desrosiers, Rev. Dr. John Reinke and Rev. David Nielsen



Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, celebrated 50 years of blessings on September 22, 2019. A catered meal was served and Rev. Mark Anderson was the guest preacher doing his sermon via videophone due to his inability to attend the service in person due to illness.



Rev. Mark Anderson on the videophone



Barbara Zimmerman, Timothy Quade, son of Rev. Quintin Quade, founding pastor, and Rev. Tim Eckert



Worship service

ILDA Officers

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Secretary pro tem – Janet Gehlbach
Treasurer – David G. Brown
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Secretary – JoAnna Rushton
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Pr. Advisor – Rev. Edwin Bergstresser

**Photos from the Interpreter Ministry Conference
July 2019**



Rev. Gerard Bolling (left) and Becky Jungklaus (right) giving presentations at the conference.



In Memoriam



Rev. Eric Ziegler
B: 11/7/1948
D: 9/24/2019
Rev. Ziegler's first call was to a New Jersey deaf congregation in Newark.



Rev. Tim Eckert (left) interpreting with Carissa Huffman as conference presenter.

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From the DL editor....

I want to let you know that I am switching back to the grayscale photos instead of the color photos that were printed in the last couple issues. You can see the color photos online in the ILDA webpage. Look for the *Deaf Lutheran* current issue, click on that and the newsletter will have color photos. I also enjoy receiving feedback so if there are any items of interest that you would like to see printed in the newsletter please let me know!
Janet Gehlbach
JGehlbach@aol.com
Deadline for the next issue is January 15, 2020.

From the ILDA Secretary...

For those of you who are members of the ILDA Facebook page, I would like to remind you that this page is for ILDA members or those who are *Deaf Lutheran* subscribers. If you have not paid your membership dues, there are quite a few of you on this ILDA page, please do so. Fill out the membership form online in the ILDA website and mail it to David G. Brown. His address is listed on the membership form.
Thanks!
Janet Gehlbach



From the 2021 ILDA convention chair....

As you can see from Page 1 the dates of the 2021 ILDA convention have finally been announced. I, as chair, and my committee, look forward to seeing you all in Chicago in 2021. If you have special needs or have concerns about anything please let me know! Start saving your dollars to attend this convention! More info will be printed in future issues.
Janet Gehlbach



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ILDA Mission Projects for 2019-2021

1. Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry	\$ 1,000
2. LCMS Int'l Missions ELCG Ghana	\$ 2,000
3. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas	\$ 10,000
4. David and Barbara Bush—LCMS (Macau)	\$ 2,000
5. Ryan McDermott—LCMS (Togo)	\$ 2,000
6. John Reinke—World Lutheran Deaf Outreach	\$ 10,000
Total raised so far— \$1,960.90	TOTAL \$ 27,000



Donations for the ILDA 2019-2021 Mission 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 2019-2021" in the memo line. These mission projects will be paid out in the order listed above. Your prayers and donations help ILDA to continue our work in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the U.S. and foreign countries.