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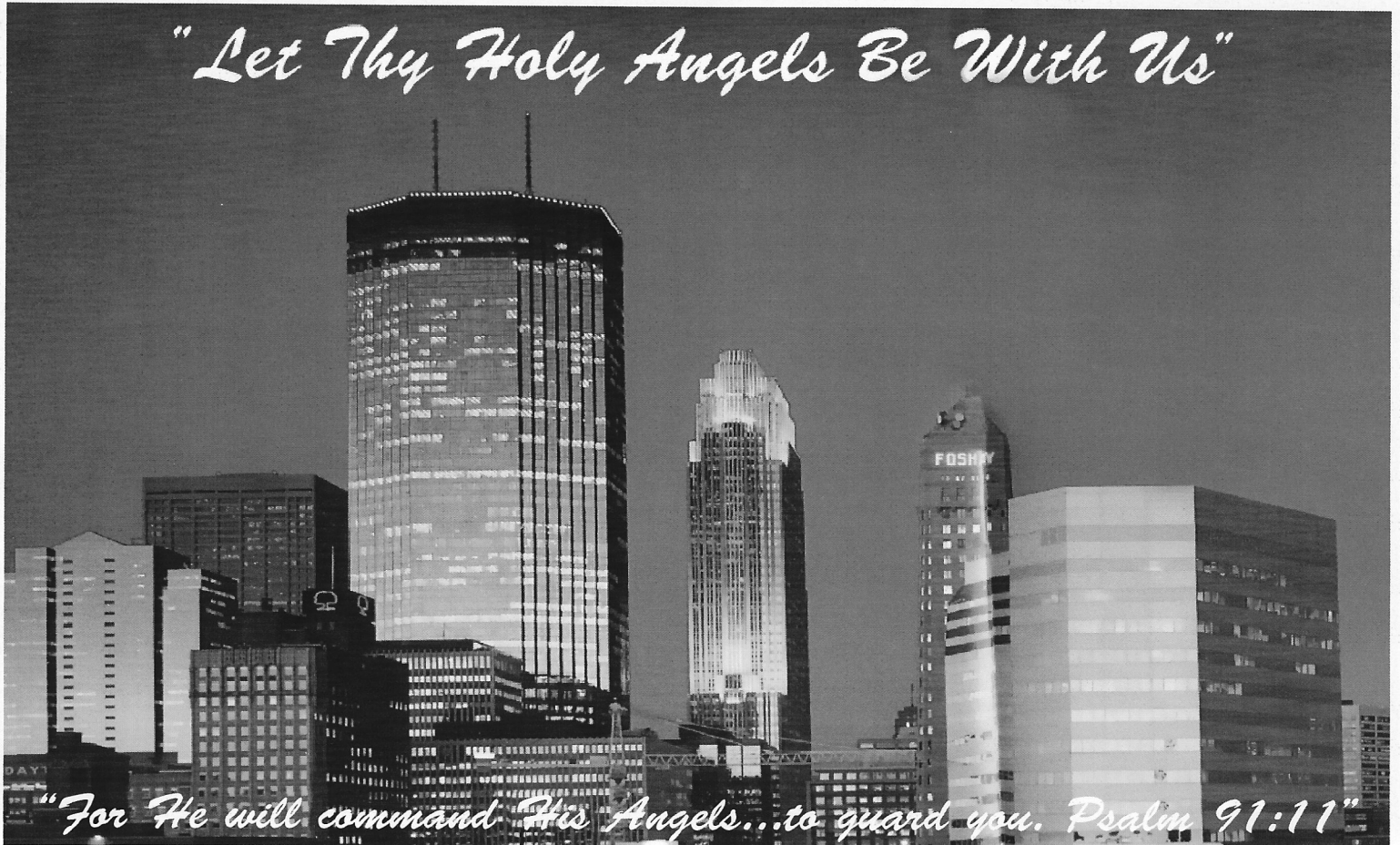
## International Lutheran Deaf Association

# JULY 3-6, 2003

## At Hilton Hotel

Near the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport and Mall of America

*"Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us"*



*"For He will command His Angels...to guard you. Psalm 91:11"*

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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# WELCOME TO ILDA

## 17th Biennial Convention

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### Rev. Daryl Gehlbach

**Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship: 10:30 a.m.**



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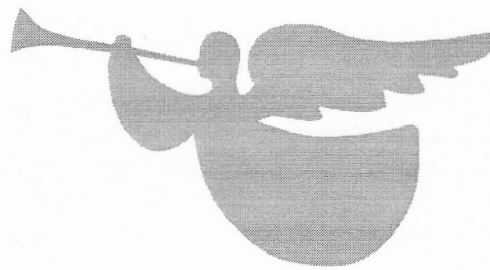
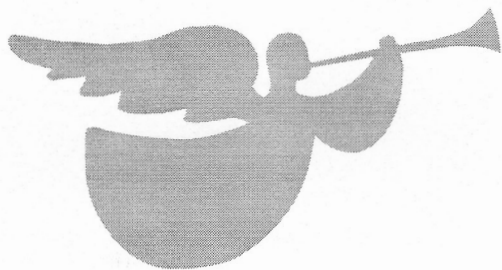
### CONVENTION SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, July 3, 2003

- 1:00 pm Registration – Registration Area
- 5:00 pm DINNER – on your own - shuttle bus/car/walk
- 6:30 pm Open Devotions – Ballroom C & D  
Welcome/Orientation  
Skit/Choir/Banner Competitions
- 9:00 pm Soda Fountain Fun Reception – Ballroom A & B

#### Friday, July 4, 2003

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST – Ballroom A & B
- 7:30 am Registration – Registration Area
- 8:00 am Open Devotions – Ballroom C & D
- 8:30 am 1st Business Meeting (2 hours) – Ballroom C & D
- 10:30 am BREAK – Prefunction Area
- 11:00 am Mall of America Tour/Lunch (on your own) shuttle bus - Hotel entrance
- 5:00 pm DINNER – on your own
- 6:00 pm Back to Hilton Hotel
- 7:00 pm Entertainment Night – Ballroom C & D
- 9:00 pm 4th of July Reception – Ballroom A & B
- 10:00 pm Fireworks at night - on your own



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#### Saturday, July 5, 2003

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST – Ballroom A & B
- 7:30 am Registration – Registration Area
- 8:00 am Open Devotions – Ballroom C & D
- 8:30 am 2nd Business Session (1 hour) – Ballroom C & D
- 9:30 am COFFEE BREAK – Ballroom A & B
- 10:00 am 3rd Business Session (2 hours) – Ballroom C & D
- 12:00 pm LUNCH – Ballroom A & B  
*(Special God's 1000 Club Luncheon – Riverside Room – 1st floor)*
- 1:00 pm 4th Business Session (1 hour if needed) – Ballroom C & D
- 2:00 pm COFFEE BREAK – Ballroom A & B
- 2:30 pm Workshops #1 – “Grace at Ground Zero” by Rev. Bill Wrede – Ballroom C & D
- 3:30 pm Workshops #2 – “Leadership” by Rev. Rodney Rynearson – Cedar Meeting Room  
Workshops #3 – “Reconciliation and Peacemaking” by Rev. Tim Eckert - Meeting Room 4
- 4:45 pm FREE TIME
- 6:00 pm Ballroom open for Banquet  
Jr ILDA Skit  
Banquet begins  
Banquet Program
- 10:00 pm Program ends

#### ILDA Officers Training

Meeting Room 3

*(Time to be announced after  
business meeting)*

#### Sunday, July 6, 2003

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST – Ballroom A & B
- 9:00 am Morning Bible Study – Ballroom C & D
- 10:00 am Worship Service – Ballroom C & D  
Installation of Officers  
2005 ILDA Preview  
ILDA banner given to 2005 Host
- 12:00 Noon Convention adjourned – see you in 2005 in Canada!

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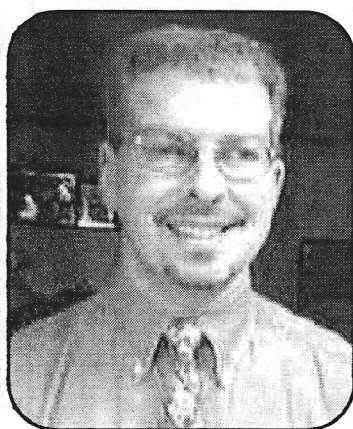
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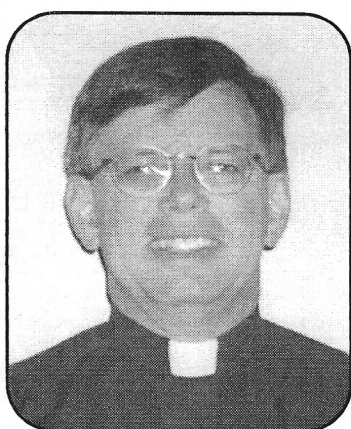
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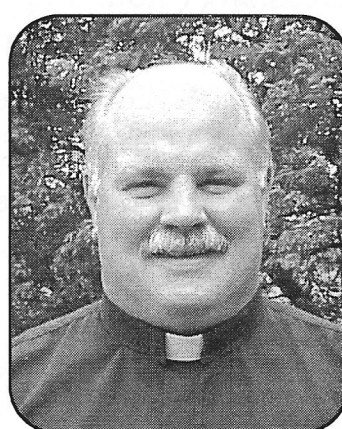
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# ILDA CONVENTION ORDER OF BUSINESS

*JULY 3-6, 2003*

1. **Welcome** (president, host chairman, honored guests, local Chamber of Commerce, etc.)
2. **Necrology**
3. **Invocation or devotion service**
4. **Call to order:** The president shall introduces the agenda for adoption.
5. **Introduction of the:**
  - a. Parliamentarian
  - b. Assistant to the Secretary
  - c. Tellers
  - d. Other Committees
6. **Introduction of interpreters**
7. **Resolutions Committee:**
  - a. Introduction of Committee members
  - b. Deadline for handling in resolutions
8. **Nominating Committee's Report:**
  - a. Introduction of candidates for offices
  - b. Election of new officers and pastoral advisor
9. **Minutes of the previous convention:** the secretary will give out copies of minutes of the previous convention. The minutes must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records.
10. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Given at the first business session of the convention. The treasurer will distribute copies of the financial report from the last convention including status of previous mission projects.
  - b. The treasurer will name the auditors of the report.
  - c. The report of the auditors
  - d. The treasurer's report must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records.
11. **President's Report**
12. **Pastoral Advisor's Report**
13. **Synodical Representative's Report**
14. **The Deaf Lutheran publication reports:**
  - a. The editor
  - b. The business manager
15. **The Finance Committee's Report**
16. **The adoption of the new budget. Presented to the convention by the treasurer.**
17. **The Law Committee's Report**
18. **Voting on any proposed changes**
19. **Introduction to Mission Projects:**
  - a. Mission Projects Chairperson's Report
  - b. Voting on mission projects
20. **Other Committee's Reports**
  - a. Previous convention committee chairperson
  - b. Junior ILDA committee chairperson
  - c. Special committee reports
21. **The ILDA convention bids presented by future host congregations.**
22. **Introduction of pastors and church workers in attendance.**
23. **Resolution Committee's Report**
24. **Unfinished business. Secretary reports on any pending businesses.**
25. **New Business**
26. **Voting on resolutions**
27. **Announcements**
28. **Adjournment**

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# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

### Welcome International Lutheran Deaf Association!

On behalf of the people of Minnesota, I am proud to welcome you to our state for the 17th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association being held at the Hilton Hotel / Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport July 3-6, 2003. During your visit, I am sure you will find Minnesotans friendly and eager to make your convention and visit both pleasant and memorable.

Please take time to explore all that our great state has to offer. With its 10,000 beautiful lakes, acres of woods, miles of paths and trails, and lively cities, there's truly something for everyone.

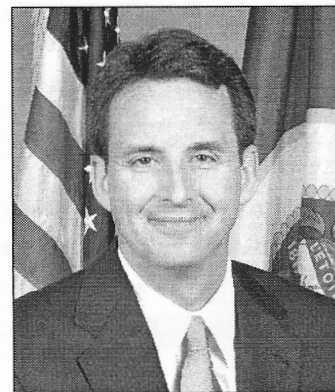
I hope your convention is productive and that you take time for some fun along the way. You are welcome back in Minnesota any time!"

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty  
Governor

P.S. We also boast one of the nation's most beautiful State Capitols. Stop by for a tour if you get a chance.







## CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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July, 2003

### Greetings:

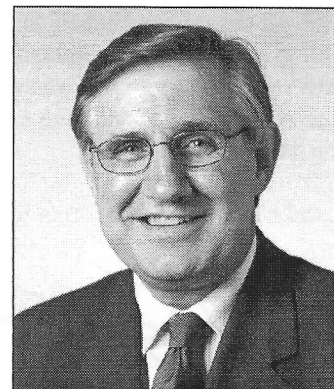
On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I would like to welcome all attending the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association to the Twin Cities. The work that all of you have done and continue to do, by providing opportunities for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, is greatly appreciated.

In your spare time, I invite you to take in the wonderful sights across the river in St. Paul. If you have an interest in historic sites, Saint Paul is home to the Minnesota State Capitol, the James J. Hill House, the Fitzgerald Theater (home of Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*), the Landmark Center, and several haunts and hideouts of gangsters like John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and Ma Barker. There are also plenty of modern attractions such as the Science Museum, the Xcel Energy Center (the home of the Minnesota Wild NHL hockey team), and the new Harriet Island Regional Park. I also hope that you will take some time to experience St. Paul's world-class dining choices and countless other attractions available to visitors of our great city.

Again, welcome to the Twin Cities. It is an honor for the St. Paul/Minneapolis region to act as your host.

Warmly,

Randy C. Kelly  
Mayor



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The Reverend Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick  
President of the Synod

July 3, 2003

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the entire Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, I extend special greetings and a warm welcome to all in attendance at this 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association.

As you gather together in convention, it is important to remember that the LCMS has a rich history of sharing the Gospel with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing around the world. With over 100 years of Gospel proclamation to the Deaf, the Good News of Jesus has changed the lives of thousands here in the United States and throughout the world.

Perhaps by now you have had the opportunity to see the video sent out from the President's office that highlights One Mission, One Message and One People. Christ Himself established the "One Mission", to seek and save the lost. The commitment of ILDA to proclaiming the Gospel has been instrumental in partnering the shared vision of reaching out to the lost with the only possible salvation that comes from and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The "One Message" of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, crucified, buried, resurrected and ascended, clearly brings "Light" into the world of darkness. And it is through this wonderful message through which the mission of His Church is accomplished, that we experience the blessing of God as "One People".

During these difficult times of financial struggles, economic slow-downs and military conflicts around the world, several districts have found it necessary to cut funding for their outreach efforts to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. These changes and challenges are never easy to accept or live through, but our Lord promises that all things work together for good to those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. And He now challenges each of us not to give-up on the mission and not to stop spreading the message but rather to join together as one people who believe we can make a difference in the world with His promise of Salvation through His Son—Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With this in mind, I encourage each of you to become an even stronger, more committed part of the movement to touch the lives of the lost with the saving message of Jesus Christ. As you meet in convention, look forward to the opportunities to share the Good News that God will put before you. Remember His promise to be with you and to send His Holy Spirit to lead the way, preparing hearts and minds to receive that great Gospel proclamation that can save any and all from sin, death and the devil. God bless your meeting, your sending out and your continued desire to share Christ with the Deaf and hard of hearing here in America and around the world.

My prayers go out on your behalf for the successful convention of the ILDA. God bless your time together, and may He also bless each of you individually with a deep and abiding passion to reach out with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to all those people who are lost. His **mission** goes on, His **message** goes out and His **people** gather together to rejoice, praise and plan to become One in Him. His peace be with you always there in Minneapolis and across the nation

Warmly and sincerely, in Christian love,

Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours through Jesus Christ, our victorious Lord!

Welcome to Minneapolis, to Minnesota, and to the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod! All of us hope and pray that your 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention will be an inspiration for you and a witness in our community to the transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ who comes to bring us out of darkness into God's marvelous light. I am sure that the planning committee worked very hard to make your convention a great experience, and I applaud their efforts.

The mission of Christ's church at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is much more complex and challenging than it was in the age of the church's great missionary enterprise during the preceding two centuries. The mission has now come to these shores, and the challenges of reaching out in new and at times unsettling ways are becoming more evident. Your work in mission in America, Brazil, Madagascar, Macau, Ghana, and other locations through the world has glorified God and has been a blessing to many others. May God continue to empower your mission vision for the sake of His Kingdom. God bless you! And, once again, welcome!

Cordially, in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lane R. Seitz, President





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June 30, 2003

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greeting...

In the name of Jesus, the Savior and Lord of us, all!

As President of the International Lutheran Deaf Association, I am pleased to welcome you, all the delegates and participants, to the International Lutheran Deaf Association conference in the name of Jesus whom we pray "Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us". I hope that your visit to Minneapolis/St. Paul and the meeting is both pleasant and memorable.

The ILDA ministry is both unique and important! The ministry of ILDA, sharing God's love and showing genuine concern for the well being of the Deaf families and communities across the world, might be the opportunity that these people have to come and know Jesus as their Savior.

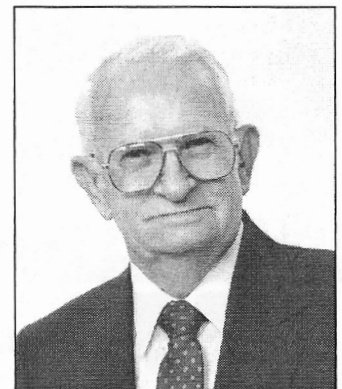
ILDA strongly needs your support to help grow and expand its membership.

May the Lord's special blessings continue to be with you during the days of the ILDA conference.

God bless you all!

*James G. Swalley*

James Q Swalley  
President, International Lutheran Deaf Association.



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Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our ever-faithful Shepherd who always watches over us as His Sheep to make sure that we remain on His path to everlasting life!

It is my highest hopes filled with much prayer that you will enormously enjoy your fellowship with each other as one family under our Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ during your time at the 2003 ILDA Convention.

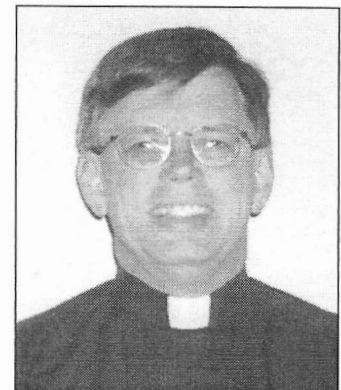
Despite of all negative happenings both in our country and in our churches, we all together can take courage in His unfailing promises that He will, and does, take care of His children with His richest blessings only because of His amazing love and grace in Christ. To be sure, no matter how hopeless things may seem to our eyes, the Almighty Lord has everything under complete control; even our future belongs to our King Christ who sits on the Heavenly throne. Also, our High Priest Jesus ceaselessly prays for us that we may, and can, have true peace and calmness through our dark times. Even, just as St. Paul sang in great joy while in prison, we can do likewise!

Because Christ is always in front of us as He leads us, we can boldly walk right behind Him all the way in carrying out the great and noble work that He gave us long ago to bring millions of lost souls to the Gospel. We are not ashamed of the Gospel, which is the ultimate power of God to save sinners.

The Holy Spirit, who keeps us in true Christian faith by the use of Word and Sacrament, leads us onward to be faithful and steadfast in our solemn call to share the love of God with each other and with all people who do not know Christ as their Savior.

May the radiant presence of our Heavenly Father comforts you always for the sake of His Beloved Son.

Pastor Mark Anderson  
ILDA Pastoral Advisor



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# Midwest Region International Lutheran Deaf Association

July 3, 2003

Welcome!

As the members of ILDA assemble in 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, it is my joy and privilege as President to bring you greetings from Midwest Region. It is with joy in my heart that I greet you, knowing that as we join together, region-by-region, state-by-state, we are serving the Lord together.

As we meet under the theme "Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us", we will have many opportunities to share, learn and worship. I pray that this time together will be life changing, for you and others whose lives you may touch. May love and laughter fill your hearts as, together, you not only do the business of the ILDA, but also renew friendships, and build new relationships.

As He has done and promises to do, may the Lord bless and keep you in His special care as you serve Him and His people.

"Lord of my heart...our Hope"

*Glenda Haefner*

Glenda Haefner, President  
Midwest Region ILDA



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June 1, 2003

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, from the host church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes!

We, the host committee, extend to you a big welcome to the 17th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) in Minneapolis. The Twin Cities and the city of Bloomington are well known for the Mall of America, 3M Company, General Mills and Pillsbury. General Mills and Pillsbury are giant manufacturing businesses for cereals and flour mills. See the Minneapolis aerial skyline on the front cover of our program book.

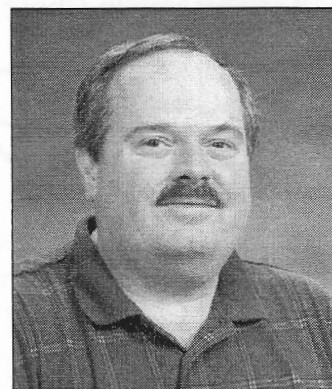
Our convention theme is "Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us." It is based on Psalm 91:11 "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." We thank God for sending us these special protectors.

Our host committee has worked very hard to plan your attendance here since our bid was approved in 1999 before the Cleveland, Ohio ILDA Convention. We hope you will enjoy the convention and have a good fellowship with old and new friends with fond memories and a great enthusiasm to witness for Jesus Christ. We also hope you learn stewardship and leadership ideas for your home church from our workshops to better serve our Lord and to be blessed by Him!

May the Lord and the angels be with you and protect you as you leave here and we look forward to seeing you all out of the United States for the first time in history in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in 2005.

God bless you all,

Mark A. Johnson  
2003 ILDA Chairperson



"And looking up to heaven, He sighed, and saith unto him, Eph-ph-tha, that is, be opened." St. Mark 7:34



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Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, it is time once to roll out the red carpet with my warm greetings to welcome all of you, brothers and sisters, to the 17th International Lutheran Deaf Association Biennial Convention here in Minnesota, known as "Minnesota Nice" and the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Hope you all have fun during your stay at the Hilton Inn. Do take a tour to the Mall of America (MOA); since opening in 1992, MOA has attracted more than 350 million people, and it counts more visitors than Disney World, Grand Canyon and Graceland combined!

I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes for success. It's my sincere hope that you will have an opportunity to enjoy Prince of Peace Lutheran Church congregation's warm hospitality.

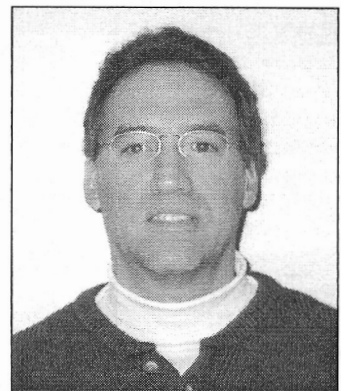
I am pleased with the work of Mark Johnson as a chairperson and his hard working committee.

Thank you for coming! May you all cherish the fun, fellowship, and find memories that you will take home with God's blessings and with an eagerness to witness for Jesus Christ.

Lord be with you always.

In Christ,

John Krause  
President





# What is ILDA?



The International Lutheran Deaf Association was founded in Chicago during the first biennial convention in 1971. The purpose, according to the revised constitution, is "to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services in our congregation to help promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior, to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran Deaf people, all deaf individuals, and others with whom we associate; and to carry on our ministry throughout the world. "

The I.L.D.A. shall communicate and convey to the deaf members, the programs, plans and goals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It shall support lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of faith and life.

The 1975, the members voted ratification of the revised constitution. The historic document will help develop the I.L.D.A. image and facilitate the operation and administration of the association. The members also supported the goal of recruiting as many lay people as possible and getting them activity involved in the I.L.D.A. affairs.

In 1987, the aim of I.L.D.A. is to carry out the objectives of serving the Lord in His church and to obtain the financial support that would lead to self-sufficiency. It is hoped that many programs and projects for the ministry and mission of the I.L.D.A. will become a reality.

Membership in the I.D.L.A. is open to all deaf, and is divided into three categories: ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, and SUSTAINING.

The I.L.D.A. relies on its official publication, THE DEAF LUTHERAN, to convey information of its activities and services to deaf Lutherans.

## God's 1,000 Club

God's 1,000 Club was established by the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors and it aims to continue to grow.

The name "God's 1,000 Club" was chosen because, first of all, the work of I.L.D.A. is to get the Good News of God's Son to the deaf everywhere 1,000 represented the number of donors or club members, we hope to enlist.

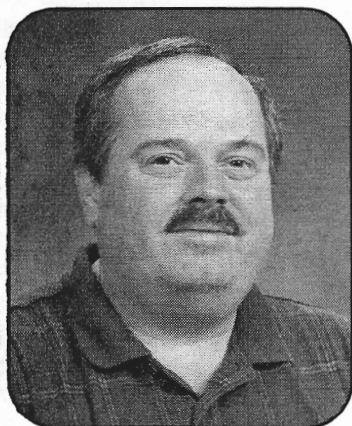
People who become members in God's 1,000 Club are asked to contribute \$20.00 each year thereafter. This is not part of the regular I.L.D.A. dues and it does not pay for a subscription to THE DEAF LUTHERAN. Any donations given to "God's 1,000 Club, can only be used to help pay the expenses of I.L.D.A. board meetings.

See the I.L.D.A. Treasurer for details.

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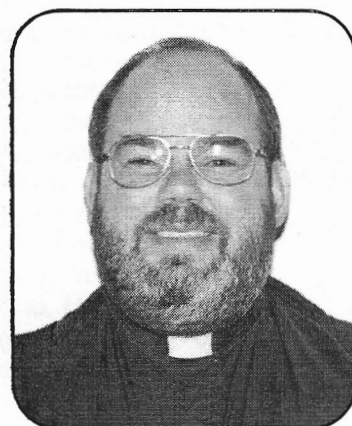
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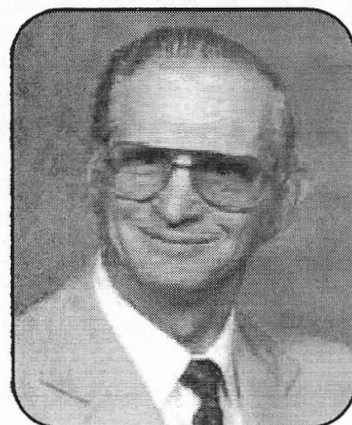
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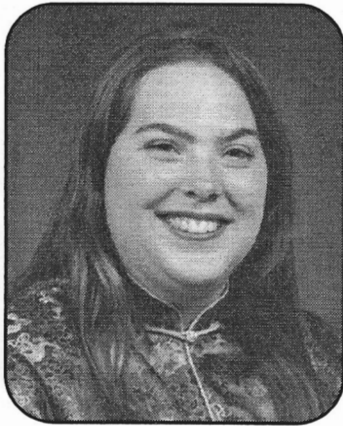


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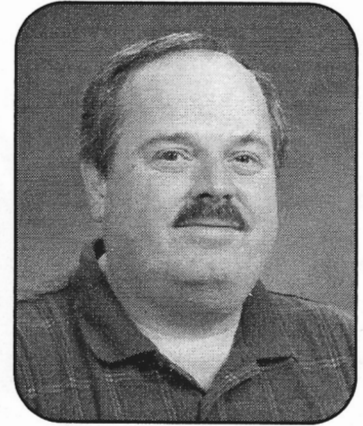
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# *In Loving Memory*



## *Neil Shockman* *1931-2003*

Neil Shockman, long time member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, passed away in February 2003. He was also our church Treasurer for the past several years. Neil worked many, many long hours in getting this program book prepared for the convention. Much of his work in this program book has been left intact. A day before he died he had asked several other church members at Prince of Peace to take over his duties with the program book and as treasurer. He knew that he was close to dying and soon he would see his Lord and Savior. We thank Annette Krause for completing the program book and we thank Ron Aspnes for taking over as treasurer for Prince of Peace Deaf. This program book is dedicated to Neil Shockman, for his tireless effort in preparing it for the 17th Biennial ILDA Convention.

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord ... that they may rest from their labor." (Revelation 14:13)*

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# History of the Twin Cities Lutheran Church for the Deaf

## TIMELINE

### Twin Cities Mission Field



Rev. Salvner

- Oct. 16, 1898** Rev. Arthur L. Reinke, missionary to the deaf in Chicago, conducts the first Lutheran deaf worship service in St. Paul.
- Dec. 11, 1898** Pastor Reinke conducts the first Lutheran deaf worship service in Minneapolis.
- 1898-1901** Pastor Reinke and Rev. Traugott Wangerin, missionary in Milwaukee, conduct regular deaf worship in the Twin Cities.
- Aug. 25, 1901** John Leonard Benjamin Salvner is ordained and installed as the first resident missionary for the deaf in the Twin Cities.
- Sept. 1, 1901** Pastor Salvner conducts his first services in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- April 1902** Pastor Salvner begins monthly services for the deaf in La Crosse, WI.
- Dec. 10, 1902** Pastor Salvner conducts the first services for the deaf in Sioux Falls, SD.
- March 1903** Pastor Salvner begins regular services for the deaf in Stillwater, MN.
- April 1903** Pastor Salvner begins regular services for the deaf in Winona, MN. Grace Lutheran Church, Minneapolis (1909-1959)



Rev. Lutz

### Grace Lutheran Church, Minneapolis (1909-1959)



Rev. Bremer

- March 19, 1905** The first class of adult deaf is confirmed in the old YMCA building.
- Aug. 17 1905** Pastor Salvner confirms three people in Winona.
- 1905-1906** Pastor Salvner conducts services in Saginaw and Bay City, MI.
- July 29, 1909** Pastor Salvner begins meeting with the deaf to organize a congregation in the Twin Cities.
- Aug. 16, 1909** "Evangelical Lutheran Grace Congregation of the Deaf in Minneapolis and St. Paul" is formally organized. There were 55 members with 32 communicants. Grace became the eighth organized deaf church of the Missouri Synod.
- 1911** Pastor Salvner begins regular services in Gaylord.
- April 27, 1913** Pastor Salvner confirms the first Deaf-Blind member.
- Aug. 1913** Pastor Salvner begins regular services in Duluth.
- April 27, 1915** Ground is broken for Grace chapel.
- Sept. 15, 1915** Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf dedicates her house of worship.



Rev. Schumacher

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**1918**

The Twin Cities held is divided. Candidate John Schmacher is ordained and installed as missionary for the St. Paul field. He is to serve St. Paul, southern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin.

**Dec. 15, 1922**

Rev. Salvner organizes a deaf congregation in Duluth.

**1923**

The Minnesota field is again divided.

**Nov. 4, 1923**

Rev. Waldemar Ferber is installed in the Duluth field. He is to serve northern Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Canada.

**Nov. 1925**

A Sunday School class for oral deaf students was begun.

**April 14, 1929**

Pastor Salvner confirms seven oral deaf students.

**1943**

Pastor Salvner is appointed executive secretary for the Board for Deaf Missions of the Missouri Synod.

**Jan. 23, 1944**

Rev. Arnold Lutz, of Sioux Falls, is installed as pastor for Grace. He served until 1946.

**June 2, 1946**

Rev. Clarence Bremer is installed at the third pastor for Grace. He served until 1957.

**1957**

Rev. George Kraus, pastor at Calvary Lutheran for the Deaf, St. Paul, serves Grace. Vicars William Ludwig and Frank Wagenknecht assist.

**Jan. 25, 1959**

The final service at Grace chapel is held. Pastor Salvner is the preacher.

## **Calvary Lutheran Church, St. Paul (1925-1959)**

**Sept. 1, 1918**

Rev. John Schumacher is ordained and installed as missionary for the St. Paul field. He served until 1923.

**1920**

Pastor Schumacher begins regular deaf worship services at Rochester, MN.

**1920**

Pastor Shumacher conducts the first Lutheran deaf worship service in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada).

**Sept. 16, 1923**

Rev. John Andrew Conrad Beyer is installed as the second missionary for the St. Paul field. He served until 1942.

**Nov. 19, 1925**

Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Paul, is organized.

**April 25, 1926**

Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf dedicates her house of worship.

**April 12, 1942**

Rev. Robert Cordes is installed as the third pastor for Calvary. He served until 1952.

**Aug. 24, 1952**

Rev. Floyd Possehl is installed as the fourth pastor for Calvary. He served until 1955.

**July 31, 1955**

Rev. George Kraus is installed as the fifth pastor for Calvary. He served until 1959.

**1957**

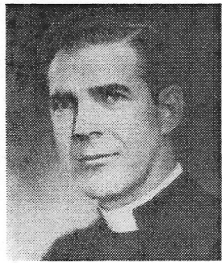
Pastor Kraus begins serving Grace Lutheran Church as vacancy pastor.



Rev. Beyer



Rev. Cordes



Rev. Possehl



Rev. Kraus

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# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf

Minneapolis/St. Paul- (1959-present)



Rev. Hauptman

**Dec. 15, 1954** Grace and Calvary vote to merge and form one congregation with location in the Midway. The merger would be effective when the new chapel is built.

**Dec. 1955** Lots are purchased at 205 N. Otis Street. St. Paul.

**1958** Ground is broken for the new Prince of Peace chapel.

**1959** Calvary and Grace merge to form Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

**April 5, 1959** The new chapel is dedicated. Pastor Kraus accepts call to St. Louis, MO.

**1959** Pastor Salvner is the first recipient of the John of Beverly award from Lutheran Friends of the Deaf.

**June 20, 1959** Rev. August Hauptman is installed as the second pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Paul. He served until 1969.



Rev. Reinap

**Nov. 20, 1960** Dr. Salvner dies.

**1962** Plans were made in erect an education building, and a fund-raising campaign was begun.

**1964** A special program for deaf students at Minneapolis Lutheran High School was begun.



Rev. Lange

**Dec. 20, 1970** Richard Reinap, a seminary graduate, was ordained and installed as the third pastor for Prince of Peace. He served until 1975.

**Nov. 14, 1971** The education building, the Salvner Memorial Center, was dedicated.

**Aug. 15, 1975** Rev. William Lange is installed as the fourth pastor of Prince of Peace. He served until 1984.

**Sept. 21, 1975** Mr. Stephen Luke, a graduate of the Lay Ministry program at Concordia College, Milwaukee, was installed as youth leader for the deaf. He completed his work in 1976.

**1984** The Otis Street building is sold and the congregation relocates to the University Lutheran Chapel.



Rev. Zuhn

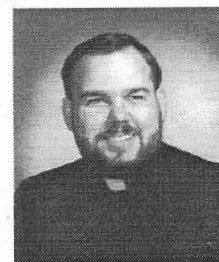
**June 10, 1985** Rev. Donald Zuhn is installed as the fifth pastor of Prince of Peace. He served until 1990.

**1989** A lift is installed to make access to the Prince of Peace worship area easier.

**Sept. 15, 1991** Rev. Daryl Gehlbach is installed as the sixth pastor of Prince of Peace.

**1996** Regular deaf worship services begin in Faribault, MN.

**Sept. 8, 2001** Prince of Peace celebrates 100 years of deaf ministry.



Rev. Gehlbach

**2001** Mission outreach into Rochester, Minnesota, was begun.

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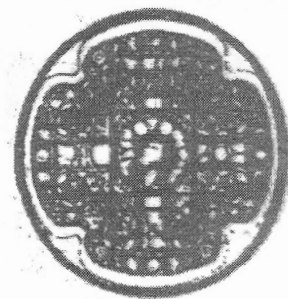
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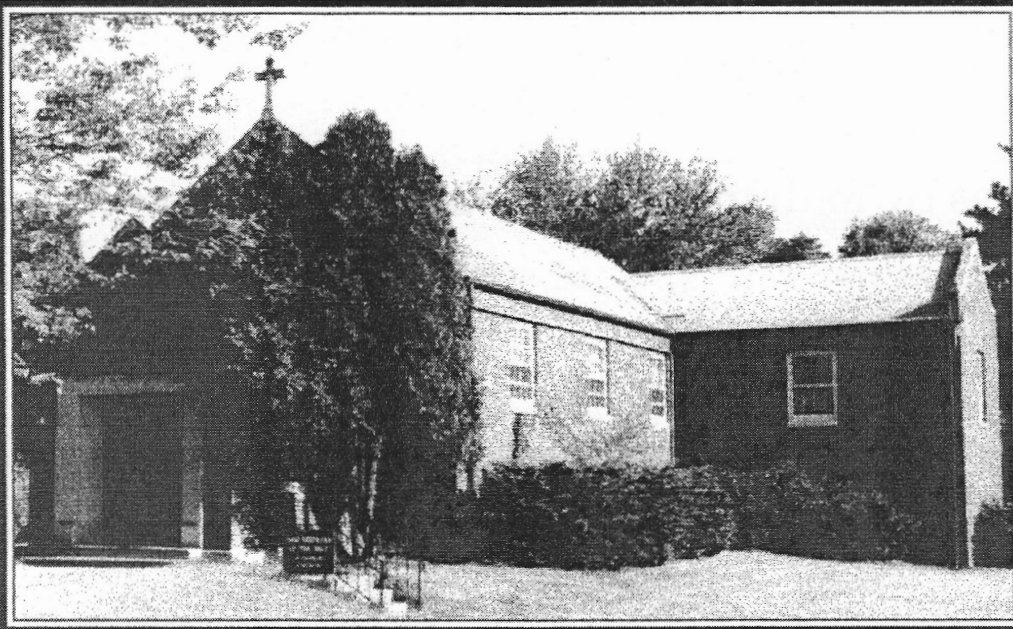
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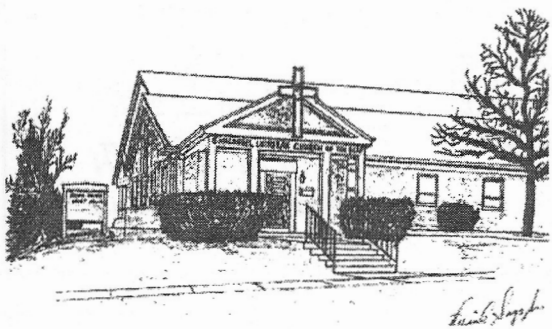
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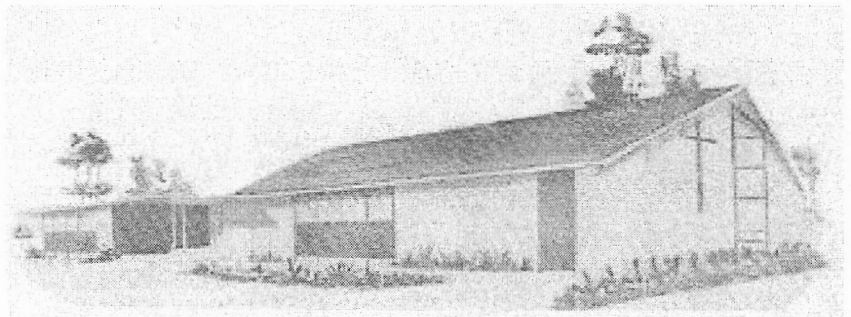
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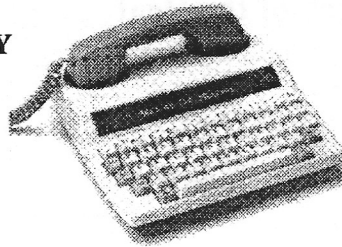
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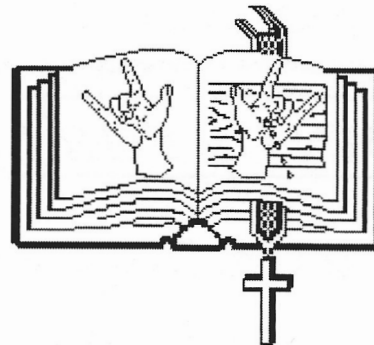
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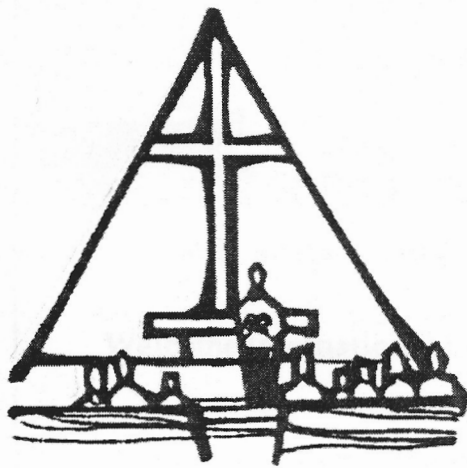
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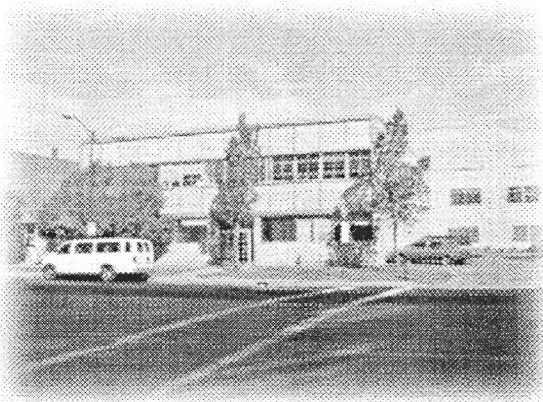
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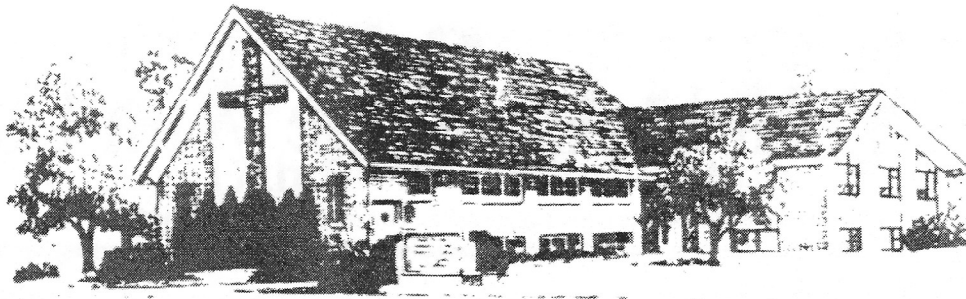
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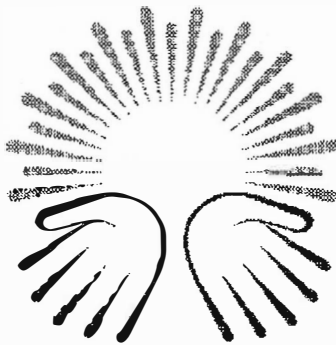
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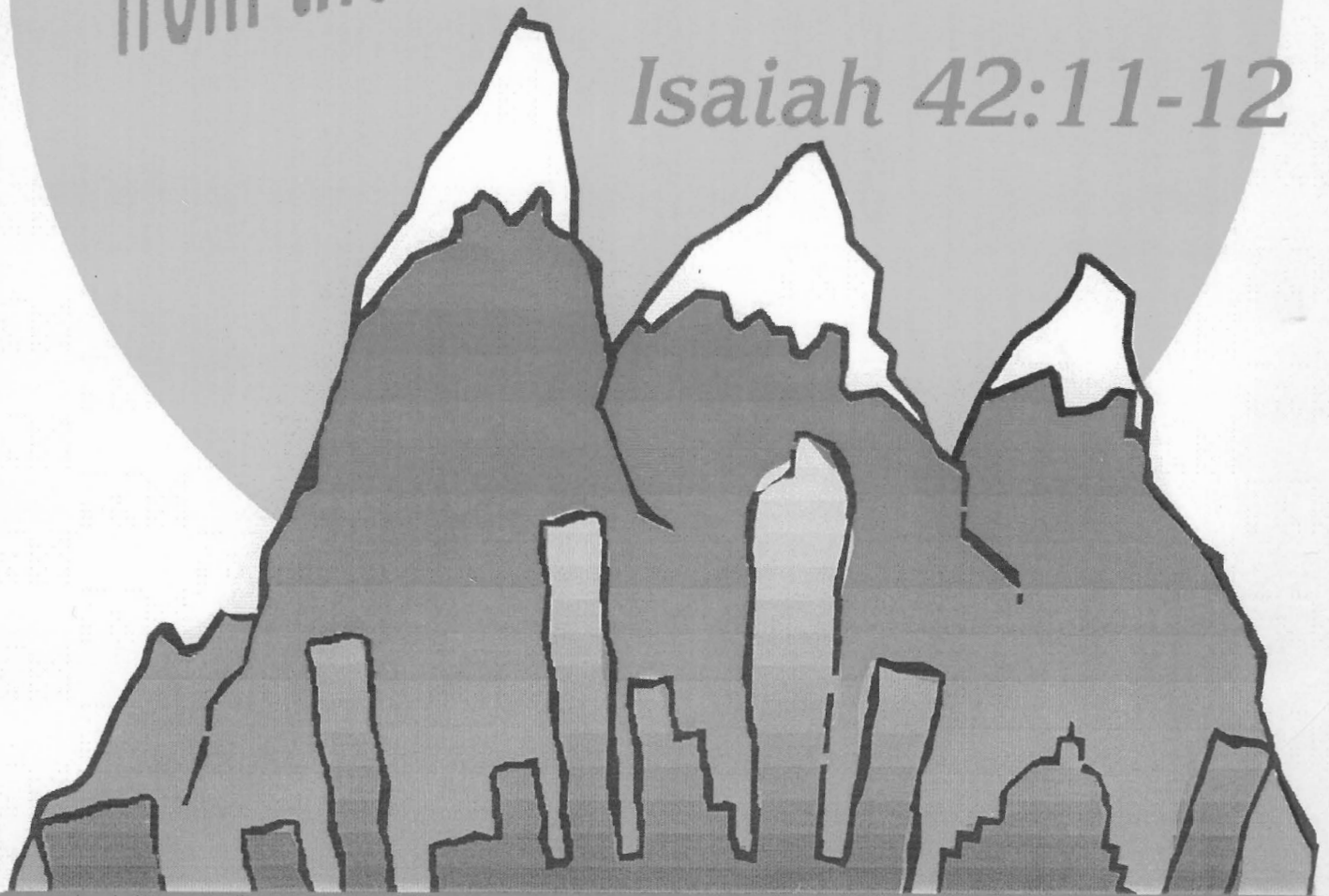
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