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RECOGNITION OF LIONS' GOVERNORS AND GRANT PRESENTATION TO PAX NATUARA RANCH FOR THE DEAF

-by Rev. R.A. Bauer
EDMONTON, Alberta

At the 1977 ILDA Convention in Spokane, Rev. Bauer proudly showed a Pax Natura pendant which was hand made by trainees at the ranch. It is being worn by Elmer Francisco.



The continuing support of the Lions' to the program of rehabilitation of the Deaf at Pax Natura Ranch was highlighted in a special ceremony honoring the Governors of the past and present in the form of a grant of almost \$30,000 towards the building of a shop on the Ranch for the Deaf.

Since its inception as a new District of Lionism in N.E. Alberta, District 37H

has through its clubs, organization and governors featured a support system to the Ranch and its program of rehabilitation of the Deaf.

Past Governors honored, now serving as Honorary Cabinet Members in the Lion's organization are:

- Mr. Walter Frey, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, 1976-77
- Mr. Lawton Westrom, Vegreville, Alberta, 1977-78, and
- Mr. Murray Corbin, Lamont, Alberta, 1978-79.

Also honored is the present Governor of District 37H, Mr. Paul Lefebvre, Wainwright, Alberta.

Mr. Walter Frey, the first Governor of the new District lent early support to the concept of rehabilitation of the Deaf in his involvement of the Dedication Ceremony of the Ranch for the Deaf at Clyde, Alberta in the fall of 1976. As Governor, he was a driving force in educating

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SIX FLAGS OUTING TO BENEFIT DEAF MINISTRY!



The John of Beverley medal. It is awarded annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution for the enrichment of hearing-handicapped people.

-St. Louis, Mo.

The Aid Association for Lutherans, Branch 3838, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo. is sponsoring a mass ticket sale for Six Flags amusement park. Funds raised through this campaign will be used to support needs of the John of Beverley Chair of Deaf Ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Tickets are now being sold at reduced prices of \$7.25 (includes free parking) through April 10, 1980, \$8.00 between April 11 and May 15, and \$8.75 from May 16 to May 31. Normal prices are \$9.75 plus \$.35 tax plus \$1.50 parking (\$11.60 total). It is hoped that all friends of deaf ministry will attend Saturday, May 31, designated as Lutheran and Friends Day, but tickets may be bought for May 10, May 17, and June 7 as well. Park hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The John of Beverley Deaf Chair at Concordia is held by the Reverend Daniel H. Pokorny. It was founded in 1978 by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc., which aims to prepare future parish pastors for ministry to the deaf, to recruit professional church workers for a specialized ministry, and to develop continuing theological education of pastors, teachers, and congregations with reference to deaf ministry.

Several deaf students are now attending the seminary, and as recruiting continues more will be enrolling. Therefore, there is a continuing

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**Daily Bible Reading
for April 1980**

- 1.....John 12:20-36.....
- 2.....Matthew 26:14-25.....
- Maundy Thursday
- 3.....Luke 22:7-20.....
- Good Friday
- 4.....John 19:17-30.....
- 5.....Matthew 27:57-66.....
- EASTER
- 6.....Luke 24:1-11.....
- 7.....Luke 24:13-49.....
- 8.....Hosea 13:14.....
- 9.....Acts 2:29-32.....
- 10.....Isaiah 45:5-12.....
- 11.....Psalm 149.....
- 12.....Acts 13:26-33.....
- Second Sunday after Easter
- 13.....John 20:19-31.....
- 14.....Joshua 3:9-17.....
- 15.....2 Corinthians 2:5-11.....
- 16.....Luke 11:29-36.....
- 17.....Isaiah 33:13-24.....
- 18.....Genesis 32:13-24.....
- 19.....Acts 13:26-39.....
- Third Sunday of Easter
- 20.....John 21:1-14.....
- 21.....Ezekiel 34:11-16.....
- 22.....Romans 4:23-5:11.....
- 23.....John 12:37-45.....
- 24.....Micah 7:14-20.....
- 25.....Hebrews 13:20-21.....
- 26.....Job 19:25-27.....
- Fourth Sunday of Easter
- 27.....John 13:31-35.....
- 28.....James 1:16-21.....
- 29.....Isaiah 29:9-14.....
- 30.....John 21:20-25.....

The Lord Added...

At CHRIST, Peoria, Illinois:
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At PRINCE OF PEACE, St. Paul, MN:
Robert and Adeline Hoffmann
Robert and Mary Moore
Mrs. Dolly Kumbier
Mrs. Donna Jaworski
Mrs. Isabel Schwerr
Jim Heidhus
+
At HOLY CROSS, Columbus, Ohio:
John, Nancy, and Debbie
Fleischer
Kathy Gard

... To The Church (Acts 2:47)



**What Is Good And Bad
About Lent?**

-by Rev. Walter Uhlig

Most things have two sides to them -- a good and bad side. A rose has brilliant, delicate colored petals, but along the stem it has spiny thorns. A fine home maybe a place of beauty, but to keep it that way requires work and money.

We don't usually think of Lent as having any bad side. What could there be bad about this most sacred season in the church year?

Lent may not be a happy season, but it is a holy season. It is a time set aside to concentrate on the holiest of events, the death of our Savior Jesus.

During Lent, we walk back 2,000 years and stand in the shadow of the Cross. After seeing Jesus hailed as a King, the Son of David, we dine with Him in the Upper Room where He gives us Himself in the Sacrament; we kneel with Him in Gethsemane; we suffer pain and shame with Him in the courts of the Chief Priest and the Roman Governor; we bear the Cross with Him to Calvary where we stand beside Him as His head droops in death.

It is good to go back to Calvary and cry for Jesus. The world has never seen grief as that time when God's Son gave up His life with outstretched arms and sunken head on the Cross. A Christian will want to think seriously about the sorrow of Christ in Lent.

BUT LENT CAN BE BAD.

Lent can be bad if a person sees only the Suffering Savior on the Cross and does not see himself as the sinful spectators whose wrongs were the cause for the death of the Lord. It can be bad if a person neglects to ponder his part in the guilt of Golgotha and the transgressions that led to the tears and tragedy.

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PAX NATURA RANCH

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and sponsoring the many Lions' Clubs regarding the Ranch. A special assignment for the Governor's Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tom Binns of Ardrossan, Alberta was to educate and gain support from each Lion member in the District. The success of this program under past Governor Mr. Lawton Westrom resulted in the establishment of "Pax Natura Project," a special Cabinet position filled by an enthusiastic Ranch supporter and Lions' member Mr. Lloyd Roberts, of Ardrossan, Alberta. Projects such as moving a 45 ft. by 30 ft. barn (hayloft and all), erecting some two miles of 4-wire fence, sponsoring work-parties on a regular basis, donating machinery and building materials, feed for the Ranch's stock as well supplying a "cash-flow" to the Ranch's operation are some of the tangible ways the Lions' have shown their support during his chairmanship.

The arrival of a large grant from L.I.F. (Lions' International Fund, Headquarters in Chicago) to build a shop on the Ranch came about through the brave efforts of Cabinet Chairman, Mr. L. Roberts and Lions' Governor for 1978-79, Mr. Murray Corbin. The grant of \$29,746.80 will be expanded as the "grass roots" of Lionism is involved in further fund-raising and providing the manpower to build and furnish a shop on the Ranch. The shop will be used in rebuilding machinery and the manufacturing of wood furniture in a program of rehabilitation of the Deaf.

A committee has been struck to administer the funds and finance the shop on the Ranch. Members of the committee are:

Administrator, Lion Governor: Mr. Paul Lafebvre, Wainwright, Alberta

Secretary and Cabinet Chairman Pax Natura Project: Mr. L. Roberts, Ardrossan, Alta.

Treasurer and L.I.F. Representative: Mr. Rudy Rippell, Ft. Saskatchewan, Alta.

Assistant to Cabinet Chairman: Mr. Les Campbell, Ft. Saskatchewan, Alta.

Pax Natura Society Board Chairman: Mr. Jack Fleming (deaf), Edmonton, Alberta

Pax Natura Society Board Past Chairman: Mr. Edward Johnson (deaf), Chauvin, Alberta

Pax Natura Society Board Representative: Mr. Gary Andersen (deaf), Edmonton, Alberta

Special Consultant to the Pax Natura Society Board: Mr. Ed Fries, Edmonton, Alberta

Executive Director of Pax Natura Society Board: Rev. R.A. Bauer, Edmonton, Alberta

The building of the shop on the Ranch is the second phase of the rehabilitation of the Deaf, now that the land has been acquired under a special arrangement from the Department of Energy and Resources, Alberta. The next phase will be to provide housing and program supervision to make the Ranch a year-round operation. Executive Director, Rev. R.A. Bauer, reports that some forty deaf male adults are now on a waiting list. Applications have been received from almost every Province of Canada and five states in the U.S.A. A maximum of twelve deaf men will live on the Ranch at one time in the Rehabilitation Program when housing, staff and program are fully developed. He states further, that "maybe a deaf lad may need 6 months or even three years to undo the damage done over a number of years", but the program will definitely be a first in its specific rural orientation. The program of Pax Natura Society has three components: the Ranch at Clyde which is a Half-way House in Edmonton's Southside and an on going ever increasing counselling centre operated out of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf at 11460 - 60 Avenue. For the past several summers the Lutheran minister to the Deaf congre-

gation has been allowed time to develop the Ranch Rehabilitation Program.

The "Modus-Operandi" (the manner in which something operates or works) of the Rehabilitation Program on the Ranch has the following emphasis:

- communication via Sign Language
- work to instill a sense of responsibility
- Christian love to develop character and motivation.

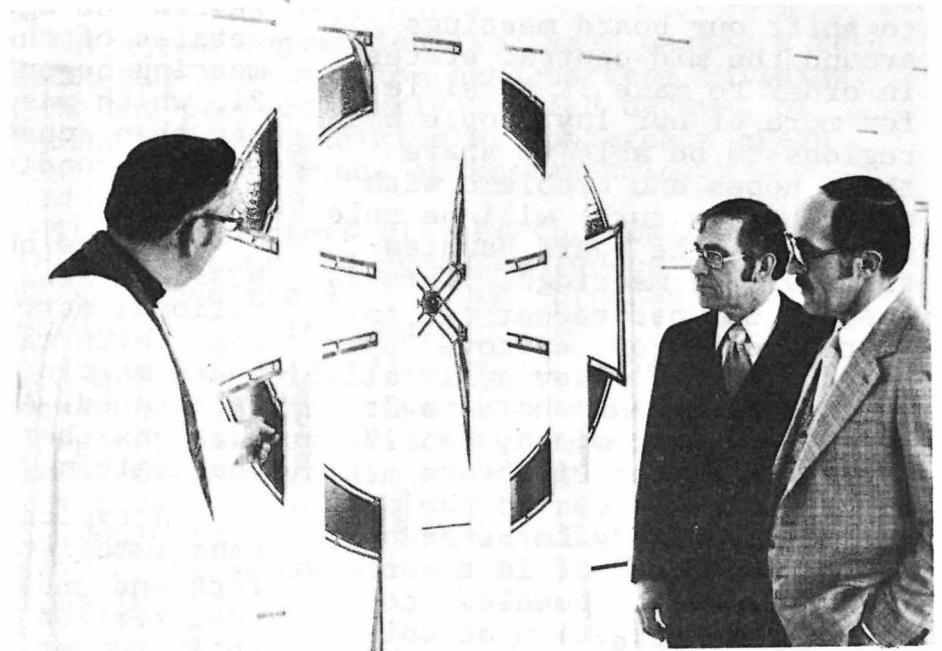
The architect and consultant to the Ranch, Mr. Fred Klingbeil of Calgary, Alberta, has for the past years used the plans for Pax Natura Ranch as classroom practice material for his S. A. I. T. students; thus giving the overall planning of the Ranch a regular review to meet the needs of the Rehabilitation Program. His latest plan is a student-designed 8-bedroom Ranch duplex allowing supervisors to live under the same roof with deaf clients and at the same time giving them a sense of responsibility and opportunity for growth in self-help.

The Society will be actively seeking further funding as it develops a program that will endeavor to salvage lives and save taxpayers' dollars. The remarks of Lion Cabinet Chairman, Mr. L. Roberts "we've got our hands on a 'Lions' Project'", sums up the enthusiasm of the Lions' of N.E. Alberta. + + +

Stained Glass Windows Donated To Prince of Peace



The Elton and Edith Koch Memorial Window was dedicated at Prince of Peace in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 27, 1980. The three crosses are on a pale blue background. The crosses are white, outlined in yellow. The ring on the center cross is red, the other crosses have rings of blue glass.



Robert and Dean Koch, sons of Elton and Edith Koch, view the stained glass window dedicated in memory of their parents. Admiring the beautiful windows with them is Pastor William Lange.



A Message from The President

Joseph J. Kindred, President of the International Lutheran Deaf Association



... "Consider what I say, and the Lord will help you to understand all things" 2 Timothy 2:7

This is the first and the beginning my personal comments as I.L.D.A. President with this article I am writing for The Deaf Lutheran. The purpose of doing so is to keep our readers informed regarding the progress and any new developments that are going on in this young Association.

EVANGELISM is the word and the chief purpose of The International Lutheran Deaf Association and has the highest priority in the business of the Board of Directors. We strive to reach out to those who have not heard The Good News sent to us through God the Father thru His Son, Jesus Christ. Our goal is to awaken them so that they in turn will rejoice with us in so great a salvation! To date we can count ten years since the beginning of the I.L.D.A. and we have grown and are still growing as God continues to bless our work! Praise Him!

We find it is God pleasing to shift our board meetings around the mid-central states in order to make it possible for more of our lay people and regions to be able to share their hopes and problems with us. They, in turn, will be able to see how the board handles the business meetings. This is one of the most recent and important decisions approved by board members. Previously all board meetings were held in St. Louis, Mo. Last month, Feb. 22-24, the Board of Directors met in Des Moines, Iowa as the guests of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf in the region of Midwest. Needless to say, the congregation of Calvary was the most generous of hosts and provided splendidly to every need and comfort of the board members. We greatly ap-

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Minutes of the I.L.D.A. Board Meeting (a summary)



The I.L.D.A. board meeting in action. Clockwise from speaker, Diane Foster at the rostrum; Lester Ahls, Secy.; Charles Kotal, President-Elect; Victor Lyon; Bill Zimmerman; Rev. Donald Zuhn; Richard Crossen; Lawrence Fields; LeRoy Treibel; Betty Jo Healey; Rev. Paul Dorr; Elmer Francisco, Treasurer; and Joseph Kindred, President.

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-taken from the minutes of Lester Ahls, I.L.D.A. Secretary

The International Lutheran Deaf Association Board of Directors held the first of their bi-annual meetings in Des Moines, Iowa, February 21-23. The host congregation that helped with the preparations (meeting place, food and lodging) was Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf. The host pastor was The Rev. George Ring. Pastor Ring and his congregation were the most generous of hosts and the hospitality extended to members of the board captured the spirit of Christian love and brotherhood to its fullest. Another service the brothers and sisters provided for the board members was transportation to and from the airport.

As is the usual procedure, the Executive Board members arrived a few hours earlier than the other members so they could review the agenda and go over details of the meeting. Their meeting began at 3:15 p.m., Feb. 21, which was several hours later than scheduled due to foggy weather conditions that caused late flights.

At the beginning of each business session, there is devotional services and hymn singing. With the start of the full board meeting Holy Communion is celebrated. At the close of all sessions there are prayers of thanksgiving.

A typical board meeting begins immediately after breakfast and ends with lunch. The next session follows lunch on until supper time. The board members return to the meeting room after supper and continue doing The Lord's and I.L.D.A.'s business until late at night then retire.

ACTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THIS MEETING WERE:

1. A new I.L.D.A. brochure is being prepared.
2. The 1981 I.L.D.A. Convention that will be held in Los Angeles, Calif. had its plans reviewed and found to be satisfactory, to date.
3. A new design for our "Right Hand Award" was discussed.
4. The Treasurer's books were audited and found in good order. Funds stand as:
\$6,017.98 in General Fund.
\$4,412.19 in L.D.M.S. Fund.
\$5,595.24 in bonds under L.C./M.S. Church Ext. Fund.
5. More seminary graduates are coming soon to help fill the 10 existing vacancies in our Deaf Ministry Churches.
6. Ways and Means of making the I.L.D.A. a self-supporting organization was discussed.
7. A profit of \$1,135.52 was reported from the Memphis congregation that hosted the 1979 I.L.D.A. Convention with \$445.75 still to be collected.
8. An intensified drive in our Evangelism activities was encouraged.
9. Discussed the possibilities of our sending a representative to the LC/MS Convention

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Six Flags Outing To Benefit Deaf Ministry



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need for support services of interpreters, communications equipment, note-taking needs, etc. Professor Pokorny estimates that approximately \$1.50 (including matching AAL support) of every ticket sold will benefit the deaf ministry program.

The ticket buys you a full day of fun at Six Flags with over 100 rides, shows and attractions. So you can GO, GIVE, AND SAVE all at the same time! You can join with us for a Service of Signs, Songs and Praise at 11:00 a.m. May 31 at Six Flags. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, the Lutheran Hours Speaker, will consider the theme, "God opens doors to deaf hearts" with us. The speaker will be interpreted and the Service will be in Total Communication (voice and signs simultaneously). Hearing friends and the deaf will sit side by side during the service and get to know one another better during the day.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf is the only local congregation operating in this specialized ministry. It is centrally located near Jefferson and Market Streets (101 North Beaumont St.) in St. Louis, Mo.

Ticket orders should be addressed to Holy Cross's pastor, Rev. Richard A. Moody, 1536 Tamm Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63139. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "Richard A. Moody."

AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) is a fraternal insurance society--nationwide organization of 1.2 million member Lutherans and their families. Members buy insurance, take part in Association activities, and carry out humanitarian, service and social projects in more than 5,200 AAL local branches. AAL's home office is in Appleton, Wisconsin.



Aid Association for Lutherans Appleton, Wisconsin



Mildred Johnson Named "National Counselor Of The Year"

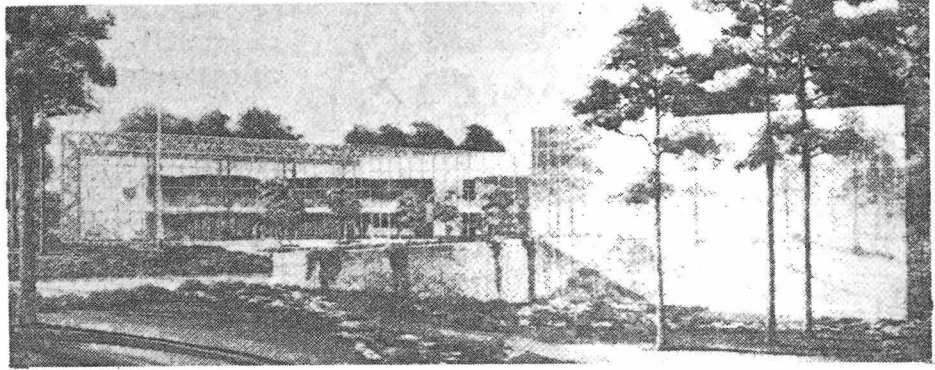
-from the S-E-T- Newsletter
Western, Washington Deaf Field

The National Rehabilitation Counseling Association has named Mildred Johnson "National Counselor of the Year" at its September meeting in Chicago Illinois.

Mrs. Johnson has been a Washington State Rehabilitation Counselor for 13 years and was recently appointed State Coordinator of Work with the Deaf by the Washington State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. She is a char-

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The Lutheran Church/Mo. Synod Reveal Plans To Build A New Headquarters



This is an architect's rendition of the \$9.9 million headquarters the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is seeking permission to build in Clayton, Missouri.

A reflecting glass building with a diagonal skylight is included in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's plans for a new headquarters building on the western edge of the Concordia Seminary in Clayton, Missouri.

With approval from the city of Clayton, construction of the four-story, square building and adjoining three-level garage could begin in the fall and be completed by May 1982, synod officials said.

The cost is estimated at \$9.9 million.

The synod's request to the city of Clayton for a special-use permit to build an institutional structure in a residential zoned area was presented to aldermen recently.

The Clayton Planning Commission is expected to make a recommendation on the plan in a few weeks, said Clayton City Manager Lee R. Evett. There will be a public hearing in April, he said.

The 116,000 square-foot building - 190 feet on a side - would contain synod offices, conference rooms and a chapel.

George Albers, vice president of the architectural firm of Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets Inc., said integrating the headquarters with the park like site was a prime consideration in the design.

"To Minimize the apparent size of the building and to reduce the number of trees to be removed, the four-story building is sited such that the first and second floors of the structure cut into the hillside of the ravine," he said.

The synod is sending letters to neighborhood residents inviting them to an informal gathering soon at Concordia's Pritzlaff Hall to discuss the plans.

The synod convention last year passed a resolution for a \$5 million headquarters building. Cost of the project nearly doubled because of inflation and the addition of conference areas and the garage, a synod spokesman said.

The headquarters will be the administration offices for about 280 synod employees now in the synod's headquarters at 500 N. Broadway and the Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson.

A major consideration in building a new headquarters was the rise in cost of leasing office space, said synod treasurer Norman D. Sell, chairman of the synod's building committee. With the high rate of inflation, the synod leasing space would cost more than \$1 million by 1983, he said. The synod's lease at 500 N. Broadway expires in 1983.

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This is the kind of weather when you wake up and look out at the snow drifts, you reach for the phone, dial your office and call in warm.



CALIFORNIA. . . Pastor Robert Rowland was installed as Lutheran Missionary to the Deaf for the Sacramento/Stockton area of California on March 9th with services in both cities. Pastor Bob returns to deaf ministry from Flagler, Colorado.

Pastor Omahr Mørk was installed as pastor of Good Shepherd in Toledo, Ohio, on January 27th. More than 125 people attended the service. Rev. Bailey from Detroit installed him and Rev. Leber from Columbus, Ohio, preached the sermon. Rev. Mørk will reside at 2654 Westmar Ct., Apt. #236, Toledo, Ohio, 53615.

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- DEAF CONGREGATIONS that have no pastor at this time are . . .
- St. John, Fort Wayne, Ind. (calling a seminary graduate)
- Peace, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Silent, Madison, Wisconsin, (has called Pastor Don Haug).
- Dallas
- West Hartford, Connecticut, (calling a seminary graduate).
- Delaware Valley, Philadelphia, Penn., (calling a seminary graduate).
- St. Mark and St. Matthew, New York, N.Y. (calling a seminary graduate).
- Christ and Isaiah 29, Washington, D.C.
- Minnesota North
- Bethlehem, Omaha, Nebr. (calling a seminary graduate).

We pray that God will soon send a pastor to each of these churches.

It presently appears that six or seven young men graduating from our seminaries or completing colloquy programs will be available for calls into deaf ministry this spring. The first call should be reach the first one of these young men who will be available in March, and the rest in the regular May placement.

For help with your Federal Income tax return the IRS has a toll-free TTY phone to help you. The number is 1-800-428-4732. This service is available to you all year. The hours now are 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. . .

Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Rochester, N.Y. has a new secretary, Natalie Deike, who is working there part-time. She came to Rochester from Fredericksburg, Texas. Natalie is a member of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Austin, Texas. She is in Rochester as a student attending NTID and majoring in office practice.

Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Moines, Iowa, will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of their Church Building on May 4th. The Rev. Alvin Barry has been invited to be the Guest Speaker.

Five students from Gallaudet College attended the Mid-Atlantic Student Movement Conference during the weekend of February 22-24. The Conference was held at the Pennsylvania Environmental and Educational Center. The Rev. Russ Hale led the students attending the conference in an understanding of "REACH OUT... AND TOUCH SOMEBODY." The topic concerned itself with some of the ways we can "reach out" to the unchurched and "touch somebody" to include them in the community.

At the recommendation of the Department of Mission Services, the Board of Directors of Southeastern District gave their approval for Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf to separate from the combined call with St. Mark Lutheran Church. The final approval was given at the January Board of Directors Meeting. The Rev. Max Schaeffer, Secretary for the DMS, has informed Christ Church of the decision. This resolution asked that Christ Church be included in the ministries to the deaf in the Washington area. These ministries included Gallaudet and Isaiah 29. Since this resolution has been passed, the members of Christ and the SED are meeting to set up a list (call) for a pastor.

Through the generosity of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, New York, Our Savior Church of the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan now has a new TTY (Porta-Tel).

Pastor Kenneth Schnepf (New York-St. Mark's) has accepted a call to Immanuel (hearing) in Mount Vernon, NY. He hopes to carry on deaf ministry in that part of the metropolitan New York area.

A note from David Sabel (St. James Church of the Deaf in Adelaide, Australia) tells of a growing group of 35 people gathering for worship and Bible fellowship every month in this city in the "Land down under."

According to a thank you letter sent to the congregation of St. Paul's Deaf Lutheran Church of Flint, Michigan, this Field congregation was one of 74 that gave exactly what was promised to missions last year. (There are 341 congregations in the Michigan District and 126 went beyond their pledge). The letter was sent by The Reverend Paul J. Foust, counselor of stewardship, Michigan District.

Pastor David Carstens (Christ / Grace, Hickory/Greensboro, North Carolina) was injured in January while cutting wood. His broken ankle is healing, but watch for Pastor Dave on crutches for several months.

Sunday, Feb. 17th, Rev. Don Leber and Rev. Daniel Pokorny were visitors to Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado. They were vacationing there for the Deaf Olympics which was held at Riverboat Springs from Feb. 9-13. That Sunday, both men led the congregation in both worship and Bible study.

Henry Neisch, father of Pastor W.O. Neisch (St. Paul, Flint, Michigan), died in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in February.

On February 17th President J.A. O.Preus of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod announced the beginning of a program called, "FORWARD IN REMEMBRANCE". It is the beginning of a great effort by our church to financially support the mission work planned for the decade of the '80's. The goal is 40 million dollars. Remember this also as you pray, "Thy Kingdom come."

Rogate Deaf in Clearwater, Fla. (Pastors Frank Wagenknecht and Glen Borhart) dedicated a new chapel on February 10th. Seminarian George Perry was the guest preacher.

The Mary and Martha Guild of Hope, Portland, Oregon, celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner on February 18th.

Congratulations to Lester and Stella Harmon (Memorial, San Lorenzo, California) on their 50th wedding anniversary.

On Sat., Apr. 12, the S.E. District will sponsor an all day Festival of Workshops. Rev. David Carstens of North Carolina will led a workshop for hearing churches interested in developing a Sunday School for the Deaf. The theme for this festival is LEAD and there will be 12 different workshops.

A Message from the President

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preciate it and THANKS IOWA!

Because of bad weather conditions (fog), plane flights to this board meeting were hampered by delays and inconveniences. It is a good idea whenever you are flying somewhere to let the flight attendants and ticket takers know that you are DEAF! They are trained to provide service for handicapped travelers.

One of the important business discussions of this recent board meeting was "How Can We Make The I.L.D.A. a Self-Supporting Organization by 1982?" This and Evangelism are two of the top priority projects of the Board of Directors.

Our next board meeting will be held in Detroit, Michigan on October 23-25, 1980. All congregations in this Great Lakes Region are invited to come and sit in at our meetings.

In closing this report, I want to thank the many churches that have been sending me their monthly newsletters and bulletins. It helps me as President to keep in closer touch with you and to share your GOOD NEWS!

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LENT - GOOD and BAD

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Lent is properly observed only if we see, in addition to what Christ did, what we do with our sins, if we see only the event without the causes and the tragedy without the triumph coming as our salvation was earned by our Lord.

May this Lenten season be a time for us as we meditate on the full story of the crucifixion, our sins that helped to cause it, and our salvation that was won by it.

Have You Washed Anyone's Feet Lately?

-by Rev. Larry Larsen

On the March page of our Lutheran calendar is a picture of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. So probably their feet were dirty -- sandals and dusty roads cause feet to become dirty and it was the custom of the slave to wash the feet of visitors.

But JESUS? Why should he lower Himself to such slave work? Jesus had come from heaven -- was God Himself. How wrong it seemed for the Son of God to wash feet.

HAVE YOU WASHED ANYONE'S FEET LATELY? It is so easy to

A Summary of the Minutes

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in St. Louis, Mo. next year.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Eastern: LeRoy Treibel said that their next conference will be on June 13-15, '80 at the Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, Penna., hosted by St. Matthew (N.Y.C.).

Pacific: Diane Foster said that the theme of the '81 I.L.D.A. Convention will be "BE OPENED" from Mark 7:34. Committees for this convention are working hard and have already raised \$200. The Pacific Regional Conference is scheduled for April 26-27, '80 and will be held in Stockton, Calif. The 20th Anniversary Fete for Southern Calif. will be held May 18, '80.

Great Lakes: Richard Crossen reported that G.L.R.C. Board will meet in Detroit March 22, '80. Their conference will be held July 11-13, '80, also in Detroit.

Northwest: Victor Lyon reported that their conference this year would be held in Calgary, Alta. but other details are not available at this time.

Central: Betty Jo Healey reported that their conference will be held on June 6-8, '80 in St. Louis, Mo. at the Stan Musial & Biggie's Motel.

Dixie: Lawrence Fields reported that they are having a drive to get the younger generation deaf to become interested in Church activities through planned athletic events.

Midwest: Bill Zimmerman reported their regional conference will be held at Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska on June 20-22 of this year.

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wash our own feet and let everyone wash their own feet -- or let them stay dirty. When Jesus did this for His disciples, he was not really interested in how much dirt they had picked up from the dusty roads. But He washed their feet to teach them a lesson. Jesus wants them to know that our purpose in life is to serve -- not to be served. God put us in this world to serve His people. When a person needs love and comfort, God will give it to him through us.

People in nursing homes, mental hospitals, and prisons are often lonesome, frustrated, hurting. God cares about that. He cares so much that He put us on the earth so we can go and visit the lonely, the scared, and the hurting FOR HIM. And that's how we can wash their feet.

HAVE YOU WASHED ANYONE'S FEET LATELY?

Friends, people around us are dying and going to hell because they don't understand about God's love for them. They don't understand what Jesus has done for them. God cares about that. He cares so much that He put you and me on this earth so we could tell these people that when Jesus died on the cross He died for them too -- so we could tell these people and show them how the love of Jesus has changed our lives, so we could wash the feet of the dying before it is too late.

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One Set Of Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two (2) sets of footprints in the sand -- one belonging to him, and the other belonging to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints in the sand.

He also noticed this happened during the lowest and saddest times of his life. This really bothered him, so he asked the Lord, "Lord, You said once before that if I followed you, You would walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one (1) set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You most, you deserted me!"

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you!"

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MILDRED JOHNSON

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ter member of the Nat'l. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and the American Deafness & Rehab. Ass'n. and also is a member of the National Advisory Committee of the M.S.S.D in D.C. and of the Advisory Board of the Community Service Center for the Deaf and H.H. in Seattle. Mrs. Johnson has been a board member of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Nat. Rehab. Ass'n. since 1966.

Ms. Johnson is an active Lutheran and is the daughter of deaf parents, the late Mr. & Mrs. John Skoglund of Spokane. Since her teenage years, Mildred has given unselfishly of her time and labors in behalf of the deaf.

Children's Page



Statues From A Faraway Island

Several hundred years ago the captain of a sailing ship discovered a small island. As the ship came closer to land, both he and his crew were surprised to see hundreds of carved statues along the shore.

Some were 30 feet tall and stood on platforms 12 feet high. On some statues were placed stone hats that weighted several tons. Altogether there were 500 such statues, all facing out to sea.

After the captain and his crew landed, they discovered other statues that lay partly finished in a stone quarry. Why did the people who made the statues suddenly stop? Where did they go? Why did they make the statues?

No answers to these questions have ever been found. But today some people think these statues were idols, made to protect the people who lived on this small faraway island.

But these people are no longer there. Their idols could not help them.

Statues help us remember what certain people look like. They help us remember the important things these people did. They help us remember to serve and love other people like the people in some of the statues we see did.

Statues or pictures of Jesus can help us remember what He did for us. What can you do to serve and love others like He did? Pictures of people you know can help you remember God's love for you too. Think of the people God has given to help you. Why are they important?

HOW SMART ARE YOU???

PETER'S BRAIN TEASER

Do you consider yourself smart? Well if you do this is a puzzle for you.

Suppose you see a truck stuck in an underpass because the truck was an inch too tall to pass underneath. People gather around and one by one offer suggestions... One man suggested the truck driver take the truck apart, another suggests that he call a tow truck to pull it out, etc., etc. But the truck driver is in a hurry and has a delivery to make and the deadline is only a half hour off. Suddenly, an idea pops into your head and you tell it to the truck driver who smiles, follows your idea and is on his way in five minutes.

...What do you suppose the truck driver was told?

ANSWER: He was told to let some air out of his tires, which brought the height of the truck down just enough to get unstuck and out of the underpass.



The Washing of the Feet

Across:

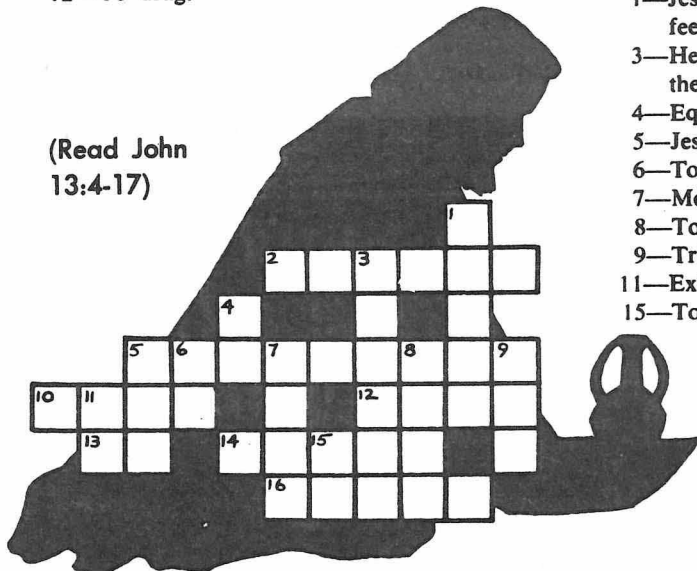
- 2—Jesus taught the disciples a _____.
- 5—The men at supper with Jesus the night He washed their feet.
- 10—What Jesus suffered on the cross.
- 12—To drag.

- 13—Jesus said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with _____."
- 14—The disciple who said Jesus should not wash his feet.
- 16—Kind deeds Jesus did.

Down:

- 1—Jesus wiped the disciples' feet with a _____.
- 3—He washed their feet after they had eaten _____.
- 4—Equally.
- 5—Jesus came to _____ for us.
- 6—Towards the inside.
- 7—Men who man a ship.
- 8—To lie hidden.
- 9—Tricky.
- 11—Exist.
- 15—Toward.

(Read John 13:4-17)

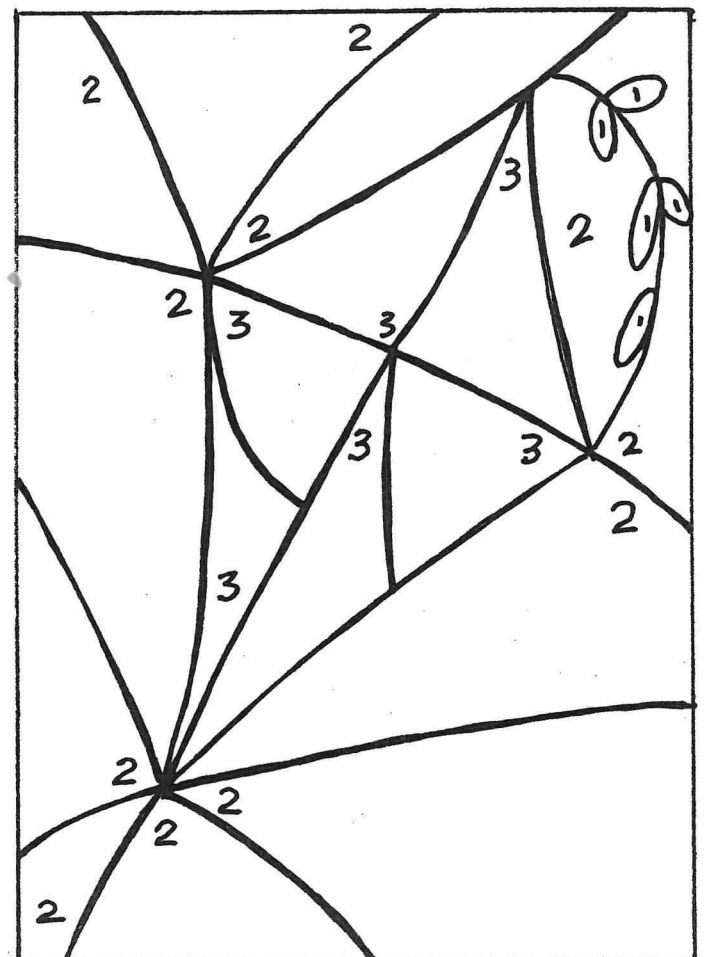


SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU THINK AND KEEP YOU BUSY....

1. What word is always pronounced wrong?
 2. Three girls walked to school under one umbrella. Why didn't any of them get wet?
 3. How many elephants can you put in one cage?
 4. Why is a policeman the strongest man in the world?
 5. How does a dentist examine a crocodile's teeth?
 6. What is black and white and red all over?
 7. What kind of animal can jump higher than a house?
 8. What is worse than finding a worm in an apple?
 9. What has 8 feet and can sing?
 10. What time is it when a clock strikes 13?
1. The word wrong. 2. It wasn't raining. 3. One. 4. Because he can hold up a long line of cars with only one hand. 5. Very carefully. 6. A zebra that fell in red dye. 7. Any animal. Houses can't jump. 8. Half a worm. 9. Four canaries. 10. Time to throw it away.

Color Puzzle

If you color the spaces correctly, you will find a good toy for a windy day. Make each number a different color. For example, color 1 yellow, 2 blue, 3, red.



The Washing of the Feet
 Across: 2—Lesson, 5—Disciples, 10—Pain, 12—Pull, 13—Me, 14—Peter, 16—Works, Down: 1—Towel, 3—Supper, 4—As, 5—Die, 6—In, 7—Crew, 8—Lark, 9—Sly, 11—Am, 15—To.