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PROFESSOR POKORNY "On The Go"...



AN UNUSUAL CELEBRATION

- by Norman L. Davis
Lodi, California



Professor Pokorny (far right) examines a copy of a report given at the board meeting of the Ecumenical Working Group. Mrs. Sutcliffe (center) looks on, while Canon Thomas Sutcliffe makes a point (left). Canon Sutcliffe is deaf himself and now lives in Oxford, England.

Daniel H. Pokorny is no newcomer to the work among the deaf or the pages of this paper. He began his ministry in Indianapolis, Indiana at Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf 19 years ago, and things haven't been dull since! Recently appointed to the John of Beverley Chair for Deaf Ministry at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, he has been busy on the campus keeping active in many areas. In addition he has continued participation in international groups.

In March, Professor Pokorny attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the

Ecumenical Working Group for Pastoral Care of the Deaf. This group has been in existence in Europe for almost 20 years and is responsible for the establishment of the Spiritual Care Commission of the World Federation of the Deaf. The on-going work of the group is to share new ideas and methodologies to work among deaf people, and to plan training experiences for workers in the field.

The March meeting in Luxembourg was productive and saw the successful completion of planning for the fall Training Seminar in Denmark as well as the continued growth of materials to bring the Word of God to the deaf.

Also attending the meeting were Pastor Artur Keller of West Germany, Pastor Rudolf Wollrab of East Germany, Pastor Edward Kolb of Switzerland, Canon Thomas Sutcliffe of England, Pastor Eino Savisaari of Finland, Msgr. Wolfgang Roemer of West Germany and Pastor Asger Anderson of Den-

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Sunday, March 9, 1980 was indeed a big, eventful day for deaf Lutherans in the Great Valley of California. Their dream of having a residential pastor came true. For fifty-two years, they were ministered by pastors, living in the Bay Area, who could sign for them.

The Reverend Robert C. Rowland of the Colorado District accepted the call.

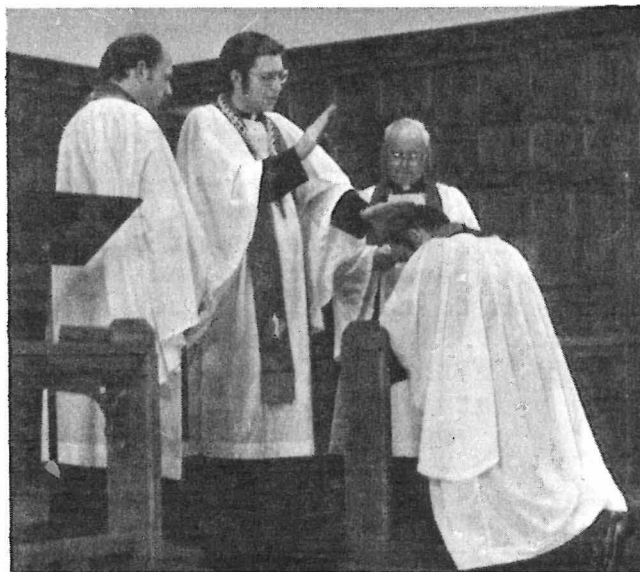
Because Rev. Rowland will have to serve the deaf of Sacramento and Stockton on an equal basis - and because these two cities are in two different circuits of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, two installation ceremonies had to be held, one in each city.

The two o'clock ceremony took place at Stockton. Many deaf from the Bay Area were present there. The District President, Rev. Orval M. Oswald, was there. Two other pastors, Rev. Roy L. Dahmann of San Lorenzo, CA and Rev. John Herrmann of Atwater, CA were also there. The Installation ceremony lasted more than an hour and was very inspiring. Refreshments and a reception followed.

It was interesting to note that Rev. Herrmann, who has a little knowledge of the sign

At the Stockton ceremony, Rev. Roy Dahmann (center) is shown blessing Rev. Robert Rowland (kneeling). On the right is Rev. John Hermann and Pres. Orval Oswald is standing at the left.

(all photos taken by Hal Munro of Sunnyvale, CA)



Taken after the Sacramento Ceremony. Left to right: Circuit Counselor Walter Tietjen; Vice-President Robert Visser; Rev. Roy Dahmann; Rev. Robert Rowland; President Orval Oswald; Rev. Paul Kolch; and Rev. Theodore DeLaney.

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How to Study



Your Bible

1. CHAPTER METHOD

Read a book, chapter by chapter. Then read each chapter every day for one week.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What was the principal subject of this chapter?
2. What truth is being taught?
3. What lesson is there to learn?
4. What verse is most inspiring?
5. What is taught about Jesus?
6. What new truth have I learned?
7. What change will it make in my life?

2. TOPICAL METHOD

Pick a topic. Study every verse in the Bible concerning this topic.

3. SYNTHETIC METHOD

Take one book and read it everyday for 30 days. In books over 7 chapters, divide evenly and read each group of chapters everyday for 30 days, one group a month.

4. CHARACTER METHOD

Study all that can be found in the Bible concerning the life of an individual. Make a list of all the known facts of this life (conversion, call and reaction to call, influence of the call. Find out from what things in this life can I benefit? What are best to avoid? What did God say about this person?)

5. HELPS FOR STUDY

1. Prayer and belief.
2. Take literally where possible.
3. All one subject - Jesus.
4. Look for Christ.
5. Principal subject.
6. Principal people.
7. Who is being talked to?
8. Who is being talked about? (Jew, Gentile or Church)

6. LOOK FOR:

Primary interpretation
Practical application
Prophetic application
Major doctrine taught

7. IS THERE:

A command to obey?
An error to avoid?
A sin to forsake?
A promise to claim?

200th Anniversary of The Sunday School

-from Seattle-Everett-Tacoma Newsletter.

The Sunday School celebrates its bicentennial this year. Begun in England 200 years ago, the Sunday School movement came to our country in 1785, five years later. It was fought by many churches and church leaders as being unbiblical, the work of the devil, and "A wild and fruitless enterprise."

This is the sixth year that we (Western Washington Deaf Field - L.C.-M.S.) are having the Sunday School program for the deaf children. Too bad it is not receiving the enthusiastic support from the parents of the deaf children. If it were not for the church van which is being used every Sunday, we would have NO Sunday School (and also no Vacation Bible School).

We are, therefore, asking you to remember our Sunday School ministry in your daily prayers. It is very important for all children, BOTH Deaf and Hearing, to learn the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and to be trained in holy living. Jesus says, "Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it." Luke 11:28

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Proverbs 9:10, and "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



"YES, I'D LIKE TO GO TO HEAVEN, BUT NOT IF YOU ARE GETTING UP A FIELD TRIP TO GO RIGHT NOW!"

A research organization, making a study of juvenile delinquency, telephoned fifty homes between 9:30 and 10:30 at night to ask parents if they knew where their children were. Half of the calls were answered by children who had no idea where their parents were.

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Ralph Bliss - a member since 1962, he went through the confirmation instruction with his wife, as a review.

To The Church (Acts 2:47)



Legal Help For Deaf People

The Legal Advocacy Project for Hearing Impaired Persons, located in Minneapolis, offers free legal advice to low-income hearing impaired residents of 21 countries in Central and Western Minnesota.

The project has a full-time staff of two attorneys and an interpreter.

Telephones are: 612/332-4668 (TDD) or 612/332-1441 (voice). The address is: Legal Advocacy for Hearing Impaired Persons, 222 Grain Exchange Building, 323 Fourth Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415.

He Had Everything

He wore his rubbers when it rained. He brushed his teeth twice a day. . .with a nationally advertised toothpaste. The doctors examined him twice a year. He slept with his windows open. He stuck to a diet with plenty of vegetables. He gave up his tonsils and traded in several worn out glands. He golfed - but never more than 18 holes at a time. He got at least 8 hours sleep every night. He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper. He did his "daily dozen" faithfully. He was all set to live to be 100.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He is survived by 8 specialists, three health institutions, two gymnasiums, and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics. His one mistake?? He forgot God, lived as if this world was all there is, and is now with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20).

Serve Where You Are!

A famous teacher tells of an event from his childhood. At school one day the fire alarm bell sounded, which meant fire drill. Because he was right at the door, he raced out quickly into the school yard.

The next day the principal called him into his office and scolded him: "I saw you run out when you were near the door yesterday when the alarm rang. Why didn't you hold it open for the others?"

The boy gulped with embarrassment and explained, "Well, I was on an errand, and besides, Joe was the door monitor."

"Yes," said the principal, "but you were there. You knew the door was to be held open. Next time, serve where you are!"

It was a lesson the boy never forgot. The Christian life is one of service. "We are saved to serve." Jesus spoke of Himself as a Servant, and urged His disciples to be servants.

He not only preached that we should be servants, but His whole life and ministry were filled with loving deeds of kindness and service. On the night of the Last Supper He girded Himself as a lowly servant, took a towel, knelt down, and washed the disciples' feet. He said, "I have done this for you as an example, that you should love and serve one another."

All through the Church year, we suggest that you think of some small way in which you can serve. It may be some way of helping at the church or it can be something you do for a

person you know. But let it be something you do out of love for your Lord Jesus. A special way of remembering with thanks what your Lord has done for you when He went the way of the cross.

Keep On Moving

The Mike Green family was driving down the dark I-90 in the middle of the night. Suddenly, the motor began to cough and sputter.

"What can be wrong?" wondered Mike. "I've had the car checked for the trip. Even had the motor tuned up."

"Oh, no!" said his wife as the car came to a stop. "Now we'll have to sit here till a repair truck comes."

Almost a half hour later a state policeman stopped next to the stalled car. He radioed for a repair truck to come out. What was the trouble? It was really simple: under the well-waxed and shiny body of the newly tuned engine was an empty gas tank.

Has your car ever run out of gas?

It's a rather dumb thing to have happen, because every few miles along most roads are gas stations. But sometimes people are too busy to notice that the fuel tank's gauge tells them that the tank is nearing empty, or they think they can go all the way without stopping.

People "run out of gas," too.

Sometimes Christians lose the interest and pep they had for the Lord's work. Or they think they can get to where they are going without "filling up." or they're so busy with other matters that they just forget God.

To keep moving on the road to heaven and to help others along the way, every Christian needs the supply of God's Word and Spirit.

God has "filling stations" where He refuels us--Christian homes, Christian friends, and the Church. Here we receive forgiveness of sins and remain one another of God's love in Jesus our Lord and Savior. Then we go out to serve Him and other people.

When we bypass these re-fueling stops, then we're in trouble. We may get along for a time, but soon we find we are out of gas.

That's why Paul advises us in Colossians 3:16-17:

"Christ's message, in all its richness, must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct each other with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs;

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The President's Message



Joseph Kindred,
I.L.D.A. President

The upcoming 1981 I.L.D.A. Convention being hosted by Pilgrim Congregation of Los Angeles, California and the Pacific Region is being planned with great care to assure our convention comers that this 6th Biennial I.L.D.A. Convention will be "ONE TO BE REMEMBERED!"

THE PILGRIM TORCH, official monthly newsletter of the L.A. congregation reports that there are several fund raising activities being held that will help fill the coffers and pay for convention expenses, etc. Such activities include a Shaklee Party and the sales of hand-made accessories. My prayers go out to those fine people that make up the Convention Committees. May God grant them strength and power that things will go smoothly and successfully. Psalm 147:4 -- "He has decided the number of stars and call each one by name."

The site of the convention headquarters will be in the Los Angeles Hilton (pictured and reported in the last issue of this publication). The date is June 9-12, 1981. Chairman of the Convention Committees is Harold Thuve. Make your plans early to attend!

To date we have received several requests for assistance from our I.L.D.A. Scholarship Fund. This fund is available to deaf students in any of our Seminaries who inspire to enter in the Deaf Ministry. Consideration will be given to the needs of hearing students (men and women) who need assistance and who also plan to enter into the Deaf Ministry. This fund is being investigated by several Lutheran organizations for the possibility of acquiring matching donations. Hopefully the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors will be successful in their search for matching funds as many more deserving students will benefit as will the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's Deaf Ministry.

Presently, grants up to \$500.00 can be awarded to those qualifying. Anyone seeking details should write to:

I.L.D.A. Secretary
Mr. Lester Ahls
1004 Cherrywood Drive
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

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There will be an I.L.D.A. display booth at the 100th Centennial Convention of the N.A.D. in Cincinnati, Ohio this summer. The date of the convention is June 29-July 5th and will be in Stouffer's Cincinnati Towers. If you plan to attend the convention, be sure to visit our booth.

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In closing this report I want to mention the passing of a good Christian friend. Mr. Harold Wood, 64, of Indianapolis died Saturday, January 12th. He was a charter member of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf and held most offices in the congregation over the years. He was active in the Central Regional Conference, a member of Indianapolis Deaf Club, member of the Senior Citizens' Club and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Bernadine Wood. The deaf of Indianapolis will miss you, Harold, and may the joy of being with Jesus bring peace to Bernadine and the rest of your family.

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BONES? ? ? It has been said that there are four kinds of BONES in every congregation: There are WISHBONES, who spend their time wishing someone else would do all the work. There are JAWBONES, who do all the talking but little else. There are KNUCKLEBONES, who knock everything anyone ever tries to do. And finally, there are the BACKBONES, who get under the load and do the hard work.

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MIDWEST LUTHERAN DEAF CONFERENCE-ILDA will be held at Seward, Nebraska, at Concordia College June 20 to 22. The topic is "Sowers for God". Rev. Dan Pokorny of Concordia Seminary will be the leader. He is skilled in Sign Language and is a fascinating speaker and Christian teacher. Good air conditioned rooms are at the College and a beautiful meeting area are all part of this conference! Come and be inspired! Write Rev. Lange for a registration form. Mail your letters to Prince of Peace, 205 North Otis Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55104.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. . . National Technical Institute for the Deaf has a program of giving internships to people interested in Deaf Ministry. This summer, two students from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. will be attending the Summer Internship Program. They are both assigned to the Chaplain's Office. They will be under the supervision of Pastor Mark Seeger. The students are Mark Dankis and Peter Dorn. They both have shown an interest in Deaf Ministry, and they may become pastors for the Deaf. Peter will also be enrolled in the Interpreter's Program. Both students will be involved at Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Rochester as well as having Chaplain's Responsibilities at N.T.I.D. The room and board are paid by N.T.I.D. and transportation to and from Rochester and a weekly stipend will be paid by a grant from the Rochester Lutheran Mission Society.

Rochester welcomes you Peter and Mark!

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DES MOINES, IOWA. . . Following the regular service in Waterloo, Iowa on April 13th, Rev. & Mrs. George C. Ring were tendered a surprise "Housewarming Party" in the church parlors accompanied by a delicious potluck dinner.

The members decided it wouldn't be practical to travel all the way to Des Moines and honor the couple in their new home, so this was the second best choice.

The Rings were presented with a wastebasket (new, of course) in which was stuffed cards and money.

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Keep On Moving!

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sing to God, with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through Him to God the Father."

Every year, month and day "refueling" is a key event for Christian. Worship - Lord's Supper - Sunday School - Bible Classes -- these are all "filling stations" for the family, for the ministry and service every day in our lives.

Fuel up regularly! Don't be caught on empty!

- adapted from The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Spokane, WA

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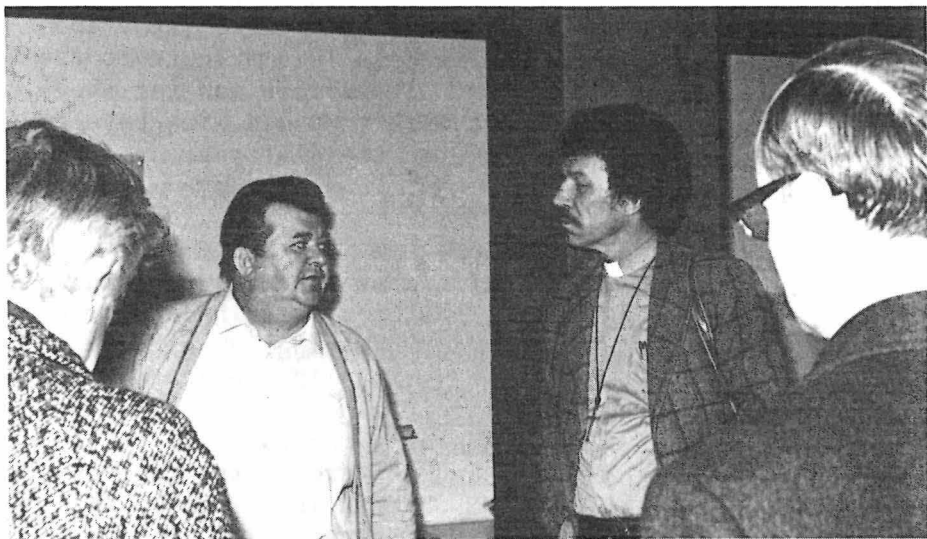
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Professor Pokorny

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mark. In addition to the meeting of the Board, the group attended a reception sponsored by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Luxembourg. A day trip was made to the School for the Deaf in Luxembourg. At this school the group saw deaf children learning language. (One little boy could sign very well also, even though it was an "oral" school.)

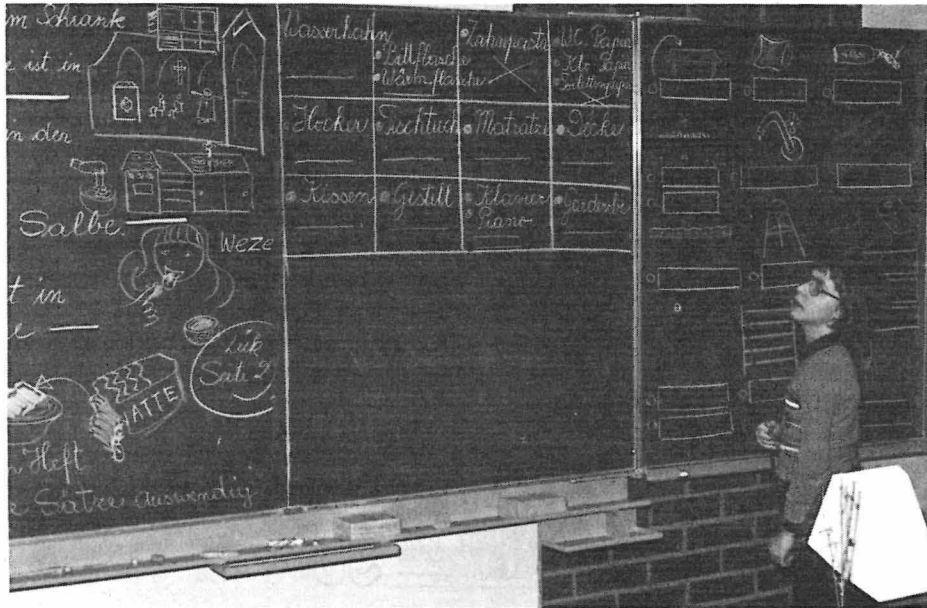
Generally Pastor Pokorny noted that in North America the programs for the deaf involve a higher amount of deaf leadership than in other countries. However, other nations seem to be doing much more to produce good printed materials especially adapted to use by deaf people. There is much to share and it is hoped that this continued contact will let everyone take advantage of the good things that friends are doing.



Professor Pokorny discusses a point with the director (left) of the School for the Deaf in Luxembourg.



The Bishop of Luxembourg (left) makes a point in a discussion with Pastor Rudolf Wollrab (right), the president of the Ecumenical Working Group. Pastors Artur Keller (with glasses) and Edward Kolb look on.



An Unusual Celebration

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Photo above was taken at the Sacramento ceremony

language, has a younger sister who loves the deaf people, and who is currently learning the sign language. This writer met her by incident at the District Convention a month later.

The second ceremony took place at Sacramento at five o'clock on the selfsame day. Coincidentally the "borrowed" churches at both cities have the same name --- The Trinity Lutheran Church!

Again present for the second ceremony were the District President, Rev. Orval M. Oswald and Rev. Dahmann. Rev. Oswald has always shown a genuine interest in the deaf and the Deaf Ministry. Rev. Dahmann is in the Deaf Ministry. Joining in the ceremony here was the District Vice-President, Rev. Robert M. Visser. Pastor Visser, with the help of an interpreter, has served the deaf with full church services including Holy Communion.

Rounding out the ministry at this laying of hands ceremony were the Circuit Counselor, Rev. Walter C. Tietjen and Rev. Paul Kolch, hearing pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacramento, and much to the delight of many deaf friends, Rev. Theodore DeLaney. Pastor DeLaney and his mother traveled 143 miles from their home in Red Bluff, CA for this special day. Pastor DeLaney is well remembered for his many years of service to the deaf in the Great Valley where, eventually, he established the preaching station at Stockton.

The Sacramento ceremony was one of great joy for everyone in attendance. Dinner followed, speeches were given with Rev. DeLaney interpreting for his long-standing friend, Rev. Oswald. Sharing this happy day with Rev. Rowland were his wife, Sheryl, and their three children.

Rev. Robert C. Rowland was born in Mount-clemens, Michigan, September 10, 1946. Before entering into the ministry, he had studied commercial art and advertising-design. He earned his B.A. degree from Michigan Lutheran College, June, 1970. Four years later he received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary.

It was during his studies at Concordia that he acquired sign language and communication skill of the deaf. Because of his previous art training, he is very capable of making religious film strips, a very useful talent, indeed, in the deaf ministry.

Following his vicarage, Rev. Rowland was ordained in 1974 and began his ministry to the

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← A deaf student at the school for the deaf in Luxembourg tries to match pictures with words in a language lesson. Although French is the official language of the country, this class was conducted in German.



MAY IS CHRISTIAN FAMILY MONTH. . .
 . . .Let's remember our Christian responsibility to our families by living together with love and forgiveness.

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CAPTIONED TV. . .Because of the high price of the decoder for captioned TV, many deaf and hearing impaired will not be able to buy it. A bill was introduced last year by Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski of Maryland that would provide a 100% tax credit for people purchasing and installing the decoder. The number of the bill is H.R. 4767. On the Senate, Senator Leahy of Vermont has introduced S. 1869 that includes a provision for tax credits for decoders.

Contact your representatives in the House and ask for their active support of HR 4767. Also, write a letter to Senator Leahy asking that a hearing be held by the Senate Finance Committee as soon as possible.

-seen in the Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf newsletter.

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DEATH, CLOSE UP. A physician who considered religion "all hocus-pocus" changed his mind after reviving a technically dead patient and "brought him back, terrified, from hell." Dr. Maurice Rallings of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a cardiologist, related to an AP reporter his experience of resuscitating a patient who cried out, "Don't stop! I'm in hell, doctor. Don't let me go back!" Afterwards the patient couldn't remember his desperate cries, but Dr. Rawlings did.

"That night I went home," says the doctor, "dusted off my Bible, and started reading it. I haven't stopped yet." Dying, as his resuscitated patient says and describes it, is "just the way it says in the Bible."

- from a clipping submitted by Mrs. Ann Browning of Tacoma

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POWER OF PENTECOST? Two men were gazing at Niagara Falls in New York. One remarked: "This mighty falls is the greatest unused power in the world." The other replied: "Not so, the greatest power is the Holy Spirit of the living God. It is not always used."

- Quoted

"But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; you live as the Spirit tells you to - if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whosoever

does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. Romans 8:9

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BETHLEHEM Deaf Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb. . . give many thanks to Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, in New York, N.Y. for the gift of a new TDD (Porta-Printer II) for the church office. It is much more time-saving and accurate than the old machine (TTY). The new machines are now called TDD's which stand for Telecommunication Device for the Deaf.

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ST. PAUL'S Deaf Lutheran Church, Flint, Michigan. . .On June 14, 1980, Susan Elaine Neisch and Andrew David Bailey will be joined in Holy Matrimony by the bride's father, the Reverend W.O. Neisch. The wedding address will be given by the groom's father, the Rev. C.R. Bailey. The ceremony will be "open church" at Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Mich. A reception will follow immediately in the church lounge. Involved in signing the wedding hymns and Scripture reading for the occasion will be friends of the bride and groom from Concordia College sign language classes.

Susan graduated at the end of Feb. 1980 from Concordia, River Forest, Illinois; Andy is a 1979 graduate of Concordia, Seward, Nebraska, and now teaches at Lutheran High School North, St. Louis, Missouri.

Isn't this the first time in 85 years that children from two families of Deaf ministry pastors to be united?

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HOLY CROSS Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Saginaw, Mich. . . A memorial gift of \$100 was given to Holy Cross by Mr. & Mrs. Harold MacDougall of Bay City in memory of Mrs. Lucille Mac Dougall's sister, Carolyn Wagner of Chicago, Ill., who died Maundy Thurs. The gift was gratefully acknowledged with thanks as such a gift, unlike flowers, to this special ministry, can make lasting changes in human lives with the hope of the Christian faith!

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JESUS Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Austin, Texas. . . Although their new building is far from being completely finished at this time, the congregation has begun to move into it. Praise to the Lord for this special blessing of a new place for the deaf of Austin to worship in, an old dream finally realized!

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OUR SAVIOR Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan. . . This congregation has received its new lease car from the Michigan District. Their old '77 Nova has been replaced. The new car began as a Solid Gold Cadillac - but it got stuck in a snow bank and shrank. . . so they are happy with the fuel savings that the little yellow Chevette is giving them - about 25 mpg compared to about 16 or 17 with the Nova.

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ST. LOUIS, MO. . . Eternal Mercy in Memphis, Tennessee recently received the services of a business manager/lay assistant, Mr. Elwood Bush, father of Pastor David Bush. He was installed on April 13th.

Recently Russel and Betty Jo Healey, lay leaders in Holy Cross, St. Louis, Mo., accepted positions as live-in counselors at the Pax Natura halfway house in Edmonton, Canada. They will begin their year mission service late this summer. For some years, Russel has served as Business Manager of The Deaf Lutheran and Betty Jo is serving out her term as President of the Central Regional Conference, ILDA. Both have served as I.L.D.A. Board members for many years. We wish them God's blessing as they enter their new and challenging Christian positions.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. . . The members of St. Mark Lutheran Church of the Deaf decided on Sunday, May 11th to join their brothers and sisters of Christ Church in a joint worship service. After service, both congregations had a coffee hour in honor of Vicar and Mrs. Don Kluge. This tribute to the Kluges was in appreciation for the excellent work they did with both congregations in the past year.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. . . Since 1971 the Office of Campus Ministry, Gallaudet College, has been offering a course of study and training for clergy and full-time workers in preparation for ministry to the deaf. This year the Clergy Training Program will be offered from June 8 through the 28th. MRS. NANCY ANN GRANDEL is Director for the CTP. At the present time there are nineteen applicants for the CTP this summer. Ten of those applicants are from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The three weeks course of study introduces and exposes the students to a variety of religious situations. The classes are designed to prepare the students for entry into full-time religious work with the deaf. The courses include introduction to sign language, audiology, education, psychology, and counseling of the deaf.

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DENVER, COLORADO . . . Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church and the local deaf population are sponsoring a performance of the "Sign of Love". This is a group of singers/signers from Dallas, Texas. The program will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Monday night, June 2nd. Everyone, deaf and hearing, is invited to come and see and hear how beautifully the group can communicate LOVE with their songs.

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PEORIA, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL. . . On Saturday, April 26th, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf of Peoria by the State of Illinois Dept. of Mental Health. The certificate was given in recognition of the volunteer services which the Peoria Deaf Lutherans have given at Lincoln Developmental Center.

The award dinner was held at Lincoln, and attended by Walter Hogan, Alice Thurman and Pastor Larsen of Peoria. The Peoria Deaf Congregation serves an average of 24 hours each week.

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Wheat Ridge Foundation News

Wheat Ridge Seals Gifts Total Highest in History . . . \$645,000

CHICAGO -- Contributions to the 1979 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals Campaign reached the highest total in the Lutheran charitable organization's 75-year history -- \$645,216 -- an increase of \$38,000 (6.2%) over 1978.

The record totals were announced at the Wheat Ridge Foundation's May meeting where Board members received a special report on the "Health and Healing" Symposium held in March, in observance of Wheat Ridge's 75th anniversary.

The Board received Symposium task force reports, an evaluation report by a three-member team of observer-reactors and priority recommendations from the Symposium steering committee that called on the Foundation to "dedicate itself to at least a decade" of serving as a catalyst to enable "the ministry of health and healing in the church."

At its meeting, the Foundation allocated \$35,500 for initial Symposium follow-up -- both sharing of the Symposium's findings and beginning implementation of some of the recommendations growing out of the Conference.

The Wheat Ridge Board of Directors also approved seed money grants to three new projects:

1. A \$20,600 three-year grant to Bethesda Lutheran Hospital in Ambur, India -- to develop community health projects in six rural villages where no basic primary health care is currently available.
2. A \$38,271 three-year grant to C.O.M.E. (Congregations Organizing for Mission Endeavor, Inc.) -- to develop basic units of Christian care ("house churches") in a depressed inner-city area of St. Louis.
3. A \$6,500 grant to Wholistic Health Centers, Inc. of Hinsdale, IL -- to initiate "health cabinets" in five parishes to promote health-related concerns in the congregation.

In other action the Wheat Ridge Board of Directors also authorized:

--a special grant of \$5,000 to the Florida Lutheran Council on Social Ministry -- with the possibility of additional funds later -- to assist in some way within Wheat Ridge's health and

healing focus with the church's work with Haitian and Cuban refugees there.

--a \$100,000 "social investment" to help the Alabama Rural Council develop a MESBIC (Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Company). The investment is a "challenge grant," contingent on \$400,000 funding from other sources.

Former Wheat Ridge staff and Board members and Honorary Directors joined the Foundation Board at the May meeting in a special celebration of Wheat Ridge's 75th anniversary. Originally started as a Lutheran TB Sanatorium in Wheat Ridge, Colorado in 1905, the Foundation today primarily supports short term pilot projects that pertain to the healing of the total person.

In his remarks at the anniversary celebration, Wheat Ridge President Robert J.L. Zimmer highlighted four "traditions" or "qualities" of Wheat Ridge through the years: the tradition of compassion; the tradition of vision -- to "see what is not yet visible to the eye" and help bring new ministries into existence; the tradition of good stewardship; and the tradition of "hope" -- to enable the people served by Wheat Ridge's nearly 50 projects each year to have new hope.

Wheat Ridge Board members also took their first look at the meeting at the 1980 Wheat Ridge Seals -- a collage of artwork from 87 children, from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade -- focused on the theme "Good News to Every Home."

A Christmas service and filmstrip -- produced by Concordia Publishing House and also entitled "Good News to Every Home" -- will utilize the Seals designs and other runner-up artwork from the 1979 Wheat Ridge Children's Seals Design Contest.

About 5200 Lutheran congregations annually participate in the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals gift effort.

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What If ???

- From THE OPEN DOOR Newsletter
Peoria & Bloomington-Normal,
Illinois

We in the church are interested in your souls -- not your money! Sending an offering to church instead of coming yourself is not going to do you any good. On Judgement Day, the important thing will not be if you have paid up your pledge. The important thing will be your relationship with Jesus -- your whole life with Him!

WHAT IF . . .

Everyone sent offerings to church, but only came in once in a while? Would there be any need for churches? or Pastors?

Everyone bought new clothes and shoes -- but put them in the closet and never wore them, only wore their old things instead?

Everyone went to the restaurant, ordered a meal, paid for it, but didn't eat it?

Everyone went to the movies and bought tickets, but didn't go in to see the movie?

It would be a very strange world to live in -- because, you see, giving the money is not enough!

How many of us really have love and faith in Jesus -- the Son of God?

-Deaf & Anonymous



"I've been thinking about the interior design, George. What would you say to bucket pews?"


An Unusual Celebration

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deaf at Jacksonville, Illinois. While in Jacksonville he also served as Assistant Pastor at Fardia Theological Seminary until this seminary was moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Pastor Rowland became Director of Media Instruction and Instructor of deaf ministry courses.

In 1978 Rev. Rowland accepted a call to serve hearing parishes at Arriba and Flagler, Colorado where he remained until accepting the call to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District early this year.

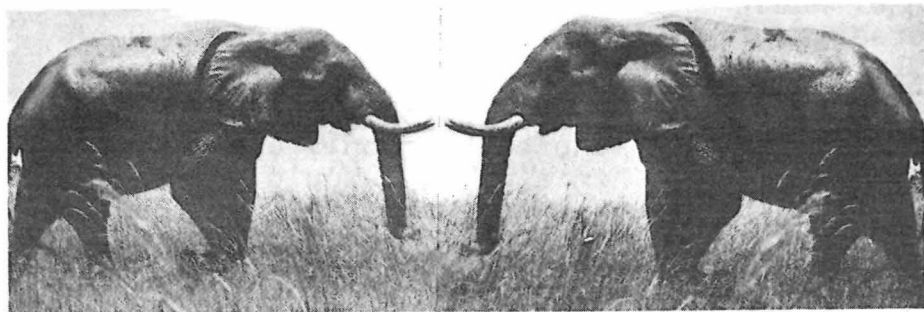
On December 3, 1966, Rev. Rowland married Sheryl Lee Warthen of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan. From this union God blessed them with a daughter and two sons.



Children's Page

God formed all the animals, and made them each one "according to its kind." (Genesis 1:25)

ELEPHANTS...



Animals that Share God's Gifts

"Is that an elephant with a short trunk?" the wild-game inspector asked. To make sure, he followed the herd for two hours through the Congo. Finally the elephants stopped to feed. The animal stood still while the others began picking up leaves, bark, and twigs. Yes, that elephant's trunk was no longer than the tusks, and at its end there was a heavy scar, which showed he had been wounded and had lost the end of the trunk. He looked sleek. How had he been able to get enough food?

Just then two of the herd with trunks wrapped around loads of green came up to the unfortunate animal. First one and then the other gave him what had been gathered. One after another brought him loads of food. He ate fast and furiously. At last, he shut his mouth tight and shook his head from side to side, which seemed to tell his friends he had eaten all he wanted. It was only then that the herd began to feed themselves.

Quite often elephants have been seen to hold down a tall bush for another to feed, especially when this second animal is a calf. It is one evidence that God made the elephant with intelligence to care for its young.

Over the years trainers from India have come to Africa for the purpose of training these creatures. They have been successful. These animals become tame, teachable, and dependable to do the bidding of their trainers.

Elephants are the biggest animals that live on land. You know they are much bigger than people. But elephants can be very gentle.

Making an elephant to be gentle takes many years. Men catch baby elephants that are 4 or 5 years old. The men sing songs over and over to the elephants. The elephants learn to like the music. The men give the baby elephants baths and rub them down too. They feed the elephants sweet treats of sugar cane, sweet potatoes, pineapples, and bananas. After a time the elephants don't want to miss these things and they do not run away.

When the men know that an elephant is tame, they begin to teach him how to do different kinds of work. You have seen circus elephants that do tricks. Sometimes elephants learn to carry big loads on their backs. Elephants work by pushing down trees and pulling logs to the big sawmill where the logs are cut into boards. It takes 5 to 6 years before an elephant is really ready to work.

There is a false idea among many Westerners that the spirit of the elephant must be broken before he can be tamed. It is good to know that this is not so. Great patience and kindness are used. The goad serves to tap the animal lightly or to make gestures for him to follow. No animal is really struck. In the first place, the trainers are fond of their charges. In the second place, if a man beat one of these powerful creatures, it would certainly attack that person.

- by Otie Branstetter for Young Explorers

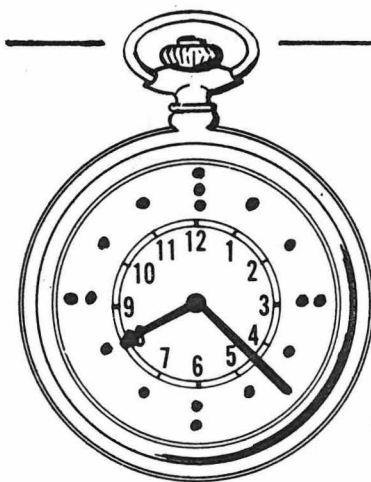
PEACE... A Puzzle for Memorial Day!

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- by D.M. Arnold

Fill in the spaces over the numerals from the definitions given. Then put each letter in its proper square of the puzzle according to its number, starting with 1. The answer spells out a quotation from the Bible. To check your answer, look up Colossians 3:15.

- Star spangled banner. 13 1 9 14
- Belonging to you. 23 15 18 30
- Home. 5 24 25 32 2
- Son of a king 7 17 21 22 10 6
- Inn, motel. 27 12 4 28 19
- Day on a calendar 16 29 31 8
- Elm, oak, or maple. 3 26 20 11



How A Blind Person Tells Time!

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You have heard or have seen people sign, "Seeing is believing." By this they mean that a person learns through using his or her eyes. But there are other ways for us to learn.

We might not think of it, but if we can't see something, we often learn by using our ears (if we can hear). Haven't you and your friends looked for something, perhaps a colorful bird, because you first heard it singing its beautiful song?

People who are blind might hear something, but they can't see it. Yet, they have a way to learn. They use their fingers to feel. They learn through their sense of touch, just like a deaf person might learn through their sense of sight.

People who are blind use their fingers to tell time. Special watches with raised dots help them tell time by feeling the raised dots and counting them. You might say they tell time by touch.

Long ago a writer of the Bible said, "I am wonderfully made." God made us so that we learn through our five senses: SEEING, HEARING, TOUCHING, SMELLING, and TASTING. You might want to make a list of things you have learned through your senses.