



# The DEAF LUTHERAN



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## DEAF MINISTRY BLESSED WITH SIX NEW MINISTERS AND FOUR VICARS!

ST. LOUIS, MO. - After this summer's graduations, ordinations, installations, and vicarage assignments, the Deaf Ministry of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will increase its number of workers by ten! This will be the answer to the prayers of 10 congregations that have been without pastors or vicars for a number of years. Six of the ten will enter the field as pastors and the other four will vicar as follows:

*(Editor's note: The Deaf Lutheran does not have at this time a picture of every one of the new workers, but will print those that are not in this issue in a future issue as soon as they become available.)*

**GORDON HEIN** was called by the Minnesota North District for deaf ministry in northern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin, based in Duluth, Minnesota. He is from Pembroke, Ontario, and a graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He vicared at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Edmonton, Alberta.

**GEORGE PERRY, JR.** has been called to serve St. John's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he previously served as Lay Minister before entering the seminary in Fort Wayne. He will also teach Deaf Ministry courses at the seminary. He is from Cleveland, Ohio, where his parents are members of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf. George took his vicarage at Rogate Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Florida. He and his wife, Karen, have two children.

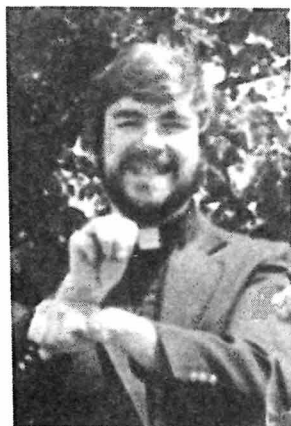
**FRED ANSON** (Colloquy, St. Louis) at Faith Lutheran Church, Rome, New York, a hearing church that wishes to serve students at the New York State School for the Deaf. Joining him are his wife, Mary Lou, and son.

**BRIAN TROUG** (St. Louis) at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Washington, D.C. His wife, Shirley, and son will join him.



**WALLACE WAITE** will soon be pastor of Silent Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin. He will be returning to his home state, since Milwaukee is his hometown. He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Wallace vicared in a hearing church in Oklahoma. His wife, Kathy, is from Fort Wayne.

**MICHAEL HAYES** will soon be installed as pastor of St. Mark's & St. Matthew's Lutheran Churches of the Deaf in New York City. He calls Watertown, South Dakota his hometown. Michael attended Augustburg College before entering Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. During his vicarage in a hearing church in Minnesota, he served a deaf preaching station during a vacancy.



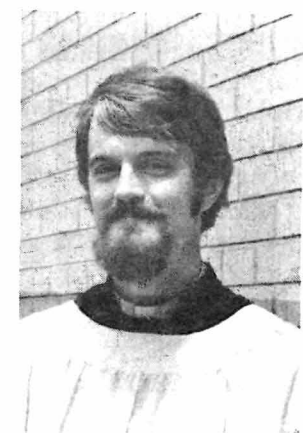
**JOSEPH VARSANYI** has been called as pastor of Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A native of New Jersey, he attended synodical colleges and graduates from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He vicared in a hearing church near St. Paul, Minn.

**SCOTT SCHUETT** will be the new pastor at Lutheran Church of the Deaf in West Hartford, Connecticut. He is from Ida Grove, Iowa, and attended the University of Iowa before going to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He vicared in two hearing churches in eastern Montana.

**RAY LEIMKUEHLER** (St. Louis) at Memorial Lutheran Church of the Deaf, San Lorenzo, California. His wife Judith and son will accompany him.

**PRENTICE MARSH** (Colloquy, Fort Wayne) at Ephphatha Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Chicago.

*After the six seminary graduates are installed, churches of the deaf in Dallas, Indianapolis, Omaha and Washington will still be without pastors.*



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Prof. Dan Pokorny  
Concordia Seminary  
St. Louis, Mo.

**WHAT ?**

The John of Beverley Chair for ministry among the deaf was established at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1979. Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Mill Neck, New York, conferred with the Seminary about the possibility of recruiting and training more students to work among deaf people.

After careful study, the "Chair" was established and an appointment was offered to Daniel H. Pokorny, who had been working among the deaf since 1956.

The "Chair" has a threefold purpose:

1. to make the entire seminary community more aware of the needs of deaf people,
2. to help deaf seminary students in their studies in preparation for the ministry
3. to train students who have decided to enter full-time ministry among the deaf.

At the end of the first year, the "Chair" had already accomplished many of the purposes:

1. the student body was exposed to deaf people and the problems of deafness
2. two deaf students were provided interpreters and other assistance in their studies
3. 8 students were placed in some form of deaf work.

Having experienced these tremendous blessings of God on the work of the "Chair", the Seminary looks forward to the future with excited anticipation!

**WHERE ?**

The John of Beverley Chair for ministry among the deaf, is an integral part of the administrative and academic operation of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

The professorship is in the Practical Department. The occupant of the "Chair" also is a member of the staff of the World Mission Institute.

St. Louis is an almost "ideal" location for students wanting to

train in ministry among the deaf.

The city has several schools for the deaf using varied teaching methods. A large congregation of Lutheran Deaf people is also here. Such places offer "hands-on" experience.

**WHO ?**

The present occupant of the John of Beverley chair is Daniel H. Pokorny, ACSW. He is a 1961 graduate of the St. Louis Seminary with more than 20 years of experience in ministry among the deaf.

Most recently he was the director of the Isaiah 29 Center for the Development of Deaf Ministry in the Southeastern District of the LC-MS.

He is actively involved in contemporary programs to improve the teaching of sign-language, and sits on various advisory boards and committees. He has edited two books about work with the deaf and is co-author of two other volumes of songs in sign-language. He has been involved internationally in workshops and seminars about ministry among the deaf.

John of Beverley was a bishop in England at the end of the seventh century who taught a deaf young man. His name is the "logo" of many of the activities of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf.

**WHY ?**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has been active in work among the deaf for almost 100 years. During that time, hundreds of faithful pastors have been trained to minister to the special needs of these people. Recently, however, there seemed never to be enough pastors to fill the need. Many felt the only way to find "laborers for the harvest" was to begin where the ministerial candidates begin, at the Seminary!

The Lutheran Friends of the Deaf being committed to this work, decided to help with a special financial award to fund the "Chair."

The successes of the first nine months have already proved the wisdom of this endeavor.

**INFO ?**

To obtain a speaker for your church, or to get more information, write to the Seminary or call, (314) 721-5934 / 727-8896

We stand ready to help you.

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# WHO ARE GOD'S PEOPLE?

Please read: COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Church people are God's people. Through the Word of God and through Holy Baptism, God brought us into the "fellowship of believers or the "Body of Christ" because Jesus Christ is the head and we are all members or parts of Him. The Bible says it this way, "You are a chosen people, priests of a king, a holy nation, God's own people. Called to tell the wonderful deeds of Him who has lead you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people." (1 Peter 2:9)



## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE WORKING PEOPLE

Sharing means work. We all enjoy sharing in the blessings God gives. We all like to enjoy the fun and fellowship. But God's people must also share the work. God wants all of us to become responsible workers in His kingdom. We are all stewards of God. A steward is a person who takes care of or manages something that belongs to someone else. God's people take care of the things that belong to God. We are stewards of God's many things. Everything we have belongs to God: the timke we have in this life belongs to God - the skills and talents wwe have belong to God - the riches and blessings that we have belong to God. We take care of these things for God. Yes, it is true that we can use these things for our own pleasure or benefit, but we must also use them for God's purposes.

## GOD'S PEOPLE SERVE GOD

We regularly and faithfully worship at God's altar, giving thanks and praise for all His blessings. We gladly receive His great strength and forgiveness in the Lord's Supper so that we might live holy lives before Him. We honor and serve Him as church workers, officers, choir members, ushers, and in any other capacity that we are needed and can do. We serve God with small things like bringing flowers to make God's House more beautiful and by helping to keep the church clean. We serve God by sharing the good news of salvation and when we lead and bring others to church and when we teach our children about Jesus.



## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE

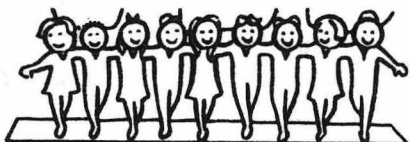
God chose us! He gave us our faith. He brought us to our knees in shame because of our sin. He helped us to pray for forgiveness in repentant sorrow - He gave us forgiveness because we believe in His Son Jesus. We are His own people - a very special people. He has prepared a home for us in heaven to live with Him forever.

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE FAITHFUL, LOYAL, PEOPLE

We made a promise to God and we intend to keep that promise. We promise to love God first. We promised to love Him with our whole heart, soul and strength, and mind. We love God because He first did love us. While we were still sinners, God the Father sent Jesus to pay the cost of our sins through His death on the cross.

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SHARING PEOPLE

We are God's tools. We are His hands and feet. We are like God's mirror - His love and light shines through us and touches other people. We were chosen to share our faith with people who do not know the Lord Jesus. God saved us so that we might tell other people what God has done in our lives.



people.  
- live in light.  
- share your hope in God.  
What about YOU? Are YOU one of God's faithful people?

Pastor Donald Winkler  
THE GOOD NEWS Newsletter  
Trinity, Pittsburgh



## The Lord Added . . .

at Cross of Christ L.C., Deaf, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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at Word of God, Cedar Rapids, Iowa-

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Mrs. Eileen Royce  
Mr. Harold Miller  
Mr. Jerry Dooley

at Bethlehem, Omaha, Nebraska-

Troy Foss  
Noel Stevens  
Lance Scobba  
Susan Miller  
Danny Mile  
Danny Miller  
Loralie Grobe  
Suzanne Olson  
Annette McHugh  
Bradley Sutliff  
Bradley Schumann

at Holy Cross, St. Louis, Mo.-

Anna Marie Fitts  
Stephanie Marie Fitts  
Vincent Glenn Marshall  
Vincel Thomas Williams  
Linda Marie Wallis  
Edward Williams  
Joel & Debra Roberts  
Aaron and Barbara Lange

at Lutheran School for the Deaf - Detroit, Michigan

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Elaine Pawlowski  
David Long  
Colleen Bartel \*  
Stephen Williamson \*  
Callen Mathis \*

\* Confirmed in their home churches; the other five at Our Savior, Detroit

## ... To The Church Acts: 2:47

GOD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER!

Matthew 7:8 . . .

For EVERYONE that asks will receive, and he who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to him who knocks.



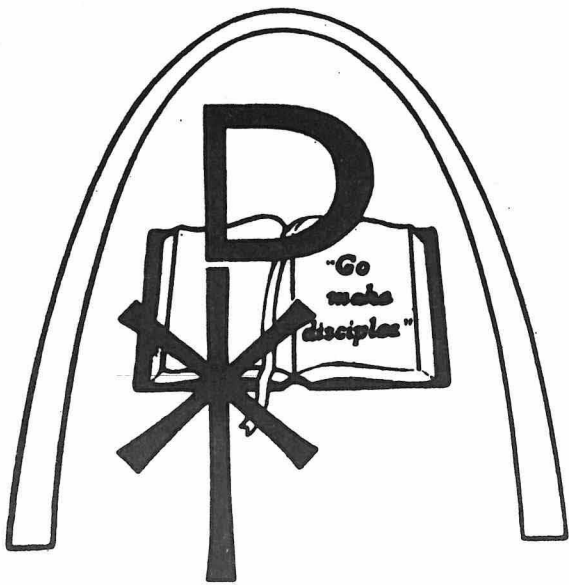
## GOD'S PEOPLE SUPPORT GOD'S WORK

His mission here and all around the world is important. We thank God for His blessings to us by setting aside a part of our riches for God's work. I know that all of this seems like a lot of responsibility and hard work - but truly it is not more than God Himself asks from us if we want to continue to be His people. Read the Bible lesson again ... notice the words:

- walk rightly before the Lord and try to please Him.
- increase in every good work.
- grow in the perfect knowledge of God.
- give thanks to the Father because He made us His



## GREAT COMMISSION CONVOCATION



**November 6 - 9, 1980  
Every Congregation  
Involved**

Every congregation in the Missouri Synod can be involved with the Great Commission Convocation! Here are 12 things to consider:

1. Send at congregational expenses one or more persons who will participate and who will report back to the entire congregation. The pastor and a lay person is the ideal.
2. Join with a group of congregations in your area or circuit and send one or more participants.
3. Display the poster of the Convocation - send with the registration material to all congregations.
4. Make a banner with the Great Commission theme. A pattern was sent to all congregations with the registration materials.
5. Regularly pray for the convocation in your worship services and other meetings in the congregation. Special prayers were sent to every congregation in the Prayer Support Materials.
6. Study the Great Commission in Bible Class, especially the concept of discipleship. Use the statement on Discipleship printed on your materials sent to your congregation, looking up each of the Bible passages and discussing their meaning for being and making disciples. Another study is "Growing in Discipleship" by O.A. Waech (9-2362 - \$10.95 per 100).
7. If you did not use the Great Commission Order of Service at Ascension time, plan a service on a Sunday near the convocation and have a Great Commission Service.

8. Plan a prayer vigil for the Convocation, including the congregations program of discipling, both outreach and inreach.

9. Order sufficient copies of "Daily Prayer and Praise" for each family to use during the month of October.

10. Order sufficient copies of "Pray Each Day" for each family to use to pray for the convocation November 2-9.

11. Plan a special way for the congregation to hear a report after the Convocation from people in your congregation or area who attended the Convocation.

12. Support plans of the district or area for District Convocations.



## LUTHERAN & FRIENDS DAY AT SIX FLAGS

**LUTHERAN AND FRIENDS DAY AT SIX FLAGS** may be over for this year, but many will remember that day. As one Pastor wrote to say:

*We are still hearing favorable comments about the Lutheran and Friends Day at Six Flags. Possibly you could make it an annual or every two year event.*

Maybe you missed the day, so I will give a short report about what happened.

The total number of tickets sold was 1689. With the donation that was in each ticket, the total donation to the John of Beverley Chair for Deaf Ministries at Concordia Seminary will be \$1,518.98! However, each donation is matched by Aid Association for Lutherans, so the total will be \$3,037.96!

For the people who went to SixFlags on May 31st, there were some other things that went on at the park than just rides and shows. At 11:00 in the morning there was a service of "Sign, Song and Praise" with Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, The Lutheran Hour Speaker. He spoke about God Open

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## Daily Bible Reading Guide



**for July 1980**

- 1 .... Acts 6:8-15
  - 2 .... Mark 11:27-33
  - 3 .... Isaiah 58:6-12
  - 4 .... Matthew 6:28-30
  - 5 .... Romans 2:17-29
- Pentecost 6
- 6 .... Luke 9:51-62
  - 7 .... Jeremiah 16:14-21
  - 8 .... 1 Peter 5:1-5
  - 9 .... 1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1
  - 10 .... Acts 26:1-16
  - 11 .... Matthew 16:13-26
  - 12 .... Song of Solomon 7:10-13
- Pentecost 7
- 13 .... Luke 10:1-9,16
  - 14 .... Exodus 20:1-17
  - 15 .... Joshua 24:14-28
  - 16 .... 1 Timothy 5:17-25
  - 17 .... Mark 9:33-37
  - 18 .... Job 5:17-26
  - 19 .... Galatians 3:1-12
- Pentecost 8
- 20 .... Luke 10:25-37
  - 21 .... Jeremiah 31:23-25
  - 22 .... Hebrews 12:12-17
  - 23 .... Mark 7:14-23
  - 24 .... Psalm 141:1-5
  - 25 .... Acts 14:8-23
  - 26 .... Isaiah 62:6-12
- Pentecost 9
- 27 .... Luke 10:38-42
  - 28 .... Jeremiah 15:19-21
  - 29 .... 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1
  - 30 .... 1 Timothy 6:11-21
  - 31 .... Jeremiah 2:4-17

### SERMONETTES

- "Nature's beauty is God's handwriting"
- "A Bible that is falling apart often belongs to one who isn't"
- "Faith is the bird which sings in the dark to announce the coming dawn."

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## Bethesda Breaks Ground For New Chapel

WATERTOWN, WI - Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new chapel and spiritual life center will be held Sunday, June 8, at Bethesda Lutheran Home.

This new structure, made possible by a \$2.5 million anonymous gift, will become the focal point of the Home's 475 acre campus.

The present chapel, constructed in the 1930's, does not meet the needs of the present population, according to Executive Director Alexander L. Napolitano, and will be converted to a prayer chapel and visitor center.

Award-winning church architect Edward Sovik, F.A.I.A. of the Northfield, MN firm of Sovik Mathe Sathrum Quanbeck Inc., has designed the chapel. Working drawings and construction management will be handled by Jerold W. Dommer, A.I.A., of the Durrant Group, Inc. of Watertown.

The church will seat 400 with overflow seating for special events available in a concourse outside the nave. The adjoining spiritual life center house chaplaincy offices, classrooms, music room and audio-visual materials room.

Officiating at the 3 p.m. service will be the Rev. Frederick Stiemke, director of the Home's chaplaincy services. Also participating will be Bethesda's voice and handbell choirs.

Ropes attached to a hand plow will allow residents & staff and friends from the community to actively participate in the rite of groundbreaking.

The service will be held in the courtyard outside the Golisch Educational Center. In case of inclement weather, the rites will be moved into the Home's multipurpose room.

Tours of Bethesda will be given prior to the service from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies will be held later this year, and construction is expected to be completed within 18 months.

Founded in 1904, Bethesda Lutheran Home serves 600 mentally retarded children and adults from 31 states and one foreign country.

## AAL NEWS

Aid Association for Lutherans

Appleton, Wisconsin Fraternal Life Insurance



## Property / Casualty Insurance Shelved

The board of directors of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) meeting in Chicago, Thurs. May 8, decided that the fraternal benefit society should not enter the property/casualty insurance field at this time.

For the past 18 months, AAL officers have been investigating the potential for expanding insurance coverage for Lutherans and their families by offering automobile and home owners' coverage in addition to existing life, health and retirement plans.

Board members cited unstable economic conditions as one reason for their decision. In addition, they noted that AAL has sufficient opportunities for innovation in its present structure, and that the resources needed for a property/casualty venture might prevent the Association from exploring those opportunities.

"It is not likely that the property/casualty issue will disappear," said AAL President Henry F. Scheig. "We will maintain close surveillance on industry developments and on our marketing progress, and will be in a position to move with reasonable speed if conditions warrant."

The proposal for AAL to enter the property/casualty field surfaced several years ago when changes in Wisconsin regulations governing fraternal societies allowed organizations such as AAL to explore other member benefits, in addition to their traditional life and health insurance lines. AAL's study received added impetus when it was noted that several major life insurers had expanded into the property/casualty field in recent years.

AAL researchers undertook examinations of market conditions and state regulations related to property/casualty insurance. They also surveyed the attitudes of Lutherans and of AAL members and staff to determine if needs for such a product existed among these groups. Scheig praised those who undertook AAL's research, noting that he felt the issue has received the most thorough analysis possible.

AAL is the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States in terms of assets and life insurance in force. The 1.2 million AAL members nationwide regularly sponsor service, social and humanitarian projects to contribute to the welfare of their communities.

## Thoughtful or Thoughtless?

-from THE LAMPLIGHTER Newsletter  
Prince of Peace L.C.- Deaf  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Rev. William H. Lange, Pastor

"If you see a dollar bill lying on the sidewalk, pick it up; it may be hiding something valuable" is a joke being heard these days. The poor dollar bill is worth only a shadow of its former self.

Yet a glance at the offering plate on a Sunday will tell you that in the church the dollar bill is still expected to have a lot of "clout". It is depended on to keep the buildings in good condition and looking nice, to pay the heat and light, to support the pastor and his family, and pay for all the programs of the church. Don't you agree that the dollar bill can no longer do the job?

Why are there so many dollar bills in church offering plates everywhere? Because people don't love their Lord and His word? No, that's not true! But people are often thoughtless and forgetful. You see, they have the blessings of the Lord in their daily lives, whether they thank Him or not. As long as the church is there and they have the blessings of God's word, it is easy to assume it will always be there to answer their needs. It is something like being in good health. Only after people are in poor health do they miss their untroubled breathing, their good nights of restful sleep, their ease of movement, and no medical bills. However, must we wait until the church is weakened by lack of funds, is in an alarming state before we wake up and rush to its aid?

How much better to give thought to our giving on Sundays and be aware of the church needs, our own need also, to do the work of the Lord, Jesus, to continue to have & to share His Gospel. St. Paul is advising thoughtful giving when he writes, "On the first day of the week throughout the year each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what he has earned, and save it up, so there will be no need to collect money when I come!"

(1 Corinthians 16:2)

St. Paul didn't want people to give him the last bit of money they might have left over when he came to receive their offering. Rather, he wanted them to give some thought of their giving and make plans for it. St. Paul wrote also, "Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one

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MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT. . . Seminary graduate Gordon Hein has accepted the call from the Minn. No. District. He is a native of Pembroke, Ontario, and plans are for him to live in Duluth. After being ordained at his home congregation in Pembroke on June 1st, he will attend summer courses at Gallaudet College. He will probably be ready for his ministry in August. We give thanks to God for answering the prayers of our deaf brothers and sisters in North Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. . . Word of God L. C./Deaf welcomed several new members into the church on March 30th. They came by transfer and reaffirmation of faith. Their names are Mr. & Mrs. George Wilt, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Dommer, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Masters, Mrs. Eileen Royce, Mr. Harold Miller, and Mr. Jerry Dooley. The Iowa District East now boasts 70 deaf members. The hand of faith and fellowship is extended to all of them!

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The Christian Teen Club at the LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF in Detroit has donated \$100 from its waste newspaper collections to the family of the late Rev. Herbert Drews. This is a fine showing of love and Christian concern for others by our young deaf children.

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Detroit, Michigan, Our Savior Lutheran C/Deaf... Mr. Elmer Francisco, Chairman of this Congregation, was Lay Delegate to the convention of The Michigan District, June 22-25, at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

The convention Theme was Remember, Rejoice, and Renew. Pastor Clark R. Bailey served as Chairman of the Floor Committee on Elections. Hopefully they will send in more news about the convention for readers of this publication at a later date

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Austin, Texas, The Lone Star Deaf Lutheran ... A Weekend Retreat for the Deaf in October, is being planned by Carol Christ of Jesus Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Austin, Texas and Peggy Stewart of Holy Three In One Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Houston, Texas. Carol and Peggy are working as Co-chairmen ...oops, CO-CHAIRWOMEN. Plan now to be part of the fun and fellowship, October 10,11, & 12th.

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Detroit, Michigan, - The Class of 1950 from the Lutheran School for the Deaf had a reunion on the weekend of June 28 & 29. It was highlighted with a dinner at The Farm House, Saturday, Church Worship at Our Savior L.C/Deaf on Sunday, and a picnic later on that day. Many members of that class and their families came. There was a tour of the school, bringing back many profound memories. Everyone had a good time.

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Houston, Texas, - The Texas District Convention was held June 20-22 at the Astro-Village Hotel in Houston. Pastor Bob Case and President David Naumann (Delegate) attended. District President, Glen O. Shoney said that it was a convention that centered on healing, unity, mission, our joy in the Lord Jesus Christ and the ability of all in attendance to affirm, "God Opens Doors, Alleluia!"

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FORWARD IN REMEMBRANCE

Holy-Three-In-One L/C Deaf in Houston, Texas has established a leadership team as part of its effort to implement the "Forward In Remembrance" appeal of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Pastor Bob Case, Forward In Remembrance Director for the congregation, said the team was made up of President David Naumann, Lay Chairman; Mrs. Peggy Stewart, Education/Motivation Chairlady; Treasurer Floyd Wicker, as Secretary.

Dr. Gerhardt W. Hyatt, retired Chief of Chaplains, United States Army and currently President, Concordia College, St. Paul, heads this Synodwide appeal which hopes to raise a minimum of \$40,000,000. This monies will underwrite an expanded program in the area of World Mission, North American Missions and Ministries, and the training of full-time church workers.

Holy-Three-In-One is one of four to eight area congregations organized into an "Action Group" and 900 plus groups enable Synod's congregations to follow a common plan and schedule for both educating members about their mission opportunities and raising funds.

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Fort Wayne, Indiana - St. John Lutheran Church/Deaf ... A graduation surprise party was held for Pastor George K. Perry on May 25th. He was presented with a gift of money which he said "sure will come in handy!" Pastor Perry gave his blessings and thanks to everyone who came to make this a very happy day for him and his family.

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DIXIE DEAF LUTHERAN CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN CLEARWATER, FLA.

Brainerd, Minnesota - Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Minnesota North District-LCMS - According to present plans, the June-July issue of North Star newsletter will be the last that Pastor W.H.Lange will be sending to deaf Christians in Duluth, Hibbing, and Thunder Bay. The anticipated arrival of Pastor Gordon Hein in August is awaited and his providing pastoral service in these communities will began.

Dr. August T. Mennicke, President, Minnesota North District writes, "But we do want to say a sincere "Thank you" to God's faithful servant, Pastor Lange. I know I speak for all those people to whom he has been ministering, and for the entire Minnesota North District when I extend our sincere appreciation for the fine ministry he has provided in the northeastern part of the district. We know that many people have been much blessed through the Word he has shared with them. Present plans call for him to continue serving in Little Falls at this time. So we say "thank you", and we pray for God's continued blessing on his ministry."

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Detroit, Michigan, - Our Savior . . . Congratulations to Mark Worrell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Worrell of Southfield, who graduated recently from the Michigan State School for the Deaf, Flint. As Senior Class President he had the privilege of handing the Key of Knowledge to his sister, Teresa, Junior Class President, at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

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THE 1980 MISSOURI DISTRICT CONVENTION  
CONCORDIA SEMINARY  
St. Louis, Missouri  
June 15-18, 1980

The Missouri District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod had its convention this year on the Campus of Concordia Seminary in Clayton, Missouri. The Lay Delegate from Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf was Mr. William Schwarz. Pastor Moody also attended the Convention as the Pastoral Delegate.

On June 15th at 7:00 p.m. there was a rally to begin this convention. The Rally was interpreted for the deaf by Pastor Richard Moody and Pastor Dan Pokorny. Pastor Michael Stelmachowicz, President of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb. was the speaker. There was a reception following the service with refreshments.

During the convention a deaf booth was set up in the Loeber II Lounge at the Seminary.

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JULY 31 to AUGUST 3rd. The Windmill Motel in Clearwater will be the site of the conference.

## DEAF ACTRESS WINS TONY AWARD

NEW YORK - "Evita" won the most prizes at Broadway's Tony Awards ceremony Sunday night, June 4, but Phyllis Frelich won the heart of the audience with her joyous acceptance speech in the language of the deaf

Miss Frelich was named best actress in a play for her role in "Children of a Lesser God," which is about the life of a deaf woman.

Deaf since birth, Miss Frelich, an acclaimed member of the National Theatre of the Deaf, brought her hearing husband, Robert Steinberg, on stage to interpret for the audience her speech of happiness and gratitude, which could be read plainly on her face.

"Children of a Lesser God" also was named best play of the season. John Rubenstein, who plays Miss Grelich's teacher and, later, her husband, was named best actor in a play.

Rubenstein, the son of pianist Arthur Rubenstein, learned the language of the deaf for the role and also speaks both his own lines and Miss Frelich's.

It was Miss Frelich's story that inspired writer Mark Medoff to write "Children of a Lesser God," and he used sign language to accompany his acceptance speech after getting the best play award.

The Tonys - formally the Antoinette Perry Awards - are given annually by the American Theater Wing for excellence on Broadway. Sunday night's 34th annual ceremonies were watched by 1,521 people at the Mark Hellinger Theater and an estimated television audience of 30 million.

## Six Flags Outing

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-ing Doors for us as Christians. He also spoke about deaf work.

The hymns included some done with guitar. Martha Eckhoff, Kim Pfaff, and Bob Swearer were the guitarists. Pastor Daniel Pokorny, Pastor Richard Moody, and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Healey were involved in the service. Some of the hymns included:

Jesus In The Morning

The Celebration Song

Rock-A-My Soul In The Bosom Of Abraham.

To God Be The Glory

Day By Day

and Praises.

It was a little hot in the Theatre

and if we do it again, we will perform outside. All other reports tell us how great the day began with the service.

Also on May 31st, the shows were all interpreted once each for the deaf

This gave all the deaf an opportunity to understand what was happening in each show. This was a real opportunity because it is not too often that any other place similar to Six Flags have interpreters. I am sure that the deaf enjoyed this part of the day because they could understand what was being said.

As a footnote, not all the people went on May 31st. A large group went on June 7th as part of the Central Regional Conference.

Also, donations can still be made to this project and each will still be matched by Aid Association for Lutherans. Please make the donations payable to Rev. Richard A. Moody 1536 Tamm Ave. St. Louis, Mo. 63139

**THANKS FOR HELPING US MAKE THIS PROJECT SO SUCCESSFUL!!!!**

## WFD Endorses Symbol

Dear Editor:

I would like to proudly announce the culmination of two and a half years of work towards the establishment of the International Symbol for Deafness. Mr. Yerker Andersson, Vice-President of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), and Task Force member, stated recently that the WFD has officially endorsed a symbol that will represent deafness on an international level. The symbol is the original symbol "A" that the Task Force for the International Symbol for Deafness selection, but with some modifications.

The cooperation between Galudet College, The Model Secondary School for the Deaf and The National Association for the Deaf enabled the symbol for deafness to become a reality. Many people throughout the world have contributed both their time and ideas to this most successful endeavor.

The National Association of the Deaf intends to make an official announcement very soon that will formally introduce the symbol to the deaf and hearing communities of the United States. The Deaf American will be printing an article on this topic, and it is expected that other publications will soon follow suit. Here is a sample of what the "International Symbol for Deafness" will look like. The symbol will be printed in white on a dark blue background. Mr. Jack Weiss, JACK WEISS ASSOCIATES, has been in charge of seeing to it that the slight revisions were made that the WFD has requested for the symbol. Other symbols may exist that illustrate deafness; however, this symbol is the one that has been designated by the WFD as the officially recognized symbol for deafness worldwide.



\* CARD USED IN WALLET NEXT TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE. (for use in case of an accident or other identification)

\* SYMBOL AIRED PRIOR TO TELECAST SHOWING PROGRAMS CAPTIONED OR INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF.

\* SYMBOL SHOWING A CENTRALIZED EMERGENCY TTY NUMBER IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES.

\* SYMBOL ON POSTER CARDS IN AIRPORTS AND LIBRARIES DESIGNATING TTY ACCESSIBILITY.

\* SYMBOL ON ROAD SIGNS NEAR DEAF SCHOOLS OR WHERE DEAF CHILDREN PLAY.

\* PLASTIC SYMBOL CARDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE HOTEL MANAGER IN THE EVENT THAT A FIRE SHOULD OCCUR. THE DEAF PERSON COULD THEN BE EASILY NOTIFIED BY THE HOTEL MANAGEMENT.

\* SMALL SYMBOL LAPEL PIN (size of the NAD lapel pin emblem).

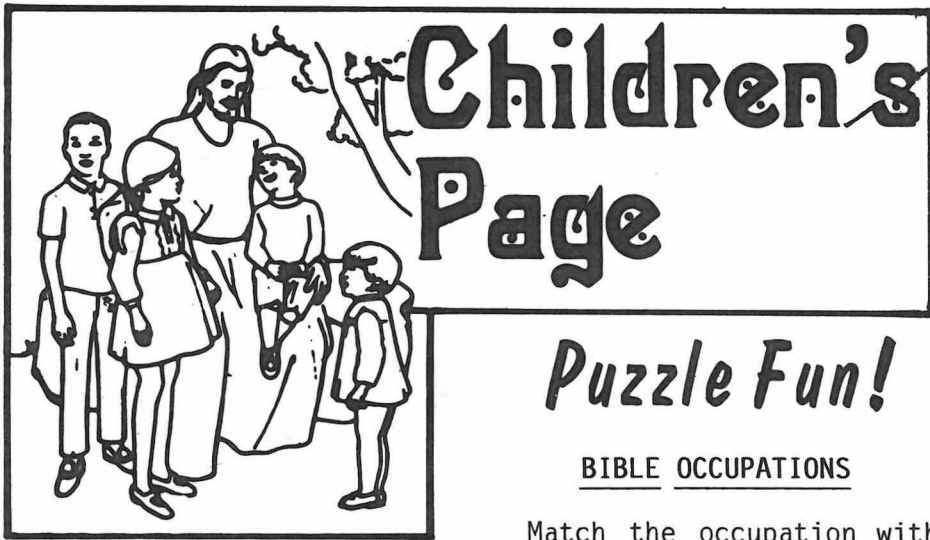
A deaf person now is enabled to identify himself or herself as having a hearing loss, and can now do so in an efficient and effective manner. Obviously, the deaf person is entitled to convey this information at his or her own discretion, and hence will not be forced into using an identifying symbol. If you have any questions regarding the symbol for deafness, I would be most pleased to answer them. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this effort.

Herbert C. Bounds Pearson  
Chairman, The Task Force  
International Symbol  
for Deafness  
Washington, D.C.

## Thoughtful or Thoughtless?

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who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause." (II Cor. 9: 7-8). Think about that last sentence. Does giving that habitual dollar on Sunday show trust in God? He is able to give more than you need (perhaps even more than you want). Trust Him and give with thought and thankfulness!



# Children's Page

## Puzzle Fun!

### BIBLE OCCUPATIONS

Match the occupation with the name and then find in the puzzle. They may be found by reading in any direction, even backward!

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| Carpenter (Matt. 13:55)  | Moses    |
| Farmer (Gen. 4:2)        | Paul     |
| Fisherman (Matt. 4:18)   | Cain     |
| Governor (Matt. 27:2)    | Gamaliel |
| Lawyer (Acts 5:34)       | Peter    |
| Missionary (Acts 13:2,3) | Esther   |
| Queen (Esther 2:17)      | Joseph   |
| Shepherd (Ex. 3:1)       | Pilate   |

C A O N L E I L A M A G  
 A A J O S F U G A M F O  
 I N R E O A A P E T I R  
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## It's to smile!

### SO SOON?

A teacher asked each of her pupils in her kindergarten class how near each lived to the school & how long it took to get home. She was trying hard to keep from laughing out loud at one of her little boy's answer: I must live pretty close near school because when I get home, my mother always say, "Are you home already?"

### A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"When I am right no one remembers; When I am wrong no one forgets!"

### QUIET, PLEASE!

"Now children," smiled the Sunday School teacher sweetly, "I want you to be so still that you can hear a pin drop."

After a silence that seemed quite long to the children, a small boy over in the corner shouted, "OK, let'er drop!"

WEAR YOUR  
 SUNDAY  
 FACE  DAY

## Going Down \*\*\*\*\*

The Bible tells about some of God's animals. One bird that God made builds its nest in the rocks along the water and lays in the nest about five green-blue eggs. At first the new baby has no feathers. Then black feathers grow as on the big birds. Soon the baby birds look like the other birds.

One day a big bird went flying over the water. Then it looked like it stopped and stood still right there high up in the air. All of a sudden the bird dropped straight down through the air. Swoosh! It went right into the water and was gone.

But quick as a wink the bird was out of the water and up in the air again. It had a fish in its mouth. Soon the bird was back at its nest. It was time to feed the baby birds.



A new baby bird



A family of birds in their nest

# God Answers Prayer!

A woman named Mrs. Ziegler told friends about one of her prayers. She said, "I prayed one day to Jesus and asked Him to give me work around my home in which I could be of service to Him."

Her prayer was answered the next morning when she heard a noise come from the rooms below her.

The woman who lived down there had fallen out of her wheelchair. She needed help so badly that two weeks passed before the woman was well enough again to get around without Mrs. Ziegler helping her. Since the time the woman injured herself when she fell out of her wheelchair, Mrs. Ziegler had been her constant companion.

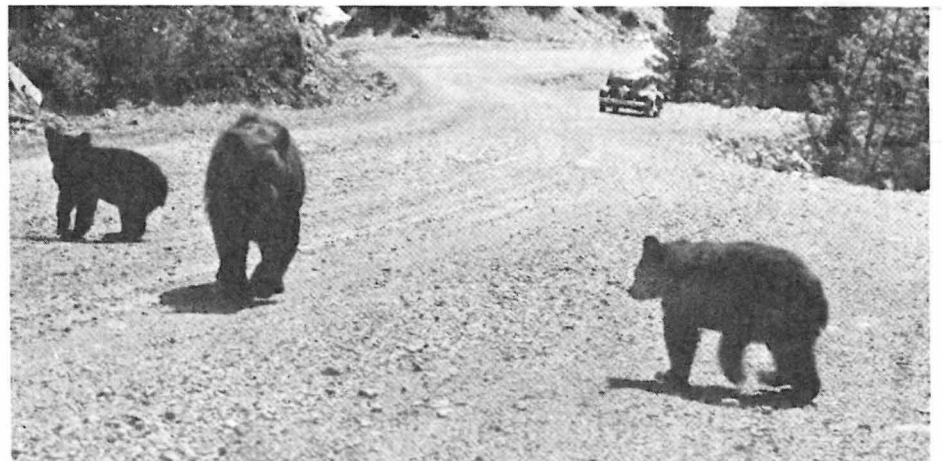
When she recovered from her injuries, the woman was willing to pay Mrs. Ziegler for caring and cooking for her but Mrs. Ziegler refused to accept any payment. It was at that time that Mrs. Ziegler told the woman about her prayer to God on the day before the accident.

The woman asked at what time Mrs. Ziegler had said her prayer. Mrs. Ziegler told her. The woman began to cry because, said she, "It was at the very same time she, herself, had been praying to God to send someone to help keep her from being so lonesome and afraid."

What Bible story tells about Jesus helping a man and his son who was sick and about to die?

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**BEARS -**  **Stop; Look; But Wait!**



-by Nancy M. Armstrong  
 from Young Explorers

American black bears are not always black. Their fur may be brown, red, or black, but their face is always the same brown.

These bears can be seen in most of our national big parks. The first large animal you will meet there is likely to be a bear. A park ranger will warn you: "Keep your car windows closed. Don't feed the bears."

It will be hard for you to obey him. You'll see people who can't resist the cute ways of the bear. They stop and feed him. And soon there will be a traffic jam, sometimes called a "bear jam."

To feed the bears is to ask for trouble. They are wild animals. They cannot tell where your treat ends and your hand begins. Hardly a day goes by without someone being scratched by a bear.

Bears get along much better on the food that nature supplies for them. They live on berries, roots, mice, rats and other small animals. They even catch fish for themselves.

Bears that are fed by tourists become very lazy and they will sit and wait for handouts. But after the tourist season is over, handouts stop. The lazy ones wait so long they don't get enough fat on their bodies for the long, cold winter. Some of them will die before spring.

Baby bears, called cubs, are very tiny when born. They are only eight inches long and weight only about ten ounces. Their mother may weight more than 300 pounds. Mother bears nurses her cubs in the den for several months. Then she brings them outside and teaches them to hunt and fish and mooch for themselves.