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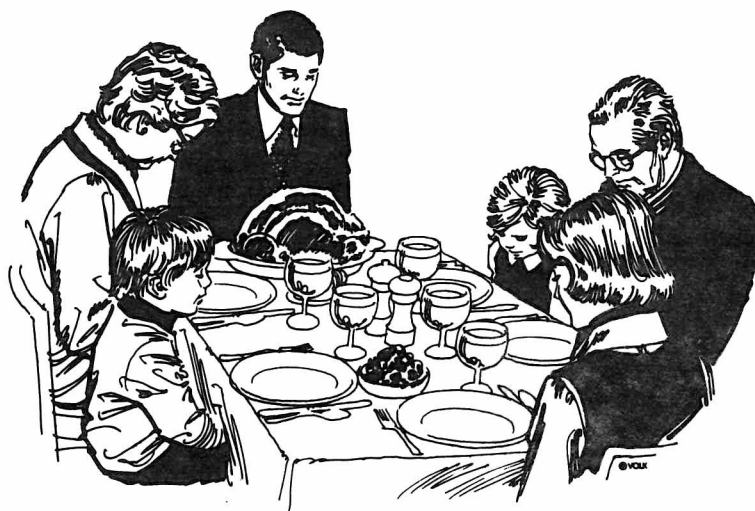


Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Thro' all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Amen!



COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of Harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of Harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final Harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide.
Come with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious Harvest home.
Amen

CHRIST, BY HEAVENLY HOSTS ADORED

Christ, by heavenly hosts adored,
Gracious, mighty, sovereign Lord,
God of nations, King of kings,
Head of all created things,
By the Church with joy confest,
God over all, forever blessed—
Pleading at Thy throne we stand,
Save Thy people, bless our land.

On our fields of grass and grain
Send, O Lord, the kindly rain;
Over our wide and goodly land
Crown the labors of each hand.
Let Thy kind protection be
Over our commerce on the sea.
Open, Lord, Thy bounteous hand;
Bless Thy people, bless our land.

Let our rulers ever be
Men that love and honor Thee;
Let the powers by Thee ordained
Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people's hearts increase
Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand
One wide, free, and happy land.
Amen



LET'S ALL GIVE THANKS!





Michael, Mitchinsons , & Ministry

-by Les Stahlke, Exec. Director
-by Les Stahlke,
Executive Director
LAMP

Going home for the holidays should be happy and helpful. But for Michael it's always been hard. Michael is considered by people back home to be deaf and retarded. Actually he is aphasic and has epilepsy. He is also Indian. For Michael it's been uphill all the way for 33 years.

When Bob Bauer, pastor to the deaf in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada called me recently, it was to say that Michael was leaving the Pax Natura halfway house to go home 500 miles north for a visit.

"Les, do you have someone there to keep an eye out for Michael? Not being able to communicate, he withdraws, and forgets his medication. I'm afraid he'll have another seizure. Once he even mixed four spoons of stuff in a glass of water and drank it. By the time he comes back we have to start all over."

"I know that Gerry Mitchinson, our pastor/pilot in High Level, will do what he can, Bob. His wife, Doreen, is a doctor, too. Why not call them and give them some details. I know they'll help."

When he met Michael, Gerry brought an old LAMP Lighter issue showing him and his plane. From his back pocket Michael pulled a different back issue on which Bob had circled Gerry's picture. They were introduced.

You don't have to say a word to let a person know you care. In the car ride that followed few words were spoken.

They stopped at the home of Christians-in-Service Ron and Peggy Plunz. Not knowing what Michael liked, Peggy served both milk and tea. (A true Indian, Michael loves tea.)

The next morning, perhaps to show their appreciation, Michael's parents were present for worship.

There are flights to Zama with Christians-in-Service to teach Sunday School (on Saturday). Meanwhile Doreen and two other Christians-in-Service, Dr. Reedyck, and Dr. Lawton care for 10,000 people in 15,000 sq. miles. Doreen has delivered more than 500 babies in the 4 years they've served with LAMP! That's 500 cries for new life. 500 opportunities to care. And every 2 1/2 days she delivers another. She's also met with many of those same mothers to help organize many spiritual retreats for

women.

God has opened these doors for ministry. You, who support our mission work, have made it possible for Gerry, Doreen and others to enter this special ministry on your behalf.

Michael returned safely back in Edmonton with Pastor Bauer at the halfway house. He loves to go grocery shopping and does the house cleaning eagerly and thoroughly.

Pax Natura Ranch and LAMP are both beautiful ministries that clearly reflects unselfish Christian love.



What is LAMP?

LAMP stands for the LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARIES AND PILOTS. AN independent missionary society. LAMP is devoted to a Christian ministry in the sparsely settled areas of the northern parts of Canada. From the start, LAMP's ministry has had three vital ingredients: pastor/pilots, planes and Christians-in-Service.

The LAMP adventure began "on a wing and a prayer" in 1970, when Rev. Les Stahlke became LAMP's first pastor/pilot. His task was to begin a flying ministry to people in isolated communities across northern Alberta.

As more and more northerners found strength in LAMP's ministry, it became apparent that LAMP had to grow. The Lord chal-

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WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

STEWARDSHIP (noun)
The skill of managing property belonging to another. This property can be land, homes, or churches and the money or wealth in them. A steward is therefore one who is trusted by the owner of property to manage things well!



-from Pastor Don Leber

I What is Stewardship?

- A. Teaching attitude - God put us in charge of His things.
- B. Get in the habit - Give thanks every week.
- C. Proof of our faith - we must build up our faith.
- D. Part of our total service to God - Bible study-worship-evangelism-service.
- E. Done in the church - we are all part of Jesus Body (The Church).

II What is your job?

- A. Open people's eyes to see God's mission work in the world, not only at my own church.
- B. Teach people that God does not need them - God can do it without us, but God wanted to give us a chance to say "Thank you" to HIM.
- C. Show that giving is a PRIVILEGE more than a duty - we should feel honored that God wants us to share in HIS work.
- D. Teach three important FACTS:
 - 1. Trust in God's promise.
 - 2. Faith is shown by Love-doing something.
 - 3. We promise to do our part.

III Ten rules for Stewardship:

- A. Give a PORTION - part - Giving looks back. II Cor.8:3
- B. Give yourself FIRST. II Cor.8:5
- C. Prove your LOVE IS TRUE LOVE. II Cor.8:8
- D. Jesus gave HIMSELF for us. II Cor.8:9
- E. We must be READY TO GIVE. II Cor.8:12
- F. We are part of Jesus Body and we must work together and help others. II Cor.8:14
- G. We must be honest about our Gifts, and that means money, too. II Cor.8:21
- H. God's promise to us DEMANDS AN ANSWER. We must promise to HIM. II Cor.9:5
- I. God promises us MUCH. II Cor.9:6-12
- J. We can give glory to GOD. II Cor.9:13

IV How to do an interview?

- A. Welcome the people and let them know we want to talk about the work of our church.
- B. Share the Bible verses with them from II Cor 8 and 9. Try to memorize the verses or mark the important words in your Bible. Let them read the verses.
- C. Explain the Time and Talent paper - Everyone in the family helps out.
- D. Talk about every Sunday giving of offering - We must be examples to others - we want to show thanks to God every week.
- E. Explain 'Giving A Part' - % of income - Most people can give 10% - Easy to show = \$100.00 X 10% = \$10.00. Husband and wife should both put in envelopes so both can thank God.

PARISH INTERVIEW STEWARDSHIP

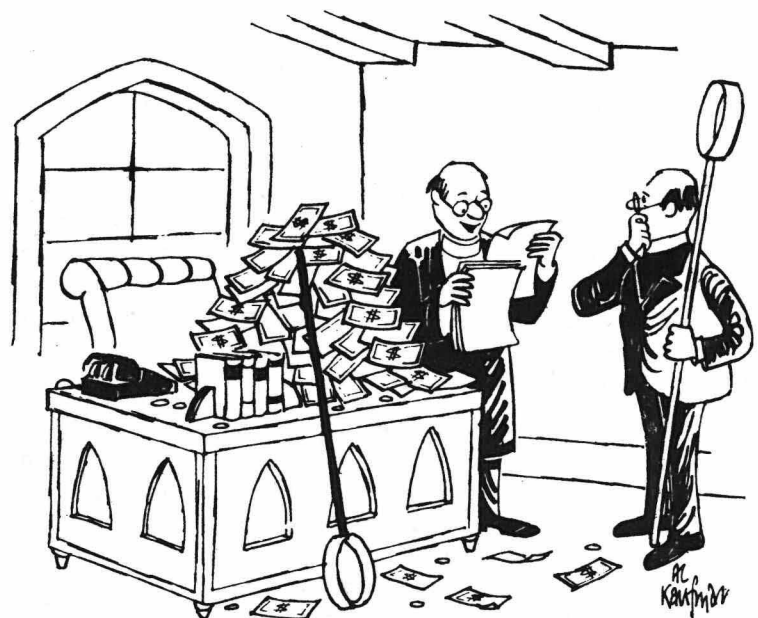
- 1. Welcome people
- 2. We will talk about God's Church. Open your Bible to Second Corinthian. In the city Jerusalem the people had no food. Paul asked all churches to help give money for those poor people. Maybe in the future people in Jerusalem have much food and others have no food.

- 3. Please read the Bible verse.....
 - a. II Cor.8:3 ... Give a part...not all they had. God only asks for a part of our life.
 - b. II Cor.8:5 ... First they gave themselves ... God wants our heart first. If we give our heart then it is easy to do other things for God.
 - c. II Cor.8:8 ... Prove your love is true. You prove it by showing or doing something for God.
 - d. II Cor.8:9 ... See, Jesus gave Himself for us. He proved His love. Now we thank God by doing things for God in our daily life.
 - e. II Cor.8:12 ... We must be ready to give. God only asks us to give part of the things we have. God doesn't ask us to do things we cannot do.
 - f. II Cor.8:14 ... Remember, we are part of Jesus body ... same as your body works together ... if your hand hurts, the other hand helps more. When people in one city are hungry, then they get help with food from people in other cities. Maybe some day we are in trouble, then others can help us.
 - g. II Cor.8:21 ... we must be honest about all our gifts and that means money, too. We don't like people to cheat us ... we must not cheat others and we must not cheat God.
 - h. II Cor.9:5 ... God's promise to us demands an answer. In marriage the boy promises to love, honor, and protect the girl. Will the girl answer, "I won't promise to you." No! The girl promises the same. God promises us love, honor, and protects us and gives us many things. Now we make our promise to God.
 - i. II Cor.9:6-12 ... Look at the words ... verse 6 - Large crop ... Verse 7 - God loves ... verse 8 - God gives more ... verse 9 - generously ... Verse 10 - Rich harvest ... Verse 11 - Rich enough ... verse 12 - outpouring ...see, God promises us much! ...
 - j. II Cor.9:13 ... Everything you do is to give glory to God in your life.
- 4. Now I have for you a paper that shows your offerings to church for 9 months. You can look at the paper now.
- 5. Now please think about your gifts to god's church for 1981. I want to write ... EVERY WEEK YOU WILL GIVE??? Maybe I will stand by the door and you call me when you are finished.
- 6. Here is your 1981 offering envelopes. Husband & wife both have envelopes to say 'THANK YOU TO GOD'. Every person should give every week to show thanks to God.
- 7. Also let us know what jobs you have already done at church, which jobs you want to do in the next year.
- 8. Thank you so much for coming. I'll see you in church next Sunday to thank God ...

THE ABOVE ARTICLE IS A GOOD WAY TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PLEDGE SUNDAY AT YOUR OWN CHURCH!

- Thank you, Pastor Leber

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"Let's go over my sermon again. Surely I must have said something."



What is LAMP?

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lenged LAMP to open four more fields of ministry in the north in less than ten years.

While LAMP was growing, another flying ministry,

While LAMP was growing, another flying ministry, WINGS TO THE NORTH, was being established in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. Most aspects of the two ministries have now been combined, and the Wings to the North pastor/pilot works in unison with LAMP pastor/pilots.

Today, six pastor/pilots are serving on six fields from northern Ontario to the Northwest Territories.

Each northern base has a pastor/pilot and an airplane. Like pastors in the south, LAMP pastor/pilots have parishes. The major difference is that each pastor/pilot has a "parish" of 50,000 - 200,000 square miles, and must use an airplane to visit his parishioners. Their primary responsibility is to reach out to the more remote settlements. They do this by providing support and encouragement for the ministries of LAMP-affiliated Christians-in-Service and other northern Christians. But they also do "frontline" missionary work by sharing Christ's love with people who have had little or no contact with Christians.

Christians-In-Service

The backbone of LAMP's work is the "grass roots" ministry of Christians-in-Service -- lay persons who live their faith on the job and in their daily lives. Christians already working in the North have been joined by more Christians-in-Service from the South, the latter placed by LAMP in communities scattered across the north. The six pastor/pilots visit these Christians-in-Service (construction workers, nurses, storekeepers, teachers, doctors and many others) to support and strengthen their individual ministries.

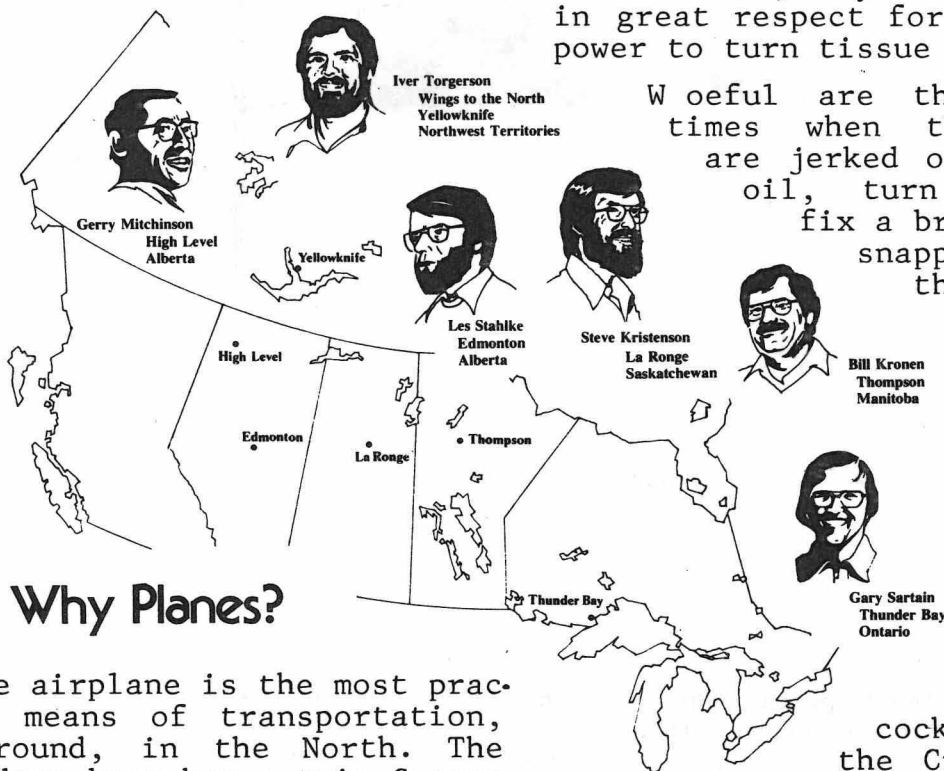
Christians-in-Service create their own ministries as they see opportunities to be His presence in the community. Some provide leadership for a Sunday School, Bible Study or Christian fellowship, but the emphasis is on one-to-one relationships with co-workers, patients, customers, neighbours. The primary challenge for a Christian-in-

Service is to provide an ongoing daily witness to the message of God's love in Christ.

Anyone can become a Christian -in-Service with LAMP who has a personal commitment to Christ, a personal sense of ministry, and an employable skill.

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LAMP'S Pastor/Pilots



Why Planes?

The airplane is the most practical means of transportation, year-round, in the North. The Edmonton base has a twin Cessna. The other five bases have single engine Cessna 185's - modern bush aircraft equipped with floats and skis. Skis make landing practical almost anywhere during the treacherous winter months; floats make it possible to land on any of the countless lakes in the summer.

There are small communities in the bush country where there are no television, no clergy and few Christian people willing to give evidence of their faith.

Life here is built around the cold. Equipment is pampered and treated like royalty. Engines are taken in for the night. Airplanes must be heated for hours with portable burners to bring the congealed oil to liquid viscosity. Clothing is added, layer upon layer, in great respect for the cold's power to turn tissue into frost.

Woeiful are the frequent times when the mittens are jerked off to check oil, turn the key, fix a broken part - snapped off in the cold, or zip a zipper. Yet there is a pristine beauty about the frozen bush country as one looks down from a warm airplane cockpit. Perhaps the Creator purposely made the North cold to keep man out. Here is still a place uninterrupted by power lines, roads and landfills.

Jesus said that he who would be great must be a servant of all. This is the identity to be assumed by the pastor/pilot as he flies forth the Gospel of Jesus.

LET'S ALL GIVE THANKS!



Year of the Disabled

The World Federation of the Deaf Bureau has asked every national association of the deaf to make a report on its and other activities which will occur in the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP). We need to know about the programs for deaf persons planned by NAD and its members and other organizations before we can prepare such a report.

For this reason, we are appealing to all American organizations of and for the deaf to send us copies of their announcements. We want to show the world how much the American organizations have done for the welfare of deaf and other disabled persons.

Thank you, and please send your announcements of events to:

Mr. Yerker Andersson, College of Arts and Sciences, Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. 20002.



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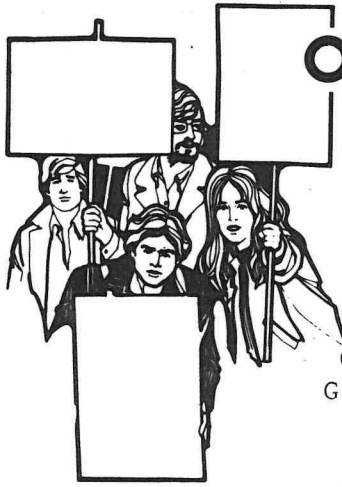
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If God Should Go On Strike



-from the
newsletter of
CHRIST L.C. Deaf
Gil Berringhaus,
Lay Minister

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike. Because He was not treated fairly in things He didn't like. If only once He'd give up and say, "That's it, I'm through! I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do... I'll give my orders to the sun - cut off the heat supply! And to the moon - give no more light, and I'll run the oceans dry. Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on those earthlings, I'll turn off the vital oxygen until every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game. For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favors of His grace, and everything for free. People say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go, but what a deal we've given God to whom everything we owe. We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like; but what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

- ANON.

The above article is maybe something that we pass on to our friends and neighbors, but we should look at a few questions about ourselves;

1. What will happen to me after I die?
2. Can God judge me for all my sins?
3. Will God remember all my sins?
4. What sins are really bad?
5. Is there really a hell?
6. Will my family be in heaven, if not, is it my fault?
7. Will I be in heaven? If not, is it the minister's fault?
8. Why should I go to church, I can pray at home, can't I?
9. Is church that important?
10. I hate my neighbor for what he did to me. Do I have to forgive him?

These questions may not be your questions but you must confess that these questions are some that have come into your mind before! There are many questions in your mind that you have never told another person before and you may never tell anyone, but, does God know what I am thinking? ? ? I hope not! How do I know? ? ?

The Bible is God's Word,
isn't it? ? ?
I'll look there! ! !

News from Aid Association for Lutherans



APPLETON, WI (Oct. 23, 1980)--

A \$48,725 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) is being given to the Lutheran Church-Missour Synod's Board of Parish Education. The grant will allow completion of a project designed to help professional and voluntary Lutheran school and church teachers to more effectively deal with handicapped students. Part of the money will be used to train new special education methods to 15 persons in five LCMS districts.

"We want to make (these instructors) more aware of the needs of these children," said Dr. Victor Constien, executive secretary of the board. "We want to provide them with skills to help these children mature and grow in regular classrooms as well as in special environments created for them."

The LCMS also will benefit from two other recent AAL grants dealing with the handicapped. Constien, as chairman of the Inter-Lutheran Coordinating Committee for Cooperative Projects in Congregational Life, will oversee a grant of \$43,515 that will be used to provide packers of resource materials to all LCMS, ALC, LCA and AELC parishes in an effort to help them deal with the mentally and physically handicapped. The committee also has received a grant of \$46,215 to aid in the development of a confirmation course for low functioning youth and adults.

"We all know people who decide not to go to church because it is too difficult to climb stairs or because they can't get down the aisles in their wheelchairs," said Constien. "We all know people who feel unduly embarrassed by stares."

"When it is brought to people's attention that there are those in the local community who warrant special (treatment), there's a good response. But prior to that, sometimes there's

a general neglect, an indifference, an apathy, because the disabled person, the family and much of the community would prefer to keep them hidden."

The coordinating committee projects are intended to increase the sensitivity of parishioner to the special needs of the disabled by helping to remove the physical and emotional barriers to the handicapped. Constien says these projects are particularly appropriate because next year is the United Nations International Year of the Disabled.

AAL is the nation's largest fraternal benefit society in terms of assets and life insurance in force. Headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, AAL has 1.2 million members who belong to 5,300 local branches in all 50 states.

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NCI News

-from NCI news release
June Miller / Ron Kuykendall

National Captioning Institute (NCI) President John Ball announced that NCI will add closed captions to television commercials and first-run specials sponsored by Proctor and Gamble Company, the nation's largest television advertiser.

NCI is the non-profit entity established in early 1979 to caption television programs for the benefit of hearing-impaired persons. Closed captions are similar to subtitles on many foreign motion pictures except that they are invisible on TV screens unless special equipment that decodes the captions is used. Sears, Roebuck and Co. markets the home-use equipment.

In mid-March, NCI began to add closed captions to 16 hours of predominantly prime-time programs each week for broadcast by ABC, NBC, and PBS.

Initially, Proctor & Gamble will have its upcoming 8-hour mini-series, "The Adventures of Marco Polo" captioned, as well as its commercials for many evening network programs. Filming of Marco Polo, which will dramatize events in the life of one of history's most remarkable men, will begin later this year in six countries. Most of the production will be done in China.

Proctor & Gamble has indicated that it will consider broadening its captioning activity if the market for home decoding equipment expands significantly.

In making the announcement, Mr. Ball stated: "We are very pleased that Proctor & Gamble, the largest TV advertiser in the country, has decided to join this innovative effort to make television more meaningful for the nation's 14 million hearing-impaired citizens."



Denver, Colorado. . . The Midwest Deaf Conference will possibly be held in Colorado Springs in 1981, instead of Estes Park, Colo. The meeting would be on the campus of Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. This was a good idea money-wise, also time-saving because if it were in Estes Park, the added expense of traveling from Denver to Estes Park would take quite a bite out of your pocketbook in this time of inflation. Consideration was also given to the fine, scenic places in or near Colorado Springs not too far from the D&B SCHOOL. When the Lord's business at the conference is over, delegates and visitors with a desire to go sight-seeing will not be disappointed.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. . . Hearing and speech-impaired persons who use teletypewriters and other keyboard devices to communicate by telephone can now call a single, nationwide toll-free number when they need assistance to complete their calls. The nationwide number, which went into effect June 29, is 800-855-1155.

The number can be used by approximately 50,000 persons who have telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) in their homes or offices as well as those with portable TDDs.

Previously, deaf callers have had to seek the aide of a third person to call an operator when they needed assistance.

The toll-free number is a service of the Bell System, but can also be used by those who call from independent telephone systems.

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LWML WORKSHOP IN WACO . . . "Deaf Ministry" was both the topic and the goal of the workshop that was held in Waco, Texas, Sunday afternoon, September 21. Central Texas women gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church, not only to hear about Deaf Ministry in Texas, but also to see what can be done for deaf ministry.

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TEXAS DEAF MINISTRY - PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE . . . 1. Austin -- Jesus Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Resident Pastor is Rev. Richard Reinap. This is a growing ministry of deaf adults and children.

2. San Antonio - Deaf Church. Meeting at The Southwest Center for the Deaf in northwest San Antonio. A small, but active, group of deaf. A fantastic potential exists. Only a manpower shortage prevents growth.

3. Dallas/Ft. Worth . . . Deaf Mission. No pastor at this time. Deaf group gathered in September for Bible study, fellowship and planning.

4. Houston . . . Holy Three-In-One Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Resident pastor is Rev. Robert Case. A unique,

exciting ministry and potential in this very large metropolitan area. The following Texas cities below (5-9) are under discussion.

5. Big Springs . . . New campus ministry is possible at The Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

6. Lubbock . . . Potential for ministry among a large number of deaf adults and deaf children.

7. Amarillo . . . Potential.

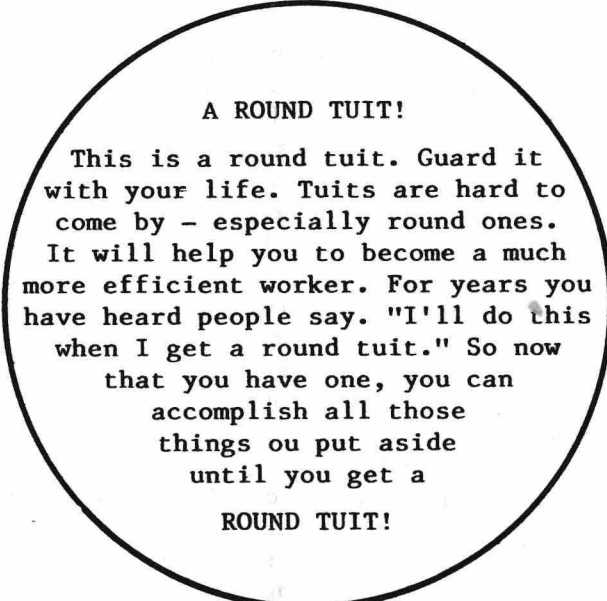
8. Corpus Christi . . . Great Potential

9. "The Valley" . . . Exciting possibilities for a very personal ministry among small clusters of deaf folks living in many far-south Texas communities. Other areas that will be surveyed are Waco, Beaumont, San Angelo, Midland/Odessa, Abilene and Wichita Falls.

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ST. PAUL, MINN. . . Good news for TDD users! The Minneapolis Public Service Commission announced in June that telephone users with speech or hearing impairments will enjoy lower long-distance telephone bills. The rates will apply to direct dialed, station-to-station calls made by certified residential customers. Discounts are 35% from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 60% from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends, and 75% from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. everyday. Higher discounts also on holidays. A certification form must be obtained from Northwestern Bell and signed by a doctor or other authorized person. Those in the Twin Cities may call the telephone company at 338-2382 (TTY), or 344-6405 (voice). Those outside the metro area should call toll free number 1-800-752-8139. TDD devices are available from Northwestern Bell for a monthly cost of \$24.95. This includes all servicing needed for the equipment.

A reminder also about the 24 hour toll-free number for operator assisted calls for TDD users. This number can also be used for emergencies. Call 1-800-855-1155.



CHANGE AND THE DEAF

There have recently been many changes effecting the world of the deaf and deaf education. Dr.C.Joseph Giangreco, superintendent of Iowa School for the Deaf, suggests four that are probably the most significant:

1. The acceptance of total communication as a way of communication,
2. The TTY and the other telecommunication devices for the deaf,
3. The "space age hearing aid", and
4. Captioned television.

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NEW CONSUMERS GROUP FORMED

A new consumers group for the hearing-impaired has just been formed as a national voice for hard-of-hearing persons acorss the country. Dr.George W. Fellendorf was elected president. One of the goals: remove misunderstanding about hard of hearing workers and job seekers.

You can get a membership brochure from Margaret Danowski, Consumers Organization for the Hearing Impaired, Box 166, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

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THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early in the morning
And rushed right into the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I did not take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task.
Why doesn't God help me, I wondered
He answered: "You did not ask".
I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on gray and bleak.
I wondered why God did not show me.
He said: "But you did not seek".

I tried to come into God's presence
I used all my keys in the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My Child, you did not knock".

I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take the time to pray.

--Author Unknown.
(From Lutheran Home for the Aged's
"Home News Brief")

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BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE DEAF

Blessed are they who seem to know ...
That lip-reading is difficult and slow.
Blessed are they who shake my hand
And write notes to help me understand.
Blessed are they who know that I long
To hear voices, music, and song.
Blessed are they who seem to see
When I'm lost in a group of two or
three.

Blessed are they who take time out
To explain to me what they are talking
about.

Blessed are they who are patient and
kind

That give me comfort and peace of mind.
Blessed are they who have a smile
That makes my life worthwhile.

Blessed are they who make it known
By faith in God's promises: I'll not
walk alone.

Blessed are they who understand
As I journey to the city "Not made
with hands".

--from Diocesan Catholic
Deaf Newsletter

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GREAT FALLS, MONTANA. . . Northwest

Regional I.L.D.A. Conference at Calgary was attended by Mrs. Lois Foster; Mr. & Mrs. Walt Herbold; Mr. & Mrs. Victor Lyon; and Mr. & Mrs. Gil Berninghaus. A beautiful program. The theme was: "Attitudes Toward God and Others". Everyone went home with new ATTITUDES!

Lay Minister Gil Berninghaus began a regular monthly interpreted service at St. John's Lutheran Home. His first interpreted service began Aug. 22nd. Many deaf enjoyed the chance to understand the whole service.



NORTHEASTERN OHIO. . . Pastor Olson and Larry D. Ginter of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf of Willoughby, Ohio went to Kent State University campus, June 27-29 to attend the Ohio District Convention. The Theme was "God Opens Doors". They were joined by Pastor Leber and Charles Wolfgang of Columbus and Pastor Mork of Toledo. Pastor Larry Harris, who was the former pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Toledo, was the interpreter. They discussed business and shared ideas of serving the Lord. Pastor Jim Kucera of Tiffin, Ohio, a good friend of Pastor Mork, led all the pastors and delegates in signing a song and it was a lot of fun watching them. Pastor Olson followed with one of his own and a great time was had by all which included sharing the Good News.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

IF TO LIVE MEANS GRACE,
TO DIE MEANS GLORY!

SEATTLE, WASH. . . During the convention of The National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf at Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Judie Husted, the hearing daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Nickerson, was elected to be the president. Everyone is confident that her term will be a successful one. Congratulations and best wishes from the deaf Lutherans.

SEATTLE, WASH. . . "Rooted for Mission and Ministry" was the theme of the 52nd convention of the Northwest District held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on June 13-15. Present were: 205 lay delegates including David Harmon of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle; 174 pastoral delegates and 131 advisory delegates and about 200 visitors. The meeting was held at the North Idaho College campus (in the new auditorium). The Synodical report and the Sunday morning worship address were given by Dr. Edward Westcott Jr., Synod's Chairman of Missions and Special Ministries. He reported that there are 300 million committed Christians to reach some 3 billion on earth. Elections were held for some District positions, and about 56 resolutions were voted on. Adopted were some resolutions, perhaps of particular interest to the deaf readers, to support "Forward In Remembrance", to support black ministries and other ethnic (including deaf) ministries, to memorialize Synod by close votes to reestablish altar and pulpit fellowship with the A.L.C., and to commemorate the 100 years of God's blessings on the Northwest District (since Sept. 1881). Recognition was given to Pastor Hewitt and Pastor Petzoldt for their interpreting services Sunday afternoon.

OMAHA, NEB. . . Members of Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Church that attended The Great Commission Convocation in St. Louis this month (Nov.) were: Miss Dorothy Sparks, Miss Karen Dammeyer and Mr. Robert Oettel.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA. . . A new Iowa law was adopted which requires the court to appoint an interpreter for a deaf person in the courts of Iowa. This means that a deaf person has the right to an interpreter without cost to him or her in an Iowa court. This law became effective July 1, 1980.

NOTES FROM HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE!

There was a note in a newspaper recently which said that 70% of adults don't have wills, and recommended that all adults should have wills. That is true -- it is maybe even more important that people who don't have many earthly possessions have a will.

See a lawyer to draw up a proper will. Remember, when you prepare your will, it can be very good to leave some money for helping to do God's work here on earth.

Also, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Foundation can give you good advice on preparing your will for the best tax advantage for your heirs, while also leaving money for God's work. See your pastor, who can put you in touch with the LC-MS Foundation.

SEATTLE, WASH. . . The 1980 EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE was held at Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan during the week of July 6-10. Pastor Fred Gehrs was elected chairman. He appointed Rev. William Ludwig to be the chairman of Resolutions Committee. Rev. Gordon Hanson and Mr. Charles Hazlett were the leaders of an excellent workshop on "Caring Community In Christ." Don Fairman and Martin Hewitt served well as the convention secretary and chaplain. Also enjoyed was the devotional Bible studies, given by George Winkler, David Bush, Don Winkler, and others. Thanks went to Don Leber of Columbus, Ohio for his work on the lectionary series for our worship services. Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Francisco, the houseparents of deaf children at the Detroit Lutheran School extended their loving greetings to the Ephphatha delegates and reminded them that if any had not paid the 1980 I.L.D.A. dues to please do so as I.L.D.A.'s treasury is running low on funds. Dues are \$2.00 per person per year.

The Conference of Northwest Branch of I.L.D.A. was held at Interfaith Lacombe Centre, south of Calgary, Alberta, Canada during August 8-10. A total of 44 persons attended from the U.S.A. and Canada. (19 from Calgary, 9 from Seattle, 7 from Montana, 5 from Vancouver, B.C., 3 from Spokane and several from Edmonton. The one theme was "ATTITUDES TOWARDS GOD AND OTHERS." On this topic three Bible study sessions were led by Pastors Fred Gehrs, Robert Bauer and Bill Ludwig. The lovely Saturday afternoon was spent touring the interesting Heritage Park. During the business session, Rev. Gehrs and Mr Victor Lyons were reelected Regional Advisor and President respectively. Mr. Erickson was the secretary, pro-tem. Pastor

Hewitt and Lay-minister Harold Ziprick took care of the inspiring communion worship. Thanks were extended to the Zipricks and their members for their excellent job in planning the wonderful conference. The host or site of the 1981 conference has not yet been decided.

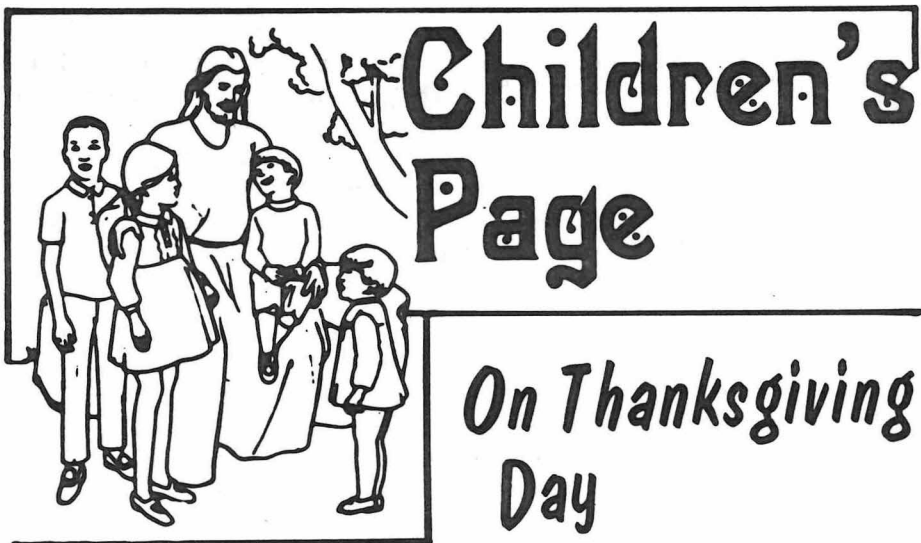
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. . . The Washington-Alaska District LWML Convention took place at the Seattle Pacific University on June 23-25. A total of 310 ladies (and men) attended. Lee Ann McLane was the delegate from Our Redeemer, and Harriet Wyene came from Faith deaf, Spokane. Priscilla Lords and Pastor Hewitt were the interpreters, and Janet Hewitt and the Bill Ludwigs attended as visitors. Arlene Acrey and Viola Snyder attended one day (Monday). This year's theme was "Jesus Savior Pilot Me." Each zone made quilts to be taken to Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Oregon. These quilts were displayed throughout the convention. Other quilts, including those from Our Redeemer's ladies, were given to Lutheran World Relief. Needless to say, many hours of work and love went into the quilt projects. A collection of \$540.31 was given to Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf for filmstrip supplies. The days were filled with Bible study, joy-songs, business sessions with elections and Mission Fair, plus banquet and inspirational entertainment.

EVERETT, WASHINGTON. . . On June 11th a group of retirees from Pacific NW Bell Telephone Company presented Mrs. Elsie Nickerson a brand new Porta-Tel TDD for being the most deserving member of the deaf community. Mrs. Nickerson was very much surprised.

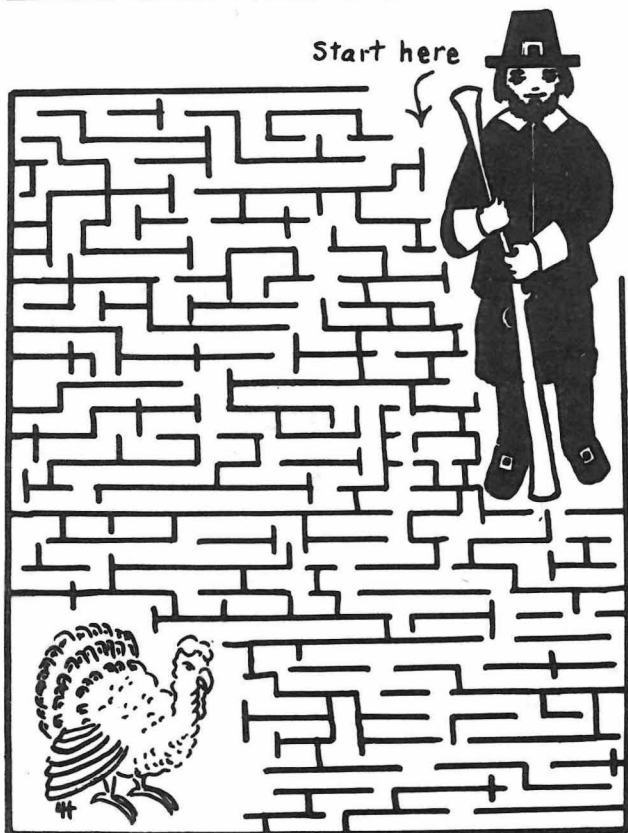
HOUSTON, TEXAS. . . Holy Three-In-One will have a course in Defensive Driving. An 8-hour course divided into two 4-hour sessions was began at the church on Wednesday nights. Persons who pass the course will qualify for a 10% discount on automobile insurance rates by presenting their DDC certificate to their insurance agent. The cost of the course is \$15 per person and is taught by a professional person from The Safety Council of Greater Houston.

THE CHURCH TAKES A BACK SEAT? ?

- FUNNY: How \$10.00 looks so big in our Church and so small at the store.
- FUNNY: How long an hour or so spent serving God and His Church is, and how short 60 minutes seem when you are fishing, playing golf or bowling.
- FUNNY: How hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, and how easy it is to read 300 pages of a best selling novel.
- FUNNY: How we need two weeks notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but we can always adjust our time to a last minute invitation to some social.
- FUNNY: How we can't think of a word to pray, but we have plenty to say to our neighbors.



On Thanksgiving Day



Here is a Pilgrim looking for a wild turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner. Can you find the pathway he used to reach the turkey? Do not cross any of the lines on the way.

FUNNY: How people always remember the bad remarks, but forgets the nice remarks.

-sweet K.M.C.



**Empty Windows,
Dirty Windows, Too,
All the Windows of
the World are
Passing in Review.**

QUESTION: What would you do if this were the window out of which you looked each day?

One reader replied:

If I were a child that had to look out of such a window, I'd pray to God that someday I could live in a clean home. Meanwhile I'd keep myself clean and try to make the best of it. I'd also want to hear about God's love, so that my whole family would keep up hope and faith in Christ Jesus. I'd try to remember always that at the last day my family will live in the cleanest home there ever was or will be. Especially I'd remember that Jesus Christ was born and lived under worse circumstances than I could ever imagine.

I hope I shall never live under these terrible conditions. I feel terribly sorry for the people who have to live under such conditions, and I'll try to help as much as possible. I am very thankful that I can live under good clean conditions in a good home. I am very thankful that I am a Christian, and no matter what kind of conditions I'm under I can always look to God for help.

How would you answer the question?

Thanksgiving In Bible Times

-by David M. Arnold

Do you believe that Thanksgiving was started by the Pilgrims? Thanksgiving is much older than that! Long before the Pilgrims came to America, long before America was even discovered, long before Jesus was born, Thanksgiving was a holiday.

The first books of the Bible tell us that a time was set each year to thank God for His wonderful goodness. The people of God called their thanksgiving "The Feast of the Harvest." The Bible says, "After the fruit is gathered in, a feast shall last seven days." Later, this period of singing songs of thanks to God became known as "The Feast of Tabernacles."

Just as we use colorful fall leaves and fruits in our homes and churches on this holiday, so did the people long ago. They used branches of the "goodly tree," today called "citron," as a sign of God's gift of fruit. Everyone liked myrtle branches for their shiny, sweet-smelling leaves. Two trees that are well known to us today, willow and aspen, supplied graceful branches of colorful leaves.

Many of the foods served at those Thanksgiving holidays are known to us also. Beef and lamb were the most common meats. If possible, wheat flour was used for bread and cakes. Those who did not have enough money used barley flour.

Fruits such as figs, dates, melons, and grapes were grown then as they are today. Beans, onions, cucumbers, and lentils were some of the common vegetables.

The next time you eat salad, remember that when Jesus was a boy, people ate salad then, too. In His day, lettuce, endive, chicory, sorrel, and even dandelion greens were known as "bitter herbs," and were a very important part of daily meals.

Everyone drank a great deal of milk. Some of it was cow's milk, which we know best. But milk from goats and sheep and even camels was often used, as it still is today in that part of our world.

In early Bible times, sugar was grown in only a few areas, and people did not know how to extract the sugar from the cane. But honey was plentiful and was used to sweeten foods. Often it was served as a desert, still in the honeycomb.

There was thanksgiving when Jesus was a boy!

There was thanksgiving at the time of the Pilgrims!

There is thanksgiving to God for His goodness to us today!

Counting Blessings

Stop! Think! Count! God's blessings are all around us. The Bible says, "All good gifts come from God." When was the last time you stopped to count God's blessings to you? Read this story about one Sunday school class counting their blessings.

The teacher said, "Today we are going to talk about how God blesses us. Who can tell us one of the gifts God has given to you?"

Jimmy raised his hand and said, "I'm thankful for having my father and mother."

Debbie said, "I'm thankful for the food we eat."

Another girl said, "I'm thankful for my Sunday school and my teacher."

Jimmy raised his hand again and added, "I'm thankful for Sunday school, and for my pastor too."

The teacher wrote these gifts on the blackboard. Then she asked, "Is there anything else that you can think of?"

"Yes," said Ken. "I know the most important gift of all."

Can you tell what gift Ken meant?

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