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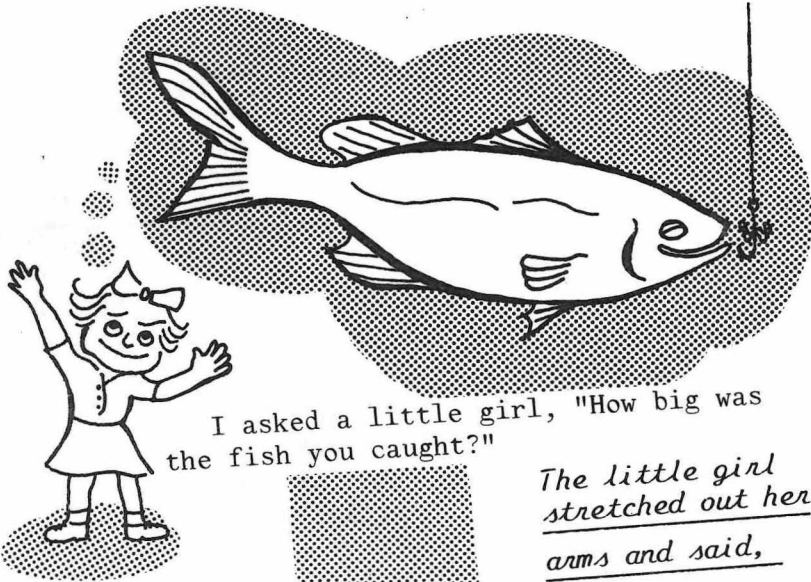
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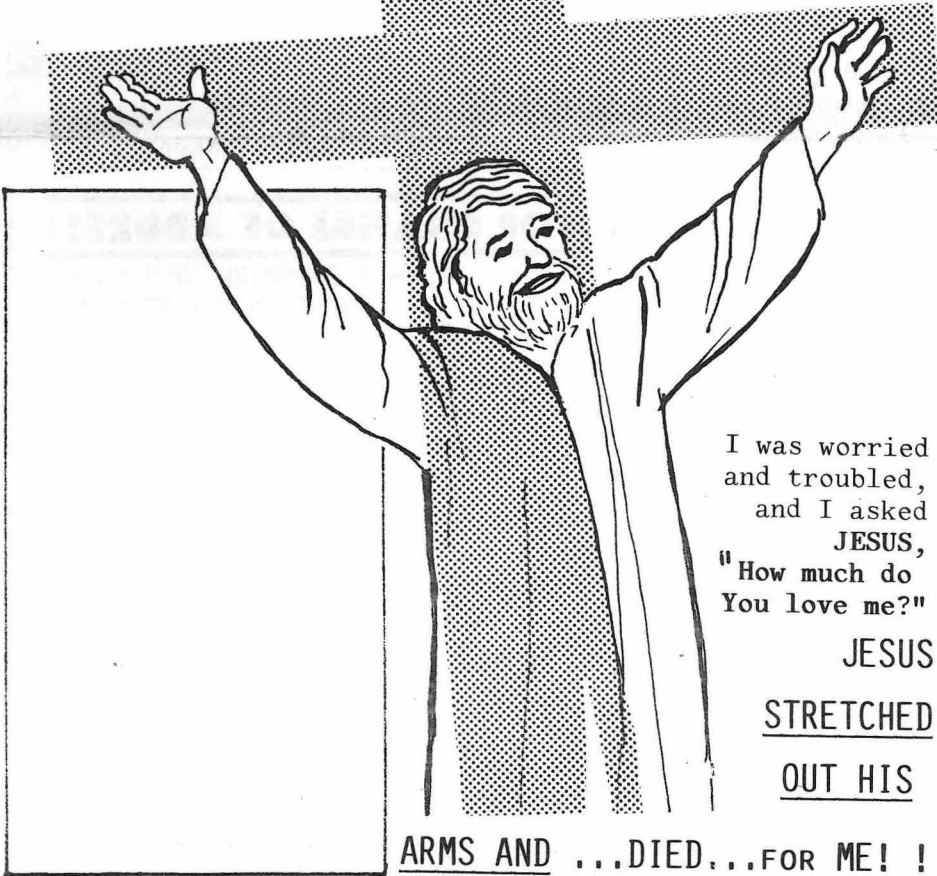
GOOD NEWS of GREAT JOY!

Veteran Lutheran Minister Receives Honorary Doctorate from Concordia



I asked a little girl, "How big was the fish you caught?"

The little girl stretched out her arms and said, "This BIG!"



I was worried and troubled, and I asked JESUS, "How much do You love me?"

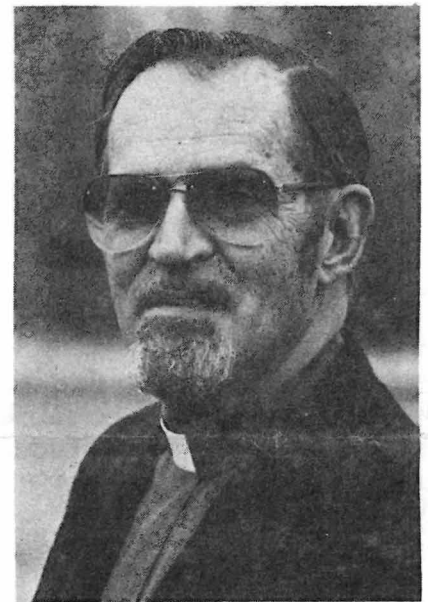
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ARMS AND ...DIED...FOR ME! !

-sent in by Rev. Paul Dorr, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
I.L.D.A. Pastoral Advisor

-by Norman Tenme, Director
College Relations, Concordia College
Bronxville, New York

BRONXVILLE, N.Y.-- C. Roland Gerhold, 63, of Newark, NJ, veteran Lutheran missionary and a pioneer in work among deaf persons, received an honorary doctor of law degree from Concordia College at the school's centennial year commencement exercises on Friday, May 22.



The Rev. Dr. C. Roland Gerhold

Born and raised in the Bronx, Pastor Gerhold is a 1973 graduate of Bronxville-Concordia, and a 1942 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Since that time he has specialized in mission work in the Lutheran Church.

He served Faith Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh and established the first Lutheran parochial school for Blacks in the state of Pennsylvania. In 1944 he began Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chappaqua, NY, while serving a neighboring congregation, Trinity Lutheran in Hawthorne. In 1948 he entered the field of deaf work and developed the first congregations for the deaf throughout the New England area. Since 1952 Pastor Gerhold has been serving St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark.

A counselor to other pastors for the deaf, he has trained eight seminarians for this specialized work. In 1965 he was sent to Nigeria and Ghana to survey schools for the deaf in behalf of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. While chairman of the Lutheran Friends for the Deaf Committee, he helped to produce the first "John of Beverly" workbooks and collaborated with another missionary to the deaf in adapting the Lutheran liturgy for worship services among the deaf.

At the request of the Reader's Digest, Pastor Gerhold served as consultant for a Louis De Rochmont produced film, "Walk East on Beacon," securing deaf to act in the movie as well as acting in it himself. First to use black light and luminous paint to interpret "The Ten Commandments" motion picture, he received a commendation from Cecil B. De Mille. First chairman of the visual aids committee for the Ephphatha Conference for the Deaf, he developed chancel dramas utilizing sign language and involving seminarians.

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More Good News . . .

GRANT FROM AAL SUPPORTS DEAF MINISTRY CONVOCAION november 20, 21 & 22, 1981 at yahara center wausau, wisconsin

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AAL Grant Supports Deaf Ministry Convocation



(left) E.F. Stoppenhagen, Aid Association for Lutherans general agent in St. Louis, presents a \$75,000 check to Rev. Donald W. Zuhn.. (right), Missouri Synod secretary for deaf and blind missions. The AAL grant will support a deaf ministry convocation that is scheduled later this fall.

ST. LOUIS - A first Missouri Synodwide convocation on deaf ministry is scheduled for November 20-22 at Yahara Center in Wausau, Wisconsin.

The convocation is sponsored by the Synod's Board for Missions and supported by a \$75,000 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans, a fraternal benevolence society based in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The purpose of this convocation is --

1. to take a good look at where we are at in deaf ministry
2. to identify the needs of the total person who is hearing impaired for ministry by the church,
3. to set goals and priorities for our deaf ministry for the 80's and beyond.

A large number of people will be involved; deaf Lutherans, pastors, other church workers in deaf ministry, other professionals relating to deaf people, church mission leaders, etc.

By now those of you in active deaf ministry should have received letters from Pastor Martin Kosche and/or Rev. Robert Corl requesting names and addresses of people from your area in these categories.

The 200 participants in the convocation will be selected from names provided. More than half the convocation participants will be deaf people. In order to have fair representation from all of these categories

and yet remain within the 200 limit, not all of the workers in deaf ministry nor all of the district mission leaders will be able to be invited (as much as the convocation committee would like to!).



EDWARD L. ARNDT PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY COMPLETED

-from INFORMATION SERVICES
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April 28 was the date set for the dedication of the new Edward L. Arndt Photographic Laboratory in the Concordia Historical Institute. Funds for the laboratory were given to the Institute by Dr. Edward J. Arndt of Falls Church, Virginia in memory of his father, Dr. Edward L. Arndt, the first Missouri Synod Lutheran missionary to China.

The laboratory is a complete darkroom with equipment that will enable the Institute to make black and white or color reprints and enlargements of any size up to 11"X14". The Beseler enlarger with dichroic color head can enlarge black and white or color photographs. The special Beseler color analyzer insures proper color balance on color reproductions. Other equipment includes a specially designed sink, developing trays, and an automatic timer for the enlarger and developing tanks.

These facilities will be used for creating a file of negatives of the photographs in the Institute's extensive collections. It will also be used to fill the many requests for reproductions of photographs of pastors. These new facilities will be open also to other researchers, camera "bugs" and others under special arrangements.

Missionary Edward L. Arndt was the first Missouri Synod Lutheran to China who arrived there in 1913 and served until his death in 1929. Although he was not a photographer, he encouraged others to take pictures on field trips to China. These pictures provided illustrations for his various articles about China in Lutheran publications.

Dr. Edward J. Arndt chronicled his father's work in the China mission field for his B.D. thesis at Concordia Seminary in 1931. This was published in the CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE QUARTERLY in 1932. Dr. Arndt is retired and lives in Falls Church, VA.

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NEW BOOK SEEKS TO DISCOVER 'WHY PEOPLE JOIN THE CHURCH'

-by MAIJA PENIKIS
Post-Crescent staff writer

In this day and age when church leaders are looking for reasons why church pews seem emptier on Sundays, Edward Rauff is saying that lots of people are joining congregations rolls and has research to explain why.

Rauff, director of research and information for the Lutheran Council in the USA (LCUSA), New York, has completed a study of "Why People Join the Church," which also happens to be the title of his book, to be released in mid-February, by Pilgrim Press, New York, in cooperation with the Glenmary Research, Washington, D.C.

The author, himself a Missouri Synod Lutheran minister, made this an entirely ecumenical project. His research cover a vast cross section of denominations throughout the country, thanks to an Aid Association for Lutherans grant. Pilgrim is a United Church of Christ publishing firm and Glenmary is an arm of the Catholic Church.

Rauff again visited with AAL officials on a future research study and stopped in to discuss his own project which resulted in the book.

"Church leaders have been worried for some time about the decline in memberships. Some years ago J. Russell Hale, a professor at Lutheran Seminary in Gattysburg, Pa. did a study on why people leave the church.

"Hale found in his research that people leave the church for four main reasons: they are nomads and each time they move they give up a little bit of their affiliation; they are 'publicans' who claim the church is full of hypocrites, or they are anti-institutional who go it alone.

"Or, they feel they are 'locked out' because they are too poor to participate in the life of the church or give as expected or dress as expected," Rauff explained the background.

Very few people, he added, were found to be nonbelievers, a fact that has been backed up by Gallup Polls.

Rauff, who claims to be a born optimist, decided to look at the other side of the question. "There are people who join churches, and join them in large numbers. So I decided to find out why?" he said, retracing Hale's steps.

The only four criteria he required for interviews were that they be 18 years or older, have lived outside the church for the last five years, now joined a church and are active in it, and are willing to talk frankly.

Rauff's main reason for doing

the research was that he felt "it was necessary to try to understand the phenomenon of those churches who were gaining members when it wasn't popular to join," he said.

Through the interviews took up a great share of Rauff's time basically he was interested in whether the new church members had had a religious background, did they feel they were Christians outside the church situation, what finally made them join a church, and what that membership means to them now.

Through his findings are not surprising, now they are documented. Most people, he found, joined because of a deep experience, one that either changed their lives or one which brought a change in their lives.

"I think the most important things is my children. I definitely want them brought up as Christians and the church is the center of the hub for spreading the Word," one of those interviewed explained.

"When our babies came, we want them baptized," another said.

Family responsibility is what Rauff called it that particular reason for rejoining the church.

The search for community is another.

"I really enjoy the fellowship," many told the interviewer "They (the people of the congregation) believe in us; they're happy that we are with them, and we're happy to be with them," many added. It fills a void so often created by loss of family and friends.

Personal crisis - death, illness, divorce, encounters with drugs and alcohol and situations in which they lose control - bring them back as well. For the warmth of people in a church can serve as an extended family, Rauff found.

Aligned with that reason is another: a feeling of emptiness, as testified to by Kara, who was going to college in her native Michigan.

"I just didn't feel I needed religion at that time." Later it helped her fill her free time and her life. "I just reached a point in my life when I discovered a great loneliness and felt I needed something. Something was missing," added Nettie who lives in California. It did not matter where they lived. Everyone hurts the same everywhere.

The researcher also discovered that the influence of devoted Christian co-workers, neighbors, and students had influenced the new joiners. Those with a deep faith, he explains in the book, seem to have an easier, relaxed method of accepting frustrations, defeats, and pain. Usually, the calmness left impressions, whe-

ther anyone admitted it out loud or not.

And finally, people return, Rauff found, because "it is the end of rebellion." That, he explained, meant that they were ready to come back to the faith of their fathers. Figuratively speaking, they had sown their wild oats and done whatever it was they thought they could not as church members and they "came home."

Many of the answers to Rauff's questions have gone in verbatim and the long chapter of the book is the hub of his research.

While Rauff's research was meant to discover the threads that made a pattern to the question, "Why do people join the church?", he also came up with certain conclusions.

"The church is growing today, both evangelical and mainline churches. Many, congregations or not, of course, but I would challenge them to find ways to grow, much as a vigorous, outgoing evangelization groups are growing."

He also found that people are shopping around. That, too, would be an ideal time for the churches to try some techniques.

"It's a daring thing to walk into a new church filled with people who know each other. You feel very strange. I think congregations and church leaders and pastors should keep asking themselves, "If I were a stranger who had come here today, would I want to come back?" The answer could be very important."

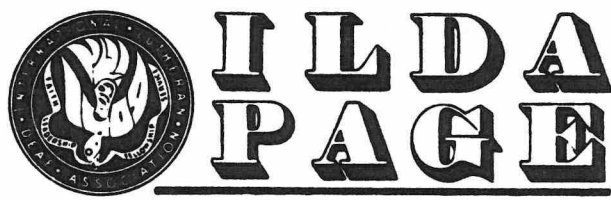
Rauff concluded that while every church has the potential to grow, the evangelical churches are doing so more often and in bigger numbers, comparatively speaking.

"They are able to express their faith better. You know where they stand when they talk to you about their faith. They have an intentional outreach. They have a clear idea of who they are and what they demand certain understandable rules of their members; time, effort, separation from many worldly things, dedication to the Word.

Rauff recalled an interview he had with one person who told Rauff he had been going to a mainline church, but was getting not satisfied with it, though he didn't quite know why. Then he attended an local evangelical church and heard the name Jesus Christ from the pulpit.

"He told me he had been amazed at his own reaction because he realized his own pastor talked about social injustices, but never mentioned Christ, something this man was longing to hear," Rauff said.

Mostly what Rauff concluded was that despite the handwringing there are reasons for optimism.



WARNING:

Hotels Can Be Hazardous To Your Health (or how to survive a fire)

Have you ever been in a hotel during a fire? It's a frightening experience, and you should start thinking about it. You can probably recall the recent fires in some of the Las Vegas hotels where many guests died. And of course, there have been hundreds more deaths in other hotel fires in other cities over the years.

Most of us are ill-prepared for a hotel fire. It's not our fault; it's quite common. Hotels, however, have no excuse for being ill-prepared, but, believe me, you cannot depend on the staff in case of a fire. History has shown that some hotels won't even call the Fire Department.

Many people die needlessly in building fires. It's sad because most could have saved themselves.

What you are about to read is a "briefing" on hotel safety. This is to teach you what to do in case you find yourself in an hotel fire. It is very important that you remember how to react and if this story shakes you a little, maybe you will.

Contrary to what you have seen on television or in the movies, fire is not likely to chase you down and burn you to death. It's the bi-products of fire that will kill you. Super heated fire gases (smoke) and panic will almost always be the cause of death long before the fire arrives, if it ever does. This is very important. You must know how to avoid smoke and panic to survive a hotel fire. With this in mind, here are a few tips:

SMOKE

Where there is smoke there is not necessarily fire. A smoldering mattress, for instance, will produce great amounts of smoke. Air conditioning and air exchange systems will at times pick up smoke from one room and carry it to other rooms or floors. You should keep that in mind because 70% of hotel fires are caused by smoking and matches. In any case, your prime objective (first plans) should be to leave the hotel at the first sign of smoke.

Smoke, being warmer, will start accumulating at the ceiling and work its way down. The first thing you will notice is THERE ARE NO "EXIT" SIGNS. More about exits later; just keep in mind when you have smoke, it's too late to start looking for "exit" signs

Another thing about smoke you should be aware of is how irritating it is to the eyes. The problem is your eyes will take only so much irritation, then they close. Try all you want, you won't be able to open them while there is smoke in the area. It's one of your body compensatory (safety) mechanisms (actions).

Lastly, the fresh air you want to breathe is at or near the floor. Get on your hands and knees (or stomach) and STAY THERE as you make your way out. Those who don't probably won't get far.

Think of this poor man's problem for a moment: he wakes at 2:30 a.m. to a smell of smoke. He puts on his pants and runs into the hallway only to be greeted by heavy smoke. He has no idea where the exit is. He runs to the right. He's coughing and gagging; his eyes hurt. "Where is it"? "WHERE IS IT"? Panic begins to set in. About the time he thinks maybe he is going the wrong way, his eyes close. He can't find his way back to his room (it wasn't so bad in there). His chest hurts; he desperately needs oxygen. Total panic sets in as he runs the other direction. He is completely disoriented. He cannot hold his breath any longer. He is found dead at 2:50.. ..dead. What caused all the smoke? A small fire in a room where they keep roll-away beds. Remember, the presence of smoke does not necessarily mean the hotel is burning down.

PANIC

PANIC (pan'ik) n. A sudden, overpowering terror. Often affecting many people at once. Panic is the product of your imagination running wild, and it will set in as soon as it dawns on you that you are lost, disoriented, or you don't know what to do. Panic is contagious, and may spread to you. Panic is almost irreversible; once it sets in, it seems to grow. Panic will make you do things that could kill you. People in a state of panic are rarely able to save themselves.

If you understand what's going on, what to do, where to go, and how to get there, panic will not set in. The man in the example we just read about would not have died if he had known what to do. For instance, had he known the exit was four doors down on the left, he could have gotten down on his hands and knees where there was fresh air and started counting the doors. Even if he couldn't keep his eyes open he could feel the wall as he crawled, counting doorways, One... two...three...BINGO! He would not have panicked. He would be alive today telling of his "geat hotel fire" experience.

EXITS

The elevator drops you to the 12th floor, and you start looking for your room. "Let's see...room 1226...ah,here it is." You open the door and drop your luggage. AT THAT VERY MOMENT turn around and go back into the hallway and check your exit. You man NEVER get another chance. Don't go to the bathroom, open the drapes, plo spread eagle on the bed, turn on the TV or untuck your shirt. I know you are very tired and want to relax, but it's absolutely essential...no...CRITICAL that you develop the HABIT of checking your exit after you drop your luggage. It won't take 30 seconds and believe

me, you may NEVER get another chance.

If two or more persons share a room then all of you should locate the exit together. Talk it over as you walk towards it. Is it to the left or right and do you have to turn a corner?... Open the exit door, what do you see?... Stairs or another door? (Sometimes there are two doors to go through, especially in newer hotels.) As you return to your room, count the doors. Is it the sixth or seventh door?...I'd hate to see you crawl into a broom closet thinking it was the exit. Are you passing any rooms where friends are staying?...If there was a fire, you may want to bang on their doors as you go by. Is there anything in the hallway that would be in your way? ...an ice machine maybe? As you arrive back to your room, take one more look. Get a good mental picture of everything. Do you think you could get to the exit with a "blindfold" on?

This procedure takes less than one minute and to be effective, it must become a habit. Those of you who are too lazy or tired to do it consistently are real "riverboat gamblers". There are over 5000 hotel fires per year. The odds are sure to catch up with you.

USING THE EXIT

Should you have to leave your room during the night, it's important to close the door behind you. This is very effective in keeping out fire and will minimize smoke damage to your belongings.

Some doors take hours to burn thru and they are excellent "firestops", so close every door you go through. If you find smoke in the stairwell you can bet people are leaving the doors open as they enter.

Always take your key with you. Get into the habit of putting your key in the same place everytime you stay in a hotel. The night stand next to your bed is an excellent location. When you know it's there, you can grab your key right away without wasting time looking for it. It's important that you close your door when you are leaving, but it's equally important that you don't lock yourself out. You may find conditions in the hallway untenable and want to return to your room.

Let's suppose you wake up to smoke in your room. Grab your key off the night stand, roll off the bed and head for the door on your hands and knees. Even if you could tolerate the smoke by standing, don't. You'll want to save your eyes and lungs as long as

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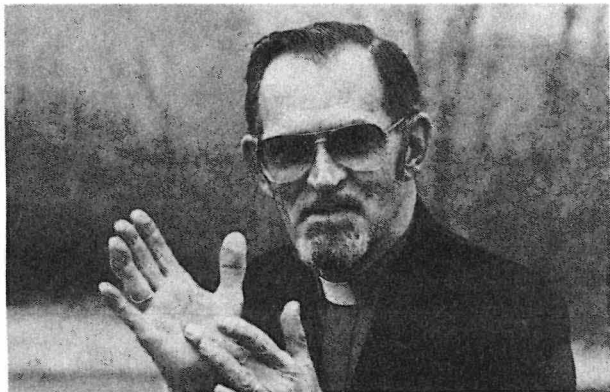
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Pastor Gerhold is married to Viola Paula Schroeder, an educator who has assisted him greatly throughout his ministry. Her father was the Rev. Frederick T. Schroeder, a former professor of German at Concordia and pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, with whom Pastor Gerhold served as a seminary interne for two years, 1940-1941. The Gerholds are parents of three children, Lyta Seddig, an intern chaplain at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA; Chrysteen Schenkel, married to a lieutenant colonial in the USAF who is now stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines; and Jeffrey of Glenwood, MD, a graduate of Yale and a consultant hypotist.

In addition to Pastor Gerhold, three others received honorary doctorates from Concordia College at the 3:00 p.m. commencement rites which was held in the Meyer Athletic Center. They are William A. Selle, Appleton, WI, an executive with Aid Association for Lutherans, and two district presidents of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Rev. George W. Bornemann, Detroit, English District, and the Rev. Richard T. Hinz, Rockville, MD, Southeastern District. Diplomas were presented to seventy graduates.



The Rev. Dr. Gerhold
signing
the word "Jesus".



MILL NECK FOUNDATION GRANTS CHICAGO AGENCY FUNDS FOR A NEW TDD



MILL NECK, NY

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Chicago, a multi-service agency, requested a new TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) from Mill Neck Foundation. The agency, serving a very large population in northern Illinois, assists families, children and individuals "to move from a point of pain and tension, to a position of meaning and fulfilment in their lives."

LCFS is one of two agencies in Chicago providing specialized family counseling to the deaf since 1973. The Agency is perceived as "the source of help for the hearing-impaired." 90% of all referrals are received from other Chicago land social agencies. This year over 180 individuals received services through the specialized family counseling program.

The present telecommunication device is twenty years old, suffering frequent breakdowns, so the Agency requested Mill Neck Foundation to fund a new TDD. LCFS also said that a new device would provide the following services:

1. Give equal access - 24-hour service - to the deaf.
2. Decrease the dependency of others to transact business for the deaf client.
3. Give immediate response to many clients as possible.

The new device, being portable, could be taken to conference rooms and even to branch offices when the social worker is away.

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation approved the grant request for \$1329, at their March meeting.

HOW TO SURVIVE IN A HOTEL FIRE

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possible. **BEFORE** you open the door, feel it with the palm of one hand. If the door or knob is quite hot, don't open it. The fire could be just outside. With the palm of your hand still on the door (in case you need to slam it shut) slowly open the door and peep in the hallway to "access conditions". As you make your way to the exit, stay against the wall on the side where the exit is. It's very easy to get lost or disoriented in a smoky atmosphere. If you are on the wrong side of the hallway, you might crawl right on by the exit. If you are in the middle of the hall, people who are running will trip over you. Stay on the same side as the exit, counting doors as you go. When you reach the exit and begin to descend, it's very important that you WALK down and hang onto the handrail as you go. Don't take this point lightly. People who will be running will knock you down, and you might not be able to get up. Just hang on and stay out of everyone's way. All you have to do now is leaving the building, cross the street and watch the action. When the fire is out and the smoke clears, you will be allowed to re-enter the building. If you closed your room door when you left, your belongings should be in reasonable good shape.

Smoke will sometimes get into the exit stairwell. If it's a tall building the smoke may not rise very high before it cools and becomes heavy. This is called "stacking". If your room is on the 20th floor, for instance you could enter the stairway and find it clear. As you descend you could encounter smoke that has "stacked". Do not try to run through it. Turn around and walk up. Now you must really hang on to the handrail. The people running down will probably be glassy-eyed and in a panic and will knock you right out of your socks. They will run over everything in their way, including firemen. You'll feel you are going upstream against the Chicago Bears but hang on and keep heading toward the roof. If for some reason you try one of the doors to the upper floor and find it locked, that's normal, don't worry about it. Exit stairwells are designed so that you cannot enter from the street or roof. Once inside, however, you may exit at the street or roof, but cannot go from floor to floor; this is done for security purposes. When you reach the roof, prop the door open with something. This is the **ONLY** time you will leave a door open. Any smoke in the stairwell can now vent itself to the atmosphere, and you won't be locked out. Now find the windward side of the building (the wet finger method is quite reliable), have a seat and wait until they find you. Roofs have proven to be a safe secondary exit

and refuge area. Stay put. Firemen will always come to the roof to get you.

YOUR ROOM

After you check your exit and drop the key on the night stand, there is one more thing for you to do. Become familiar with your room. See if your bathroom has a vent; all do, but some have electric motors. In case of a fire or smoke and you decide to remain in your room, turn it on to help remove the smoke. Take a good look at the window in your room. How does it open?...Does it have a latch?...A lock?...Does it slide? Now open the window (if it works) and look outside. What do you see?...A sign?...Ledges?...How high up are you? Get a good mental picture of what's outside; it may come in handy. It's important you know how to OPEN your window; you may have to close it again.

Should you wake up to smoke in your room and the door is too hot to open or if the hallway is completely charged with smoke, don't panic. Many people have defended themselves quite nicely in their rooms and so can you. One of the first things you'll want to do is open the window to vent the smoke. I hope you learned how to open it when you checked in; it could be dark and smoky in the room. Those who don't will probably throw a chair thru the window. If there is smoke outside and you have no window to close, it

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...Many Lutheran deaf from various states wanted to go with Pastor and Mrs. Dorr's tour to Hawaii this summer. But many wanted more time to arrange job vacation times and save money. SO THIS TOUR FOR DEAF LUTHERANS TO HAWAII WILL BE POSTPONED TO DEC. 28, 1981. This will be a different, LOWER COST tour than first planned. Write to Rev. Paul Dorr, 4328 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208 for information.

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MILWAUKEE, WI ... The Holy Spirit surprised the leaders and members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Milwaukee, WI, by moving their hearts for mission pledges to FORWARD IN REMEMBRANCE of \$14,746.

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DETROIT, MI... Rev. Clark Bailey advises the Kiwanis emphasis for 1981 is on hearing disability. Local clubs may be very receptive to requests for funds to buy equipment (e.g., T.V. set with caption decoder as received by the Detroit congregation). A word to the wise...

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ROCHESTER, N.Y... Many of you have probably received letters from a man in this town requesting information and advice on establishing a deaf ministry. Rev. Mark Seeger requests that you forward these letters to him for any response.

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COLUMBIA, S.C... In the last week of May, Pastor Larry W. Bost joined 55 religious workers with the deaf from across the U.S. at the workshop on Developing and Designing Religious Materials for Deaf People. Pastor Bost received much information on how to teach and write Christian education materials for the deaf. He presented some of the lessons he wrote using visuals that help the deaf see the teachings of the Bible without having to read a lot of printed materials. Based on the positive response from this workshop it may be desirable in the future to share this material in some way with a wider audience.

WANTED

The director at Camp Kinard in North Carolina is looking for a Food Preparation Director who is experienced in buying and cooking for year-round position in the Church Conference Center near Leesville, S.C. Groups coming to the camp range in size from 20 to 200. Applicant, if married, may use spouse for assistant. Mobile home site is available on grounds. Please list qualifications and present employment. Apply in writing to Search Committee,

P.O. Box 537, Leesville, S.C. 29070. If you know someone who would like this job please tell them about it.

* * * SUMMERTIME!

Summertime is the time when most people think about vacations and recreation. The summer is almost the "weekend of the year". Look at the word recreation. It means "make new again". We use recreation time to refresh ourselves, to give our bodies a chance to rest and gain new power. We also use it to refresh our spirit - to get away from the same schedule of work and home time and make our minds fresh again. It is good to do that. It is also good to use recreation time to make our relationship to God fresh again; to shake out all the cob webs of our faith and open ourselves to the surprises of God - open ourselves to serve God and other people. Recreate your faith in the summer, on the weekends, everyday! New Life really comes from God so He is the best place to look for it.

Have a refreshing summer!!!

-Mark Schoepp, D.C.E.
Portland, Oregon

* * * IT HAS BEEN SAID...

When we look within we are depressed;
When we look around we are impressed;
When we look at Jesus we are blessed:
"What I am is God's gift to me;
What I do with it is my gift to Him!"

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DETROIT, MI ... On Sunday, June 7th, Our Savior L.C. Deaf dedicated their new Video Tape Recorder and color camera (30% of the cost is a gift from the Board for Missions of the L.C./M.S. and the remainder of the cost comes from their Memorial Funds); the color TV set given to the church by the Warren Kiwanis Club; and the new blackboard and the 12 "Good News" Bibles, both which are used in Bible Study and Sunday School, and were given to the church by the home office of the Aid Association for Lutherans to celebrate the 200th year of the Sunday School. They thank all who made these gifts possible, and pray that they will help the church members grow in knowledge of God's Word, and in His worship.

* * * THANK GOD FOR NEW WORKERS

IN THE CHURCH!

Candidate David Mueller is assigned to WORD OF GOD, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA to replace Mr. Marion Van Manen, whose contract ends in August; and Vicars Daryl Gehlbach - assigned to Washington, D.C., and Steve Schlund - assigned to San Lorenzo (northern) California. All these men have been studying at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

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DETROIT, MI ... Our Savior L.C./Deaf has a new banner to be presented at the ILDA Convention in Los Angeles in July. It is designed according to the theme of the convention which is

"BE OPENED". Designers of this banner are: Mrs. Shirley Mayberry, cross; Karen Bailey, the title; Sidney and Tim Johnson, the pattern. Those who helped cut out and sew the pattern together were: Sharleen White, Mrs. Millie Francisco, Evelyn Carter, Genevieve Klein, Vara Rein, Nonie Schulz and Louise Bailey. Plenty of talented and skillful people there!

* * * NEW 504 REGULATIONS

The Justice Department recently adopted regulations that will provide more effective communication for hearing impaired people. These Section 504 regulations state that:

1. Police, courts, and correctional facilities must provide sign language interpreters for hearing impaired arrestees, victims, and witnesses.
2. When a hearing impaired person is arrested the explanation of a person's rights must be written down when an interpreter is not available.
3. The police must inform hearing impaired suspects that an interpreter will be provided at no charge.
4. Suspects do not have to answer police questions until an interpreter is present.

To obtain further information, contact: National Center for Law and the Deaf (NCLD), Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. 20002

* * * GOOD BUSINESS MEN TOGETHER

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in Saginaw, Michigan became 4 years old in March, 1981. During these four short years the shop realized a net profit of \$155,300.00. This money was used to help support over 600 retarded and severely handicapped residents at the Home. The success of Bethesda Gift (Thrift) Shop is possible because of the Lord's rich blessings and the generous donations of many friends.

Anytime you are doing house cleaning (Spring or otherwise) and come across anything you have no use for it would be appreciated if you would donate those items to the Thrift Shop. Anything such as dishes, flat ware, pots and pans, jewelry, purses, shoes, washcloths, knick-knack, wall decorations, games, toys, puzzles, lawn and garden tools, furniture of all kinds, paper bags, etc.

Your very welcome donations may be brought to the Thrift Shop Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. til 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. til 3 p.m. Upon request we will give you a donation receipt.

Grace Roedel, the shop Manager thanks you!

* * * INFLATION AND THE CHURCH

In 1980 offerings were up among members of the Lutheran Church/MO Synod averaging \$229.69 per communicant. This is a 7% increase, but inflation was greater still.

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HOW TO SURVIVE IN A HOTEL FIRE

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will enter your room and you will be trapped. The broken glass from the window could cut you badly. Don't make more problems, besides, if you break your window with a chair, you could hit a fireman on the street below.

If there is some fresh air outside leave the window open, but keep an eye on it. Don't just stand there by the window waving frantically. Try the phone to see if it works so you can let someone know you are there. Flip on the bathroom vent. Fill the tub with water, but don't get in it. Wet some towels or sheets and stuff the cracks of your door to keep the smoke out. With your ice bucket, bail water on the walls and door. You can put your mattress up against the door and block it in place with the dresser then bail water on them. Don't worry about making a mess. Who cares? A wet towel tied around your mouth and nose is an effective filter if you fold it in a triangle and put the corner in your mouth. If you swing a wet towel around the room, it will help get the smoke out. If there is a fire outside the window, pull down the drapes and move everything combustible away from the window. Bail water all around the window. Use your imagination. The point is, there shouldn't be any reason to panic; keep fighting until help arrives. It won't be long.

ELEVATORS

There isn't an elevator made that can be used as a safe exit. In all 50 states, elevators, by law, cannot be considered an "exit". The problem is, most people only know one way out of a building, the way they came in, and if it was the elevator, they're in trouble. Elevator shafts and machinery extend through all floors of a building and fill with smoke. Other things go wrong, everyone tries to get on the elevator in an emergency and fights break out seriously injuring many people. Smoke, heat and fire do funny things to elevator call buttons, controls and other complicated parts. If you have any idea that there might be smoke or fire in your hotel, avoid the elevator like the plague.

JUMPING

In an hotel fire many people jump and most are killed or injured in the process. If you are on the first floor you could just OPEN the window and climb out. From the second floor, you could probably make it with only a sprained ankle, but you must jump out far enough to clear the building. Many people hit window sills and ledges on the way down, and they go into cart wheels. If they don't land on their head and kill themselves, they're injured seriously. If you are any higher than the third floor, chances are good you won't survive the fall. You would be better off fighting the fire. Nearby buildings seem closer than they really are, and many have died trying to jump to a building that looked five feet away but was actually fifteen feet away. Panic is what causes most people to jump. Resist panic and think clearly you will survive.

CALLING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Believe it or not, most hotels

will not call the fire department until they verify whether or not there really is a fire and try to put it out themselves. Should you call the front desk to report a fire they will almost always send the bellhop, security guard, or anyone else that's not busy to investigate. Hotels are very reluctant to "disturb" their guests, and fire engines in the street are quite embarrassing and tend to draw crowds. Should you want to report a fire or smell of smoke, ask the hotel operator for an outside line for a local call (that is if you can hear well enough). Call the fire department yourself and tell them what you smell or see and your room number in case you need to be rescued. Don't feel embarrassed about calling the fire department and don't let hotel "policy" intimidate you into doing otherwise. The hotel may be a little upset with you, but the fire department will be glad you called; you may have saved lives.

Please take this article seriously and take it with you when you plan to stay at any hotel. Develop good habits and I would bet a month's pay that you'll be one of the first on the street to "watch the action" if there were a fire in your hotel.

-condensed from an article by
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Coalition in St. Louis To Fight Cuts In Programs To The Disabled

-from an article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch

Organizations representing disabled and handicapped people in St. Louis, MO have formed a coalition to fight a 25% cut proposed in financing for federal programs for the disabled.

Deborah Phillips, director of the city's Office on the Disabled says this would be like turning back the clock on all the gains that handicapped and disabled people have worked so hard for over the past 10 years

if the Reagan Administration has its way with the proposed cuts in the budget.

In addition to the city office, other groups in the Disability Coalition for Fiscal Responsibility include Access Missouri, Parquad, the Special Education Division of St. Louis public schools, the Great Plains National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, Independent Living Centers of St. Louis and the Rehabilitation Gazette.

The coalition members admit they are a belated but united front of organizations with different perspectives but common interests and goals.

They intend to link up with local and national groups such as the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities and the National Rehabilitation Association to re-establish the sort of broad lobby that resulted in federal laws on equal education, on architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped and similar gains in the 1970s.

Walter Kopp, director of special education for the city schools, said that lobbying efforts by the Council for Exceptional Children are expected to trim the cutback to about 9% with respect to education for handicapped children.

Even so, some other groups could then expect to suffer cuts of more than 25% to compensate, he said.

The block grant proposal was attacked particularly hard by coalition members.

"Not only would there be less federal money to continue vital programs, but because it would come down in a lump sum without any strings, you could see a real cat fight in Jefferson City (Missouri) among the poor, the elderly, women, minorities and others to get their piece of the pie." Ms. Phillips said.

"The goal of the president's block grant funding is very clear," said Dick Goodwin, president of Access Missouri. "It is to eliminate federal legislation effecting special education and mainstreaming, independent living, vocational rehabilitation, employment opportunities, civil rights and input by disabled citizens into programs that effect our lives."

All the old prejudices about the handicapped being a drain on the community would return, he said.

"The facts say just the opposite," he said. "It has been shown time and time again that it is the more cost-effective to invest money into training a disabled person so that he or she can be removed from the government welfare rolls and become a taxpayer."

Goodwin said about 125,000 people with varying handicaps live in the St. Louis area.



A New Sport



Not very long ago Al Woodall put on a sport show in Florida. When he finished, people weren't sure what to call it. What had happened? Al had created a new sport.

The crowd saw Al going by at the end of a rope. They didn't think anything about it. A motorboat was pulling him, and he was on water skis. The boat began to go faster and faster. Al went faster and faster too. Then Al started to go up into the air. On his back was a big kite. The boat pulled him ahead, and the kite kept him up in the air. Would you say Al was water-skiing, or would you say he was flying?

Some people said Al was an aerial water-skier. Others said, "No, Al wasn't on the water." "No," said a third group, "Al used his skis to get up into the air. To be correct you would have to say Al was 'ski-airing.'"

What games or outdoor sports have you and your friends made up? How is making up new ways to have fun with your friends a gift of God?

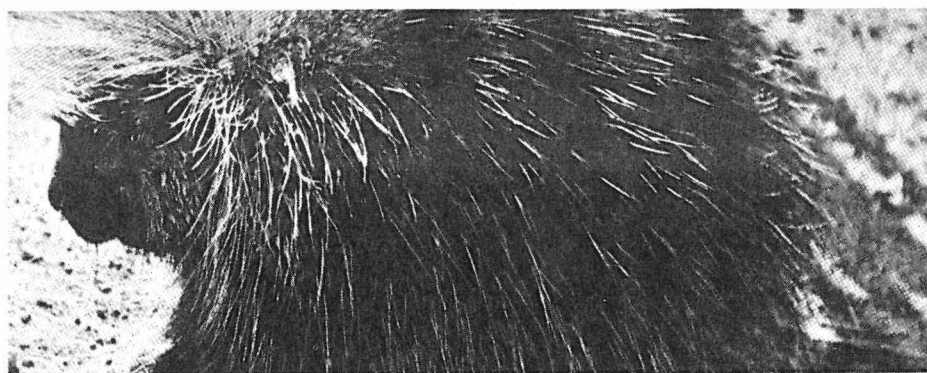
A Bible Land Ride



A zoo has several ways for visitors to see many animals. Boys and girls may choose to ride the miniature train, a pony, or something special, a desert camel. Taking a camel ride is a fun way to learn more about one of God's animals. Sometimes the camel is called the "Ship of the Desert." Can you tell why?

The camel is one of man's oldest friends. In different places in the Bible, the camel is mentioned. Do you know who took 10 camels to travel across the desert? Read Genesis 24:10. Do you know who had clothing of camel's hair? Read Matthew 3:4.

The Porcupine...a rodent



A very odd member of the rodent family is the porcupine, sometimes called "Porky."

Porky does not burrow in the ground as most other rodents do. When an enemy is near, he does not run and hide. He just raises his quills and swats with his spiny tail. Then other animals will leave him alone.

Although he is so different, he is still a rodent because he has the rodent's two large cutting teeth, called incisors. Except when sleeping, he spends most of his time using these teeth to gnaw.

Porcupines are vegetarians. They never eat any kind of meat. There is only one thing other than vegetables which they like, and that is salt. They will do almost anything to get it. They gnaw at wooden furniture and shelves for the tiniest amount of salt in them. People who find their furniture and cabins being slowly gnawed away by Porky are not his friends.

Among the animals, Porky has few enemies, because of the weapon God has given him. His quills are loosely fastened to his body. At the lightest touch they will pull free. These quills prove very painful to any living thing that comes too close. Once they enter the body, they work themselves deeper and deeper into the flesh. Each quill has hundreds of tiny hooks that swell when moistened, and they will tear the flesh if pulled out.

There is only one animal that Porky has to fear, and that is the weasel. The weasel is very fast. It can sometimes get hold of Porky's throat, where he has no quills.

However, Porky's life is usually very peaceful. He carries with him about 30,000 little spears, and no enemy will argue with that kind of defense.

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Kim Learns Two Lessons



Kim calls his pet Whitey

After school Kim sits at this table to do his home work. Sometimes his dog Whitey wants Kim to hurry. First Whitey barks. If Kim doesn't get up, Whitey runs into the room. He wags his tail. If Kim still does not get up Whitey jumps up on the table and barks. Then he tries to lick Kim's face.

Kim learns some things from reading his school books. He learns about God's love by reading the Bible.

But Kim learns from Whitey too. Kim knows that Whitey loves him. Whitey shows his love by the things he does. Kim loves Whitey too. He is kind to Whitey.