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## The Rev. Dr. R. A. Bohlmann Installed As President Of Synod

ST. LOUIS - A period of time in the history of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod marked by bitter disagreement of the meaning of the books of the Bible and how its lessons are being taught in our seminary classrooms finally ended and a new era of high hopes began Sunday, Sept. 27 as the Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann was installed as the 9th president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in ceremonies here.

Bohlmann, 49, replaces the Rev. Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus, 61, president of the Synod for 12 years.

At the installation service at Holy Cross Church, Bohlmann affirmed "canonical books of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired and inerrant word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice."

An overflow crowd of more than 1,000 people attended the nearly 2-hour late afternoon service at which the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Sauer was installed as first vice-president of the 2.7 million-member Synod, along with other church officials.

About 1,200 people attended an evening banquet for Bohlmann at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. Bohlmann, president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis since 1975, was elected in July. At the banquet, he noted the upbeat feeling of earlier speakers and said "the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod feels very good about itself."

A wide range of church leaders was present at the installation, including Archbishop John L. May of the St. Louis Roman Catholic Archdiocese. Even with the presence of those representatives at the banquet, Bohlmann said, "I'm sure the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod appears a bit strange to some of these groups."

Bohlmann said the Synod may seem a bit "standoffish" to other Christians, but the "honor and respect" shown by the other denominations "remind us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves."

The Rev. Calvin Eichhorst, an American Lutheran Church pastor from St. Cloud, Minnesota, who attended graduate school with Bohlmann at Yale University, brought greetings from ALC Presiding Bishop David Preus, a cousin of Jacob Preus.

Eichhorst said there is a "deep, abiding friendship that is present in the ALC for the Missouri Synod" and expressed hope Bohlmann would provide the Synod with "a profound ministry of

love and reconciliation."

The Rev. Dr. Reuben Swanson, secretary of the Lutheran Church in America and representing LCA Bishop James Crumley, told the audience "we need you together in the family of Lutheranism."

"I am frankly excited about the possibilities that lie before us in this great church," said President Bohlmann.

For his part, the kind words and sustained applause at the banquet brought tears to the eyes of Preus, past president. He could not speak when first asked by Bohlmann. But Preus recovered, keeping his considerable wit intact. "I don't think anybody has any question that he's got class," Preus said of Bohlmann. "That's what the presidency of this church needs. We haven't had that for a long time."

## Rogate Plans Apartments For The Deaf

The Rogate Housing Corporation, sponsored as a non-profit corporation by the Rogate Lutheran Church of the Deaf of Largo, Florida, has secured land in Pinellas Park, Florida for the construction of ROGATE SILENT VILLAGE, a complex of 177 apartments designed for deaf occupancy.

Two, four story buildings will house 44 efficiencies, 122 one bedroom and 11 two bedroom units. The application for HUD construction funds and rent subsidies is in process. It is anticipated that construction will be complete by the end of 1982.

Information concerning applications for apartments or the staff positions which include:

1. Resident Manager - "hearing" and skilled signer.
2. Secretary-Accountant - "hearing" and sign skills.
3. Master Mechanic - may be deaf or hard-of-hearing.
4. Housekeeper - may be deaf or hard-of-hearing.
5. Groundskeeper - may be deaf or hard-of-hearing.

To get information concerning apartments or applications for any of the above positions required for operation of the complex, please write to:

Mr. Ell Seitz, President  
Rogate Housing Corporation  
2447 East Bay Drive  
Clearwater, Florida 33516  
(813) 535-4205

(or)

Pastor Frank Wagenknecht  
Rogate Lutheran Church of the Deaf  
2447 East Bay Drive  
Clearwater, Florida 33516  
TTY (813) 531-2761

# EYES THAT HEAR

It does sound strange, doesn't it—Eyes That Hear? Yet for many thousands of people in the United States and Canada and for many millions more throughout the world, eyes must also serve as ears. When the sense of hearing (that we take so much for granted) is impaired, the eyes become increasingly more important in receiving communication. For a deaf person, it is indeed the eyes that hear!

When was the last time you met a deaf person on the street? It was probably more recent than you think. Since deafness is a hidden handicap, the usual way to notice that a person on the street is deaf is to see him using sign language.

It may surprise you to learn that 2 prsons in a typical group of 1000 people are deaf and have been deaf since birth or childhood. They may be able to hear certain sounds, but they are not able to hear and understand speech even with a hearing aid. Another 7 people in 1000 have become deaf as adults, usually as a result of advancing age. And 56 more people in that group of 1000 have experienced some loss of hearing, but using a hearing aid helps them to hear and understand the spoken word.

Yet the prophet Isaiah was so bold as to say, "The deaf shall hear the Word." (Isaiah 29:18) and it is happening! The deaf hear because the hands of the church are speaking! Through the commitment of the church and the dedication of many pastors, teachers, and other faithful workers, deaf people are hearing the precious words of the Gospel. Those words are giving new life, which reflects itself in service to the Lord with faith and love.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been in ministry to the deaf for more than 85 years, and in that time many deaf people have come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Today about 5000 deaf people serve their Savior as confirmed members of Lutheran Churches of the deaf.

The hands that speak the Gospel belong to more than 55 pastors, teachers, and lay workers who serve in deaf ministry (most of them full-time). Most of them are modern-day "circuit riders" who travel many miles each month carrying the Word of Christ to deaf people in widely scattered communities. These hands not only speak the Gospel; they often interpret for a deaf person in seeing a doctor, an insurance representative, or a potential employer. A minister for the deaf assists the whole man or woman in the name of Christ.

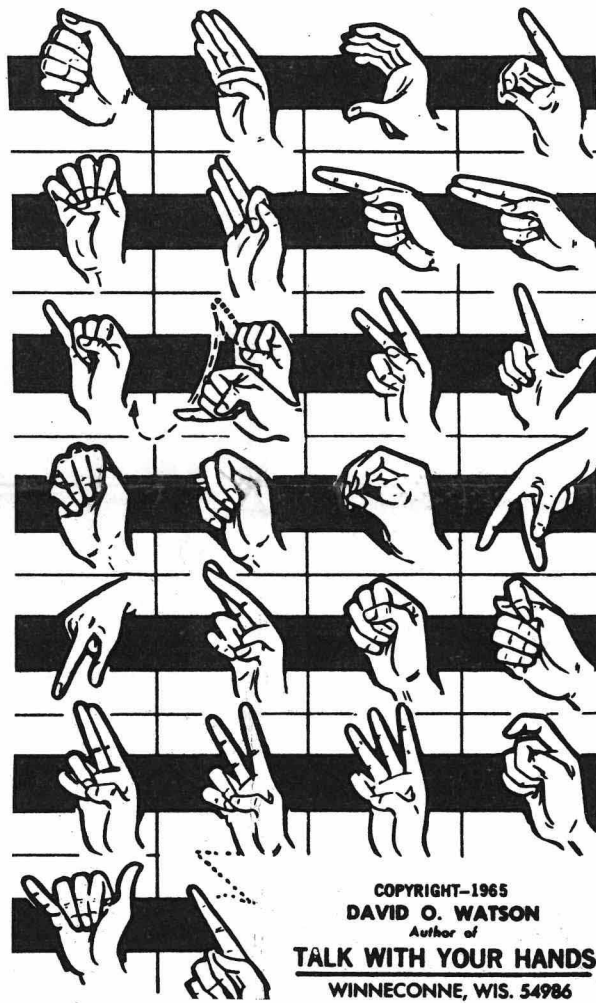
The hands that speak belong to deaf Christians who speak the Gospel to one another. The International Lutheran Deaf As-

sociation (I.L.D.A.) serve as the voice of the deaf in the church's ministry among the deaf. By way of the I.L.D.A. deaf people become leaders of the Church and encourage other deaf people in the mission and ministry of the church.

One goal of the I.L.D.A. is to recruit young deaf persons for the ministry of the church. At this time four deaf men serve as pastors and one more is in the seminary.

Eyes that hear ... hands that speak! That is the story of deaf ministry in the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod. It is a story you can be part of. For more information, write to:

**Deaf Ministry  
Board for Missions  
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
500 North Broadway  
St. Louis, MO 63102**



### CRAFTS OF THE PAST

on Concordia Seminary Campus

The Concordia Historical Institute will feature "Crafts of the Past" at an open house festival from 1:00 - 5:00 Sunday

The Concordia Historical Institute featured "Crafts of the Past" at an open house festival that was held Sunday afternoon, October 4, 1981, at the Concordia Seminary Campus.

The event was historically oriented and featured both active and still exhibits of products our ancestors, such as spinning, quilting, weaving, soap and candle making, baking, and many other necessary and pleasurable crafts.

Concordia Historical Institute is the Department of Archives and History of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is charged with collecting and preserving materials pertinent to the history of Lutheranism in America.

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## God's 1,000 Club

This Club is open to any person who wish to help with the operating expenses of the ILDA Board of Directors. Annual dues is \$10 per person. Details about this club will be sent on request. Please make your check or money order payable to:

ILDA Treas. Elmer Francisco  
6861 East Nevada  
Detroit, MI 48234

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Thank You for Your Contribution!



# Elmer Francisco Named Outstanding Disabled



Elmer D. Francisco, ILDA Treasurer, Business Manager for the Deaf Lutheran, Past President ILDA 1975-1978, Staff Member at Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit. A man for all seasons.

tribution to improving the lives of other disabled persons. As president of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA), he gave 8 years of service in advocacy for the deaf. He lives with his wife and has 3 adult children. Along with his wife, Millie, Elmer ran a camp for the deaf in Montana thus opening access to camping for deaf children. Because of these and other accomplishments through the National Association for the Deaf advancing the cause of the deaf, we salute Mr. Francisco as the outstanding disabled advocate."

Among his other responsibilities and activities at School for the Deaf, Elmer has taught sign class for interested adults, has been involved in outdoor living experience programs for camping with deaf children here at the school, is an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, and has served as chairman of the congregation.

We join with the Child Care Coordinating Council in recognizing Mr. Francisco for his outstanding contributions to the deaf, and more specifically, to God's special children here at the School for the Deaf. He has enhanced their experience and served as a tremendous Christian role model in his association with children and adults here at the School for the Deaf. **CONGRATULATIONS, ELMER!**

**DETROIT, MICH.** - On Thursday, Sept. 24, Elmer D. Francisco, a member of the staff of Lutheran School for the Deaf and house father there, was recognized by the Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit, Wayne County, Inc.

He was recognized for special community achievements which enhance a positive image of disabled persons. The award read in part,

"Elmer Francisco has been a positive role model and an inspiration as houseparent for Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. Elmer is deaf and has always made a significant con-

# Politics Is For Deaf People Too!

-by Sandi LaRue  
reprinted from DEAF OUTREACH

Politics is part of every deaf person's life, and deaf people need to and should be more active in politics. The way deaf people use politics can open doors like magic or close them just as quickly.

Many deaf people shy away from politics because they feel uncomfortable not knowing how to talk with politicians, or worry about their english if they try to communicate with politicians by using pen and paper. The most important thing the deaf community must realize is that politicians are our servants and we are their masters!

Also, the deaf community has not been aware of the need to "pay their political due". That means going to local political rallies, campaigning for favorite candidates, donating some money or other things to the party or candidate they like and who in turn will work for the needs of deaf people. This can be very important because if deaf people vote for the right politicians they will be sure to get laws drafted in the deaf community's interests. So deaf people must get together and work together in the political world.

Politics means changing the politicians to our side, and that means our votes mean a lot to them and they want to help us all they can. But remember, they will listen to whoever talks to them first. That means in the past hearing people many times spoke for deaf people without being asked to by the deaf community and deaf people felt they had no control or power over that. Well...here is good news! We now have control and power. How? Use the following ideas:

1. Get interpreters to go with you to visit your politicians.
2. Deaf people must start to "shout" by using large signs and sign **BIG!!! BE HEARD VISIBLY!**
3. Get your local deaf clubs or organizations behind you for support.
4. **GOOD LUCK** - share some of your experiences with readers of as many deaf publications as you know!

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### YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAR...

(or how to keep it safe from thieves)

Of course you know that the best way to keep your car and/or its contents from being stolen is to lock it every time you leave it, even if for only a few minutes. But you can take extra precautions too. Try to park in well-lighted spaces where any tampering can be noticed. Remove all sets of keys. No matter how well you have hidden the spare, a thief will be able to find them. The best place for anything left in your car is in the trunk where it will be out of sight. Just in case, it's wise to keep at home a record of your car's vital statistics and identifying marks, and do everything you can never to have to use it.



No matter where the action in deaf Lutheran affairs may be, you will always find good ol' Elmer right there in the middle of it! In the above photo, taken at the 6th Biennial I.L.D.A. convention in Los Angeles this past summer, Elmer is introducing candidates who ran for the various offices. Left to right: Richard J. Crossen, Columbus, Ohio; Elmer; Buzz Bymers, North Highlands, CA; Lester Ahls, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Lillian Long, Cleveland, Ohio; Harold Thuve, Los Angeles, CA; and Rev. William Ludwig, Spokane, Washington.

### CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER

When diners at a resort in Saratoga Lake, New York, complained about the thickness of the french fries, the waiter took them back to the kitchen for trimming. The offended cook, George Crum, quick-made up a new batch of potatoes shaved paperthin, fried them and sent them to the fussy eaters.

To the cook's astonishment, they were delighted with the strange food. On that night in 1853, George Crum introduced a new food, potato chips. Today it's a billion-dollar-a-year business!



THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO MAKE GOD LOVE YOU MORE! THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO MAKE GOD LOVE YOU LESS! HIS LOFE IS UNCONDITIONAL, IMPARTIAL, EVERLASTING, INFINITE, PERFECT!

-Richard C. Halverson

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"God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing."

-Martin Luther

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HAVE A GOOD DAY AND A NICE FOREVER!



## FROM OUR PASTORS



### What Do Pastors Learn at Conferences?

Are Pastors' conferences important enough to be away from family and church a couple of days in a row? Does the Pastor bring back anything important to share with his congregation? These questions of an elder, our Board of Directors, or others concerned might find an answer in what was presented at a recent Saginaw Valley Pastors' Conference at Hemlock, Michigan, by a Counsellor from Lansing, whom the program committee asked to speak on the matter of "Church Discipline." The speaker has 37 years of pastoral experience.

Is Church Discipline something like a football huddle where the team (church board) decides to give a kick where it helps and hope to get (the delinquent member) through the goal posts?

Could the Church, with its gains and losses, be like a family that adopted two new children; when a couple of the regular children ran away and got lost, they weren't even missed because the new family members kind of replaced them. (His intended point was, don't we miss those who are lost from the family of the church...those who don't come to hear God's Word and receive the Sacrament?)

Inactive members are referred to as deadwood; there's no life moving through them or growth happening. We still have to 'pay' for the inactive members when Synod's Convention assessment comes out. Do we want only to clean up our records as men on the board lament, "If only those people would carry their share!" No, it isn't the Board or the Pastor; the LORD says we are to exercise church discipline. This is one of the toughest areas of work in the church.

The foundation of church discipline is Matthew 18:15-18, where Jesus talks of sins being bound or loosed. It is sin that endangers salvation, such as the sin of ignoring God's Word. Christians, then, are concerned for one another when they see the other friend missing church and not receiving God's love gift in Communion. This is important! He is our brother/or sister in Christ, not an enemy! We recognize this is a brother or sister in trouble when we see either one living in godlessness. Despising (hating or ignoring) the Word of God cuts off the only means for feeding faith...cuts off the power for spiritual life. When people have

a problem, Satan (the Devil) says, "No use going to Church or receiving the Sacrament." He cuts off the power. (Gal. 5:4.5)

Jesus wants to give the whole congregation, Christian people, a reminder these impenitents (absent church members) are on the way to Hell, so the congregation can work at winning them back. Deal in a loving, Christian, forgiving way. Love is the primary (best) motive; listening is the primary skill; living in the Gospel is the primary awareness for us as we deal with church discipline.

In these end times Jesus talks of the love of many growing cold. Jobs, recreation take up our time; we are selfish and fail to give priority to love of a brother or sister in trouble. An evil-minded person can cook up any kind of story about you and 'nail' you. That's why God's Word calls for several honest witnesses.

Our best picture of church discipline, then, is not a football kick -- not even a kick of love -- but it is Christian people using God's stethoscope of spiritual life to hear the heart beat, the pulse rate, the blood pressure. Are they normal? Or is there hardening of the arteries, indicating impending spiritual disaster? The remedy is God's love in Christ -- Word and Sacrament. Like the penitent son (Luke 15:32) our hope for the lost member is "he/she was lost but is found, was dead but is alive!"

-from St. Paul's L.C./Deaf  
Flint, Michigan  
Rev. W.O. Neisch, Pastor

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### Continuing Ministry to Baptized is Vital in Congregation's Work

-from The Reporter  
by Dale E. Griffin

A renewed evangelism emphasis among our churches is a bright sign of strength. Open house services being held by many congregations, for instance, are commendable for their outreach to the community.

After all, a basic purpose of the church is to "preach the Gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

Important as this outreach is, it must not overshadow our continuing ministry to our own members. Each year through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit entrusts our congregations with the spiritual nurture (feeding) of approximately 60,000 infants. Yet, 40%, or 24,000 of these people will have left our fellowship prior to the age of confirmation.

We need to renew our dedication both to the mission of evangelism and the nature of our members.

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What can we do?

First, establish and maintain a complete, accurate list of every baptized member in the congregation.

Second, plan a Sunday school program that will meet the needs of every person on the baptized membership list. (Remember, baptized membership is not limited to preschool age, nor is Sunday school only for youngsters.)

Third, determine which baptized members are now actively participating in Sunday school. Then visit all persons not now in Sunday school to invite them to an appropriate study/discussion group.

Fourth, evaluate your nursery roll ministry. Do you enroll all children shortly after their baptism? Do you use Concordia Nursery Roll program? Do you augment (increase, make big) with periodic visits in the home of these young parents? Do you help parents of infants and toddlers establish a Christian education ministry within their own homes? Do you visit young parents when their children become old enough to enroll in Sunday school?

Fifth, establish and maintain a ministry of keeping in touch with all absentees. If the church shows no interest in them they soon lose interest in the church.

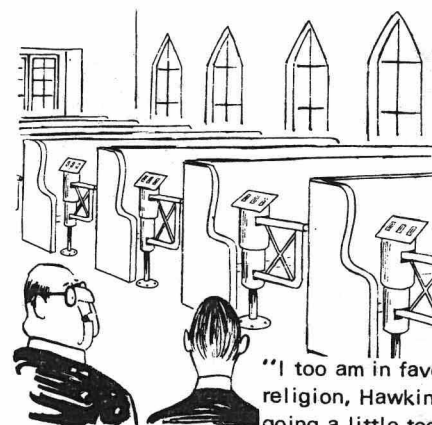
Sixth, spiritual leaders in the congregation need to visit every home regularly to maintain a healthy relationship among members, learn to know every member as an individual with interests, needs, opinions, and other characteristics, and to uncover situations where the church can help.

The adage, (old saying) "A home-going pastor makes for a church-going people," can be extended to include home visits by other members of the congregation.

Your Sunday school exists for the spiritual nature of all and every individual member. If you demonstrate (show) a genuine (real) interest in each member and to seek to minister to them with the Word of Life, your Sunday school will prosper!

Rev. Dale E. Griffin is secretary of Sunday, weekday, and summer schools for the Synod's Board of Parish Ed.

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# AAL Branch 3838 of Holy Cross (Deaf), St. Louis Aids Family In Need



Some of the members of AAL Branch 3838, Holy Cross Deaf, who spearheaded the \$55,000 Benevolent Project to aid the Radtke family. From left to right: Jennifer Moody who is being held by her father, Rev. Richard A. Moody, Mrs. (Lois) Moody, Rev. Dr. Fred Radtke and Seminarian Brad Roberts.

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-by Rev. Richard Moody, Pastor  
Holy Cross L.C./Deaf, St. Louis, MO

Although the membership of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Missouri is understandably limited by the very nature of its ministry to people who are deaf and their families, members of Branch 3838 set a goal of \$55,000 to meet the expenses directly incurred by the Rev. Frederick Radtke family as a result of an airplane crash explosion that Mrs. Radtke and three of their six children survived on June 21, 1977.

During the four years following the crash explosion that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reported as technically non-survivable, a myriad of expenses have continued to confront the Radtkes. At first expenses not covered by hospitalization insurance were met by using family resources including the sale of their house.

Two sons, David and Paul, were burned up to 80% of their bodies. David lay in a plastic 'bubble' for three months just to survive physically. Later, other injuries were discovered. Mrs. Radtke suffered brain trauma resulting in memory loss. She is in need of a companion nurse. Their daughter, Eleanor, suffered curvature of the spine. All of the family members suffered shock, physical stress and depression. As a result of the stress caused by the extensive burns, David suffers from a severely enlarged heart. Skin grafting and tissue re-construction will be necessary in the future.

Branch 3838 presently has collected \$2,428 toward their goal. Individuals and branches nationally are invited to participate in their fund raising Co-op Benevolent Project. Branch 3838 recognizes that God does care for His people -but ultimately it is God's love coming through people as they respond to His invitation to help others in need.



Two of our helpful young, joyful ladies who helped out at the registration desk. Left is Monica Bryant, and on the right is Tonya Young.

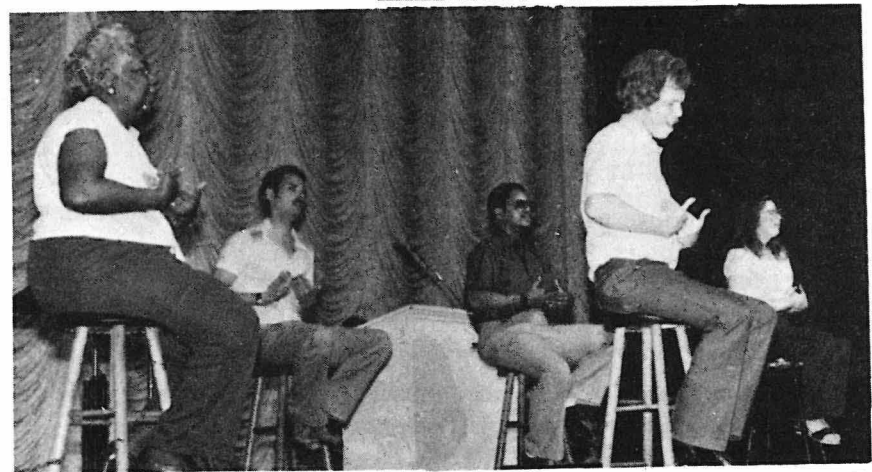
Committee members of Branch 3838. (left to right) Elma Jean Griffin, Sherry Young, Timolin Maclin, Archie Marshall and Naomi Williams.



TOP: General view of the crowd attending the Service of Praise. On stage: Dr. Oswald Hoffman and Prof. Dan Pokorny, interpreting. Both shown close up in the picture on the Right.....



Photo below: The choir of Holy Cross performing. left to right: Naomi Williams, Dan Wallis, Aaron Crawford, Rev. Richard A. Moody, and Barbi Wallis.



Rev. Dan Pokorny and Seminarian D. Bergstresser conducted the morning worship service. Prior to formally beginning, Rev. Pokorny gave the audience a lesson in sign language.





Congratulations to VICAR PRENTICE MARSH and his wife, Yolanda. Vicar Marsh has received a call to be pastor to the deaf in Atlanta, Georgia. He will finish his service with the North Illinois District in November. He will be ordained into the ministry before he leaves. GOD BLESS YOU, BROTHER PRENTICE!

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ... A special 60 minute TV program produced by Lutheran Television will be aired in the northern Illinois area. "Miles To Go" deals with a problem faced by over two million Americans: Epilepsy.

"Miles To Go" has been closed-captioned for deaf viewers using decoders.

The deaf living in other areas should write to their local TV stations requesting information as to when this program will be aired in their area.

After you have had the privilege of viewing this program please write to the station that showed it and thank them. The stations are offering free time to show this program.

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**BUDGET CUTS FOR NCI**

Federal budget planners may cut funds to the National Captioning Institute. NCI is funded through the Captioned Films for the Deaf in the Department of Health and Human Services.

With less money, NCI may have to reduce the number of closed-captioned TV programs (and the deaf have been clamoring for more!).

If closed-captioning is important to you, you should write to your congressman in Washington, D.C. Explain to him/her what Closed Captioning is, and explain how important it is to you.

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**CONVOCAATION FOR DEAF MINISTRY**

November 20-22 there will be a special CONVOCAATION FOR DEAF MINISTRY sponsored by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

About 200 people from all over the country will meet in Madison, Wisconsin. They will discuss and plan ways

we can improve our ministry to deaf people.

Special thanks goes to Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL Fraternal Life Insurance) for helping fund this special Convocation.

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**Something To Think About:**

"If we are hated  
Because of Jesus,  
We are blessed.

If Jesus is hated  
Because of us,  
Woe to us."

-Moishe Rosen

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Colorado Springs, Colorado ... Late this summer Pastor George Winkler received a call to Trinity-Immanuel Lutheran Churches in Holloway, Minn. After much prayer - also from Christian friends in the deaf community, he decided to return this call.

Shortly thereafter another CALL came from Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamrock, Texas, to become the pastor of God's people in that rural area. There is opportunity for nurturing a mission congregation in Childress, Texas, 50 miles south of Shamrock. Prayers are being said for God's Will to be done.

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Omaha, Neb...Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Church reports that "Fantastic!" describes the rapid healing of Rev.Graef who once was their pastor. However, the pastor himself describes it as "a miracle" and "the Lord truly blesses". Rev.Graef had heart surgery and at last report, he has started back to work part-time!

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Detroit, Mich...New teachers at the Lutheran School for the Deaf were installed or inducted on Tues.Sept.8, were: Christine Durst, Nancy Niemeyer, Carol Kraft, Lois Ann Moots, Kathy Ulbrich, Tamra Ryan and Angelyn Dornauer. Pray that the Lord will richly bless their ministry at the School.

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Ann Arbor, Mich...So far 17 have signed up for First Year Sign Language Class at Concordia College. Also four are continuing from last year. Remember these students in your daily prayers.

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**GAS SAVING HINT**

Air is still free; use it to save gas! You can increase mileage up to 1-2 miles per gallon by adding just 3 to 5 pounds of air to each tire. This helps reduce friction and rolling resistance. Also, try to remember to check tire pressure frequently. Just a pinpoint leak, a few pounds of escaping air a week, can wear tires out faster and cost you gas.

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**KITCHEN TRICKS:**

To avoid costly impulse buying - do not go to the grocery store on an empty stomach. Better to have a meal before shopping for food, so you will not be tempted to buy what you don't need. This will help you save some hard earned money \$\$\$.

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**BOB MULLER FAMILY TRUST FUND**

We have received word that Bob Muller, who served as pastor to the deaf in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area several years ago, suffered a severe loss by fire last July. He and his family have been living in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the last several years. An early morning fire in their home killed one deaf foster child, and injured several other members of the family, as well as doing damage to the house.

To help pay the bills a trust fund has been set up for the family. If any readers of The Deaf Lutheran want to help may send a donation or gift to:

Bob Muller Family Trust Fund  
c/o Mr.& Mrs.Robin Erne  
3514 Kirkfield Drive  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Thank you for your love and care for this family in their time of need. Also remember them in your daily prayers, that the Lord will give healing to their injuries.

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**PASTOR THEODORE FREDERKING**

The Rev.Theodore Frederking, pastor to the deaf for many years, entered the Church Triumphant on June 12,1981 at Phoenix, Arizona, where he lived in "retirement" for the last several years. Pastor Frederking was the pastor of Christ Deaf, Cleveland,Ohio, for many years before retiring. Although he moved to Phoenix, he still served the deaf there and in Tucson for a number of years until his health prevented further service. We rejoice that he may now rest from his labors for the Lord and be with the Lord in glory.

If you wish to send a card or letter to his widow, please address them to her at 6802 North 10th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85103.

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The Rev.Kenneth Schnepf has been called and has accepted to become Pastor of St.Mark's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Balto. Congratulations and bless the pastor and his new congregation!

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**CEDAR RAPIDS DEAF GET NEW PASTOR**

Congratulations to Rev.David L. Mueller, new pastor for the Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf. He was ordained and installed on Sept.13. May God bless His ministry!

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CONGRATULATIONS to Rev.Mark and Carol Seeger of Rochester, N.Y. on the arrival of Rachel Rebekah on Aug.4th.

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**FALL FORUM**

On Sunday, October 18, Rev.Donald Zuhn was a special guest at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Hillside, Ill. His talk there told how deaf and hearing churches across America are reaching deaf people. He also showed how deaf people can help in this ministry. Common problems facing both groups of parishioners was aired.

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## Now Is The Time

-by Carolyn P. Rankin  
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Rochester, N.Y., has a new corporation. It's designed to conduct applied research for business, industry, educational institutions and government, and it's being run by an unusual source--Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

The only university-based research corporation in Western New York, the new operation will focus on three areas of RIT expertise: the graphic arts, energy and communications technology. The profit-making corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of RIT and will manage RIT's graphic arts research activities; the Institute for Applied Energy Studies; and communications systems research in a proposed center.

Selected as first president of the RIT Research Corporation is T. Cyril Noon, former director of engineering for TRW and vice president of Harris Corp. Noon will be moving to Rochester from Tulsa, Okla., where he was chairman of Century Geophysical Corp.

The new corporation begins with grants and contracts totaling approximately \$2 million and includes among its clients Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories, the National Bureau of Standards and Nazareth College.

RIT faculty and students will have the opportunity to participate in the RIT Research Corporation. Institute officials believe the corporation's presence on campus will enhance the academic environment for faculty and students, while providing a research and development arm for the public and private sectors.

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## RIT Research Corporation

Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology (RIT) plans to take a leading position in the exploration of future industrial technologies with the formation of its own research corporation. The major function of the new corporation will be the development and testing of new technology for industrial application. Research will be restricted to those areas in which RIT has established competence.

The RIT Research Corporation is designed to provide technological advancements in graphic arts, currently conducted in RIT's Graphic Arts Research Center; energy, through the Institute for Applied Energy Studies,

and communications, through a center for communications systems research.

"RIT's national and international focus on education in the technologies can be a valuable asset to business and industry in applied research and development programs," explained RIT President Dr. M. Richard Rose. "We will combine expertise from the faculty and staffs of our 10 colleges that will enable the research corporation to address industry's complex interdisciplinary problems. Some products will be patented.

"We will emphasize applied research," Rose stated. "RIT does not intend to enter the theoretical research realm, which our friends at the University of Rochester do so well. The new institute is meant to provide a resource for research and development in the important area of state-of-the-art technology."

T. Cyril Noon, president of the research corporation, will report to Dr. Robert Frisina, RIT senior vice president.

"The applied research concept will allow the Institute to move its widespread competencies closer to the challenges of the new technologies that are now recognized and needed by the leaders of industry," Dr. Frisina stated.

Funding will be sought through individual grants from both the public and private sectors. Dr. Frisina noted that "industry will have a key role in the development of the corporation and its continued support is expected."

In addition to its internationally acclaimed College of Graphic Arts and Photography, of which the Graphic Arts Research Center (GARC) is a part, RIT also is strong in such academic areas as science, engineering, science and the graphic arts could result in a wide range of research such as mechanical engineering and advanced automated imaging technology (ink-jet) and computer-based control systems for text editing, press control and color evaluation. Industrial engineering would emphasize the operations research and systems planning vital to the overall operation of a corporation.

For 25 years, GARC has provided a facility for industry research and for education and has promoted the exploration of a broad range of research subjects. It also has provided a center for seminars that enable industry to pursue specialized areas to keep pace with technology.

Another area of strength applicable to this expansion would involve RIT's School of Computer Science and Technology. Computer applications in graphic arts are increasing daily. RIT's computer science program, with extensive equipment, has one

of the largest, most sophisticated programs in the nation. More than 950 students are enrolled in the program, and two-thirds of all printing students take one or more computer courses. Business and engineering students are also required to take computer courses specifically related to their major.

The graphic arts industry realizes the usefulness of the computer in such areas as information processing, production and financial control, among others. It is considered advantageous to both the graphic arts and computer industries to pursue these areas and to provide stimuli for further applications.

Graphic arts activities at RIT are particularly suited to this type of expansion since they have been developed as part of the College of Graphic Arts and Photography, with its wide range of production equipment, darkroom facilities, measuring instruments and numerous laboratory areas. GARC research specialists, combined with the faculty of the School of Printing and the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, cover essentially every aspect of the graphic arts field. The research corporation will utilize the College of Graphic Arts and Photography facilities together with those of the other RIT colleges.

Dr. Frisina noted the importance of the presence and utilization of the corporation to complement teaching.

"If you look at an applied problem, talent to answer the question lies in different colleges," he said. "This (program) will enable researchers to get together who perhaps have not done so before. The corporation will act as a synthesizing agent among the 10 individual colleges within RIT and, in addition, industry and government."

A center for communication systems studies is planned to direct research toward electronic devices that will benefit the hearing impaired. Broader application of such devices also is expected to solve some of industry's communications problems. Engineers and scientists within RIT will work with speech experts to develop and utilize technology ranging from bio-feedback to speech acoustics.

RIT already provides leadership through the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in state-of-the-art developments in captioning visual materials for the deaf.

"We feel the research corporation development will be regarded by industry as a much-needed resource for knowledge expansion, industry interaction and technologies, and higher education as well, the concept holds great potential and will be aggressively supported by RIT."

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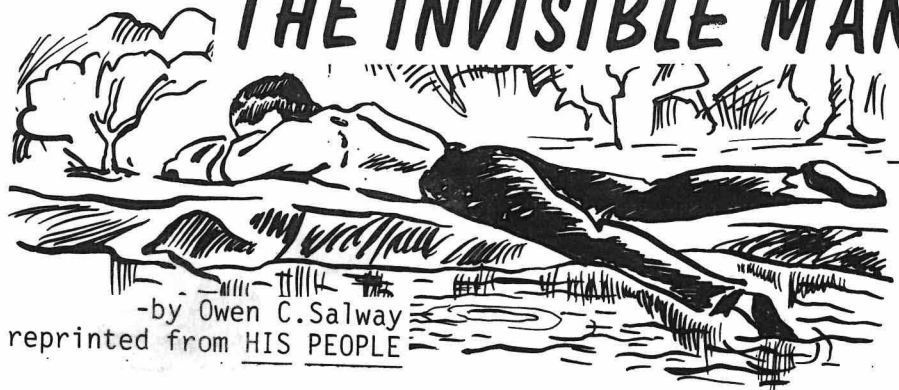




## Children's Page

### The True Story Of

## THE INVISIBLE MAN



-by Owen C. Salway  
reprinted from HIS PEOPLE

Joe Scatorra lifted his shirt and pointed to a round scar.

"This is where the bullet went in.: Pointing to a similar scar on his back, he added, "And this is where it came out."

Joe stood before the small group, a living testimony to God's grace. Who had shot him, and why? Why weren't his bones bleaching in the sun beside some lonely South American riverbank?

The answers came as he continued his story.

"I'm a believer in Jesus Christ. There were many of us, though we were widely scattered." His eyes gazed off into the distance, and from his expression one could tell he was living again the terror of the past.

"Because of our faith we were being persecuted and jailed. When the police arrested any of us, they always said the same thing: 'We're taking you downriver to prison.'

"One day," continued Joe, "my turn came. Supposedly I and others with me were on our way downriver to prison. We had not gone far when we came to a narrow, isolated bridge over the river. Halfway across we were halted. Then they began picking us off one at a time with rifles. Afterwards they kicked our bodies into the river.

"I was still conscious when I hit the water. Slowly I made my way to an overhanging tree along the shore. Somehow I managed to pull myself up onto dry ground, but my strength failed, and I lay there helpless and bleeding.

"I heard the officials searching the shore for me, but I couldn't move. I began to pray. I asked God to keep them somehow from seeing me.

"I lay there on the riverbank fully exposed. The police walked by so close that they almost stepped on me. Yet by some miracle their searching eyes failed to see me. It was as if I weren't there.

"I can't help believing that God made me invisible in answer to my prayer. I don't know how else to account for it.

"Later on I crawled to a nearby shack and stayed there a number of days. My family learned of my escape and walked along the riverbank searching for me. One day my 10-year-old son found me in the shack.

"Go home,' I told him, 'and get me a bottle of disinfectant.'

"My son ran home with the news that I was alive and returned to me with food and disinfectant.

"I remained in hiding until the persecution was over. Then I returned to my family and small farm. Why I was spared I do not know. I'm no braver than others. I'm no more talented. I'm just an ordinary farmer. But one thing I do know: I cried to God for help, and He answered my prayer.

"A year later I went to a doctor in a large city for X-rays and a physical examination. This is the report he gave me: 'The path of the bullet has healed perfectly as if the world's best physician had operated on you.'

"These scars," Joe concluded, "are a reminder to me that though I'm just a poor man, I have a God who cares for me and listens to my prayers."

## What Is An Acolyte?



Acolytes light the candles before church services. They also help the pastor in other ways to make the worship service more meaningful for the congregation. Every year these acolytes and their pastor spend 2 days at a camping retreat. There they study the Bible, ask questions, and enjoy Christian fellowship together.

Before a boy can become a member of this group, he must be recommended by the pastor and the elders of his congregation. Then he is known as a "candidate."

A candidate for the corps is given a "big brother" - an older acolyte who helps him learn about the work of the church. First the candidate must plan a worship service - find a theme for the day, choose the Epistle and the Gospel readings and the hymns, and select a possible sermon text.

Next the candidate receives his testments. He is fitted with a black cassock and white cotta like the one in the picture above.

The candidate learns about all the items on the altar and how each is used in the worship service. Finally he learns the proper way to light and put out the candles.

When a boy has completed his training he becomes an acolyte in a special church service. Then he is ready to take part in a regular worship service of his congregation.

This is the way in which some boys are serving their Savior.

## Apple Painting

-by Robert H. Wright  
from YOUNG EXPLORERS

Let's "paint" apples! But instead of using water colors or oil paints, let's use the sun.

The sun paints - not on paper but on plants. You have seen this many times. In the fall, sunshine helps turn green leaves yellow or red. And the sun paints fruits when they ripen. Everyone has seen apples turning red in the sunshine.

But you don't have to wait for apple harvest time. All year around, apples are in grocery stores, and many of them have green spots. Pick out one of the red apples that is partly green. Don't pick a yellow apple that is not supposed to turn red. Paste a paper design, such as a star, on the green side of the apple. Then put the apple in the sun for a few days. It will turn red. Then peel off the star, and you will have a red apple with a green star!

You can "print" on apples too. Cut out letters from heavy paper, and stick them on the apple with cellophane tape. The sun will color the apple under the tape, but under the letters the apple will stay green. The apple is to be eaten, so don't use any kind of paste that might be harmful. The safest paste is a mixture of flour and water, and it is easy to wash off later.

What can you do with "painted" apples? For a party, apples with the guests names on them can be place cards. An apple with hearts make a fine valentine. You can make "Get Well" or "Happy Birthday" apples. You can think of new ideas of your own. And you will always have the sun to help you.