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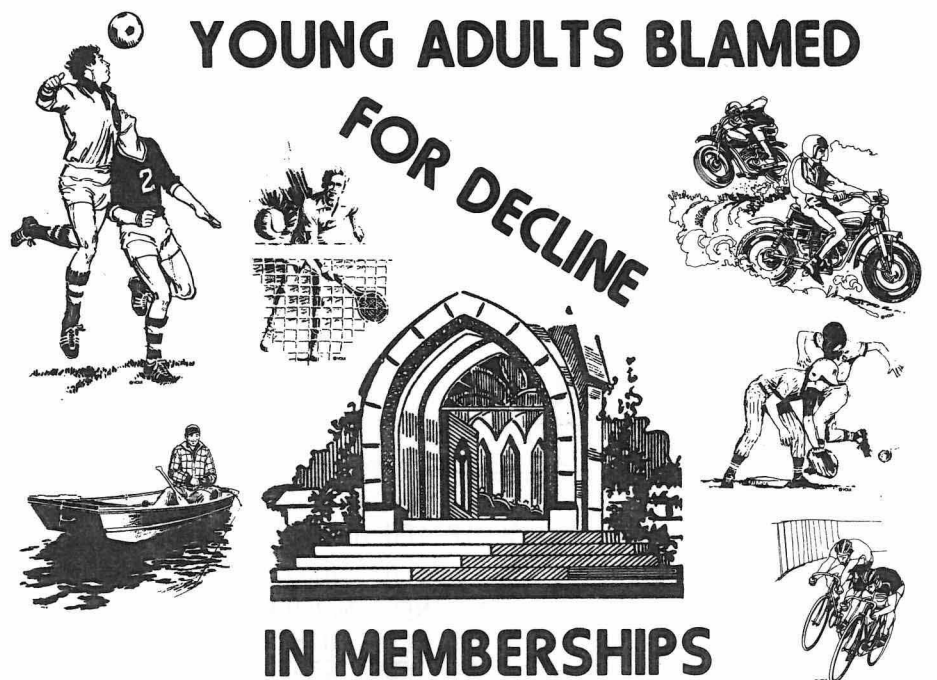


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The failure of baby-boom era young adults, now in their 20s and early 30s to return to the church after their growing up or college year absences, is given by Lutheran leaders as one of the chief reasons for the decline in membership totals during the 1970s.

Dr. Albert Haverset, assistant to LCA Bishop James Crumley, gave two reasons for the ten-year membership decline in the three major Lutheran denominations. Statistics began to be taken more seriously with churches ending up with cleaner membership rolls; and there was a decrease in the number of new congregations started.

While the number of Lutherans in the U.S. and Canada showed a slight decline in 1980, membership losses seem to be leveling off after the larger decreases of the '70s, with the LCA and LCMS reporting slight increases in their U.S. congregations.

The LCA gained 2,170 members in 1980, to a total of 2,923,260. This represents

a loss of 9 percent of its 1970 membership of 3,228,939.

The LCMS gained 11,874 members in 1980, to reach a total of 2,635,055, which is 8 percent less than the 2,877,291 members it had in 1970. More than 100,000 of the lost members joined the newly-formed offshoot of the LCMS - The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. This new body, in turn, lost 5,124 members in 1980, due largely to six congregations which left to join either the LCA or ALC.

A shifting membership pattern developed in the LCMS during the '70s. While it had 63,000 more members in the West and Rocky Mountain states than in the South in 1970, it now has 2,000 more members in the South than in the western regions.

"California has become a losing state for all three Lutheran denominations," said a LCMS spokesman.

The ALC has a decrease of 11,331 members in

1980, bringing its total to 2,352,431. Its 1970 membership was 2,543,293, 8 percent more than at present. Most of these losses took place in the Michigan, Ohio and South Pacific districts. Last year 66,993 were removed from active membership on church rosters for not participating in church life. "The transition from active membership to inactive membership is a major concern of the church," according to the Rev. James E. Peterson, executive assistant to ALC General Secretary Arnold Mickelson.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod continued to buck the trend. It gained 2,479 members in 1980 for a total of 407,564, which is an increase of 7 percent over its 1970 total of 381,321 members.

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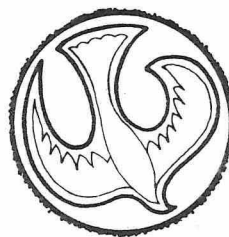
## HOW GOOD A LUTHERAN ARE YOU?

Do you know your Bible as well as you should? Do you know your church as well as you should? The following is a short test on various points of Lutheran doctrine (teachings). The statements given could be entirely true or entirely false. They could be mostly true or mostly false. You should read the statement carefully, and then mark it (a) entirely true, or (b) mostly true, or (c) mostly false, or (d) entirely false. The answers will be found on page 3. If you get most of them wrong, you should definitely join a Bible class. If you get most of them right, you should be teaching a Bible class.

1. God the Father is older than God the Son.
2. It is not true that lower animals evolved into higher animals.
3. It is sinful for the church to become involved in politics.
4. The Virgin Mary never sinned.
5. Peter was the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
6. When God makes up His mind about something -no amount of prayer will change it.
7. Only Lutherans are going to heaven.
8. The Lutheran Church is more strict than many other denominations.
9. Those who believe in God will be saved.
10. The Lutheran school is the best agency for teaching religion to children.

(Answers will be found on page 3)

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"GOD OUR FATHER HAS MADE ALL THINGS DEPEND ON FAITH SO THAT WHOEVER HAS FAITH WILL HAVE EVERY THING, AND WHOEVER DOES NOT HAVE FAITH WILL HAVE NOTHING."  
-Martin Luther

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# This Time, A Bigger Plane!



-from EYES THAT HEAR  
by Rev. Don Zuhn

It seems that waiting in airports for planes provides me with the occasion and sometimes even the inspiration for preparing EYES THAT HEAR. I suppose it is this enforced period of idleness and an occasional desire to put this time to good use that can be conducive to this sort of activity.

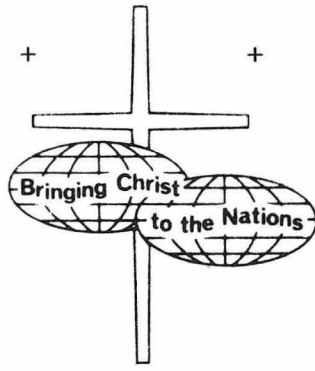
A few months ago, the prospect of flying on a small airline prompted some thoughts on "Small is Beautiful - Growing, More Beautiful." Well, today I am waiting for a Northwest Orient 727, which while not a 747 - "biggie," is certainly not in the rubber-band class. Let's see now - what thoughts can this bigger plane inspire?

It might prompt me to focus on the bigger picture - the mission of God's Church that goes far beyond the ministry among the deaf with which we are especially concerned. How easy it is to have narrow vision that puts it all in better perspective. I suppose that this is a special danger for those serving in a specialized ministry. But taking a closer look at the needs and opportunities for various types of mission within the District or Synod may well suggest some changes in our individual or collective lists of priorities. On the other hand, this process might confirm our current priorities. At any rate, the broader perspective is useful - even necessary! - when submitting subsidy requests or reacting to Mission Committee response to those requests. When resources are limited, as they usually are, it is essential that we remember that ours are not the only opportunities and challenges facing the church.

That bigger airplane also suggests that we focus more on the bigger population of deaf people that remains un-churched. If my estimate is correct that only 15-20 percent of deaf people are church members (compared with approximately 50 percent of the general population), there can be no question but that we have a bigger population needing our ministry. We, as pastors and leaders of the Church, must assist our people to look at the bigger picture.

Certainly our God was not

thinking small when He loved the world, or when the Savior died for all. And with the power that comes from the Spirit, we can be witnesses of our Lord to the ends of the earth. With that power, let's think bigger!



## Know Your Regional Advisor

- CENTRAL - Rev. George Perry
- DIXIE - Rev. Frank Wagenknecht
- EASTERN - Rev. George Natonick
- GREAT LAKES - Rev. Donald Leber
- MID-WEST - Rev. Lavern Mass
- NORTHWEST - Rev. Fred Gehrs
- PACIFIC - Rev. Roy Dahmann

## Personnel Changes

### INSTALLED:

- Rev. David Mueller at Word of God, Cedar Rapids - Sept. 13.
- Rev. Kenneth Schnepf at St. Mark, Baltimore - October 18.

### CALLS ACCEPTED:

Rev. Roger Leonhardt - to the hearing parish at Devel's Lake/Lakota, North Dakota. He will continue deaf ministry in Devil's Lake.

Rev. Prentice Marsh - to a new deaf ministry in Atlanta, Georgia. He will be ordained on November 22nd at Hope, Aurora, Illinois; and will move to Atlanta early in December.

### CALLS RECEIVED:

Rev. George Winkler (Denver) - to a hearing parish at Shamrock, Texas.

### RESIGNATION:

Rev. Larry Larsen (Peoria, Illinois).

### VACANCIES:

DALLAS, MIAMI, PEORIA.

At this writing, it appears that we will have two or three seminary graduates available for calls into deaf ministry in the spring, 1982, placement. At the same time, it appears that there will be four potential vicars for deaf ministry.

"In this powerful way the Word of the Lord kept spreading and growing stronger." Acts 19:20 TEV

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Thank You for Your Contribution!





## A Prayer for The Disabled

-by Rev. Donald Zuhn  
Secretary for Blind and Deaf Ministries  
The Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod

Lord of Life, You have called us to new life in Your Son through the holy waters of Baptism. We pray this day for all who are disabled, whether that disability is physical, mental, emotional, or otherwise. Indeed, we pray for all people, for we confess that there is not one of us who is whole. We have all been disabled by the working of sin in our lives and in the world around us. We all need Your healing touch. Forgive us, Father, for our unwillingness to see Christ in someone who is different from us. Forgive our blindness towards opportunities for serving others. Forgive our deafness towards the cries of those who have been unjustly oppressed and ridiculed. Forgive the lameness of our excuses for failing to see others as You see them, to hear the needs of others as You hear them, and to serve others as You serve them.

You made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk. Grant that also in our day the blind might see the light of Your love, the deaf might hear the good news of Your salvation, and the lame might leap for joy at the proclamation of Your Gospel. Grant our Church wisdom and insight in working with the disabled so that instead of erecting barriers, we might build bridges of love and communication and good-will. Let us see and believe our oneness with all who confess You as Lord. And this day, Father, we pray especially for our Church's convocation on deaf ministry. Let the light of Your Word guide us as we seek new and better ways to share the Gospel with the hearing impaired.

Father, we offer You this prayer in the Name of Him who died and rose again, and now lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
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Jesus Christ does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The Gospel does not change. Christ died on the cross for all people for all time. But the Church must continue its dynamic witness to these unchanging truths in ever new, exciting and more effective ways.

## The Lord Added . . .

at OUR SAVIOR, Detroit, Mich.  
(students at Lutheran School for the Deaf)

Karen Anderson  
Jonathan Brown  
Demetrius Underwood  
Blinda Williams  
Scott Wilson  
Nelson Kowalczyk  
Timothy Johnston  
and  
Shelly Boskovich

at BETHLEHEM, Omaha, Neb.

Lisa Busch

at MESSIAH, Grand Island, Neb.

Kevin Miers

at HOPE, Portland, Oregon

David Mills  
Misty Lyons  
Timothy Foren  
Annie Spurgeon  
William Leeper  
Katherine Foren

at HOLY CROSS, Columbus, Ohio

Elsie Tatman  
Helen Hohman

at EMMANUEL, Milwaukee  
(at Sheboygan)

Patricia Reineck

at VALLEY LUTHERAN, Sacramento

Zelma Williams

## . . . To The Church

(ACTS 2:47)

### YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

Most youth today do not think that they exist just to be served - at least not Lutheran youth. Youth like to serve-provided the service is something needed and fulfilling.

One of the most fulfilling acts of service is to be able to aid the congregation in its mission of proclaiming the Gospel. Our youth can perform it well for their Lord and their church, if given the opportunity.



"I miss the dial. Somehow it doesn't seem proper to 'Punch A Prayer'."

### ANSWERS TO LUTHERANISM TEST

-Test found on page 1

1. (d) Both Father and Son are true God. Both are eternal. None is older than the other.

2. (a) The theory of evolution contradicts both Bible and science. We believe that God created every kind of animal.

3. (c) The Constitution, not the Bible, requires separation of church and state. In Old Testament times the church was the government. On the other hand, the Lutheran Church is reluctant to become involved in politics, not because it is wrong, but because we have more important work to do.

4. (d) Only Jesus never sinned.

5. (d) Judas betrayed Jesus, Peter denied Him.

6. (c) God makes the final decisions. Our prayers cannot force Him to do what is not right. But we don't know what God has decided. He promised to answer our prayer. Therefore we should pray as if we could really change God's mind.

7. (d) Heaven is reserved for those who trust in Jesus as their Savior, whether they are Lutherans or not.

8. (b) The Lutheran Church is strict when it comes to following God's Word. We do not believe that the Bible can be overruled by convenience or reason. However, we are not so strict that we forbid things which the Bible does not forbid.

9. (c) Most people believe in some kind of God. This faith does not save them. Saving faith believes that God has given us eternal life through the death of His Son Jesus Christ.

10. (c) The Lutheran school is an excellent means of strengthening a child's faith and understanding, but the Christian home is still the most important influence upon a child's religion.

-Adopted from  
The "Siloah Lutheran"

### BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECTS

#### UNDERWAY IN 500 LANGUAGES

NEW YORK - United Bible Societies, a worldwide fellowship of 66 national Bible societies, is now directly or indirectly involved in translation projects in some 500 languages around the world.

A report to the American Bible Society here noted that more than 50 persons are employed by UBS as full-time consultants in the translation work. The translation programs are responsibilities of the various Bible societies in whose countries the language is spoken.

Each society is responsible for the entire translation program, all production and distribution.

# ILDA PAGE



## I.L.D.A.'s 1982 - 1983 Mission Projects

### -Bringing the Good News about Jesus to Deaf People in many places . . .

Here are the details of the I.L.D.A. mission projects. As we have read in the previous issue of this publication, I.L.D.A. at the 6th Biennial Convention in Los Angeles this past summer set a very challenging goal. We are all confident that this goal is attainable, but is going to need the prayers and support of all of us!

Rev. Donald Zuhn has four bulletin inserts of those projects that are intended for use at four separate occasions, preferably separated by several weeks. Ten thousand of each have been printed and are available for use in your churches by writing to his office at 500 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102. There is no charge for these. Just indicate how many you need for Sunday bulletins or monthly newsletters. Only 10,000 of the envelopes were printed, not one for each of the inserts. These, too, are free for the asking.

#### DEAF MINISTRY IN INDIA - \$1200

By the grace of God and with the help of an I.L.D.A. Mission Project voted in 1979, the India Evangelical Lutheran Church has begun a new pastoral ministry to deaf people. Mr. D. Christudoss is working with the I.E.L.C. School for the Deaf in Ambur while learning communication skills. It is hoped that he will soon be called and ordained as a pastor for deaf people.

Mr. Christudoss reports: "Our children are very interested to know about Jesus, and they very sincerely listen to the lessons. All prayers, including The Lord's Prayer, are being done in sign method." The I.E.L.C. has opened a school in Tuticorin with 29 students. The school in Ambur has 127 students.

With this mission project the I.E.L.C. will help our Christian brothers and sisters in India to reach out to more and more deaf people - children and adults.

Help Jesus's Word - "OPEN!" - touch the hearts of people ... just as that Word has already touched your heart!

#### DEAF MINISTRY IN HONG KONG ... \$7,200.00

How many deaf people do you suppose live in this Asian city of almost 5,000,000 people? Several thousand, maybe?

The Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod has an active ministry for deaf people. First, there is Mongkok Lutheran School for the Deaf with about 200 children enrolled. Then, there are two churches of deaf people - one in Kowloon with 207 members and another on Hong Kong Island with 92 members.

With this project the ILDA will help our Christian brothers and sisters in these churches to reach out to more deaf people. With our help the LC-HKS can provide a full-time pastor for these churches.

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#### PAX NATURA RANCH ... \$500.00

Pax Natura is becoming very familiar with members of ILDA, with its work of rehabilitating deaf men who had been in institutions. Living at the rehabilitation house in Edmonton and working at the ranch nearby has been very good therapy. Christian love and care makes a big difference!

In the summer of 1980 Russel and Betty Healey, active ILDA leaders in the Central Region, moved to Edmonton from St. Louis for a year of mission service in the Pax Natura Society. That year has now been extended to a second year.

This is one way in which Christian deaf people in the ILDA are serving the Lord Jesus and helping other people to know the Lord too.

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D.L. editor, A. Marshall (right) receiving a "supporters" Pax Natura Ranch cap from Rev. R. Bauer, Director of the ranch

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUND ... \$1,100.00

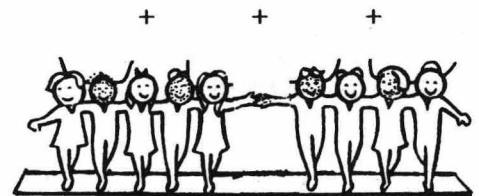
Churches need pastors and other church workers to tell and to teach the Good News ... so do churches of the deaf! We need a continuing supply of pastors and teachers - also in hearing churches - who have the knowledge and skills for ministry with deaf people.

Where do new pastors and teachers come from? From the church's colleges and seminaries. You probably know that the costs of college and seminary education are high - and still rising.

In the past two years the ILDA has given scholarships to two students who are preparing for deaf ministry. These scholarships came from a fund established by the 1979 convention.

This mission project will add to that fund-giving a total of \$2,100.00 for scholarships in the next two years.

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The "Parade of Banners" at the opening of the 6th Biennial Convention.

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## Family Fights To Keep Deaf Child In Local Public School

SPRINGDALE, ARK.: Young Sherry Grace, caught in a school battle between her family and city school board members, has been in court probably more times than most adults do in their lifetimes.

At age 11, the deaf girl has been the subject of Springdale School board hearing, state Department of Education hearings, federal district court proceedings and an appeal to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Each time the ruling body has found in favor of the Graces, ordering the school board to educate Sherry in public school.

An attorney for the school board says he will attempt to get the case into the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sherry, who her mother said apparently was born deaf, entered her third year in Springdale public school this year, as a sixth grader, despite the school board's contention that she would receive a better education at the Arkansas School for the Deaf in Little Rock, 200 miles away.

"We've been having trouble with the School Board for two years," said Sherry's mother, JoAnn Grace.

Mrs. Grace and her husband, Albert, are fighting with the board over the Federal Education for All Handicapped Children Act that instructs states to provide "free and appropriate education" for handicapped children.

"What the school board keep on telling us is 'we want what is best for your daughter' and what they feel is best is Little Rock," Mrs. Grace said.

"But (the act) plainly says that public schools are supposed to provide a free and appropriate education and it is to be based on the needs of the child," she said.

At age 6, Sherry was enrolled as a day student in the Little Rock school, where she stayed for three years.

The Graces made the move from northwest Arkansas to Little Rock because instructors at Bates Elementary School in nearby Fayetteville said, after two years, Sherry was not progressing significantly.

"They've got a program in Fayetteville that is oral," Mrs. Grace said. "By law, those children are hearing impaired. Sherry is totally deaf."

After three years in Little Rock, the Graces moved back to Springdale in 1979 to be closer to family members and to give Sherry a chance in public school.

"She wants to go to school here," Mrs. Grace said. "We asked her before we even moved up here if she wanted to. Her eyes

just brightened up, and she indicated that she did."

With the help of a court-ordered, state-paid special instructor, Sherry has improved her sign language and is progressing in public school, Mrs. Grace said, "A woman comes in from Fayetteville and teaches the other kids sign language so they can communicate with Sherry. Her Sunday School teacher even learned sign language."

Mrs. Grace described Sherry as a normal child who has neighborhood playmates, and takes piano lessons from a Springdale woman who describes Sherry as one of her best students - but has to hear with her eyes and not with her ears.

Springdale attorney James Roy, who represents the city School Board, said he did not question why the Grace family wanted to keep Sherry in public school, but he believes she would receive a better education at the Little Rock facility. "I don't question Mrs. Grace's motives," he said, "I am sure they are as pure as they can be. I question her objectivity. We are fighting this because we don't think it is best for Sherry and in a few years it will be too late. We're not asking that she be placed in the State School for the Deaf, never to depart, but for two or three years until she can develop a foundation."

Although federal law orders "a free and appropriate" education for Sherry, Roy said, the act does not specify whether appropriate means "the best" or "just adequate." Different appeal courts have interpreted the act differently, he said.

"We say 'why isn't Sherry entitled to the best?' the attorney said, "A child needs other people to interact with. We went out and got the best teacher we could find, but the best teacher cannot take the place of other children."

Both sides say money is not an issue, because whatever the outcome, the state is required to finance the girl's education.

"However," Roy said, "the school has spent at least \$16 thousand dollars in legal fees since the controversy began."

Mrs. Grace said a handicapped advocacy organization in Little Rock paid all but the first \$585 of fees for their legal fight.

The question, both sides agree, is where Sherry can receive the best education.

"If Sherry went to the Little Rock School for the Deaf," Mrs. Grace said, "she would just learn to be deaf."

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DISCOVER  
GOD'S WORLD

LETS GET TO KNOW...

Dr. Steven K. Chough,



ADARA  
President

-by Sharon H. Carter

Dr. Steven K. Chough began his term as elected president of the American Deafness And Rehabilitation Association (ADARA) July 1, 1981. Dr. Chough now heads the organization of professionals who work with deaf persons. ADARA, formerly the Professional Rehabilitation Workers With the Adult Deaf, has state chapters and professional sections in addition to its regular membership. Dr. Chough, who is the first known deaf person to obtain his doctorate in Social Work, brings dynamic leadership and an optimistic thrust toward the strengthening and development of the organization. Each professional person who really makes a difference in the quality of life of deaf persons seeks an avenue for further personal and professional development, and to this end Dr. Chough hopes to continue building on the efforts of those who preceded him.

Dr. Chough was before accepting this presidency with ADARA Director of the Center for Deaf Treatment Services (CDTS) at the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital in Northville, Mich. He has held positions as the Administration of the Mental Health and Hearing Impaired Program at the St. Paul-Remsey Medical Center in St. Paul, Minnesota and Coordinator of the Clinical Services for the Deaf at the Minnesota Department of Public Welfare. Dr. Chough resides in Farmington Hills, Michigan with his wife, Nancy, and his two children. He can be reached by writing to the Center for Deaf Treatment Services, Northville, Regional Psychiatric Hospital, Northville, MI 48167.

Working with Dr. Chough on the ADARA Board will be Pres.-Elect Alan Parnes, Director of Social Services for the Hearing Impaired in Flint, Michigan; Secretary-Treasurer David Myers, State Coordinator for the Deaf in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Conference Chairperson Judith Tingley, Program Manager of Services to Deaf Persons in Sacramento, California; Board Member Guy Deaner, Counselor Education Department at the California State University in Sacramento; William McCrone of the Department of Counseling at Gallaudet College, Washington, DC; Past-President Sue Ouellette of the Dept. of Communication Disorders at Northern Illinois University; Board Member Eugene Petersen of the Goodwill Industries in Indianapolis, Indiana; and Board

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NEWS ITEMS:

The Donald Leber family is rejoicing about two new additions - a new daughter, Rachel Jenine, born on October 3, and a new home at 5036 Lemontree Lane, Columbus, OH 43230.

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Congratulations also to the Mark Seeger family (Rochester, New York) who rejoice at the birth of their own Rachel in August.

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Congratulations to Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland at the dedication of their remodeled church building on November 29.

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Our prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace on behalf of the Jerry Munz family (Indianapolis). On October 21, Joyce's father died following a lengthy illness, and on the same day, she underwent major surgery. After a stay in the hospital for some complications, she is now home; but will have to return for another operation in December. Reports are good that she is going to be healed!

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WALK WITH ME

Walk with me, Oh Lord I pray,  
Give me strength throughout the day,  
Take my problems big and small,  
Lift me when I tend to fall.

Walk with me, Oh Lord I pray,  
Prompt me what to do and say,  
Let me feel you always there,  
Lift me when I feel despair.

-by Helen Parker

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"And do you promise to love, cherish, and protect her in sickness and in health and until medicare can take over?"

COURT TO HEAR  
DEAF-PUPIL RIGHTS CASE

Washington, D.C. - The Supreme Court, in a case that may strain public school budgets nationwide - said recently it will decide whether certain deaf children are entitled to free classroom interpreters.

The justices will review rulings that federal law requires a Westchester County, N.Y., school district to provide 10-year-old Amy Rowley with a sign-language interpreter.

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HUH?

A little boy attended church service for the first time. On the way home he said to his father, "Daddy, wasn't that nice of the man to pass money around to us on a plate? I got two dollars; what did you get?"

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF

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Pilgrim, Los Angeles

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Our Redeemer,  
Seattle, Washington

They will serve for the next two years. CONGRATULATIONS!

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NEWS WORTH REPEATING!

A major mission project for I.L.D.A. during the next two years is to support deaf ministry in Hong Kong. This project is for \$300 a month for two years, or a total of \$7200!

It is hoped that every deaf congregation in the LC/MS will eagerly support this project, (as well as the other 3 I.L.D.A. mission projects. See page 4 of this issue). There are two churches of the deaf-Hong Kong and Kowloon with almost 300 members. Reports indicate that these are active, growing churches that are bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to many people.

The Lutheran Church- Hong Kong Synod is seeking additional support from churches so that this deaf ministry can continue to grow and prosper. A total of \$1,300 a month is needed (or \$10,800 a year) - \$900 a month for the pastor's salary, and \$200 a month for other expenses in each of the two churches.

Would your church consider making a special mission commitment of \$500 or \$1000 a year for two years to support deaf ministry in Hong Kong? This would be separate from your church's regular mission commitment to the

District and Synod, and this would also be separate from the I.L.D.A. mission project.

In this way your church can have a very personal relationship with this mission of the church. Your church can receive letters and reports on the progress of this ministry, and you can write to these churches with your prayers and encouragement.

For more information or answers to questions, write or call

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(Home TTY - after 6 pm)  
314/487-9015 or ask your pastor to call.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

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REV. DAVID MUELLER was installed as pastor of WORD OF GOD in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on Sept. 13th.

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DEVOTION from Pastor Petzoldt

Did you ever hear this story about the old shepherd who lived out on the wide-open desert of northern Arizona?

This old codger lived in a mud hut called a hogan and got along in a lonely kind of life.

One day he decided to go to town for supplies. He threw a blanket over his donkey and headed for town. The trip took several days.

When he got to the city, he was attracted to a television set and saw a western movie. This was a new experience--the trading posts never had any TV sets.

He was so excited about watching TV that he decided to get one for himself. WOW! He was thrilled with the thought! Cowboy and Indian movies just right there in his hogan!

So he traded almost all of his savings for a TV set.

How to get the TV set home! And how he struggled with the donkey and TV set, you will never know.

Sometime later he arrived home only to find himself more lonely than before--and very unhappy! He couldn't get any TV programs.

Why not? Can you guess?

The TV set was all right, but the electric power line stopped 100 miles from his hogan.

No one told him that he had to "Plug it into" the power.

....Perhaps you laughed, too, when you read about the old man and his TV, but isn't human nature just like that?

People look for some measure of happiness, comfort, security, and they admire people who already seem to have what they want.

Have you ever thought why some Christians are happily busy helping others? Or why they are cheerful when they have problems? Or why they are quietly full of trust and hope when they are in deep trouble?

Really, we could say they are "plugged into" their power--Jesus Christ.

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# AAL News

APPLETON, WISCONSIN -- A major new film about the life of Martin Luther has been released by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).



"Where Luther Walked" was filmed on location in the German Democratic Republic at sites important to Luther's life: at Erfurt, where Luther was ordained a monk and later a priest; at the castle of Wartburg, where he translated the Bible; and at the University of Wittenberg, where he taught, married and raised a family.

One of the nation's foremost Luther scholars, Yale professor Roland Bainton, provides the narration by retelling stories from his famous book, Here I Stand; A Life of Martin Luther.

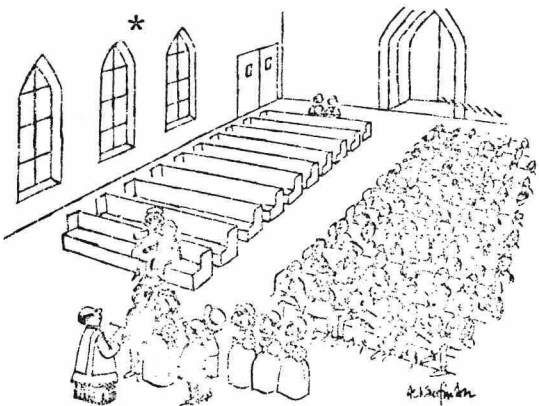
Thirty years in print, the book has been translated into six languages and sold more than one million copies. The 87-year-old Bainton skillfully paints a touching picture of Luther's personal side, as well as his public personality. Bainton also relives Luther's feelings about being a husband and a father.



AAL initiated the \$200,000 project for two reasons: to increase awareness of and appreciation for Lutheran heritage, and to honor Luther on the 500th anniversary of his birth (1983).

The half-hour film was produced by Filmedia of Minneapolis with Ray Christensen directing. Copies of the film will be shown across the country to Lutherans and other audiences through AAL's 5,600 local branches.

AAL is the nation's largest fraternal benefit society, in terms of assets and life insurance in force. AAL's 1.3 million members participate in the Association's insurance and fraternal programs through their local branches. In addition, each year AAL awards hundreds of grants to Lutheran institutions and other not-for-profit organizations on behalf of AAL members to reflect their interests and the causes they support.



"He wanted a small wedding and she wanted a large one."

# THE DOOR

OCTOBER brings memories. Among them are the year-by-year colorful leaves in our area. But memories are not limited to the physical. October does open up our memories to something spiritual...the posting of the 95 theses by Martin Luther on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg, Germany.

A few years ago as we traveled into Wittenberg, East Germany, everyone could see the castle church looming in the distance. But even with that big church before our eyes, none were asking about the church. The only question was about a door--"are we going to see the door?" Of course, the door (no longer the original) asked about was the door Luther used to tack up those theses - the heartbeat of which was salvation by grace, through faith in Christ to those who repent of their sins.

And that brings us to the Big Door which Jesus pointed out when He said, "I am the door, by Me if any man enter, he will go in and out and find pasture." What a good pasture He has for us! "The Words which I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are Life." "I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven." "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in Me though he were dead yet shall he live!"

Enter the Jesus door! May it always be a joy to you to come in and go out and find that "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures!"

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## DEVOTION from Pastor Petzoldt

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The opposite is really true. Some people just live without the Lord's power, and then problems and troubles come, they don't seem to have enough faith and hope to pull them through. And they don't have enough to share with anyone else who may need their help.

Jesus once said: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." (John 15:5).

To say it another way: We need to eat to stay healthy. so Christians need to feed on God's Word and the Lord's Supper often -to stay "plugged in". Christians need to stay close to their power source by prayer and devotion. So, you, whoever you are, "plug into" your power!

## NIGHTLY NEWS SUMMARIES CLOSED-CAPTIONED TEXT SERVICE

September 21 marks the debut of a new, important news service for hearing-impaired viewers. The Nightly News Summary, a report of the day's important news events, premieres on ABC television stations, using the closed-captioning system's text capabilities.

The Nightly News Summary is broadcast on the "TEXT C1" channel of TeleCaption units, Monday through Friday, during ABC's "World News Tonight" (early evening) and "Nightline" (late evening). News summaries can be seen on weekends during ABC network news broadcasts. The service will also include special news bulletins whenever significant events occur.

"Hearing-impaired people want and deserve access to televised news and information. We are proud to have perfected the technology to offer TeleCaption viewers current news updates at a convenient time, and we are grateful to ABC-TV and its affiliates for their cooperation." said National Captioning Institute President John E.D. Ball.

The Nightly News Summary supplements other exciting developments using the closed-captioning service's Text channel. NCI recently announced the introduction of PLUS, the Program Listing Update Service, on TEXT C2." Sears, Roebuck and Co. sells the TeleCaption decoding units in their catalog and retail outlets.

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## DR. STEVEN K. CHOUGH, ADARA PRES.

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Member William Woodrick from the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation at the University of Tennessee. The two non-voting Board Members include the editor of the organization's official publication, the Journal of Rehabilitation of the Deaf, Dr. Glenn T. Lloyd of Morganton, North Carolina; and Sharon H. Carter, Executive Director of ADARA in Silver Spring, Maryland.

A personal invitation is extended from the new ADARA President to the readers of The Deaf Lutheran to become involved in the activities of ADARA and to join the association and help strengthen the network of professionals and individuals interested in the field of deafness. Please contact the American Deafness And Rehabilitation Association for more information at 814 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

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## THE WIDOW'S MITES

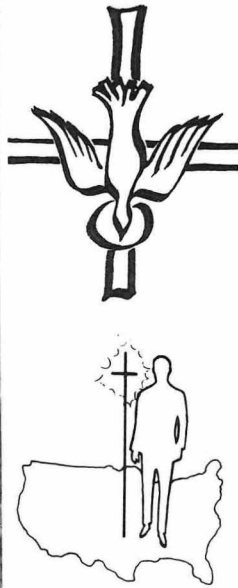
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# Children's Page



## Where Did Your Pastor Come From?



One way to find the answer to the question "Where did your pastor come from?" is to ask him. He will be happy to tell you. His story will help you know that you, too, can ask God to guide you to tell others about Jesus.

Your pastor's story is a special story. There is only one like it. It is his story and his only. It is the story of how God guided him to be a worker in His kingdom.

You might be surprised to learn when your pastor first wanted to become a pastor. Some pastors first gave some thought to it when they were younger than you. Many others first got the desire to do God's will as a pastor when they were your age. But others did not desire to do so until they were older.

When is the right time to decide? Boys who want to become pastors can begin with prayer and work. They can ask God to bless their work at school. They can ask God to give them the necessary gifts to become one.

Remember, all followers of Jesus can serve Him by telling others about God's love. But if you want to serve Jesus as a pastor, pray and study for His help to do so.

### GUIDE FOR CLASSROOM USE

**AIM:** To encourage boys and girls to talk about becoming professional church workers. **PURPOSE:** (Understanding) Jesus called some to be ministers, some to be teachers. (Attitude) I want to do the will of God. (Conduct) I ask God to help me bring others to faith in Jesus. **NOTE:** Although some children might not have the talent to become professional church workers, they can still fulfill their calling to tell others about Jesus. Eight- and nine-year-olds are capable of making a decision to want to become workers in the church.

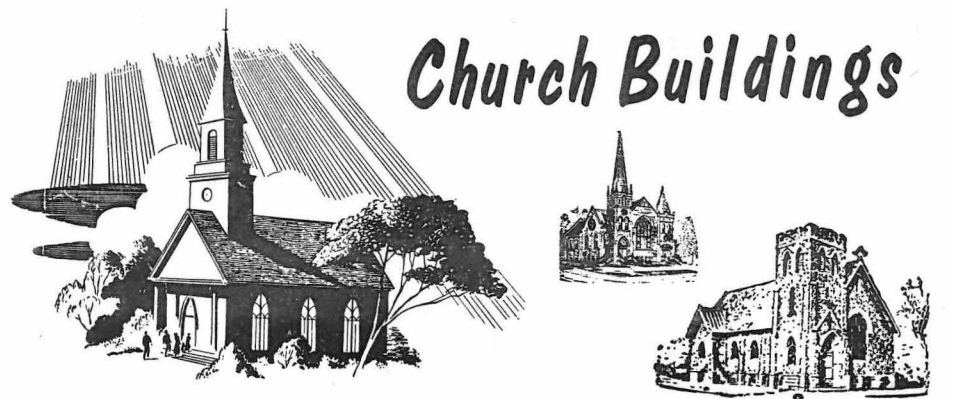
### Letters From Children

are often brief, straight-forward, and often amusing. Some recently received come out like this:



Dear Pastor: I know God loves me but I wish He would give me an "A" on my report card so I could be sure. Love, Theresa. (Age 8, Milwaukee)

Dear Pastor: Could you say a special prayer for my Aunt, Beatrice? She has been looking for a husband for 12 years and still hasn't found one yet. Yours sincerely, Debbie. (Age 9, Duluth.)



## Church Buildings

What do you think of when you see a church building? Sometimes a church building tells a happy story. Churches are built by people who want to worship God. They know God loves them and sent His Son, Jesus, to save them. They want to show their love for God. They want others to know God too. This is one reason why people build churches.

But church buildings sometimes tell a sad story too. Sometimes the followers of Jesus build a big church. Many people go to the church. They love God's house and want to worship Him. But after a while the people grow careless. They forget to worship God as they should. Sometimes only a few people go to the church.

An empty church is sometimes like Jesus' empty tomb because Jesus is not there. He's not there because the people aren't there. True followers of Jesus go outside to look for the missing people. They are like the rich man's servants who went into the highways to call the poor to the rich man's dinner.

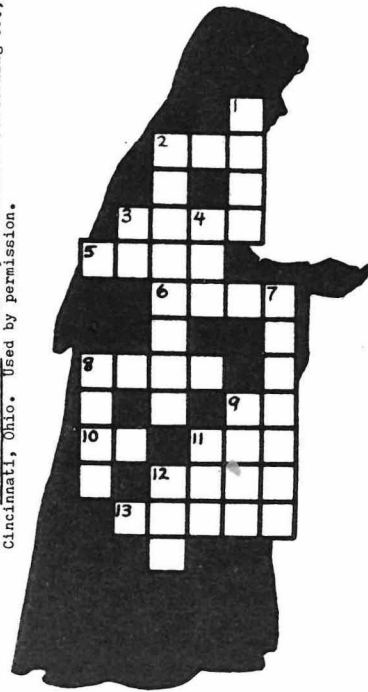
How can you help your church tell a happy story?



## The Widow's Mites

(Read Mark 12:41-44)

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### Across:

- 2—The widow threw \_\_\_\_\_ mites into the treasury.
- 3—Listen to.
- 5—Jesus could \_\_\_\_\_ the sick.
- 6—Leave secretly.
- 8—Jesus said the widow gave \_\_\_\_\_ than the rich people.
- 9—Myself.
- 10—Toward.
- 11—To damage.
- 12—Wish for.
- 13—Many rich people cast in much \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down:

- 1—The widow was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2—Where Jesus was watching people cast money.
- 3—Him.
- 4—The widow gave \_\_\_\_\_ the money she had.
- 7—Being poor and needy.
- 8—A small coin.
- 9—Hair on a horse's neck.
- 11—A person.
- 12—Triumphed.

(Answers to puzzle on page 7)

