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A New Beginning

-by Rev. Don W. Zuhn
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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Is this what New Year is all about -a new beginning? It is true that the first day of January does let us change the calendar to a new year, this time to 1983. We have made a new beginning there.

Many people like the chance to make a new beginning of a new year, because they hope and pray that the new year will bring better fortune (they call it "luck") than the old year gone by brought them. December 1982 brought floods to some people of the United States, spring-like storms to others, winter-type blizzards to many people. And for many people, the entire year meant financial hardships; many had no jobs and could not find jobs, and the cost of living kept going higher. They hope for a new beginning.

Other people want a new beginning for their personal lives, because they are not very pleased with what they see in themselves. They see bad habits that they want to overcome. Or they see a personal problem that they hope will go away. So they make a lot of NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. "This year I will stop smoking.. This year I will begin a diet and lose some weight... This year I will work harder on the job and get that promotion I have been wanting...etc...etc."

You know about such resolutions; ...they usually don't last more than a couple of days or maybe a couple of weeks. Then they are forgotten. Not such a great new beginning!

But there is hope for a new beginning, because that new beginning has already begun! The important thing to remember is that God has done it, not we ourselves. That new beginning happened at Bethlehem almost 2000 years

ago...that new beginning was the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

God decided to make all things new through His Son Jesus. Jesus was born...Jesus lived on earth about 33 years...Jesus died on the cross...Jesus rose from the grave. He did all this for one purpose: to make us new. With Jesus our sins are forgiven. With Jesus we do begin new each day, not just on the first day of the new year.

With Jesus's help we also have the power to change bad habits and sinful ways. Now NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS can really have meaning. Now these resolutions are not something we will do ourselves...they are something that we will do with God's power and help.

A new beginning - yes, indeed! May our wonderful God give each of you a new year filled with His rich blessing!

THE SHEPHERDS WENT HOME

It was finished. They went home...back to their fields...back to their sheep...back to their work.

The shepherds had celebrated the first Christmas.

They waited for it, but they never prepared for it. No practice rehearsals, no program or pageant, no cards, no shopping, no parties --only one worship service. It was short and sweet. And now it was finished.

They thought about it and talked about what happened.

That bright light--not made with electricity. That was the glory of the Lord shining.

That preacher--dressed in white--he said it all in a few words, *Don't be afraid, I am here with good news for you which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's town, your Savior was born--Christ the Lord!*

That choir--it was the heavenly host of angels--the largest choir ever, the best ever heard, singing for the smallest congregation of a few shepherds.

Let's go and see!

"They came"... "They worshipped"... "They went home"...

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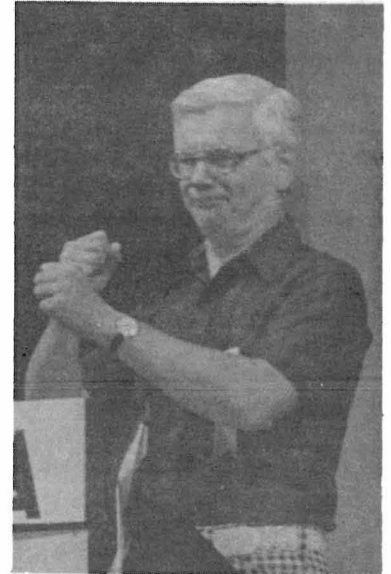
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NOTICE: Nearly all the telephone numbers listed above are also connected with a TTY/TDD.

From the ILDA Treasurer



*To My Brothers and Sisters
in Christ:*

In just a few short months, the 7th biennial convention of the INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION will convene in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. According to preparations being made by the local planning committee, comprised of members of Trinity Lutheran Church, this promises to be a convention second to none that we have held in the past

Planning a convention, and indeed floating one, takes much careful thought and hard work. It also requires the prayerful support of the association members, for whom it is being arranged.

As we enter a new year, we can see all the wonderful and great blessings that our all gracious and bountiful God has poured out on us as we pause to look where we have been and our path to the future. Our commitments to missions, as approved almost two years ago at Los Angeles, have nearly been met. Although we

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1983 ILDA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORMS



ILDA 1983 CONVENTION
PITTSBURGH, PA.
JULY 21 - 24, 1983

USE THIS FORM FOR
CONVENTION AND EVENTS
REGISTRATION ONLY!

REGISTRATION FEE: (must!)
How many?

ILDA Members \$5. _____
Non Members \$8. _____

FOOD-optional-your choice

Thurs. Buffet \$12. _____

Fri. Breakfast \$8. _____

Sat. Picnic \$5. _____

Sat. Banquet \$20. _____

Sun. Breakfast \$8. _____

EVENTS- (your choice)

Friday:
RiverCruise \$4.50 _____

Friday:
City Tour \$4.50 _____

Friday:
DinnerCruise \$18. _____

Friday:
Baseball Game \$8. _____

Friday Entertainment at
Hilton Hotel \$2. _____

TOTAL..... _____

WORKSHOPS - (your choice)

(Saturday Afternoon
from 2:30 - 5:30 PM)

#1 Witness Workshop
(Evangelism) _____ -How many?

#2 Discovering and Using
Your Spiritual Gift

#3 Choir Sign/Singing
Workshop (How many?) _____

SEND TO:

ILDA Coordinating Comm.
Trinity L/Church-Deaf
409 Swissvale Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221

The Pittsburgh Hilton

Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

ILDA 1983 CONVENTION
JULY 21-24, 1983

Use this form for HOTEL
Reservation only!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone/TTY: AC ____ / _____

ROOM RESERVATION

___ SINGLE-(1 person)
@\$58/night. ___ nights

___ DOUBLE-(2 to a room)
@\$68/night. ___ nights.

___ TRIPLE-(3 to a room).
@\$80/night. ___ nights.

___ QUAD-(4 to a room).
@\$92/night. ___ nights.

(Children stay free in
room with parents. No age
limit). All rooms have
Radio, ColorTV, Air Cond.

Check the kind of room
you want and for how many
nights.

Arrive: Date _____ Time _____

Name(s) of room mates.

DEPOSIT _____

SEND TO ADDRESS ABOVE.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE REGISTRATION FORMS ON THE LEFT...

The longer one on the extreme left can be filled out to take care of the needs of more than one person traveling to the convention together. For example if you and your wife are ILDA members then you mark the first blank \$5 X2= \$10; Thurs. Buffet \$12 X2=24, etc., etc. Add up the total and enclose your check or money order and mail it to the ILDA Coordinating Comm whose address is at the bottom of the form. DO NOT SEND CASH!

On this Registration Form write your name along the dotted edge on the right. The envelop in which this is sent should have your name and address clearly on the return portion of the envelop.

Use the other form to get your room reservation made. It has the name of the hotel where the convention will be held: The Pittsburgh Hilton.

Details on the form are all clear. When you have decided on the room you want fill this form out and send it to the hotel whose address is simply 'Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222. Do not send it to The Coordinating Committee at Trinity Lutheran Church.

A nice deposit (usually one day's rate) should guarantee your room being ready when you arrive. Again, make sure you send only checks or money-orders and NO cash!





PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE ILDA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS



-from Lester Ahls, ILDA President-elect
Chairman, Law Committee

(These changes were approved as revised by the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors at a regular scheduled board meeting in St. Louis, Missouri October, 1982, and are to be acted on at the 7th Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. July 21-24, 1983).

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CONSTITUTION:

Article III, Page 1

Delete "500 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102" and insert in its place "1333 South Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63122, (314) 965-9000".

Rationale: Home office of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has moved to a new building.

BY-LAWS:

Article III, Section D (5a) Page 10 OFFICERS

Delete the number "twenty (20)" and insert the number "sixty (60)" where it appears between the words "least" and "days".

Rationale: Better preparation and flexibility in planning for future Executive and Directors' meetings.

Article VII, Section A Page 15

Regional Pastoral Advisors - Election (1)

Proposed revision approved by board 10-30-81: "The regional pastoral advisors shall be elected at a regional convention by a majority vote from a slate of candidates submitted to the regional convention by the congregations and fields of that region and selected from the clergymen or licensed lay ministers

serving the deaf congregations and fields of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in that region."

To delete the words "or licensed."

Article VIII, Section B (2) Page 17

Delete "twenty (20)" where it appears between the words "least" and "days" and insert the words, "sixty (60)".

Rationale: Similar to Article III above.

Article IX, Section B (1) Page 18

Present: The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually as called by the president for the purpose of attending to association business affairs.

Proposed: "Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called as needed by the President for the purpose of attending to the association business affairs."

Rational for proposed change in Article IX:

Having a rule requiring at least two annual meetings may not be necessary or financially wise; some latitude in this regard is needed.

Article X, Section C (1) Page 19

Delete the words "twenty (20)" where it appears between the words "least" and "days" and insert in its place "sixty (60)".

Rationale: Similar in Articles III and VIII.

Article XV, Page 24

Delete entire article.

Rationale: Said Handbook has never been made.

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From the ILDA Treasurer

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have entered into difficult economic times, God, through our blessed Savior, have not withheld His grace from us. We have continued with the task we set before ourselves to do, and with His help we shall continue to reach the goals.

The Great Commission from our Lord to "go and tell all nations" will continue to be our inspiration and guiding light in 1983. We are living in uncertain times; very dark clouds seem to be gathering on the horizon. Still, we have His divine promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION is important to all of us, to you and to me. Your membership is also very important, even if we are just one, many of us working together can accomplish much for the Lord and the work He has entrusted us to do for Him. That is the purpose of my visit to you today through the pages of this publication. Although I really wish I could call on you personally, this way is the next best thing.

Most memberships in our Association expire on March 1 of each year and pledges to GOD'S ONE THOUSAND CLUB on December 31st. In the past, renewals of memberships and pledges did play a significant role in the financial aspect of the work of our association has done. My purpose today is to encourage you to renew your membership and pledge another year so that our work may continue.

Annual ILDA membership dues is still only \$5.00. Pledges to GOD'S 1,000 CLUB is \$10.00.

God bestows His blessings on both the gift and the giver.

Plan on attending the 7th Biennial ILDA Convention this summer in Pittsburgh from July 21-24. Join with others who, like yourselves, want to praise and give glory to God, who has been good to us.

May He bless you all through the new year of 1983!

With joy and peace in Him who came to save us,

Elmer D. Francisco,
Treasurer,

CUT OUT AND MAIL TO:

Elmer D. Francisco,
I.L.D.A. Treasurer
6861 East Nevada Ave.
Detroit, Mich. 48234

YES!

I want to continue as a member of the International Lutheran Deaf Association.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____

Enclosed is my check or money order of \$5.00 per person.

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YES!

I want to continue my support GOD'S 1000 CLUB!

Enclosed please find my check or money order of \$10.00 per person for this year 1983!

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____



at the
7th BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION
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THE SHEPHERDS

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Now it is finished--they were the first to celebrate the first Christmas.

But it was not finished for them. It was now beginning...singing praises to God Telling people.

Now it was a new life... a new purpose...a new start.. ..a new goal...

Christmas is finished for us this year, right? Or is it just now beginning?

Praising God and telling people!

That is the real feeling that God's people have. That's what happens when we really celebrate Christmas.

God gave His precious gift to us--His Son, our Savior. We celebrate His birth. We give ourselves to activities that praise His name.

We praise Him and tell people.

For you? Is Christmas finished? Or did Jesus touch your life, too!

-adapted from
Lutheran Bible Translator

Dr. Ted Raedeke



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'PROFESSIONAL GROWTH WORKSHOP

At a recent conference and workshop for pastors in the Deaf Ministry which was held in St. Louis, Missouri, and at Concordia Seminary, the title of the workshop was "HOW".

That means Hands Offering Worship. Thirty Lutheran pastors were in attendance to develop signable versions of the new worship services in the new Lutheran Worship. For four days they listened to good lectures on the concept of worship and the new hymn book. They also spent time trying to decide on signs as close to ASL as they could for the services.

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CREATED FOR CARING

The Deaf Lutheran just received information concerning the Lutheran Congress to be held early in March (4-6), 1983 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The theme 'CREATED FOR CARING' centers around the idea that God has created us as a caring person(s). Through our faith we reach out to others in a Christ centered caring way. The cost for the Congress is \$69.00 for all expenses except meals. If you are interested in attending write to:

Isaiah 29 Center
Southeastern Dist. LC/MS
P.O. Box 10415
Alexandria, VA 22310-0415

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NEW NATIONAL CENTER

To provide accurate and timely information on topics dealing with deafness, Gallaudet College in Washington, DC, has established the National Information Center on Deafness. The result of cooperation with hundreds of concerned individuals and organizations, the Center is designed to serve both hearing impaired persons and the general public.

Staff of the center will be able to address inquiries concerning education, research demographics, law, and barrier-free design, among other topics. Where specific information cannot be supplied, staff will refer inquiries to other sources of information. The center is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The address is The National Information Center on Deafness, Gallaudet College, Kendall Green, Washington, DC 20002. (202) 651-5109 (voice and TDD).

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...The Most complete bibliography of literature related to employment of deaf persons is now available from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology.

The bibliography lists articles on employment and the deaf, plus related areas such as safety, insurance, law, and driving. Also included are lists of current media products (films, videotapes....

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THE DEAF AND HEARING DOGS

If you are interested in obtaining a hearing dog, here is a few interesting things you should know about those dogs. This information was taken from Faith Newsletter

from Spokane, Washington. Pastor Hewitt.

The best place for a such a special dog is with a family where everyone is deaf. It is hard to place a hearing dog where a hearing person lives with the family-- sometimes the hearing person will spoil the dog's training.

Having a second untrained dog is not good either, because that untrained dog will bother or confuse the hearing dog.

It takes four months to train a dog, so they will be very careful in finding the right home. People who get a hearing dog will be trained with the dog the last few weeks.

For more information, write:
CINDY DEASY
E. 418 Nora
Spokane, WA 99207

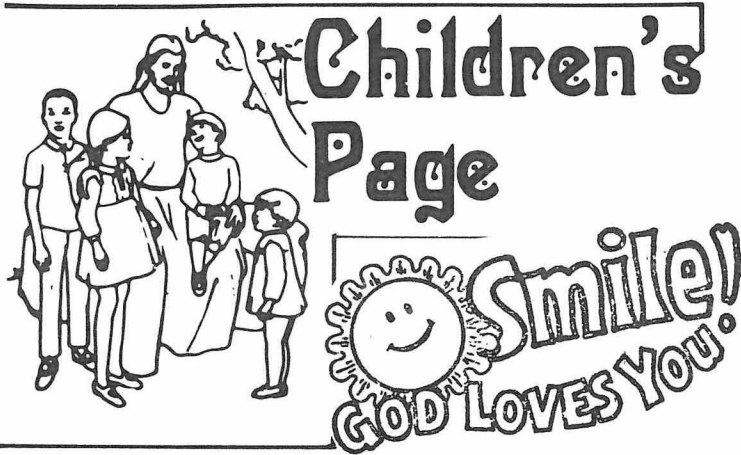
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**DISCOUNTS OFFERED
TO TDI MEMBERS**

You can rent a car from National Car Rentals at a discount; you can obtain a room at the Ramada Inn for a family or group of 4 for the price of one person; you can purchase a card at a discount from Medex containing your medical information in case you are alone and need medical assistance. Plus, if you buy a color TV with built-in decoder or a Telecaption adapter, you will get a free TDI membership which entitles you to a copy of the International Telephone Directory and GA-SK, our publications.

These benefits are available to all TDI members. Non-members can apply for TDI memberships.

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FOR THE DEAF, INC.
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301)589-3006 Voice & TTY



one to show the people how to be safe.

After a while rules to help people be safe were made. Boys and girls were happy they could go to school.

Now there are rules for fathers and mothers who work. There are rules for the family at home. There are rules for boys and girls at school. The rules help everyone keep safe.

Can you tell the rules you learn at church and Sunday school? These rules were given by God. Followers of Jesus remember Jesus' love. Then they remember the rules God gave them. These rules help them show their love for Jesus.

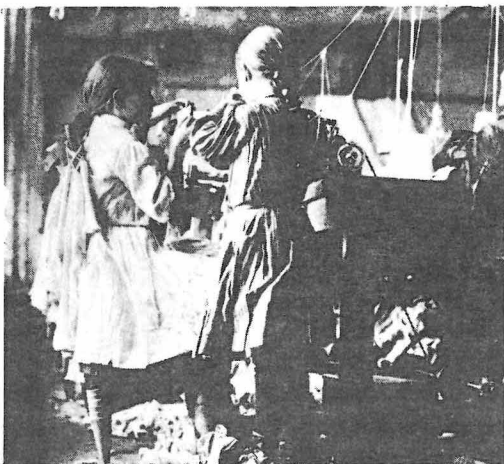
rules to keep you safe



Long ago these boys worked many hours each day in a coal mine.

Long ago, when your great-grandfather and great-grandmother were children, many boys girls did not go to school. But they went to work everyday. They worked on Saturday too. Sunday was their only day off.

Often boys and girls did hard work. Sometimes they got hurt. Some children had no shoes of their own. Sometimes they did the same work that grown-ups did. There was no

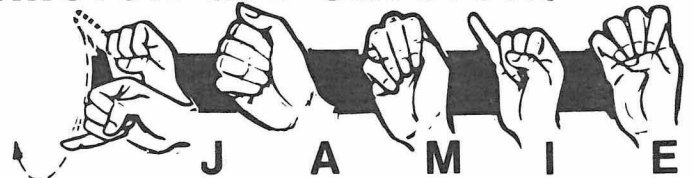


These two girls made dresses.



This boy had no shoes for work.

children are different



Like you, Jamie is one of God's children. He's 6 years old and looks like other boys his age. Jesus Loves him and Jamie loves Jesus. Jamie goes to school and church like you.

Yet just as you are different in some things from your own friends, so is Jamie.

Jamie is deaf. He can't hear. But Jamie can use his hands to tell others what he is thinking. Isn't it wonderful that even though each person is different from others, God loves us all the same! He sent us Jesus, the Savior. What special way has God blessed you?

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER Lord, Make A Regular Man Out Of Me!

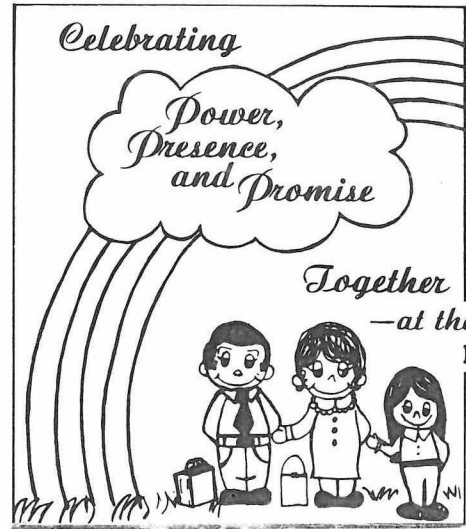
-by Edgar A. Guest

*This I would like to be - braver and bolder,
Just a bit wiser because I am older,
Just a bit kinder to those I may meet,
Just a bit manlier taking defeat;
This for the New Year my wish and my plea -
Lord, make a regular man out of me!*

*This I would like to be - just a bit finer,
More of a smiler and less of a whiner,
Just a bit quicker to stretch out my hand,
Helping another who's struggling to stand,
This is my prayer for the New Year to be,
Lord, make a regular man out of me!*

*This I would like to be - just a bit fairer,
Just a bit better, and just a bit squarer,
Not quite so ready to censure and blame,
Quicker to help every man in the game,
Not quite so eager men's failings to see,
Lord, make a regular man out of me!*

*This I would like to be - just a bit truer,
Less of a wisher and more of a doer,
Broader and bigger, more willing to give,
Living and helping my neighbors to live!
This for the New Year my prayer and my plea-
Lord, make a regular man out of me!*



We want YOU in the ILDA today!

*Rejoice with us in Christ's love!
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