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## District's Deaf Mission Outreaches To State's Retarded Youth

The Rev. C. Roland Gerhold of St. Matthew's Deaf in Newark, "signing" Jesus.



One of the most exciting things that has happened to deaf ministry this past year has been the request of the Greenbrook Regional Center and the Hunterdon State School in Clinton, asking that Pastor C. Roland Gerhold of St. Matthew's Deaf in Newark, give a "religious experience" in the language of signs.

At the Greenbrook Regional Center, just one block east on Route 22 in Greenbrook, the group originally numbered 10 geriatric retarded persons which subsequently has been expanded to forty. The older retarded are being prepared to leave institutions from which they came and go to homes and employment in the community surrounding them.

The Hunterdon State School is giving retarded hearing handicapped and speech problem young people to this "religious experience" that Pastor Gerhold is conducting. Both the School Recreation Department, under which this

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## NEWS ABOUT THE 7th BIENNIEL ILDA CONVENTION IN PITTSBURG THIS SUMMER

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In the last issue I made up a Convention and Events Registration form. The information that had been sent to me and which I used has since then been changed. The change really slight, but could be a burden to the Convention Committee if it's use was continued. In this issue and on page 8 is a new registration form that should be used. See you all at the convention!*

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-by Ruth G. Ludivico, Publicity and Henry D. Walls, General Chairman: 1983 ILDA Convention

### Some interesting facts about the 1983 ILDA Convention and its location:

1. The Pittsburgh Hilton is the site of the convention. It is in the heart of "The Golden Triangle" of what is now known as America's "Renaissance City". In the immediate area is Point State Park, Three Rivers Stadium, cable car transportation to the top of Mount Washington, the Civic Area. Detailed information on all this will be found in your packet when you come to the convention.
2. The Pittsburgh Hilton is ultra-modern, perfect for conventions because it has every facility that is desirable. It has 800 luxurious rooms and 38 suites. Room prices and reservations can be found on the handy form on page 5 of this issue. Fill it in and send it directly to the hotel.
3. Deaf congregations in the Lutheran Church are invited to enter the drama contest with emphasis on the convention theme: "Celebrating: Power, Presence and Promise-Together!" This should be a Bible story concerning Jesus and His Glory. Home groups planning to enter this contest should write to host (Pittsburgh) of their intention to enter this contest. Prizes for the best acts will be awarded at the banquet.
4. An official 7th Biennial ILDA Program Book full of facts and beautifully designed will be available to those coming to the convention.
5. **BANNERS:** The presentation of banners of every congregation attending will signal the opening ceremony and will be the main decoration centered around the great seal of the ILDA. The altar will be made up of many rocks and stones brought by conventioners from all around the country. Be sure to bring your rock with your name, home town and congregation name to the convention along with your congregation's banner.

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## REGIONS/CHURCHES/STAFF in the L.C.-M.S. DEAF MINISTRY

North American Ministries ... Blind/Deaf ... Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Donald Zuhn, Secretary, 1333 S. Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122 314/965-9000 x 313

## DISTRICT'S DEAF MISSION OUTREACHES

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service is performed, and the Dormitory Counselors appreciate the sign language basic concepts that are being taught to these young retarded teenagers, some of whom are extremely hard of hearing.

In both situations, the requests have come from hearing and speech therapists who learned sign language at the Trenton State School and realized the teaching value of sign language and the "freeing" power that sign language gives to those who are retarded, especially in the case of the Greenbrook Regional Center, where there are no deaf in the group.

Pastor and Mrs. Gerhold report that this is a very interesting experience and a great experiment in the field in which they are so proficient.

Previously Pastor Gerhold had been teaching at the No. Jersey Training School in Totowa for some 30 years. His wife has assisted him there. This was with deaf retarded people. Now they are teaching two boys' cottages as well as one women's cottage and they have only three deaf in their classes, but have a total of 60 from these three cottages.

This is a great outreach for the District's deaf mission and we ask the blessing of the Holy Spirit on this work.

### CENTRAL REGION

CITY	CHURCH	ADDRESS	ZIP	PASTOR	PHONE (*TTY)
Chicago, IL	Ephphatha	7956 S. Martin King Dr.	60619	Fred Allen	312/723-3232*
Chicago, IL	Our Savior	7151 Cornelia Ave.	60634	Charles Jones	312/394-0410
Delavan, WI	Holy Cross	404 W. Walworth Ave.	53115	(VACANT)	414/728-5980*
Fort Wayne, IN	St. John	4245 Lake Ave.	46815	Jerold Munz	
Indianapolis, IN	Peace	6400 E. 46th St.	46226	Jerold Munz	217/243-2528*
Jacksonville, IL	Christ	104 Finley	62650	Orlin Anderson	608/249-8076*
Madison, WI	Silent	1909 Huxley	53704	Wallace Waite	414/871-2700*
Milwaukee, WI	Emmanuel	4328 W. North Ave.	53208	Paul Dorr	309/692-6820
Peoria, IL	(Trinity)	Hamilton & Randolph	61606	Larry Larsen	312/
Rockford, IL	Holy Cross	827 - 16th St.	61108	Ronald Friedrich	314/533-6035*
St. Louis, MO	Holy Cross	101 N. Beaumont	63103	Richard Moody	

### DIXIE REGION

Atlanta, GA	--	3661 N. Decatur #F2	30032	Prentice Marsh	404/296-5618
Austin, TX	Jesus	1307 Newton Ave.	78704	Richard Reinap	512/442-1715*
Clearwater, FL	Rogate	2447 E. Bay Dr.	33516	Frank Wagenknecht/ Glen Borhart	813/531-2761*
Dallas, TX	Our Redeemer	7611 Park Lane	75225	(VACANT)	
Houston, TX	Holy 3-in-1	4411 LaBranch	77004	Robert Case	713/526-6134*
Jackson, MS	Lutheran Mission	4423 1-55 N.	39206	Don Fairman	601/373-9161
Memphis, TN	Eternal Mercy	2323 Monroe Ave.	38104	David Bush	901/774-2727* (voice)726-1427
Miami, FL	Deaf Zion			(VACANT)	
St. Augustine, FL	Lutheran	220 San Marco	32084	Walter Busby	904/824-1654

### EASTERN REGION

Baltimore, MD	St. Mark	40 E. Burke Ave.	21204	Kenneth Schnepf	301/825-8772
Greensboro, NC	Grace	Washington & Benbow	27401	David Carstens	
Hickory, NC	Christ	423 Second Ave., SE	28601	David Carstens	704/397-5152*
Newark, NJ	St. Matthew	510 Parker St.	07104	C. R. Gerhold	201/485-2260*
New York, NY (Manhattan)	St. Mark	178 Bennett Ave.	10040	Michael Hayes	212/928-2840*
New York, NY (Elmhurst)	St. Matthew	41-01 75th St.	11373	Michael Hayes	212/335-8114*
Philadelphia, PA	Delaware Valley	7200 Castor, NE	19149	Joe Varsanyi	215/745-4464*
Washington, DC	Christ	5101 15th St., NW	20002	George Natonick	301/825-8772
Washington, DC	Gallaudet	7th & Florida Ave., NE	20002	George Natonick	202/651-5347
West Hartford, CT	Lutheran	31 W. Beacon St.	06119	(VACANT)	203/523-0345*

### GREAT LAKES REGION

Cleveland, OH	Christ	1647 E. 25th St.	44114	(VACANT)	216/781-8571
Columbus, OH	Holy Cross	360 Morse Rd.	43214	Donald Leber	614/885-3362*
Detroit, MI	Our Savior	6861 Nevada Ave., E	48234	Clark Bailey	313/892-4131*
Flint, MI	St. Paul's	1201 W. 12th St.	48507	W. O. Neisch	313/767-2158*
Pittsburgh, PA	Trinity	409 Swissvale Ave.	15221	(VACANT)	412/731-2550*
Rochester, NY	Alpha	2090 S. Clinton	14618	Mark Seeger	716/461-5320*
Toledo, OH	Good Shepherd	5859 Elmer Dr.	43615	Shirrel Petzoldt	419/537-7050*

### MIDWEST REGION

CITY	CHURCH	ADDRESS	ZIP	PASTOR	PHONE (*TTY)
Cedar Rapids, IA	Word of God	1515 - 29th St., NE	52402	David Mueller	319/362-5420*
Denver, CO	Bethel	700 S. Franklin	80209	Ray Leimkuhler	303/733-3777*
Des Moines, IA	Calvary	3909 E. 42nd St.	50317	George Ring	515/265-6987*
Devils Lake, ND	Lutheran	308 E. 14th St.	58301	Roger Leonhardt	701/662-3267
Duluth, MN	(Christ the King)	43rd Ave. W. & Grand	55807	(VACANT)	807/577-8124
Kansas City, MO	Pilgrim	38th & Gillham Rd.	64111	LaVern Mass	816/561-9030*
Lincoln, NE	Hope	S. 12th & H. St.	68508	Robert Dettel (Lay Minister)	401/588-5672*
Omaha, NE	Bethlehem	51st & Lake	68104	Robert Dettel	401/580-5672*
St. Paul, MN	Prince of Peace	205 N. Otis St.	55104	William Lange	612/644-2365* (voice)644-9804
Sioux Falls, SD	Siouxland Luth.	101 S. Mable Ave.	57103	Paul Consoer (Lay Minister)	605/338-6159

### NORTHWEST REGION

Calgary, Alberta	Chris.Deaf Centre	1113-5th Ave., SW		Harold Ziprick (Lay Minister)	403-261-7756*
Edmonton, Alberta	Cross of Christ	11460 60th Ave.		Robert Bauer	403/435-7788* (voice)434-1671
Everett, WA	Bethany	26th & Lombard	98201	William Ludwig	
Great Falls, MT	Christ	3726 5th Ave., N.	59401	Gilbert Berninghaus (Lay Minister)	406/452-5117
Portland, OR	Hope	4936 NE Skidmore	97211	Mark Schoepp (DCE)	503/256-9598
Salem, OR	Salem	4663 Lancaster Dr., NE	97301	Mark Schoepp (DCE)	503/256-9598
Seattle, WA	Our Redeemer	John St. & Dexter Ave.	98109	William Ludwig	206/622-6941*
Spokane, WA	Faith	2733 Northwest Blvd.	99205	Martin Hewitt	509/326-9052*
Tacoma, WA	Calvary	E. 56th & B.	98404	William Ludwig	
Vancouver, BC	Trinity	2960 School Ave.	V5R 5M5	Fred Gehrs	604/433-8612*

### PACIFIC REGION

Anaheim, Ca	Mt. Calvary	10418 W. Katella Ave.	92504	G. Gehrs, Jr.	714/689-8380
Los Angeles, CA	Pilgrim	1233 S. Vermont Ave.	90006	August Hauptman	213/389-9940*
San Lorenzo, CA	Memorial	17200 Via Magdalena	94580	Roy Dahmann	415/276-3860*
Phoenix, AZ	Our Savior				
Riverside, CA	Mt. Calvary	2882 Arlington Ave.	92503	G. Gehrs, Jr.	714/689-8380
San Francisco, CA	Peninsula	(Contact Rev. Dahmann)	94131	(VACANT)	415/276-3860*
Sacramento, CA	Valley	(4843 "L" Parkway)	95823	Robert Rowland	916/391-3463

**IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING...** + There have been 60 generations of people since Jesus was born about 1,980 years ago.

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+ Dickens and Prince Albert, husband to Queen Victoria, introduced many Christmas customs to England and, consequently -to North America.

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My teenager says, in a tone of distress, that I don't understand his position. It seems that the key to his social success is the same one that fits the ignition.



## The way of the cross



-by Pastor  
Jerry Munz

As we began our annual journey with Christ during Lent as He walks to the hill of crucifixion, we think in our sorrow and our repentance for our sins.

Have you ever walked with Jesus? Have you ever wondered why our Lord had to go this route to the cross? Many times I wonder if it was not possible for God to arrange history in a different way. Why was the journey to Golgatha necessary?

It is during times like this that I begin to see the marvels of His Plan for us. Truly there is no other way for us to appreciate the terrible agony that He endured. There is no other way for us to realize how much pain and abuse God accepted so that we can be free from the power of Satan. There is no other way for us to truly realize the power Satan has over all people.

No wonder then that less than five percent of the deaf people are saved. Ninety-five percent of all deaf people in the United States are very doomed because they do not accept the Lord Jesus. The power of Satan is real. Evil surrounds us. We need a Savior who can show us the evils of Satan and deep darkness of sin. This is the reason we need Lent. Lent points us to the way of Salvation. During this year, walk with Christ all the way to the cross and to the tomb.

## Where His Sermons Had Gone

-copied from Christ L.C./Deaf  
newsletter-Great Falls, MT

Coming to the close of many years of faithful ministry, an aged pastor tied his sermon notes in a bundle and wrote on it: "Where has the influence of all the sermons I preached gone?" One who had been under his ministry for many years and who had grown in Christlikeness and in knowledge of God's Word; gave the following heartfelt appraisal of his sermons: "Where are last year's sunrises? They have gone into fruits and grains and vegetables to feed mankind. Where are last year's raindrops? Forgotten, of course, but they did their gracious and refreshing work. Your sermons, preached over the years, have gone into my life and into the lives of others, to make me and them better, nobler, and more like Christ. They have deepened our love for God's Word, given us a vision of and love for unsaved ones, and have challenged us to go on in the Christian life!"

## No one \* \* \* expected me

-author unknown

I dreamed death came  
the other night  
and heaven's gate swung wide.  
With kindly grace an angel  
fair - ushered me inside.  
And there, to my astonishment,  
stood folks  
I'd known on earth...  
Some I'd judged and labeled  
as "Unfit", "Of little worth."  
Indignant words rose  
to my lips, But  
never were set free...  
For every face showed  
stunned surprise -  
no one expected me!

## HOLY CROSS CHOIR

The choir of Holy Cross of St. Louis, MO will go on two trips in April. The Central Regional Conference is in Rockford, Ill. this year from April 15th thru April 17th. Holy Cross choir has been invited to be the banquet entertainment on Sat. evening. They will do many of our favorite songs. Then on Sunday morning they will be the Choir for the Sunday morning service. The Choir feels it is a great honor to be able to spread the Good News about Jesus with friends in Central Region through their songs.

There was a time when the seas seemed endless and the skies vast enough to swallow any of the faults and errors of man. The world used to be big and men could afford to be small. Now the world is small and men must be big!

-Elliot Richardson

No one can be saved by perfect obedience because none can render it. And no one can be saved by imperfect obedience because God cannot accept it. The only solution to the sin question is the CALVARY!

-copied



at the  
**7th BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION**  
PITTSBURGH, PA., JULY 21 - 24, 1983



# ILDA PAGE

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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It used to be papa delt out a stern code of discipline to junior. Then the electric razor took away his razor strap, furnaces took away the wood shed, and tax worries took away his hair and the hair brush. That's why kids are running wild today. Dad ran out of weapons.

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## That Marcy Boy!

-from TOLEDO TIDINGS

At fourteen years of age, the "bad boy" of a little Massachusetts town, was so powerful in his influence for evil that no one was found able to teach the district school which he attended; it seemed "pretty poor soil." Everyone said the student in question was "bad clear thru" "hopeless" and "bound to go to ruin." One day a new teacher came who said he was not afraid to try.

The school friends were quick to tell him all kinds of stories about "That Marcy boy." All advised that he be forbidden to enter the school. However, he was allowed to enter. The teacher analyzed the "hopeless soil", began at once to enrich it with kindness, justice, goodwill and confidence, and at the right time, dropped in seeds of ambition, hope and self-respect. The seed took root, developed, grew and began to bear fruit.

The promising young student dropped his bad habits, studied day and night, went to college, and graduated with honors. He studied law, answered the call for men in 1812, became associate justice of the Supreme Court, United States Senator, Governor of New York, and finally Secretary of State. His name was William L. Marcy. He served faithfully in every situation. All of this happened because a good teacher saw in a child the image of God!



The coupon below is to help you make your room/s reservation for the 7th Biennial I.L.D.A. Convention. Be sure to send it to the Pittsburgh Hilton at the address on it.

### The Pittsburgh Hilton

Gateway Center  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230  
Telephone: (412) 391-4600

ILDA 1983 CONVENTION  
JULY 21-24, 1983

Use this form for HOTEL  
Reservation only!

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#### 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.

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#### DEPOSIT \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO ADDRESS ABOVE.  
(Deadline....July 7)

# News About The Convention This Summer

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**6. CONVENTION SPEAKERS:** The Detroit Mission Committee headed by Clarence Schulz and Elmer Francisco shall select all speakers for the opening ceremony on Thursday and for the Saturday evening banquet. Mr. Lester Ahls will be master of ceremonies and Dr. Herbert Arkebauer will be the main speaker at the banquet. Rev. Dan Pokorny will be speaker at the opening ceremony.

**7. WORSHIP SERVICE:** The Columbus Mission Committee, headed by Sarah Riddlebaugh and Rev. Donald Leber, will coordinate with Ephphatha Conference to conduct worship services throughout the convention. The Pastoral Advisor, Rev. William Ludwig, shall be responsible for the installation of officers and be in charge of that ceremony.

**8. ILDA BUSINESS:** The ILDA Board of Directors approved the original schedule of the convention program for all ILDA business and it will be broken into five sessions for Friday and Saturday. Ample time has been allowed for all the sessions, and if this is done effectively, adjournment should be possible by 5 p.m. on Saturday. Five sessions with a total of nine to ten hours should be sufficient. This means all changes in the constitution and by-laws must be submitted to the law committee well ahead of the convention and all nominations for officers ready for the ballot to avoid time consuming arguments.

**9. REGISTRATION:** All plans for registration of the delegates, room assignments, recording, accounting, etc. are complete and we have a very effective system planned. Refunds on any arrangement will be made only if they are of an extreme nature.

**10. BANQUET:** The Pittsburgh Committee will be in charge of banquet arrangements. Every table will be arranged so all can see the table of distinguished guests and the master of ceremonies platform. The "Breakthrough" group that will be performing at the Saturday banquet is a Pittsburgh based entertainment group and we are sure you will be delighted with them.

**11. REMINDER:** The boat ride and river cruise scheduled for Friday is limited to 200 persons, so be sure to send in your reservation early. This event must be managed on

a first come, first served basis.

To all who are planning to come to the ILDA Convention be sure to bring three things: First-- bring a rock or stone with your hometown written, printed, or taped on: Second-- bring a picture of your home church building or the place where you worship; Third bring a color photograph of yourself, alone or together with your family.

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+ WORKSHOPS +

(Optional - Your Choice)

+ Please fill this form in, clip it out +  
+ and send it to: +

+ 1983 ILDA CONVENTION COMMITTEE +  
+ TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE DEAF +  
+ 409 SWISSVALE AVENUE +  
+ PITTSBURGH, PENNA. 15221 +

(Friday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m.)

+ #1 Witness Workshop (Evangelism) +  
+ (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ #2 Discovering and Using +  
+ Your Spiritual Gifts. +  
+ (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ #3 Choir Sign/Singing Workshop +  
+ (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ PHONE/voice or tty: (Area Code \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ +

Where are you staying?

+ Pittsburgh Hilton \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ +

A tourist is a fellow who travels thousands of miles to get a snapshot of himself standing by his automobile.

Prospective father-in-law to his daughter's suitor: "How much money do you have in the bank?" Young man: "I don't know. I haven't shaken it lately."



1982 IRA DEADLINE NEARS

April 15 would be the target day to open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and have the option to deduct that amount before filing 1982 income tax returns.

The reminder comes from Arthur Haake, president of Lutheran Church Extension Fund, who suggests the following paragraph be added to Sunday bulletins as a service to members:

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) which can provide substantial tax savings before filing your 1982 tax returns by April 15. An LCEF IRA offers up to a 10% return on your investment plus the joy of supporting the work of the church.

For complete information call toll-free 1-800-325-7046 (in MO call 314-965-9000).

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\* THOUGHTFUL \*

God, help me to listen  
 when I should,  
 and to open my mouth  
 when it will do some good.  
 Teach me to measure  
 the things I say,  
 so as not to hurt  
 someone today.  
 Soften and make smooth  
 the words I sign,  
 remembering the thoughts  
 that I must not sign (say).  
 Challenge me to hear (see)  
 my neighbor's plight,  
 and not always demand  
 my right.

Keep my hands still about  
 what I have heard,  
 and help me always  
 keep my word.  
 Let me stand in the other  
 person's place,  
 feeling the pain that  
 person must face.

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THE MAYOR OF  
 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON  
 MAKES PROCLAMATION

Several deaf people attended the Spokane City Council meeting on February 28 to see Mayor James Chase proclaim the years 1983-1992 as the DECADE OF THE DISABLED.

Mayor Chase gave the proclamation to Dr. John Gavin who is liaison person to set up a mayor's Community Partnership Committee to help focus attention on the problems of the disabled people of Spokane.

This follows a United Nations proclamation to work on long term problems of the handicapped and the disabled. Of the half billion disabled people in the world, some 35 million live in the USA.

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SMOKE ALARMS AT  
 RAMADA INNS

Smoke alarms that visually alert the hearing-impaired as well as set off sirens, also containing a low tone sound box that emits deep vibrations said to be felt by the deaf, are being tested in Ramada Inns, in Washington, D.C.

If successful, the company plans to make these portable devices available in its Inns across the nation.

So, if the strobe light starts flashing like Uncle Louie's Kodak Brownie, don't just sit there and say "cheese ...get the heck out of there f-a-s-t!

BRANCH 3838 WINS GOLD STAR

AAL Branch 3838 of Holy Cross of St. Louis has received a Gold Star again this year for all their activities. They thank all members of the congregation and friends for helping their branch receive this award. Pastor Fred Radtke Family Expense Fund project has been closed. During the 2½ years of that project, Branch 3838 and many others raised \$35,197.26!!! They say THANKS to all who helped them help Pastor Fred and his family. They hope to find a way to continue this project once again in the future. Also, some funds are still coming in, though they will not receive Co-op funds from the Home Office of AAL. Our branch has also applied to AAL for a Community Service Grant for over \$44,000 to help set up the "Deaf-Telenet" system for deaf persons contact hearing and hearing persons to contact deaf persons over a TTY network. Telecommunicators of Greater St. Louis, Inc. is also supporting this project! For our part of the fund we need to raise over \$7,000. Anyone wanting to help are welcome!

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SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY  
 A SUCCESS AT ALPHA

The church nursery at Alpha L.C.-Rochester, N.Y. is going successfully. They have their videotape camera set up in the service and the TV set up in the nursery, so that the people serving in the nursery don't have to miss the worship service. Parents can now leave their small children in the nursery, so they won't be distracted during the worship service. Maybe this idea can be used by other congregations.



## Arbor Day - a day to plant trees

Arbor Day is a day in the spring, observed by many states of the United States for the community planting of trees.

Over 100 years ago in Nebraska the custom of Arbor Day began. By nature Nebraska didn't have many trees. But a man who I only know by his last name, Morton, thought of a way to change this. Each year Mr. Morton offered prizes to those people who planted the most trees in Nebraska. Now Nebraska has many fine trees. Boys and girls in Nebraska know the joy of seeing God's gift of colorful shade trees.

Today Arbor Day is held at different times of the year, but its purpose is still the same: to give God's gift of beautiful trees to boys and girls.

In the picture on the right, a little girl named Ann helps her father plant this year's new tree. It is their way to have fun on tree-planting day. The trees help keep the land beautiful.

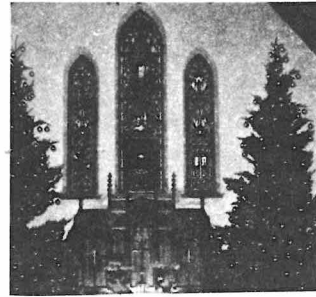
The trees help the birds too. Every year Ann looks at each of the trees she and her father planted. One, two, three, four, five, six. Ann can count how old she is. She counts the trees she and her father have planted. Every spring Ann is one year older. Every spring she counts one more tree.



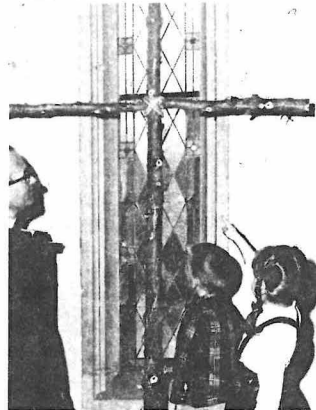
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*The nice thing about the promise of spring is sooner or later she will have to keep it!*

## JESUS - the tree of life!



Do you know why Jesus is called the Tree of Life? If we believe in Jesus, we live with God now and forever. Followers of Jesus have the hope of one day seeing Jesus. One church has a special way to help the boys and girls remember this.



At Christmastime, a beautiful green Christmas tree is placed in the church. Everyone can see its green branches, which reminds us that God gives eternal life to us through His great gift-Jesus. Then after Christmas the tree is taken down. But it is not thrown away. The Christmas tree has another Bible lesson to help us remember.



At Lent it stands in the church again. But no one would guess this is the Christmas tree. All its branches are gone. Only the trunk of the tree is there. And it is cut in two and it is tied together it now forms a wooden cross.

Now the tree reminds us that Jesus suffered and died on a tree - the cross.

Followers of Jesus remember this tree - the tree of sadness. Yet boys and girls who love Jesus can be happy. This tree reminds them that Jesus is their Savior.

On Easter the tree stands in the church a third time. When boys and girls come to church they see the tree covered with beautiful flowers. Now it helps everyone remember Jesus rose from the dead and now lives with His followers now and forever.

I am the vine, you are the branches: He that lives in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. John 15:5



**SIGNS ALONG THE WAY**

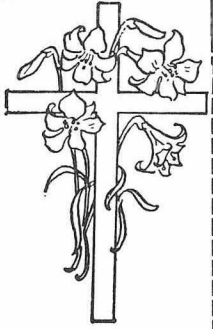
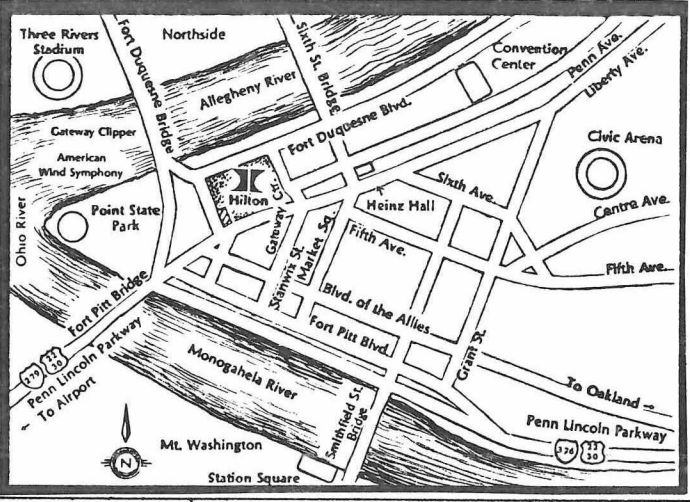
Canadian Motorist magazine invites readers to tell of humorous signs they had seen in their travels.

One told of a slogan displayed on a main highway. It read: "You are entering get-away country." A catching tourism slogan - except that there are four well-know penal institutions in that region!

Another noted that a sign at a restaurant/truck stop had an unpromising message: "Eat here and get gas."

Motorists approaching the small town of Bath should be aware of the town's name, or they might lose their thirst upon reading the sign on the outskirts: Bath Water Filtration Plant."

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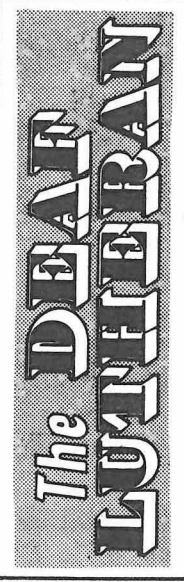
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