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HELP US LORD . . . TO KNOW YOUR WILL AND TO DO IT!



What is God's will for our lives? That is a question many Christians ask from time to time. It is a question God has many answers for. First, it is His will that we have salvation through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. Many say, "I know that . . . what else?" His will is also that we experience an abundant life! That, too, is well known . . . but what else does God desire for our lives?

Well, let us look at Jesus. As we continue to walk with Him through our every day lives, we find that one of the important things He taught and showed us is that service is an important part of every Christian's life. We often rejoice in the way that God served and

serves us, but it is very tempting to be quiet when He calls for helpers and workers in His Kingdom. Have you ever been in a situation where someone was needed to carry out a certain task . . . and the call went out, "Who will help us with this?" Immediately, everyone lowers their heads and looks around at someone else. There is no one to say with Isaiah, "Here am I; send me" (Is. 6:8). No one is willing to respond, or to serve. At a time when anxious, exciting hearts are needed, the silence can be very embarrassing.

When the Father asked the Son to go and serve the people of earth, the Son of God an-

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Mother's Day, May 12th

THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess, our dinner was different from other kids' too.

Mom insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We are ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay

awake nights thinking of mean things to do to us.

She always insisted on our telling the truth--the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our lives became even rougher.

None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. Oh, I forgot to mention: while our friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until we were 15 and 16.

Our mom was a complete failure as a mother.

THE MEANEST MOTHER

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CONCORDIA SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE, TO OFFER INTERPRETER TRAINING PROGRAM

The first institute on interpreter training ever to be implemented at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., will be held from June 2 to July 12, 1985, an intensive six weeks' program designed to train interested individuals in the use of sign language for interpreting, assisting in Sunday school and making evangelism calls on deaf people.

Nearly a year in the planning, the course is not intended to provide persons with RID (Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf) certification. Graduates will, however, have gained a great amount of language and experience to serve in churches as interpreters: Many congregations may have one or two families in the community (or just a few, as the case may be) and where having a full time pastor to the deaf is not economically feasible. In such situations, applicants for the course will be required to have the endorse-

ments of their pastor and board of elders certifying a sufficient base of support.

Additionally, advance in technology will make it possible to have courses video-taped so that the institute could be brought to any district or geographical area in the country, and at greatly reduced cost. If successful, it is expected that the initial program June 2 through July 12 will be the first of many.

Any Christian may apply, whether or not they have any skills in sign language, although a basic knowledge of manual communication would be helpful.

To those who ask if the program is competing for the training of pastors to the deaf or to replace them with interpreters, the answer is "no way." The overall program is to assist pastors and where only a handful of deaf people reside, to make God's Word accessible to them via interpreting services. Generally, it is not a new concept in ministry, but has been around various areas of the country for years.

Funding for this institute is being made by the Mill Neck Foundation, which has assisted many other worthwhile projects involving deaf Lutherans and their ministry. Among the more recent ones, the seminar on religious education at Concordia School, Porto Alegre, Brazil are fine examples. It has also given support to the ILDA scholarship program.

For an application blank, write to: Concordia Theological Seminary, Department of Deaf Ministries, Church Interpreter Training Institute, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825.

ANNOUNCING . . .

The arrival of Christine Loretta Friedrich on Feb. 15, 1985 at 12:25 p.m. Weight 6 pounds, 10½ ounces, length 19 inches.

Parents: Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Friedrich, 1101 Woodcrest Dr., Garland, Texas 75040. Christine joins sisters Beth, age 4 and Karen, 2. Mother and daughter doing fine and sisters adjusting well. The announcement does not state how Dad is doing, but we assume he is adjusting well, too.

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swered, "Yes." Paul records it this way in Phil. 2:5-8: "Although He existed in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearances as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross."

Immediately preceding this verse, Paul says: "HAVE THIS ATTITUDE IN YOURSELVES WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS." What attitude? The attitude of humble service. This summer in Milwaukee, willing hearts will be needed to fill the various positions on the board of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) and committees. The same attitude is needed in our churches and its congregations when the call goes out for people to serve. Pray about it. If you are aware of someone who has talent and ability (even if it is yourself) then share that information with the nominating committee.

When we ask God to show us whom He wants to serve and in what area of service, interesting things begin to happen. Not only is the Body of Christ strong and effective, but we will find our lives more fulfilling, too.

"Lord, renew us in our service to you."

THE DEAF LUTHERAN COMPLETES 76 YEARS OF PUBLICATION IN JANUARY

Deaf Lutherans have always been an independent breed and requested their own periodical as early as 1902 following the first service for them by a member of the clergy of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on March 4, 1894. As the board of the church felt it was too early at the time for a separate paper devoted exclusively to their interests, in abeyance to the decision of the Synodical convention, other church publications devoted space to them until the first issue of **THE DEAF LUTHERAN** made its appearance in January, 1909.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

6861 East Nevada Ave.
Detroit, Mich. 48234

Ms. Jackie S. Kemper, Treasurer
International Lutheran Deaf Association
1343 Graham Street
St. Louis, Mo. 63139

Deaf Ms. Kemper:

On behalf of the children of the Lutheran School for the Deaf I wish to thank you for your gift of \$500.00.

Your love and thoughtfulness are fantastic. God has given us a bright, clear, crisp and sunny day in which we can rejoice in the fantastic light that his Son, Jesus Christ, sheds into our lives and hearts. Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ with the children in our program.

Yours in Christ,
/S/Pastor Rodney R. Rynearson,
Executive Director

The foregoing letter was received by the editor from the ILDA treasurer Jackie S. Kemper following the gift made to the school from its mission program.

The Meanest Mother (continue from page 1)

None of us has ever been arrested. And who do we have to blame for this terrible way we turned out? You're right! Our mean mother!

Look at all the things we missed. We never got to take part in a riot, smoke pot, get drunk, or a million and one things our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

Maybe that's what is wrong with the world today. There just aren't enough mean mothers.

Subscriptions were twenty-five cents (25¢) per year until 1921, then 35¢ until 1923 when it rose to 50¢. The depression years from 1933 on to 1950 saw the price drop back to 25¢ then return again to 50¢. From that time on, the cost has risen to \$3.50.

The paper has had a total of 12 editors since its inception, with Rev. O. C. Schroeder having the longest tenure, which spanned almost 25 years from 1926 to 1951. The first editor was Traugott Wangerin who served approximately five years from its beginning until 1914. It is believed he was a member of the clergy.

Others have been:

N. P. Uhlig, June 1915 to Feb. 1918
E. G. Nachtsheim, March 1918 to Sept. 1918
J. L. Salvner, Oct. 1918 to Jan. 1926
O. C. Schroeder, Feb. 1926 to Jan. 1951
Francis Gyle) Feb. 1951 to Aug. 1953
Martin Kosche)
N. P. Uhlig, Sept. 1953 to Dec. 1958
Harry Hoemann, Jan. 1959 to Sept. 1964
Martin Hewitt, Oct. 1964 to April 1972
Uriel Jones, April 1972 to July 1974
Archie Marshall, July 1974 to Aug. 1983
Lester Ahls, Sept. 1983 to present
Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, a member of the staff at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, is business manager. Other duties handled by him include lay-out work, computerizing information and handling of subscriptions. Orders should be sent to him at 6861 East Nevada Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48234.

1985 CONFERENCE DATES

MIDWEST: June 7-9, 1985

Grace Conference Center
Omaha, Neb.

NORTHWEST: Meeting at Spokane, Wash. postponed to summer of 1986.

DIXIE: Summer, 1986.

CENTRAL: Schaumburg, Ill. Dates and site not available.

The meeting dates and sites for GREAT LAKES, EASTERN, and PACIFIC regions has not been received.

Policeman to deaf motorist: "Pull over! Do you know how fast you were going?"

Deaf driver: "Sorry, officer, I don't hear."

Policeman: "Don't worry. You'll get your hearing in the morning."

The 8th Biennial Convention of the INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION



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- 12:00 p.m.--Registration (Must!)
- 5:30 p.m.--Free
- 7:30 p.m.--Open Worship
- 8:30 p.m.--Orientation
- 9:00 p.m.--Reception/Fellowship Hosted by Emmanuel

Friday, July 5, 1985

- 8:30 a.m.--Registration
- 9:00 a.m.--Opening Devotion
- 9:30 a.m.--First Session Business
- 12:00 p.m.--Lunch on Your Own thru Grand Ave. Mall
- 1:30 p.m.--Tour Around Milwaukee or
Free Time or Workshop
- 5:00 p.m.--Free Time--Supper on Your Own
- 7:00 p.m.--Second Business Session
- 9:00 p.m.--Entertainment/Reception
Hosted by Central Region

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 6, 1985

- 8:30 a.m.--Registration
- 9:00 a.m.--Opening Devotion
- 9:30 a.m.--Third Business Session
- 12:00 p.m.--Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 p.m.--Fourth Business Session
- 3:00 p.m.--Workshops
- 5:00 p.m.--Free
- 6:30 p.m.--Banquet/Entertainment

Sunday, July 7, 1985

- 7:00 a.m.--Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.--Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m.--Worship (Communion)
- 12:00 p.m.--Adjournment
- 3:00 p.m.--Checkout!!

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ILDA Combination Tickets

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	No. of ILDA Persons Member	No. Non- Persons Member
Registration (Must)	\$ 5.00 () _____	\$ 8.00 () _____
Program Books	\$ 2.00 () _____	\$ 2.00 () _____
Thursday Entertainment	\$ 7.00 () _____	\$ 8.00 () _____
Friday Tour of Milwaukee	\$ 7.00 () _____	\$ 8.00 () _____
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Early Bird

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- (Preconvention Rates Valid til June 1, 1985)
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 - () Non-Member\$60.00 (Save \$ 9.00)

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1985 ILDA RULES:

Banner Contest

Christian Group Skits Contest

Christian Individual Skits Contest

Banner Contest

1. Measurements: Follow your own judgement.
2. Originality in picturing the theme "Come! Follow Me"
3. Neatness: The general overall appearance of the banner.
4. Beauty: The sharpness of colors, co-ordination and blending of colors.
5. Judges discretion (judgement) about the above rules and personal feeling about the banner display of 1985 ILDA Theme.

Christian Group Skits

1. Number of people: Use your judgement, must be at least two people.
2. Originality in portraying the theme "Come! Follow Me."
3. The involvement of all group members and co-ordination, the general smoothness of the skit.
4. Use of props (if used in the performance).
5. Judges discretion of the above rules and personal feeling about the skit presenting the 1985 ILDA Theme.

Christian Individual Skits

1. Limit; One person.
2. Originality in portraying the theme "Come! Follow Me."
3. The general smoothness of the skit.
4. Use of props (if used in the performance).
5. Judges discretion of the above rules and personal feeling about the skit presenting the 1985 ILDA Theme.

*All contests will have three place finishes (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and each place' will be awarded a prize for that place finish. The Banner Contest winner and place finishers will be awarded their prize in the name of the congregation they represent. The congregations can decide what to do with the award. The Christian Group and Individual winners and place finishers will be awarded their prize personally. They may decide what to do with their awards. It is suggested that they ask the congregation what to do with their awards.

BITS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY . . .

Rev. George C. Ring will retire from the ministry after nearly 40 years of service to the deaf on May 1. He has served in Portland, Ore.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Pittsburgh, Pa., and the last 12 years at Calvary, Des Moines, Iowa. He will preach his farewell service at Des Moines on April 21.

Rev. and Mrs. David Mueller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa were blessed with a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on Dec. 31. She was born anew into the Christian faith by Holy Baptism on Jan. 13.

Dr. Michael D. Warner, senior pastor at Grace Lutheran church, Waterloo, Iowa, has returned the call to teach in the graduate school at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

In the last issue of **THE DEAF LUTHERAN**, it was reported that Hope Lutheran church, Portland, Ore., had been burglarized. Rev. Mark Seeger tells us that Alpha, Rochester, has also been a victim. In relating the incident, the good pastor admonishes us that we take the precautions **AFTER** it happens, not before, by installing protective devices. I agree with him, that's the way we are. We use seat belts **AFTER** an accident; we install smoke detectors **AFTER** a fire. He reminds us there will not be any **AFTER** if our Lord comes and we are unprepared for Him. The Bible plainly teaches that we are **always** to be ready; to have plenty of oil for our lamps so as to keep them all trimmed and bright, for the hour He will return, no man knoweth.

Readers of the **DEAF LUTHERAN** who would like to obtain a free catalog of various devices to aid the deaf such as TV decoders, wake-up alarms, door bell signals and other assistive devices from more than 30 manufacturers can do so by requesting same from: Sound Resources, Inc., 201 E. Ogden, Hinsdale, Ill. 60521.

Holy Cross Lutheran church, Columbus, Ohio will be having no fewer than three work shops during April. On the 14th, Rev. Sherril Petzoldt will talk on "Good spiders make strong webs."

On April 21, Rev. Gary Lawson will speak on missions. On the 28th, Rev. Donald Leber will have as his topic, "Pigs." Pastor Leber says "pigs are beautiful." There will be a potluck on all three days for the hungry people who come.

There was an interesting item in **PARADE** magazine a few years ago which showed that

after a year of thinking it over after their divorces had become final, 60 per cent of the men and 73 per cent of the women surveyed felt that they had made a mistake take in divorcing their former mates.

A decade ago a survey revealed that there were at least 16½ million unchurched children in the United States below the age of 12. That is a staggering figure; a larger population than many of our recognized mission fields. And it is right in our back yard! Even more alarming is that the 16½ million figure is continuing to increase. How many are there today? No one knows for certain. It is also conservatively estimated that at least 80 per cent of the deaf population does not attend church despite the best efforts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which has been bringing Christ to the deaf for almost a century.

Have you ever wondered what life may be like for the deaf in the year 2000? That is less than 15 years away. New technologies being tested at Gallaudet college in Washington, D.C. include what might best be described as a TV telephone and a device that translates voice into print, making it unnecessary for the deaf to have to ask someone to make an appointment for them with the medical profession (for example). One of the stumbling blocks to such advances is the relatively small market for such marvels, or they might be here much sooner. But it is exciting to know what is down the road a few years from now.

Where are the elderly moving to? You probably guessed right, Florida is still No. 1. California ranks second, but Texas and Arizona may surpass it by 1990, to become the second and third ranking states in the numbers of elderly migrants. North Carolina is soaring and the number of retired persons living in South Carolina has jumped 122 per cent during the past five years.

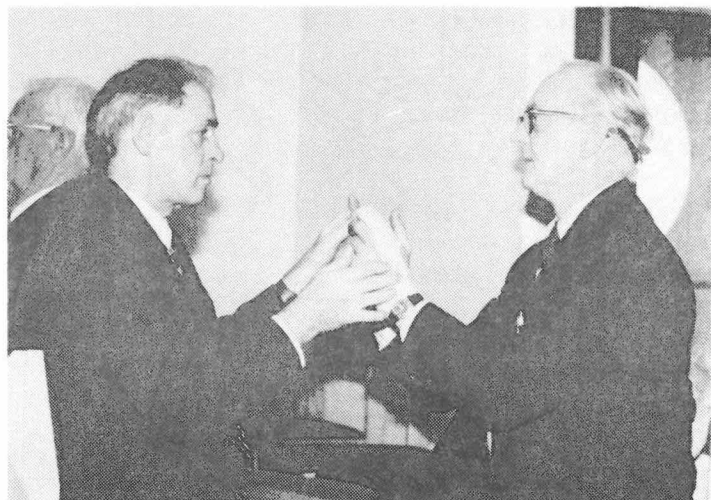
How many of you enjoy eating pretzels with a glass of beer? Have you ever wondered about that crooked little tidbit we call a pretzel? About 1,500 years ago (that's right!) in southern Europe, a monk used the leftover scrapes of bread dough for something a little more imaginative. He formed the scraps into doughropes which he twisted into the now fa-

Pastor Speaks to Deaf-Blind Using an Interpreter

Have you ever wondered how a pastor can communicate the Gospel to a person who is both deaf and blind? Well, Pastor Jerold D. Munz of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Indianapolis found a way to do just that.

Rev. Munz preaches in his normal manner, speaking and using sign language. In turn, a lay person, Russel James, signs the sermon into the cupped palms of the deaf-blind person, Harold Vaughn.

Because Harold Vaughn did receive the Gospel and the Holy Spirit worked in his and his wife's heart, he and Mrs Diane Vaughn were received into communicant membership on Dec. 16. We can, therefore, vicariously affirm the signs of the coming of the Kingdom, "The deaf hear, the blind receive their sight, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them" through the pastor and lay person.



HAROLD VAUGHN "hears the word" through the fingers of Russel James, right.

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miliar shape. Someone remarked that the shape reminded them of a child's arms folded in prayer. Therefore, the Latin words of "pretiolae" and "barcellae" . . . 'little rewards' . . . for children who learned their prayers well! The pretzel was first made by Christians in the fifth century as Lenten bread, since it consisted only of flour, salt and water (also now yeast), but no milk or eggs which were forbidden during Lent. It is from the Germanic version of pretiola--brezel --that we get the word, "pretzel."

If you think you can -or- if you think you can't, you are probably right.

HOLY CROSS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, PRESENTS HONORS

The Aaron-Hur Award is given each year to those people who volunteer their time and efforts to help the ministry at Holy Cross . . . above and beyond the normal expectations of a Christian. Each recipient was presented with a special certificate and a gift from the local branch of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).

Receiving recognition at a special dinner on May 27, 1984 were Harry Case, Elsie Viets, Stuart Mahan, Louise Hume, Kathy Gard and Ruth Wolfe.

Also honored were new members joining the congregation during the past year: Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Jeffries, Mrs. Bea Hale, Mrs. Louise Hume, Mrs. Martha Nimmo, Mrs. Hazel Hood and Mrs Naomi Wheeler.



OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS AT HOLY CROSS--(left to right) Harry Case, Elsie Viets, Stuart Mahan, Louise Hume, Kathy Gard and Ruth Wolfe.



NEW MEMBERS AT HOLY CROSS--(left to right) Louise Hume, Bea Hale, Hazel Hood and Naomi Wheeler.

Greater Milwaukee

Milwaukee . . . the Algonkian Indians first christened this location "Millioki" or gathering place by the waters." Built along a magnificent bluff overlooking one of the most beautiful bays on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee grew into the thriving metropolitan community now known as "Greater Milwaukee" and continues to welcome visitors drawn by its clean and friendly charm. Despite its size, 1.4 million in the metropolitan area and ranked among America's 20 largest cities, Greater Milwaukee is blessed with Old World charm due, in large part, to the strong ethnic traditions of its citizens. These citizens have created a feeling about their beloved city known as "gemutlichkeit"--a word reflecting the community's early Germanic heritage--which means warmth and hospitality! As the "City of Fabulous Festivals," Milwaukee celebrates its "melting pot" tradition throughout the year with a delightful procession of ethnic festivals: German Fest, Volksfest, Festa Italiana, Polish Fest, Irish Fest, Afro Fest, Bastille Days, Holiday Folk Fair, Oktoberfest, Fiesta Mexicana, and the Greek Festivals . . . a colorful celebration of a cherished past.

Milwaukee offers cosmopolitan vitality and Midwest flavor in addition to the delightful pluses of safety and friendliness. This Guide, produced by the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. is designed to help visitors discover the fascinating community of Greater Milwaukee. Relax in gracious accommodations . . . dine in outstanding restaurants . . . enjoy world-renowned attractions . . . attend spectacular events. No other metropolitan area is better

ILDA DUES ARE DUE

Every year on March 1, most memberships in the International Lutheran Deaf Association fall due. The cost is still the same, \$5 a year. By using a calculator, the editor found out that it costs just slightly more than .416 cent a month to be a full fledged member . . . less than the cost of a McDonald's hamburger.

You may also want to consider joining the ILDA 1000 club by pledging an annual contribution of 10 dollars (\$10.00).

For those going to the convention in Milwaukee in July, dues may be paid with your registration.

Send a check to Ms. Jackie S. Kemper, treasurer, International Lutheran Deaf Association, 1343 Graham Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63139.



for a vacation . . . or a convention. Come, "gather by the waters."

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