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A New Form of a Dangerous Drug . . .

ABOUT "CRACK" OR "ROCK" COCAINE

(NOTE: As a service to our many readers, this information is being provided from information obtained from law enforcement agencies concerning a new and relatively inexpensive form of a very addictive and potentially lethal drug known as cocaine. It is hoped that this information may be beneficial to many families, especially those with young people.--The Editor)

CRACK

WHAT IS CRACK?

First, crack is a new and potentially lethal drug being peddled on our streets today. Various called "base", "gravel", "rock" or most commonly, "crack", it is inexpensive, smokeable form of cocaine. When smoked, it gives off a crackling sound, hence the name, "crack."

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Crack is beige or slightly brownish, white or yellowish white. Crack is sold in the form

CONGRATULATIONS!

Former ILDA president Charles Kotal and Miss Lee Ann McLane have announced their engagement on Feb. 14, a most appropriate time! Charles, of Los Angeles, and Miss McLane of Portland, Ore. are both ILDA members and active in their home congregations.

Also making plans to spend the rest of their lives together are Miss Beth D. Firnhaber, Philadelphia, Pa., and William Lockard. Beth is a parish assistant at St. Philips Lutheran church in Philadelphia and also secretary of the ILDA.

We also want to extend best wishes to Diane Clupper and James Waters, both active ILDA members from the Great Lakes Regional Conference, who have announced their plans to wed.

of white pellet sized chips called "rocks." It is often sold in small plastic vials, three-fourth to one-inch long. Crack is also sold in envelopes that have see through windows of foil wrap.

A single vial of crack cocaine may cost only about \$10, but most people don't stop after a single vial. The average amount used by one person in one hour is five or more \$10 vials. Some users go on crack binges, lasting one to three days or more and spending hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

HOW IS IT USED?

Crack cocaine may be smoked using a special pipe. The pipe is usually made of glass. The user inhales the vapors given off as the crack is heated. Sometimes home made pipes or tin cans are used.

Crack may be mixed with marijuana or tobacco. The user may pulverize a "rock" and sprinkle it on a marijuana or tobacco cigarette.

Crack can also be doused with PCP, more commonly known as "angel dust" which is a strong hallucinogen. This is called "space basing" or "space blasting". PCP or a powerful drug with a wide range of serious side effects, including panic, depression, physical illness and violence. Crack may be mixed with other dangerous drugs, too.

Some users smoke in base houses, also called crack or rock houses. The user pays a fee to use the "house", pipes and torches (matches). Messengers may be sent to get more crack.

WHO USES IT?

Crack users are usually young, with most being 35 years old or younger. Because the drug is so easy to get and seemingly inexpensive, the number of teen-age users is rapidly growing. Crack users are usually from cities

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WESTERN LTP CONCLUDES AT SEATTLE

The third and last of three leadership training workshops sponsored by the International Lutheran Deaf Association ended on a successful note at Seattle Feb. 1 with 44 persons attendance from primarily the western part of the country and one from Canada.

Canceled earlier due to lack of registrations, the attendance surprised most observers by swelling to 44, up sharply from earlier predictions. The last meeting was canceled and this drew criticism, so it was de-

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and towns. Crack use began in the inner city but is quickly spreading to other areas throughout the United States. Crack users are from all races and economic classes. The use of crack cocaine and its devastating effects are not confined to any particular group.

CRACK COCAINE CAN OVERPOWER MIND AND BODY

Crack stimulates the central nervous system, which can have dangerous, even deadly, side effects on the body. The vapors from heated crack are absorbed through the lungs and reach the brain within seconds. As a result:

1. Blood pressure, heart rate and temperature rise dramatically.
2. Narrowed arteries restrict the blood flow to the heart and may cause a heart attack.
3. The heart beat erratically, resulting in death.
4. Tremors, convulsions, nausea and vomiting may occur.
5. The respiratory system may fail.

In the past, drug trends have tended to develop on the east and west coasts of the United States and work inland. Even though some areas may yet to see a documented case involving crack usage, intelligence in our midwest cities indicates it is starting to show up there, too.

There seems to be a consensus that the best way to fight the epidemic of crack usage is through education and warning our youth. Persons with knowledge of crack usage should inform their law enforcement agencies.

Guaranteed or Your Money Back . . .

If you don't like attending church, why not go on a trial basis? If you don't like it, your sins will be cheerfully refunded!

ecided to proceed with the program, regardless of how many came.

Attending the seminar at the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle at Issaquah, a suburb, were 36 participants and eight leaders.

The consensus is that most persons attending felt that the ILDA should consider extending the program to other areas of the country and this will almost certainly be discussed at the next meeting of the board of directors at Cedar Rapids June 23.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CIRCUS

The Son-Shine Signers, a sign singing pantomime group from Omaha have completed their video tape entitled "Sunday School Circus", which has been fully funded by the Mill Neck Foundation of New York. In this particular tape, the "Sunday School Circus" discover what it means to praise the Lord.

Video tapes may be obtained on a free loan basis by contacting Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran church, 5074 Lake Street, Omaha, Neb. 68104. Phone (402) 558-5672.



"SUNDAY SCHOOL CIRCUS" participants sit for their picture--Left to right; Verla Hamilton, Dorothy Sparks, Kara Bachman, Lola Anderson and Karen Blank.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS . . .

Grandson: Gee, granddad, your generation did not have all those social diseases we see nowadays. What did you wear to have safe sex.

Granddad: A wedding ring.

KAREN DAMMEYER, DARWIN BLANK NUPTIALS OCCUR AT OMAHA AUG. 31

One of the notable weddings occurring in 1986 happened in Omaha on Aug. 31, when Miss Karen Dammeyer, well known member of the Son-Shine Signers which has appeared at many engagements from coast to coast, and Mr. Darwin Blank of Madison, Neb. were united in holy matrimony in a service conducted by Rev. Joseph Varsanyi, Philadelphia, Pa. and Lay Minister Robert Oettel. The bride has served the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran church as a parish worker for some time prior to their marriage. Pastor Varsanyi, a friend of the couple, served St. Philips Lutheran church in Philadelphia until last Nov. 30.

The bridegroom is engaged in farming eight miles west of Madison.

The newlyweds are keeping busy with the bride teaching American Sign Language (ASL) at Nebraska Christian college in Norfolk and conducting programs on work among deaf Lutherans in a number of area churches.

Karen expects to greet her many friends at the ILDA convention in Cedar Rapids in June.



HAPPY COUPLE—Newlyweds Karen and Darwin Blank pose for their wedding picture as Rev. Joseph Varsanyi (left) and Lay Minister Robert Oettel (right) smile approvingly.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO CEDAR RAPIDS IN 1987!!

By now, nearly everyone will have made their minds up whether to travel to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the 1987 convention of the ILDA.

Nearly two years have gone into planning for this biennial convention, raising funds to float it, arranging for tours, speakers, entertainment, workshops, reservations, and a thousand other details that must be made to have a successful meeting. Just about everything is now ready.

There will be banner competition, workshop, entertainment by the Son-Shiner Singers of Omaha and Mr. Patrick Graybill of Rochester,

N.Y. Addressing the convention Saturday evening will be Dr. A. L. Barry, president of Iowa District East of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

A tour to the world famous Amana Colonies about 20 miles west of Cedar Rapids by chartered busses will be made, with dinner there in the evening is planned. A lot of history will be on display there.

The ILDA board of directors will meet for two days immediately preceding the opening of the convention and the annual meeting of the Ephphatha Conference will convene immediately after the adjournment of the ILDA convention on Sunday.

Early bird registrations will be accepted until June 1 at a saving of \$12 on combination tickets.

Come to Iowa this summer and renew all those acquaintances you have made at previous conventions. Make new friends . . . there is no better place to share your faith in Christ than at a gathering of people like yourselves.

See you there!

God so loved the world, that He gave His
Only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not
Perish, but have
Everlasting
Life John 3:16

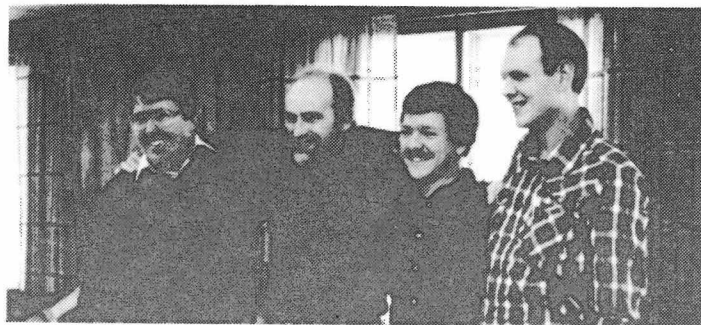
GREAT LAKES REGION GETS TOGETHER

This past winter has proven once again that we do not need warm weather to enjoy fun and fellowship, as members of the Great Lakes Region show us in the accompanying pictures.

The top picture shows the group in the Christmas program at Christ Lutheran church, Cleveland, Ohio last Dec. 21. Entitled, "The Symbols of Christmas," the program had children in the roles of the Star, Crown, Angel, Manger, Sheep and Cross. The children also sang carols, too.

On Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1, members traveled to Camp Pioneer near Angola, N.Y. for a win-

ter retreat. Approximately 93 persons made the trip, and judging from the photos, every body had a great time.



IT IS ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER when good fellows get together. Left to right: Pastors Shirrel Petzoldt, Donald Leber, Edwin Bergstresser and Gary Lawson. They did not say what was funny.



GREAT LAKES REGION--Winter retreat, Camp Pioneer, Angola, N.Y. Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 1987.



THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS--First row: Joanne Ginter; second row: Amanda Kane, Diane Ginter and Sarita Cooper; third row: Dawn Cassese, Michelle Danielak, Scott Brown and Bellamie Moore; fourth row: Jeanne Cassese, Tamaria Cooper, Amy Cassese, Christy Brown and Bianca Moore; fifth row: Teacher--Carleen Lawson, Jackie Cassese, Sharon Brown, Pastor Gary Lawson, Pattie Cassese, Lynn Dinter and Donna Burt.

Adopted Children Brighten

Home of Connecticut Pastor

Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach wish to introduce the newest addition to their family, Jason, 3, whom the family traveled to Greece last September to bring home.

Jason joins a sister, Megan, 5, who is also adopted. Both children attend the American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Conn.

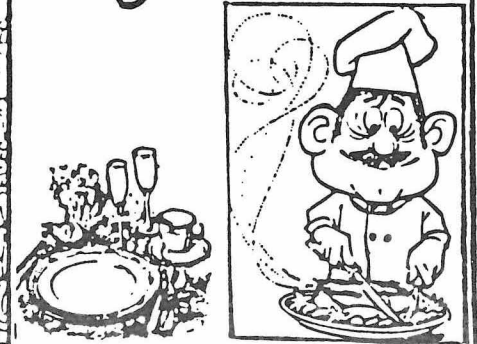
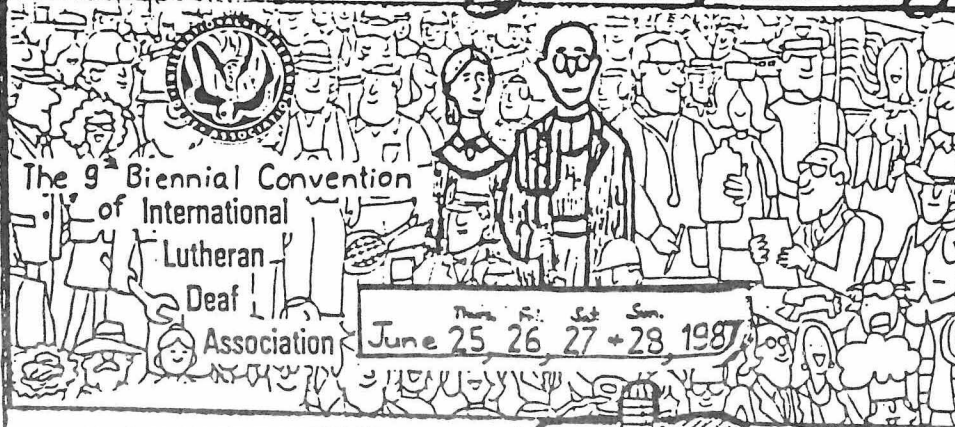
Pastor Gehlbach wishes to inform our readers that anyone desiring information concerning foreign adoption can contact him at 222 Griswold Drive, West Hartford, Conn. 06119.

Best wishes to the happy family!



THE JOYS that adoption can bring--Jason and Megan Gehlbach.

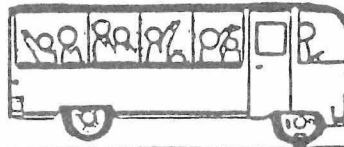
Hello Again, Everybody!



WARNING

Information about the Banquet

Those people who do not buy an Early Bird Combination Ticket can attend the banquet. However, reservations must be made by June 20th for the banquet. (The Chef must know the number of people one week before the banquet so he can prepare the right amount of food). If you decide to wait until Saturday, June 27th, to sign up for the banquet, it will be too late. You must decide before June 20th. You can not get into the banquet without a reservation that was made by June 20th.



AMANA COLONIES

7 historic villages since 1854 in Iowa



Cash or Credit Cards??

Most shops in Amana will perhaps accept your personal check with two or more ID's. They may accept credit cards - Master Charge or VISA.



Watch for the vans outside the airport or bus department. They come from Stouffer Hotel. Look for the words, "Stouffer Hotel" on both sides of vans. You will get a free ride to the hotel. You must inform of your time arrival and time date.

For Your Tour Information

Friday, June 25, 1987

Don't wear high-heel shoes - just comfortable walking shoes. Wear comfortable casual clothes (no shorts please, because we will wear same clothes from noon to late night for the tour and restaurant). Maybe a light jacket or sweater as you will be out on the bus tour from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. We perhaps will walk a lot, but ride in buses mostly. You will be given the folded tote bag early at your arrival. Ladies, bring your medium-sized purse - not a HUGE purse - for your light traveling benefit.

MEMBER versus NON-MEMBER

Those people who have not renewed an I.L.D.A. membership for 1987 beginning March 1, or would like to join I.L.D.A., may pay only \$5.00 for one year in person to Jackie Kemper, I.L.D.A. Treasurer. She plans to be at the registration desk during the convention. We urge you to be an I.L.D.A. member, because the combination ticket is higher for a non-member.



GOOD NEWS!!

There will be a Baby-sitting Service on Saturday evening, June 27th, while parents go to the banquet. Check this box _____ for the baby-sitting service.

_____ Child's Name

_____ Age

_____ Parent's Name

For information or question about the convention

write or call:

Norman or Janice Wilson
1150 Sierra Dr. N.E. #18
Cedar Rapids, IA. 52402

TTY or TDD 1-319-364-0803

We are looking forward to your coming this summer. Be sure to get the Early Bird Combination Ticket and enjoy yourself here in Iowa.



This is the last flyer for the '87 Convention.

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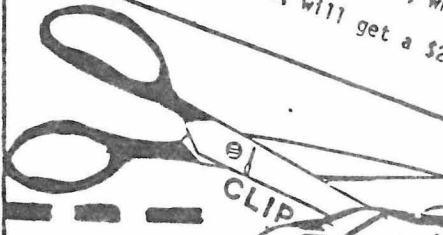


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NOTICE

Senior Citizen or Student, who buys an Early Bird Combination Ticket, will get a \$2.00 refund upon their arrival.



Information about the Hotel

\$56.00 per night
3.92 7% city tax
2.24 4% state tax
\$62.16 flat rate per night for one or more people.

You must send one night's full payment (\$62.16) before June 1st to have your room reservation promised. Then you can tell how many nights you plan to stay and you can pay the rest of the balance at the hotel. If you plan to stay here for 3 nights, your cost is:

$$\$62.16 \times 3 \text{ nights} = \$186.48.$$

For your hotel reservation you need to send \$62.16 by June 1 and then the balance would be \$124.32. You would finish paying the balance (\$124.32) to the hotel at the Convention.

I.L.D.A. COMBINATION TICKETS for June 25 -- 28, 1987

ILDA MEMBER
Registration (Must) \$7.00 ()
Program Book \$2.00 ()
Thurs. Eve. Supper & Entertainment \$12.00 ()
Friday Bus Tour & German Dinner \$20.00 ()
Sat. Banquet & Entertainment \$25.00 ()
Sunday Breakfast \$5.00 ()
Total = \$71.00
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EARLY BIRD COMBINATION = \$59.00
Before June 1st.
Sat. Entertainment only = \$10.00



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ARRIVAL TIME: _____

NUMBER OF NIGHTS: _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

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Please make a check or money order payable to Stouffer Hotel. Do not send cash.

WARNING ABOUT ERROR

Please do not write NORMAN WILSON or WORD OF GOD LUTH./ CHURCH for the DEAF on your personal check when you mail to Norman Wilson's home. You have to follow the directions about the Combination Ticket and Hotel. If you make an error on your check, NORMAN will have to send it back to you and you will have to write another check. Write your checks only to:
1987 ILDA Convention Fund
and
Stouffer Hotel

Please send both checks to:

Please make a check or money order, payable to: 1987 ILDA Convention Fund

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402



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I.L.D.A.'S '87 Convention
Tentative Schedule June 25-28

Thursday, June 25

- 10:00 a.m. - All Day Registration (MUST)
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Buffet (All You Can Eat).
- 7:15 p.m. - Open Worship. Only ILDA's and Host's Banners will be carried to the front. The rest of banners will be already on the wall.
- 8:00 p.m. - Entertainment.
- 9:15 p.m. - Announcements.
- 9:30 p.m. - Refreshments.

Friday, June 26

- 8:30 a.m. - All Day Registration (MUST)
- 9:00 a.m. - 1st Session Business.
- 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Break.
- 10:45 a.m. - Resume Meeting.
- 12:00 noon - Lunch On Your Own.
- 1:00 p.m. - Bus Tour to Word of God/Deaf Church and Amana Colonies (20 miles from Cedar Rapids).
- 5:00 p.m. - Bus Ride to Restaurant (15 miles from Amana Colonies).
- 5:45 p.m. - Family Style German Dinner (All You Can Eat).
- 7:00 p.m. - Devotion
- 7:15 p.m. - Bus Ride Back to the Hotel.
- 8:00 p.m. - Workshop - "The Music Box", the movie.
- 9:30 p.m. - Break

Saturday, June 27

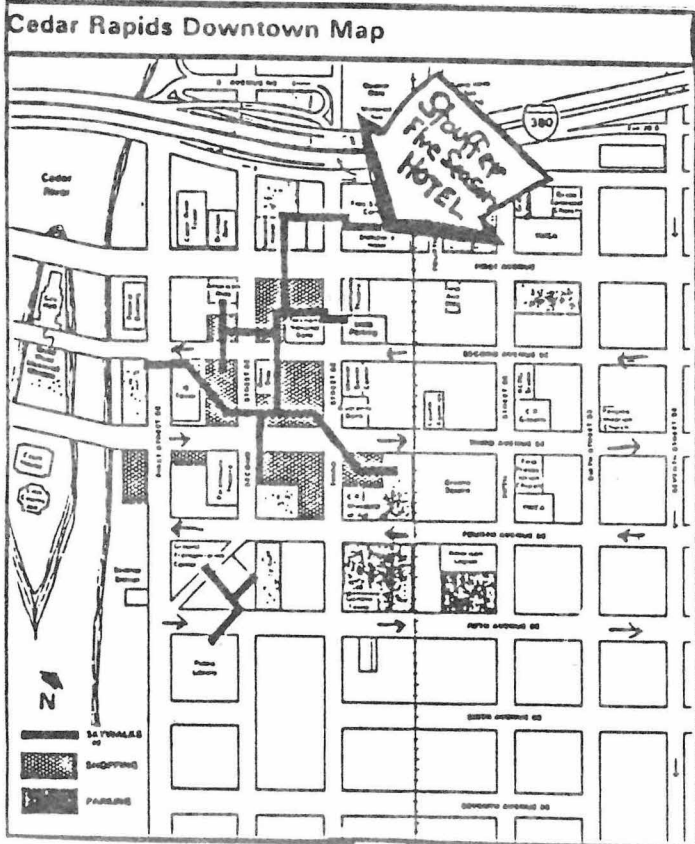
- 8:30 a.m. - All Day Registration (MUST)
- 9:00 a.m. - 2nd Session Business.
- 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Break.
- 10:45 a.m. - Resume Meeting.
- 12:00 noon - Lunch On Your Own.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3rd Session Business.
- 2:30 p.m. - Coffee Break.
- 2:45 p.m. - Resume Meeting.
- 5:00 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned.
- 6:00 p.m. - Banquet.
- 7:15 p.m. - Introduction.
- 7:30 p.m. - Biblical Drama.
- 8:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker.
- 8:15 p.m. - Son Shine Signers.
- 8:30 p.m. - Presentation of Awards: Right Hand Awards for Pastors Banner Awards
- 8:45 p.m. - Surprises.
- 9:00 p.m. - Son Shine Signers.
- 10:00 p.m. - Impromptu Remarks.

Sunday, June 28

- 7:30 a.m. - All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast.
- 9:15 a.m. - Bible Study.
- 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Worship. Installation of New Officers.
- 12:00 noon - Convention Adjourned.

WARNING

Watch out for many downtown one-way streets. They do confuse out-of-town shoppers or tourists.



E. THEO. DELANEY 1919-1987

After an active ministry spanning more than 42 years, even after retiring, the Rev. E. Theo. DeLaney has been called home to rest by our Lord. Pastor DeLaney passed away Jan. 20 with services being held in Porterville, Calif. on Jan 23.

Ordained into the holy ministry in 1945, he was the third pastor to serve the Lutheran deaf in northern California. After his retirement, he continued to serve his church as a consultant on historical and constitutional matters with the California-Nevada and Hawaii district of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

With some assistance from Rev. Clark Bailey, he developed a hymnal for use in signing.

We extend sympathy to the family and comfort in knowing that all who have labored for the Lord will be reunited at the resurrection.

ANNA E. POKORNY DIES

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, God called to eternal rest Anna E. Pokorny after a brief illness. She was the wife of Harry Pokorny of Beltsville, Md., and the mother of the Rev. Daniel H. Pokorny of St. Louis.

Memorial services were held at Holy Cross Lutheran church, Greenbelt, Md. on Saturday, Jan. 24 with committal services and burial at Kew Gardens, N.Y. on Monday, Jan. 26.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family and may our Lord comfort them with the blessed hope of the resurrection.

We Don't Like to Do This, But **NOTICE**

A number of subscribers are in arrears on renewing. The business manager does not like to cut service and has graciously extended some subscriptions, however, this practice cannot be done indefinitely. Unless renewals are received, some readers will not be receiving the next issue of **THE DEAF LUTHERAN**. We do not want to interrupt service. Renew today.

After June 1, 1987 all subscription renewals should be sent to Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, business manager, 10004 E. Mission, Spokane, Wash. 99206. New address.)

Security Measures Instituted at Christ Lutheran Church, Washington, D.C.

It always saddens us at the apparent disrespect and sacrilege committed by persons against things held sacred by the family of God. The latest incident brought to our attention occurred at Christ Lutheran church, Washington, D.C. where Rev. George Natonick is pastor.

Following recent attempts at breaking and entering and an attack upon the intern and one of the church members, some drastic actions have become necessary. Doors will remain locked most of the time, except when services are held and events are scheduled, but locked again as soon as programs and services end. Flashers to alert people inside the church when someone wishes to enter are being installed.

Is nothing sacred any more?

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