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President Carol Seeger



Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed! It is definitely true as there were eyewitnesses who actually saw

the crucified and risen Savior and they shared and spread the good news to the others. It was written eventually for us to read. See Luke 24 mentioning that the first eyewitnesses to the tomb returned and spread the word to the disciples and to the rest (v. 9). This incredible gospel continues to tell and spread to the centuries all the way to reach the generations down to you and me. So, our faith is alive because Easter changes everything. Our Lord Jesus Christ is indeed alive and reigns at the right hand of the Father. All the authority is given to Him to forgive our sins and to save our souls! Amen!

Now, let me share that I have been reading some articles in old *Deaf Lutheran* newsletters recently. One newsletter was from the 5th Biennial 1979 ILDA convention in Memphis, TN. I do recall the one in Memphis very well because my husband, Rev. Mark Seeger, was very involved in working with the host committee during his vicarage year in 1977-78. I joined the committee to help planning with the committee members. As I was looking at

the convention pictures, I was in awe because I didn't realize how huge the crowd was—the rooms were so fully packed! The title of the convention was "Go and Tell!" (Matt. 28:19,20). The workshop topic was "Evangelism."

As I look back all of those past years of deaf churches and ILDA conventions with between 300-500 attendees, there were a lot more Deaf ministries in the US and Canada—say about at least 60 deaf churches, not including interpreted services. Now, in comparison to this past number of churches, the number of deaf churches has dwindled down to approximately only at the most 15 deaf churches. Needless to say, this is really devastating. So, therefore, we need to bring the Gospel to the unreached Deaf community with help from the Holy Spirit.

Let me end this article with Matt. 28:6: "He is not here, for He is risen, as He said, Come, see the place where He lay." Alleluia!

P.S. If any congregation wishes to bid to host the ILDA convention in 2026, please contact President Seeger at carolseeger1947@gmail.com.

HERE am I
send me:
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Pastoral Advisor Rev. Daryl Gehlbach



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, "Peace. Peace. Yet there is no peace," the prophet Jeremiah declares. Indeed,

in recent months it seems there is less and less peace in the world. Why? The Russia-Ukraine war is disrupting peace among the nations. Inflation is rising and filling us with anxiety. More and more people seem to think the answer to their problems is violence.

The future has become more uncertain for many people. It is the same as the prophet Nahum writes, "hearts melt and knees tremble." When our lives become disrupted and our future less certain, what do we do? Panic? Give-up? Whine? Doubt?

Consider Jesus' disciples on the first Easter Sunday. They were afraid and gathered together in a locked room. Their world was turned upside down and their future was filled with uncertainty and doubt. Jesus had been crucified, dead, and buried. Now the tomb is empty. In addition, the Jewish leaders are spreading lies that the disciples stole the body. We can certainly understand their fear and anxiety.

Yet, in their midst Jesus appears, alive! He declares, *“Peace be with you.”* He comes to fulfill the promise He gave to them on the night before He died. *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.”* Our risen Savior doesn’t offer an earthly peace. Instead, Jesus offers peace with God. He accomplished this peace through His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection. He paid the price for our sins and satisfied God’s anger.

Peace!

The Apostle Paul writes: *“We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Yes, if you trust in Jesus, you have peace with God. How? Christ’s Spirit—the Holy Spirit—dwells within your hearts. He is living and active, growing the fruit of faith which includes peace.

The peace Christ gives is the peace that passes all understanding. This peace the world cannot give. Indeed, the world doesn’t want Christians to have this peace. The world seeks to keep us filled with fear and anxiety. Yet, when the peace of Christ rules our hearts we can confidently face all the troubles and anxieties the world offers.

Peace. Peace. Yes, there is peace...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

ILDA Treasurer John Mason



As I promised I will give quarterly reports to the Deaf Lutheran newsletter, mostly on the Mission Projects. ILDA received donations of \$4,240.00 from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

Our goal increased from 44% to 74%. Just for you to know, the Mission Projects on LDMS’s Kenya and ILDA’s Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas has met their goal and is paid off. We still have one more Mission Project that needs to be taken care of and that is India Deaf Ministry—IELC. Your kind prayers, contributions and donations help ILDA to continue the work of spreading the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ to deaf people in the United States and foreign countries. The sooner you donate, the faster we can spread the good news and they shall be saved in the name of Jesus Christ!

Mrs. Carolyn K, Snyder-Mason, Mission Projects chairperson, and I encourage you all to continue your generous donations as much as you can. Let’s get the goal achieved! If the goal is met, please keep on contributing your donations. The ILDA Executive Council will determine any remaining balance and it will be carried over to the next mission projects.

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same

function, so in Christ, we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

Romans 12:4-8

Thank you and God bless!

Church Interpreter Training Academy July 7-10, 2022

Concordia Theological
Seminary
Fort Wayne, IN

Open to all levels
Call (616) 634-1100 to
register or email:
citaelms@protonmail.com

Classes include:
Religious Signs
ASL Linguistics
Interpreting Scripture
Interpreting Worship
Interpreting Church Music
Deaf Culture

Sponsored by
Ephphatha Lutheran
Mission Society for the Deaf

**You Deaf? This is for you!
You hearing and Interested in Deaf Ministry?
THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!!**

**Want to improve your religious sign skills?
Desire to share Jesus with Deaf people?
THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!!**

Jesus Signs Workshop

WEEK-LONG IMMERSION • JULY 18 - 22, 2022



WE ARE PLANNING 4 DIFFERENT TRAINING GROUPS:

Deaf Group with in-depth training and resources
Hearing Groups: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced (Interpreters)

The Jesus Signs Workshops are designed to give you:

- Religious sign skills – beginning, intermediate, or advanced
- Resources for teaching and training Deaf people
- Ongoing support and resources to use in your area
- Skills and ideas how to reach out
- Sharing ideas how we can work together to meet your needs.

Why Jesus Signs?

We want to help equip people with heart for Deaf Ministry. We want to connect with and support people who have a heart for reaching out to the Deaf people in their area.

Would you like to help reach Deaf people but need more skills and resources?

Do you have Deaf people in your area and no way to reach out?

There is a great need to teach Deaf people! 98% do not believe in Jesus as their Savior.

Come and join us – learn how you can help us reach this hidden group of people in your area.

Plans for the Workshop:

Our Week-long Immersion Workshop is July 18 - 22, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St Charles, MO. We will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. If you are coming from out of town, please plan to arrive July 17, the day before the event begins. Look at www.Mark732.org for hotel giving us a discount. Plus there are many lodging choices in the area.

Registration is \$200 (Scholarships and CEU credits are available). We will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner and we ask you bring snacks to share during break time.

We will have sessions on:

Deaf Outreach Training and resources, Deaf Outreach in specific to your area, Deaf Culture to-day...A variety of resources you can use!

Plus many other hands on times to practice what you are learning. Our goal is to help you become better equipped to share your faith with Deaf People in your area.

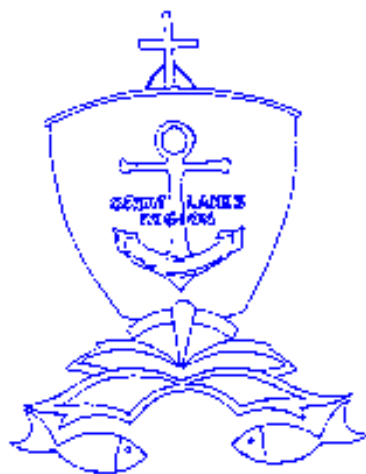
To Register:

Register online at www.Mark732.org/JesusSigns

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Great Lakes Regional Conference



October 7-9, 2022

(Columbus Day Weekend)

Location at

Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church

360 Morse Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43214

614-429-1351

Theme: *"for the Joy of the LORD is your Strength."*
Nehemiah 8:10

Friday, October 7:

4-8 PM Registration at church
(Dinner on own)
7:30 PM Open Devotion-Pastor Ed/
Business Meeting/
Game/Skits/Songs

2:30 PM Break/refreshment
2:45 PM Reinke's workshop*
5:30 PM Reinke's workshop*
or question/answer period
6:00 PM Banquet
9:30 PM Closing Devotion

Saturday, October 8:

... Breakfast on your own ...
8:30 AM Devotion
9:00 AM Business Meeting
10:30 AM Break/light refreshment
10:45 AM Business Meeting
12:00 PM Lunch
1:15 PM Unfinished Business
Meeting/Reinke's Workshop

Sunday, October 9:

... Breakfast on your own ...
9:15 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship/Lord's Supper
12:00 PM Lunch
1-3 PM Reinke's workshop

*Rev Dr John Reinke, deaf pastor, is missionary at World Lutheran Deaf Outreach. For 5 years he has performed workshops in USA, Canada, and the World. He currently is serving as pastor for the deaf in St. Louis. He also is doing live ASL Jesus Signs on www.Mark732.org

There are plenty of good lodgings about 2-10 miles from the church. Suggest using Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>) which when clicking on lodging's name, a pop up menu list prices and contact numbers.

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Choose plan (): or

Registration (required)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Refreshments (we will provide)	\$ 0.00	0
Saturday Lunch	\$10.00	0
Saturday Oktoberfest Dinner	\$30.00	\$30.00
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TOTALS	\$60.00	\$50.00

Deadline is September 18, 2022

Allergic to food? What Kind _____

Can use stairway to Basement? Yes or No

Please print clearly and one form each person.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

VP: _____ Email: _____

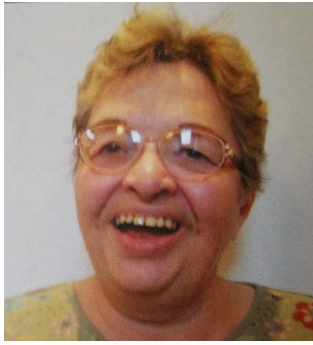
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Make check payable to: HCDLC and write in memo: GLRC 2022

Mail to: Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church; Attn: David G. Brown GLRC;
360 Morse Rd, Columbus, OH 43214.

(no refund after September 30, 2022)

In Memoriam

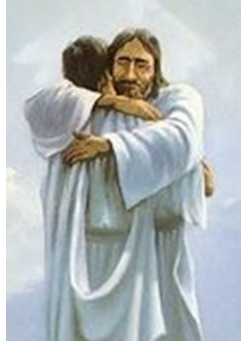


Carol Ann Pickell

B: 6/16/1943

D: 1/22/2022

Carol Ann was chairperson for the 1995 Chicago ILDA convention. She was a resident of Indianapolis, IN at the time of her death.



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Please let DL Editor, Janet Gehlbach, know if there are any corrections to the above list.



Lutheran Church Charities is assisting Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, Morris, Illinois, to help raise funds for their pastor, Rev. Mark Willig, who had a stroke in December resulting in hemiplegia paralysis on one side of the body. Rev.

Willig was the worship leader at the 2021 ILDA convention in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. If you would like to send a donation please send it to: Lutheran Church Charities, 3020 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. Make your check payable to “Lutheran Church Charities” and in the memo line put “Friends of Christ van/Willig.” Your donations will be very appreciated.

Luke West received his vicarage assignment to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, at the Vicarage Assignment Service held April 26 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. Luke is the son of Eddie and Chris Hamilton, Houston, TX.



Wanted...

Administrator for the ILDA Facebook page. Janet Gehlbach would like to step down as current administrator. If you are interested in this position please contact President Carol Seeger. Her contact info is on Page 1 of this newsletter. Thanks!

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From the Deaf Lutheran Editor

If you have any photos or articles
of interest to print in the newsletter
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the next issues are:

Summer issue...July 15, 2022

Fall issue.....October 15, 2022

Winter issue.....January 15, 2023

Please send photos or news
articles to: JGehlbach@aol.com
or mail to:

Janet Gehlbach
 305 Liberty St. NE
 Fridley, MN 55432

Thanks so much!

Deaf Vacation Bible School

With Immanuel Lutheran Church VBS
 Immanuel Lutheran Church—St. Charles
 115 S. Sixth St.
 St. Charles, MO 63301

June 6-10, 2022 9 a.m.—Noon

In ASL & spoken English for children who are deaf,
hard of hearing and hearing

Want to help out as a deaf interpreter, signer
or other volunteer?

Volunteer registration at:
immanuelstcharles.org/featured-events



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**ILDA Mission Projects for 2021-2024
as of April 1, 2022**

	Funds Requested	Donations up-to-date
1. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas	\$7,000	\$7,000 (goal completed)
2. Lutheran Deaf Mission Society -- Kenya	\$1,000	\$1,000 (goal completed)
3. India Deaf Ministry -- IELC	\$6,000	\$2,432
TOTAL	\$14,000	\$10,432 (74%)

Donations for the ILDA 2021-2024 Mission Projects can be sent to: ILDA Treasurer, John Mason, 6721 Deep Run Parkway, Elkridge, MD 21075-6557. Make your check or money order payable to "ILDA" and put "Mission Projects 2021-2024" in the memo line. These mission projects will be paid out in the order listed above. Your prayers and donations help ILDA to continue our work in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the U.S. and foreign countries.