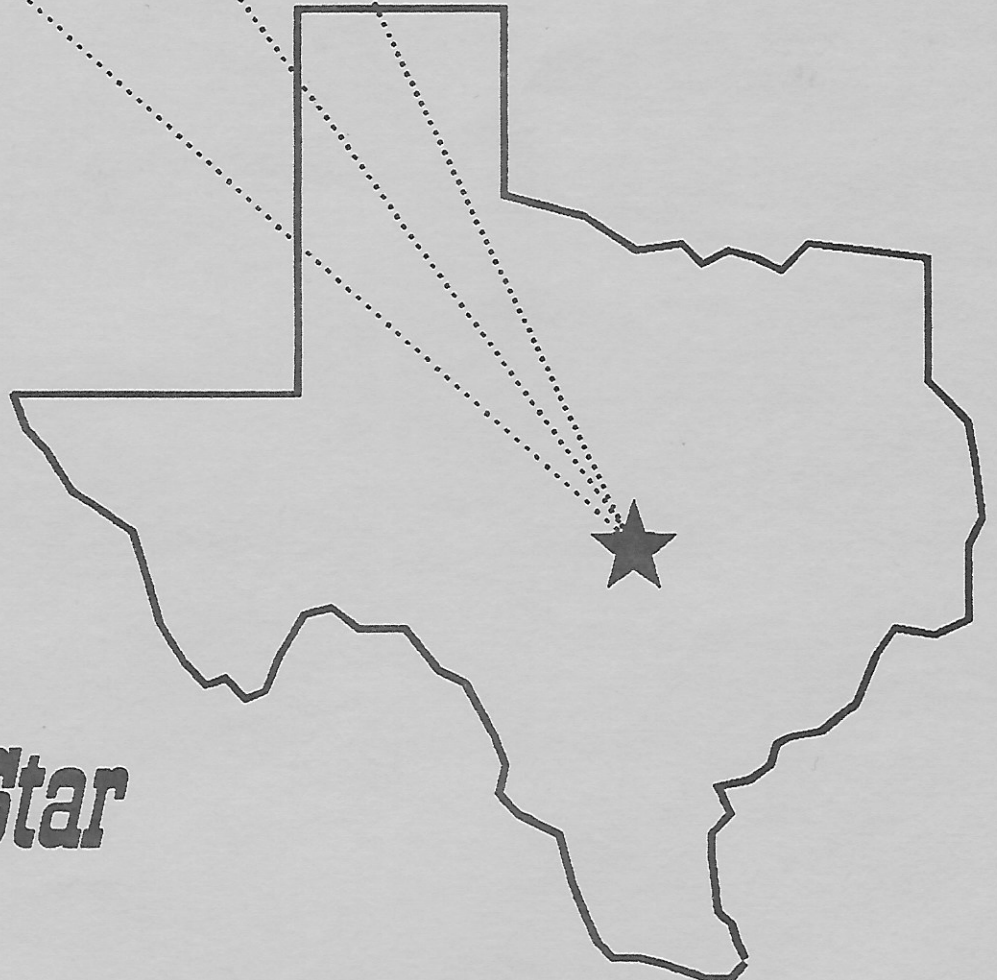


*The 12th Biennial Convention of  
the*

**International  
Lutheran  
Deaf  
Association**

hosted by

**Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf  
Austin, Texas**



***Jesus  
is  
the Lone Star***

**Rev. 22:16**

# SCHEDULE

## Thursday-July 1

1:00 p.m..... Registration  
6:00 p.m..... Open Worship  
7:00 p.m..... Welcome/Orientation  
7:30 p.m..... Skit Competition  
9:00 p.m..... Reception/Fellowship

## Friday-July 2

7:30 a.m. .... Registration  
8:00 a.m..... Opening Devotion  
8:30 a.m..... First Business Session  
9:30 a.m..... Brunch  
11:00 a.m..... Tours: San Antonio, LBJ Ranch, or Austin

## Saturday-July 3

7:30 a.m. .... Registration  
8:00 a.m..... Opening Devotion  
8:30 a.m..... Second Business Session  
10:00 a.m..... Bible Quiz  
10:45 a.m..... Coffee Break  
11:00 a.m..... Third Business Session  
12:00 p.m..... Special Luncheon  
*for God's 1000 Club members only*  
1:15 p.m..... Workshop  
*for ILDA Officer Training only*  
1:30 p.m..... Free Time  
2:30 p.m..... Bible Activity  
3:15 p.m..... Coffee Break  
3:30 p.m..... Fourth Business Session  
5:00 p.m..... Free Time  
7:00 p.m..... Banquet/Entertainment

## Sunday-July 4

7:00 a.m..... Continental Breakfast  
9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
10:00 a.m..... Worship Service  
Installation of Officers  
1995 ILDA Preview  
ILDA Banner Given to 1995 ILDA Host  
12:00 p.m..... Convention Adjourned



## 16th Verse in the 22th Chapter of Revelation

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning *star*.”

**King James Version**

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning *Star*.”

**New International Version**

“I am Jesus. I have sent My angel to you with these words to the churches. I am the beginning of David and of his family. I am the bright Morning *Star*.”

**The Living Bible**

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to tell you these truths for the churches. I am the David’s Descendant and the bright morning *Star*.”

**An American Translation**

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to give this testimony to you for the churches.

I am David’s Creator  
and the Descendant,  
the Bright Morning *Star*.”

**God’s Word to the Nations**

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to you to tell the churches all these things. I am both David’s Root and his Descendant. I am the bright Morning *Star*.”

**The Living Bible**



# The Love Chapter

If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise.

If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love.

If I gave everything I have to poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud,

Never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.

It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.

All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. Someday prophecy, and speaking in unknown languages, and special knowledge—these gifts will disappear.

Now we know so little, even with our special gifts, and the preaching of those most gifted is still so poor.

But when we have been made perfect and complete, then the need for these inadequate special gifts will come to an end, and they will disappear.

It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things.

In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at His reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see Him in His completeness, face to face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.

There are three things that remain—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

**1 Corinthian 13:1-13**





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ANN W. RICHARDS  
GOVERNOR



*March 17, 1993*

*Greetings:*

*It is my pleasure to welcome you to Austin for the 12th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association, hosted by the Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf.*

*I'm proud you have come to Austin for this important meeting. It is a beautiful city with an endless variety of things to do. I hope you will have the opportunity to get around town a little and see some of what the Capital City has to offer, and I know your hosts will show you all the hospitality for which the Lone Star State is famous.*

*Welcome, and enjoy your stay!*

*Sincerely,*

  
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February 25, 1993

The 12th Biennial Convention of the  
International Lutheran Deaf Association  
Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf  
1307 Newton Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78704-3028

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

Congratulations to you all on the occasion of the 12th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association in Austin on July 1-4, 1993. I hope to be present for a portion of the convention, schedule permitting.

In the meantime, please accept my warmest expressions of Christian love and best wishes upon your gathering. As one who serves in a District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod with many opportunities for outreach in and with the deaf community, I share a keen interest in the work of the International Lutheran Deaf Association.

May the Lord's special blessings continue to be with you and may this convention serve as a catalyst for renewed and reinvigorated mission and ministry efforts in the deaf communities of our nation and our world.

Warmly and Sincerely,  
In Christian Love,

Gerald B. Kieschnick  
President, Texas District

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Sunday Worship: 11:00

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January 27, 1993

International Lutheran Deaf Association  
c/o Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf  
1307 Newton Avenue  
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Friend in Christ:

Great is our God who loves us and allows us to share His love with each other and with many people.

We gather (again) to share His love with friends from all over North America. The committee has worked hard and prepared many opportunities for us to grow in faith and to share greetings, hugs, news, and His love.

The past two years have brought excitement and joy as many of our deaf congregations have begun to use small group meetings to share, care, love, help, serve, and bring. May God continue to bless all our congregations, their small groups, and their leaders.

May God bless our moments together, our journeys, our program, our sharing, and our caring.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Rodney R. Rynearson, Ed.D.  
Counselor for Deaf Ministry

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March 23, 1993

International Lutheran Deaf Association  
July 1-4, 1993  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to each of you, and God's blessings on your meeting together in the beautiful city of Austin and the great state of Texas!

Your time together is definitely a time to encourage and support one another, but it is also a time to spur one another on to greater mission and ministry endeavors. Your ministry is both unique and important. Sharing God's love and demonstrating genuine concern for the well-being of the deaf families across the globe might be the only opportunity that these people have to come and know Jesus as their Savior.

The Board of Mission Administration of the Texas District support you in your endeavors and thank God for the three deaf ministries that we have in Texas. May your time together be beneficial to all, and may you have a longing to return to Texas in the near future.

Yours in Christ,

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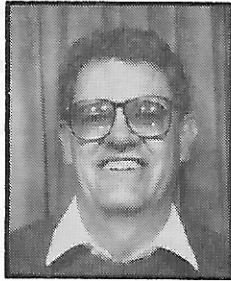
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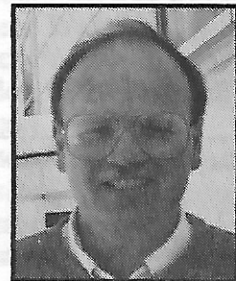
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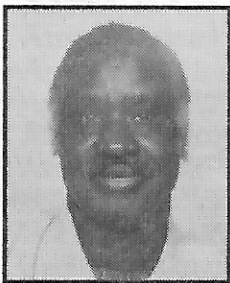


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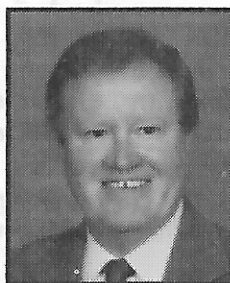
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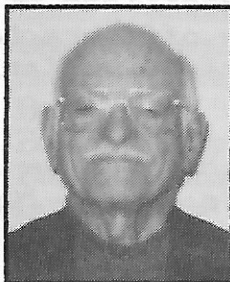
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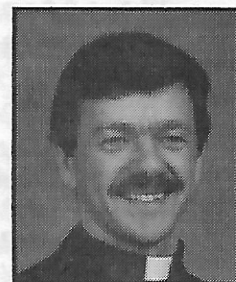
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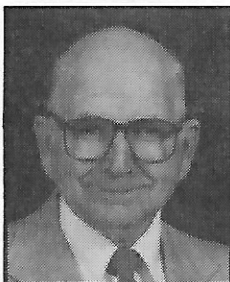
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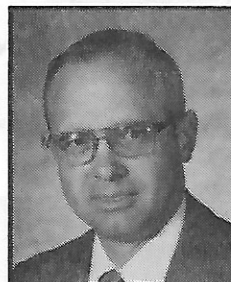
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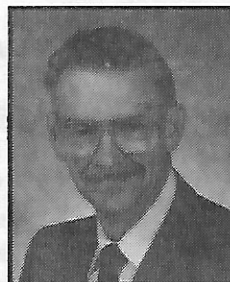
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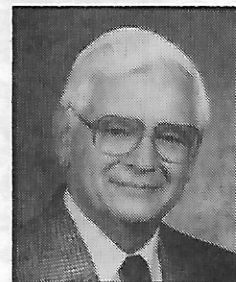
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*"And looking up to heaven, He sighed, and saith unto him, Eph-pha-tha,  
that is, be opened." — St. Mark 7:34*

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July, 1993

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE LONE STAR!

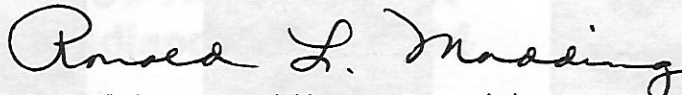
This year marks the second International Lutheran Deaf Association convention in the Dixie Region, the last one being in 1979 at Memphis, Tennessee. On behalf of the Executive Council, the Board of Directors and the local host planning committee, we welcome you to Austin, the capital of Texas!

Convention Host congregation, Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, convention chairman Richard Norton and his committee have spent numerous hours planning for our four-day event with important business sessions, banner competition, skit competition, choir competition, three tours in the Heartland of Texas, a banquet, Junior ILDA and an election of new officers to lead our association into its special 25th Anniversary beginning in 1995.

May God's Holy Spirit transpire your hearts that "Jesus is the Lone Star." May the hospitality of the Dixie Region-ILDA congregations and leaders who are able to participate in this convention serve you well.

Our Lord Jesus bestow His grace richly to all ILDA delegates and participants.

Yours in His service,  
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

  
Ronald L. Madding, President

# What Is The ILDA?



The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) commenced its ministry during its first biennial convention in Chicago in 1971. The purpose, according to the revised constitution is "to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services in our congregations to help promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior, to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran Deaf people, other deaf individuals and others with whom we associate; and to carry on our ministry throughout the world."

The ILDA shall communicate and convey to the deaf members, the programs, plans and goals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It shall support lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of faith and life.

In 1975, the members voted on the ratification of the revised constitution. The historic document will help develop the ILDA image and facilitate the operation and administration of the association. The members also supported the goal of recruiting as many lay people as possible and getting them actively involved in ILDA affairs.

In 1987, the aim of ILDA was to carry out the objectives of serving the Lord in His church and to obtain the financial support that would lead to self-sufficiency. It was hoped that many programs and projects for the ministry and mission of the ILDA will become a reality.

Membership in the ILDA is open to all deaf, and is divided into three categories: **ACTIVE**, **ASSOCIATE** and **SUSTAINING**.

The ILDA relies on its official publication, *THE DEAF LUTHERAN*, to convey information of its activities and services to Deaf Lutherans.

As we near the end of the first 100 years of the ministry to the Deaf, the ILDA boldly faces the challenges of a new century as a completely self-supporting organization in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and will continue its mission of outreach programs wherever such opportunities exist. Our plans call for a Centennial celebration of Deaf Ministry in conjunction with the 1995 convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the ILDA which will be held in Chicago, Ill.

## God's 1,000 Club

God's 1,000 Club was established by the ILDA Board of Directors and it aims to continue to grow.

The name "God's 1,000 Club" was chosen because, first of all, the work of ILDA is to get the Good News of God's Son to the Deaf everywhere. 1,000 represented the number of donors or club members, we hope to enlist.

People who become members in God's 1,000 Club are asked to contribute \$10.00 each year thereafter. This is not a part of the regular ILDA dues and it does not pay for a subscription to *THE DEAF LUTHERAN*. Any donations given to God's 1,000 Club, can only be used to help pay the expenses of ILDA board meetings. \* (For details, see the ILDA treasurer)



## **Historian's Message**

*Don Mowl*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who comes to our hearts and minds this time of the year.

As your historian, it is my greatest privilege to be with you all in the blessed name of our wonderful Savior Jesus, as we begin our 12th Biennial ILDA convention. O' Lord on this 23rd Anniversary of the International Lutheran Deaf Association, we are moved to express to thee our thanks which fill our hearts. We recall the joyful moments of our rich experiences which bind us together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

I know that this gracious host congregation, Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, has been working many tireless hours hoping to encourage many more deaf people to attend this convention in southern state. I believe that the Jesus Congregation is really very fortunate having Rev. Mark Seeger and his darling wife, Carol, to settle in Austin, Texas at the right time, after moving there from Rochester, NY. Soon after they were settled, they lost no time in getting ready to start helping their congregation to move forward to make ILDA convention successful.

On behalf of my darling wife, Mary, and myself, we want to thank you all for giving us the privilege to share with you at every convention ever since ILDA was organized in 1971. I also want to thank you for my opportunity to serve as your historian for the past ten years for which I have enjoyed working with you all.

During the year 1981, I started to spend many considerable hours making up the history of the Deaf ministry. After two years of preparation, I decided to include the Archives of Deaf Ministry to be printed in the new book. Finally in the year 1983 while I was your ILDA Convention co-chairman in Pittsburgh, at the Board of Director's meeting, I was officially voted as your historian in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ever since I became your historian, I have seen some changing and growing take place in our association. I am hoping to find someone who is willing to share with me in helping to make the history more exciting for the upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration successful.

I am asking you to bless our ILDA and work together. If it is thy wish, those leaders of ILDA may be our spiritual shepherd for this coming year, leading us in this convention with joy and hope.

We are truly very fortunate in having good officers of ILDA who have been striving to keep ILDA strong and in good standing ever since ILDA was established to the glory of God.

We are looking forward to celebrating 25th Anniversary of ILDA and 100th Anniversary of Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Deaf Ministry which will take place in Chicago in 1995.

The highlight of this convention will be meeting with our old friends and make new ones.

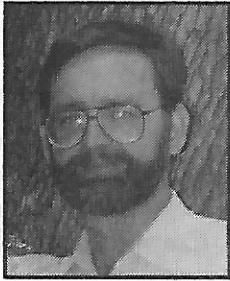
May your life be full of peace and joy here in this convention.

Love and Peace in Christ's work,

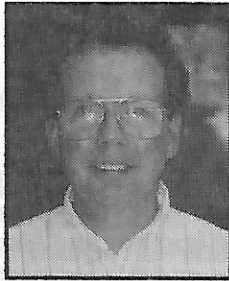
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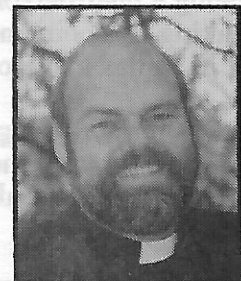
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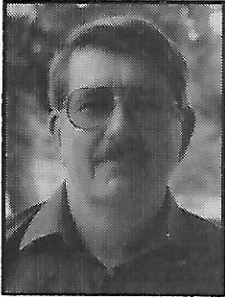
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# The Messages

## President of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf

*Alan Hall*



Dear Friends in Christ;

Welcome to Austin, Texas! The congregation of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf hopes you will have a wonderful experience during this year's ILDA convention. Members from all across North America will enjoy Christian fellowship and deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Commitment of our Lord is the force that binds us together, and the foundation for this convention. I pray that the Lord watch over each and every one of you during your stay in Austin, and that you return home with warm memories and strengthened commitment to Him.

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## Chairperson of 1993 ILDA Convention

*Richard Norton*

Howdy! we sincerely welcome y'all to the Capital City of the Lone Star State. Jesus is definitely the Lone Star over this planet. We shall see the Morning Star someday. Meanwhile, we can gather together to share the Christian experience. Praise the Lord for this wonderful event.

As being a chairperson, I really want to thank all the people in the Planning Committee for their efforts in making this convention successful. Also, we appreciate great support from the Beverly Chapel for the Deaf in Dallas and Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Houston.

Thank you for coming to our 12th Biennial ILDA Convention because the convention depends on you, the participants. To make it a memorable experience to remember and share with others. Enjoy this convention. Bless y'all with Jesus' love.

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## Chairperson of 1993 Junior ILDA Convention

*Stephen Luke*

As you attend the International Lutheran Deaf Association and Junior International Lutheran Deaf Association Conventions in Austin, we hope you will enjoy your visit to the Friendship State.

The word Texas means "friends" and we will be learning how Jesus is our friend. As each of us share our common belief in Jesus, we hope to make new friends as well as maintain the friendships we have made in the past. The conventions are times for fun and fellowship together in Christ.



The Message from  
***the Rev. Mark Seeger***  
of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf  
Austin, Texas

Dear Brothers and Sisters of ILDA

It gives me and the congregation of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf great pleasure to welcome you to the greatest city in the greatest state of the greatest country! Welcome to Austin! It is our sincere prayer that you will be blessed by attending this convention of deaf Christians.

Our chairperson, Richard Norton, and the rest of the ILDA planning committee has been working hard for two years to make this the best ILDA convention ever.

As you attend the meetings and activities, we urge you to remember that we are here because our ONE TRUE STAR is Jesus Christ. He is the one who created us and redeemed us. He is the One who will come again for us to take us home to Heaven to live with Him forever.

Enjoy your visit to the Capital City of Texas, enjoy meeting new friends and seeing old friends again. Have a good time here and a safe trip home. We love you and thank you for coming!

Vaya con Dios (Go with God)  
Rev. Mark W. Seeger

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## Our Special Thanks!

To the Lord, pastors, guest speakers, Aid Association for Lutherans, Lutheran Brotherhood, International Lutheran Deaf Association, Concordia College, Lutheran Churches of the Dixie Region, other churches, 1993 ILDA Planning committee members, Jesus Lutheran Church members (Estelle Heintschel for assisting with the boosters, Robin Williams for assisting with advertisements and door prizes, Joyce Lovell for assisting with baby-sitting and Clarence Broecker for being our Master of Ceremonies), volunteers, and everyone who has contributed to making the 12th Biennial Convention of ILDA possible. May Lord Richly Bless Them ALL!



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## Anniversaries of Deaf Ministries

### - 1992 -

|             |          |                        |
|-------------|----------|------------------------|
| 1987 - 1992 | 5 years  | Rev. Carl Bassett      |
| 1957 - 1992 | 35 years | Rev. Wayne Bottlinger  |
| 1960 - 1992 | 30 years | Rev. Walter Busby      |
| 1982 - 1992 | 10 years | Rev. Joseph Fremer     |
| 1942 - 1992 | 50 years | Rev. C. Roland Gerhold |
| 1967 - 1992 | 25 years | Rev. Charles Jones     |
| 1972 - 1992 | 20 years | Rev. Jerold Munz       |
| 1982 - 1992 | 10 years | Rev. Karl Schoenrade   |
| 1987 - 1992 | 5 years  | Rev. Steven Schumacher |

### - 1993 -

|             |          |                      |
|-------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1953 - 1993 | 40 years | Rev. Clark Bailey    |
| 1978 - 1993 | 15 years | Rev. David Bush      |
| 1968 - 1993 | 25 years | Rev. Don Fairman     |
| 1983 - 1993 | 10 years | Rev. Daryl Gehlbach  |
| 1963 - 1993 | 30 years | Rev. Martin Hewitt   |
| 1963 - 1993 | 30 years | Rev. Don Leber       |
| 1968 - 1993 | 25 years | Rev. George Natonick |
| 1983 - 1993 | 10 years | Rev. Steven Schlund  |
| 1973 - 1993 | 20 years | Rev. Kenneth Schnepf |
| 1938 - 1993 | 55 years | Rev. Walter Uhlig    |



# The History of Deaf Ministry in Texas

Before The Republic of Texas joined the United States of America, it was an independent nation. One of the heroes of the Texas war for independence was Erastus Smith, known as "Deaf Smith." Because of Mr. Smith's bravery and wisdom during the war with Mexico. The Republic of Texas put Deaf Smith's picture on the \$5.00 bill and also named "Deaf Smith County" in honor of him. Texas was the only country (and now the only state) to give such a high honor to a deaf person. However, it wouldn't be until 95 years later that the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod finally sent a missionary to serve the deaf people in the great state of Texas.

Two days before Reformation Day, 1931, the Rev. Martin Mueller was ordained and installed in Waco, Texas. His first deaf Lutheran worship service in Texas was on March 4, 1932, at Zion Lutheran Church in Dallas. From 1931 until 1939 Rev. Mueller served the deaf of Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Wichita Falls, Texas and also Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Enid, Oklahoma.

From 1939 until 1942, deaf Texans were served by the Rev. Floyd Possehl, serving out of Oklahoma. Beaumont and Wichita Falls were dropped as preaching stations, but the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulpher, Oklahoma, was added.

After Rev. Possehl accepted a call out of the area, Texas and Oklahoma were served very briefly by a Rev. Striet who served the field from Oklahoma City, and Rev. Theo Delaney who served from Austin.

In August of 1953, the Rev. Ervin Oermann was installed in Austin to serve the deaf people of Texas and the schools for the deaf in Louisiana and Mississippi. The Oklahoma field was separated from the Texas field for a few years, but Rev. Oermann did serve Oklahoma during their vacancy. It was during Rev. Oermann's ministry that the property on Newton Avenue was purchased (1958), and the sculpture of the sign for "Jesus" was made. It was also during this time that the congregation in Austin was named "Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf."

In August 1961, Rev. Herbert Rohe was installed in Houston to serve the deaf of Texas and Oklahoma. During his ministry in Texas, Rev. Rohe began to work at the Austin State Hospital and at the Texas Blind, Deaf and Orphan School.

From 1964 to 1976, Austin was served by the Rev. Donald Haug from Houston.

In 1976, Rev. Richard Reinap was installed in Austin as the first full-time resident pastor to serve primarily the Central Texas area. In 1980, a new building was constructed on the Newton Avenue property to house the congregation of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Rev. Reinap served in Austin until 1986.

In December of 1988, Rev. Michael King was installed as the 2nd full-time pastor to serve Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Rev. King served in Austin through July 1990.

In October 1990, Rev. Mark Seeger from Rochester, N.Y. was called to be the pastor of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf. He was installed in January of 1991 as the third full-time pastor to serve this congregation.

## A Brief History of Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

DDLC covers the southern region of the United States namely Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

- 1927 - Early missions fields to Oklahoma and Texas were started by Pastors A.E. Ferber and Martin  
1930 E.A. Mueller.
- 1949 First Dixie Deaf Lutheran conference on January 29-30, 1949 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 1950 Nine states including North Carolina were added as missionary fields. Several pastors traveled to preaching stations including Francis Gyle, Delbert Thies, Martin Sampson and W.A. Westermann.
- 1968 DDLC constitution was adopted on June, 1968.
- 1979 5th Biennial Convention of ILDA, June 22-24, 1979 at Holiday Inn, Memphis, Tennessee; The Theme was "Go and Tell."
- 1982 North Carolina joined in the Eastern Region - International Lutheran Deaf Association (ER-ILDA)
- 1986 DDLC Conference, October 10-12, 1986 at Camp Lone Star Retreat Center, La Grange, Texas; Called for a updated version of DDLC constitution.
- 1988 DDLC Conference, October 14-16, 1988, Indian Springs Campground in Kosciusko, Mississippi; the theme was "Church Growth: Our Unity for Christ."  
Accomplishments:  
DDLC constitution was approved.  
Leadership Training Program - workshop leaders: Beth Firnhaber Lockard - "Teaching Children Scripture & Faith;" Charles Kotal - "Responsibilities of Church Officers;" Rev. David Bush - "Personal Evangelism."
- 1990 DDLC TALK, the regional newsletter, was published.
- 1990 DDLC conference, September 14-16, 1990 at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean in Morrilton, Arkansas; The Theme was "How can the Deaf Better serve the Lord?" Sent two books about deafness as memorial gifts to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in memory of Dr. Daniel Pokorny.
- 1992 DDLC conference, January 3-5, 1992 at Camp Lone Star Retreat Center, La Grange, Texas; Rev. Mark Anderson and Dr. Rodney Rynearson were the workshop leaders.

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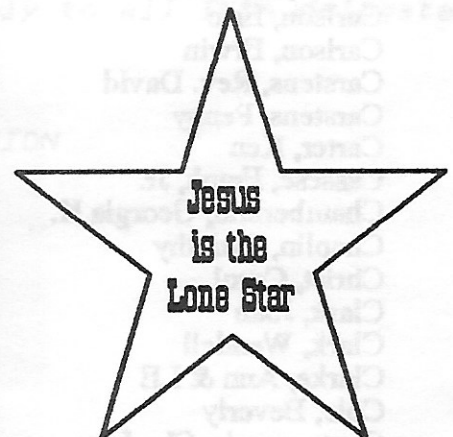
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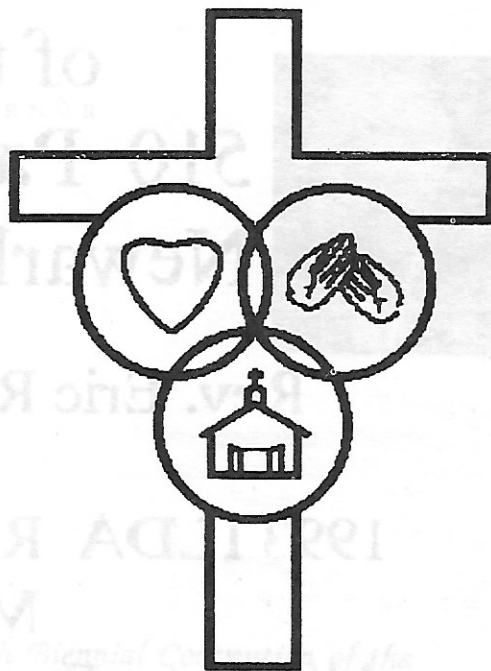
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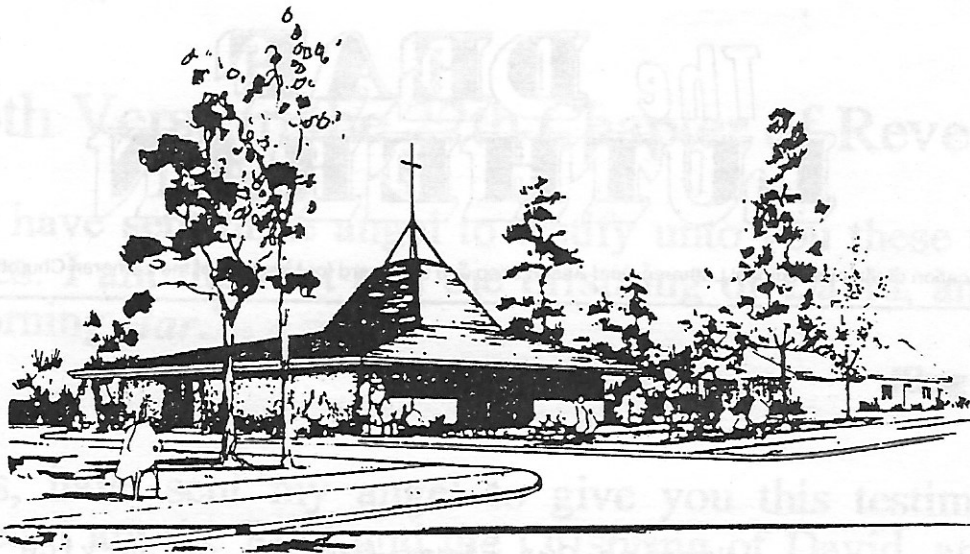
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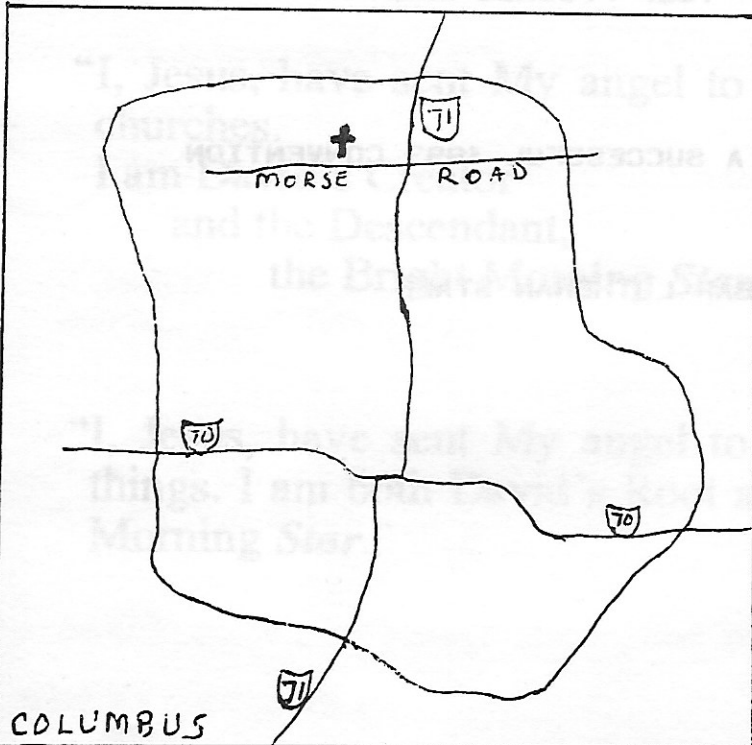




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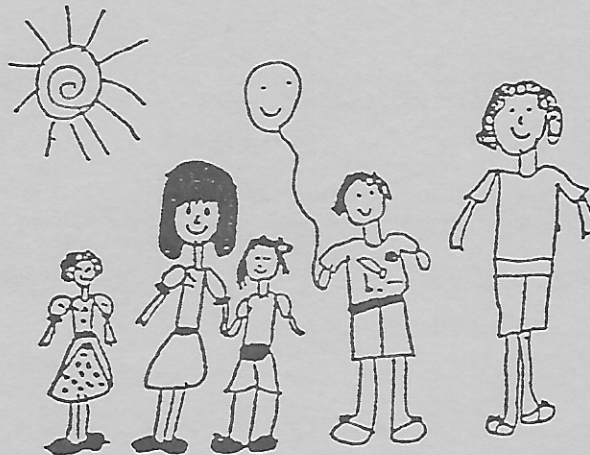
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