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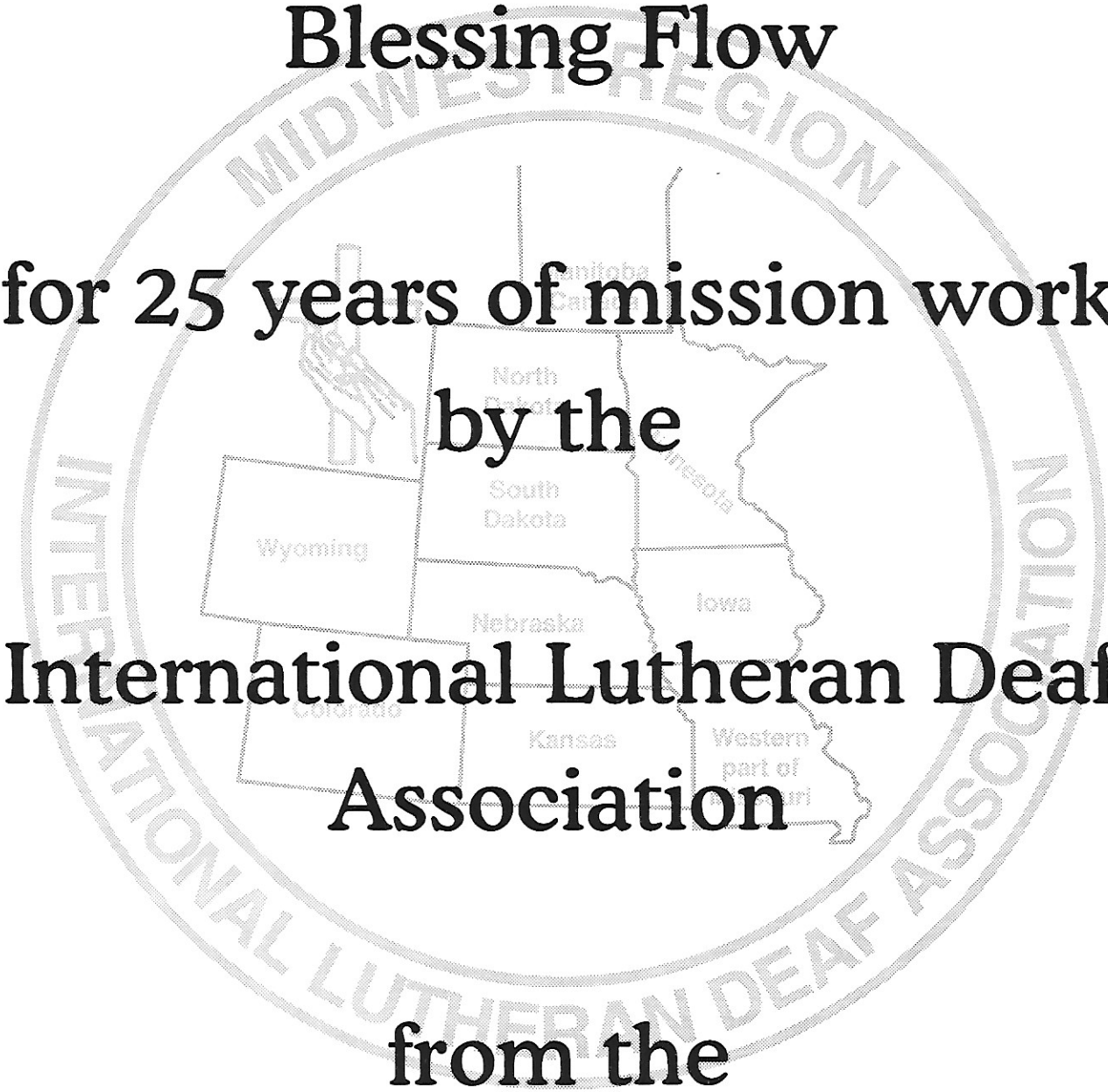
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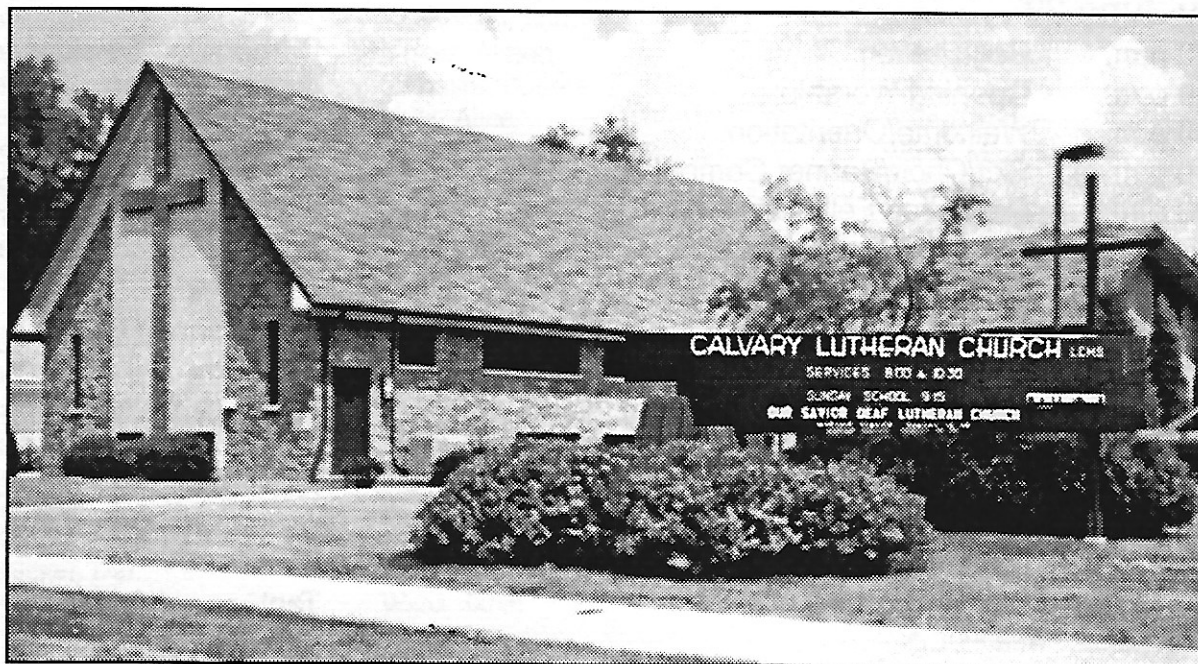
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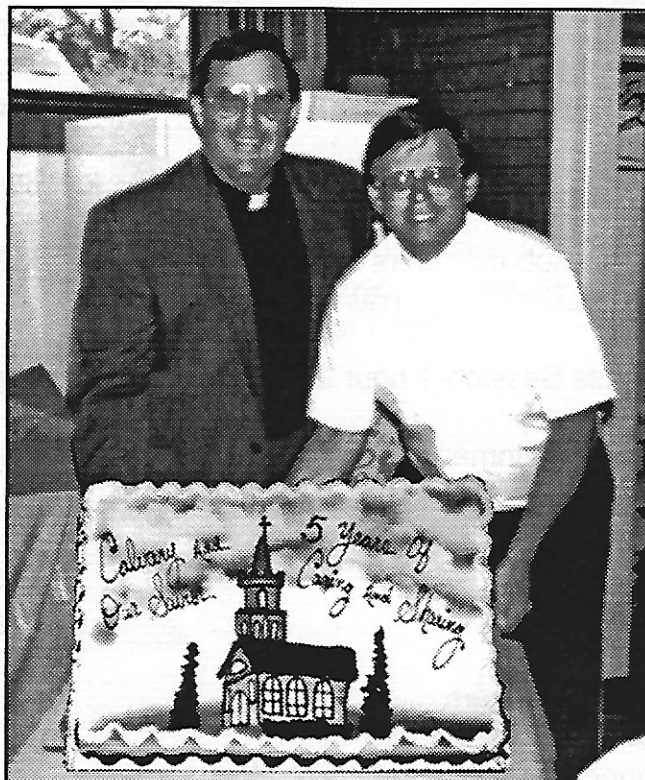


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# ILAD 25TH ANNIVERSARY

13TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL - WOODFIELD, SCHAUMBURG,



## 1995 ILAD SCHEDULE

### Thursday-June 29

1:00 p.m.	Registration	Barbershop Corridor
6:00 p.m.	Opening Worship	Regency E-G
7:00 p.m.	Welcome/Orientation	Regency E-G
7:30 p.m.	Skit/Choir/Banner Competition	Regency E-G
9:00 p.m.	Reception/Fellowship	Netti's

### Friday-June 30

7:30 a.m.	Registration	Barbershop Corridor
7:45 a.m.	Opening Devotion	Regency E-G
8:00 a.m.	1st Business Session-1 hour	Regency E-G
9:00 a.m.	Brunch-Breakfast	Tent
10:00 a.m.	Pick-up for Tour-Odyessey Cruise	Northern Main Entrance
8:00 p.m.	Historical Drama/Songs 100th Lutheran Deaf Ministry	Tent
10:00 p.m.	Reception	Tent

### Saturday-July 1

7:30 a.m.	Registration	Barbershop Corridor
8:00 a.m.	Opening Devotion	Regency E-G
8:30 a.m.	2nd Business Session-1 hour & half	Regency E-G
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	
11:00 a.m.	3rd Business Session-1 hour	Regency E-G
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own) (Special luncheon for God's 1000 Club members only)	Netti's
1:15 p.m.	Workshop (ILDA Officer Training Only) 2 hours	Schaumburg
1:30 p.m.	Free Time	
3:30 p.m.	4th Business Session-1 hour & half	Regency E-G
5:00 p.m.	(End of Session)	
6:00 p.m.	Banquet/Entertainment	Regency E-G

### Sunday-July 2

7:00 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast	Netti's
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study	Regency E-G
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service Installation of Officers 1997 ILDA Preview ILDA Banner given to 1997 ILDA Host	Regency E-G
12:00 p.m.	Convention Adjourned	
2:00 p.m.	Hotel Check-out	



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### JR. ILDA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

#### Thursday-June 29

1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Registration	Barbershop Corridor
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Get Acquainted	Room 5335
6:00 p.m.	Opening Worship	Regency E-G
7:30 p.m.	Skits/Choir/Banner Competition	Regency E-G
9:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time	Netti's

#### Friday-June 30

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m.	Devotion led by Rev. Munz <i>"Why Bad Things Happen to Good People"</i>	Room 5335
8:30 a.m.	Group Meets for Magic Water Trip	Front Hotel Lobby
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Magic Waters (Box Lunch included)	Off Site
5:45 p.m.	Group Meets for Gino's East Pizza	Front Hotel
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Gino's East Pizza	Off Site
8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Reception with ILDA	Regency E-G

#### Saturday-July 1

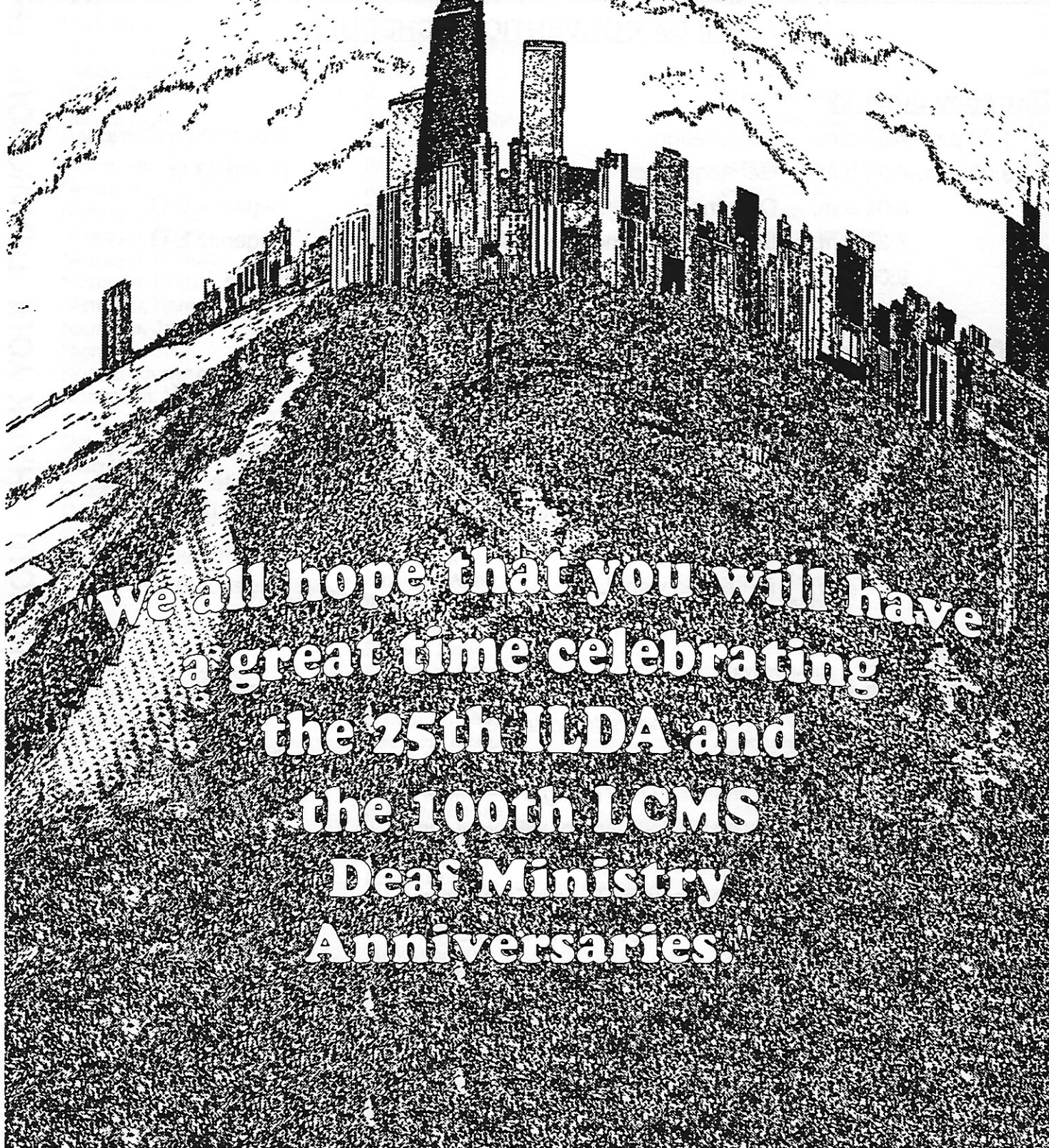
8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Devotion led by Rev. Mac Donald <i>"Baptism and Its Importance"</i>	Room 5335
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Workshop <i>"Christianity and Being a Teenager"</i>	Room 5335
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own or with your family	
1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Guest Speakers	Room 5335
5:45 p.m.	Group Meets for Gino's East Pizza	Front Hotel Lobby
6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Medieval Times (dinner included)	Off Site

#### Sunday-July 2

7:00-8:30 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast	Netti's
9:00 a.m.-9:45 p.m.	Bible Study	Room 5335
10:00 a.m.-Noon	Worship Service	Tent (back of hotel)
12:00 noon	Convention Adjourns	



# "WELCOME TO THE CHICAGOLAND!"



We all hope that you will have  
a great time celebrating  
the 25th ILDA and  
the 100th LCMS  
Deaf Ministry  
Anniversaries.

## "ENJOY YOURSELVES!"

*With a Prayer of Thanksgiving to od  
for His Abundant Grace and Blessing*

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

presents  
this token of appreciation  
to

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE DEAF**

In grateful recognition  
for  
**LABORS OF LOVE**

performed cheerfully and efficiently as hosts to  
**THE FIRST CONVENTION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION,  
JULY 16-18, 1971, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Presented July 17, 1971      The Board of Directors  
by  
Sec'y for Ministry to Deaf      Chairman

***"Whatever your task, work heartily,  
as serving the Lord."***

Col. 3:23





## **INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION**

### MEMBERS

Individuals interested in Lutheran Church work among the deaf

### PURPOSES

To promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran and other deaf

### STIMULATION

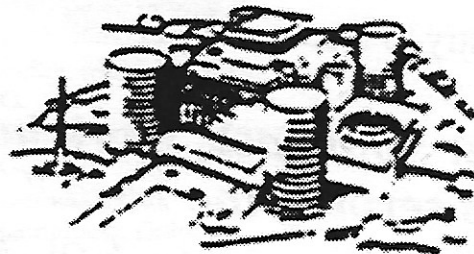
To stimulate lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of religious faith, life, activity, and service

### DEVELOPMENT

To promote and develop programs for the spiritual strength and growth of the deaf

### INFORMATION

To communicate to the deaf, the programs, plans, and goals of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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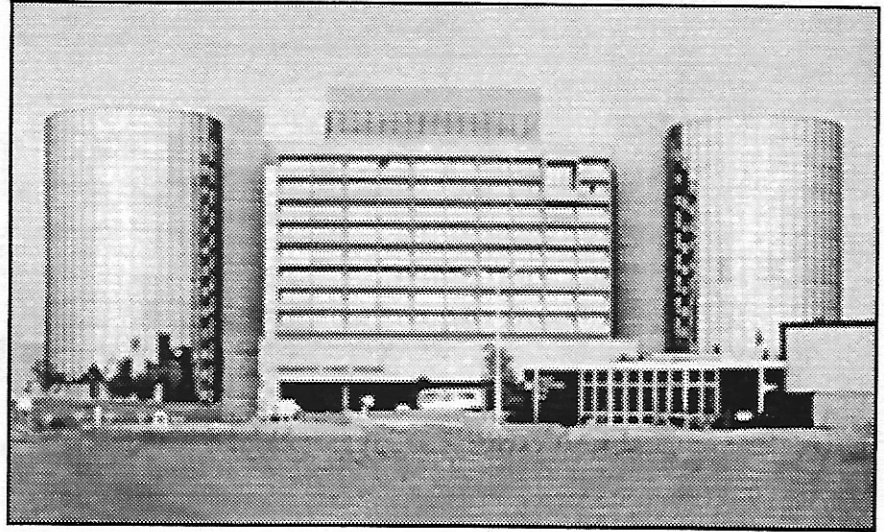
Chicago, Illinois

Regency Hyatt House

July 16-18, 1971

## HOW I.L.D.A. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1971

In 1965 the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod restructured its Board for Missions. In that change, Deaf Ministry became part of North American Missions. Even though Deaf Ministry had regional meetings prior to that time, ministry was very dependent on the national board. Ephphatha Conference and various regions became more aware of the need for a national organization for deaf ministry which was a truly deaf Lutheran organization.



In 1969, members of Ephphatha Conference and representatives from the regions met and decided to establish the *International Lutheran Deaf Association*. The date for the first meeting was set for 1971. Because Deaf Ministry began in Chicago, it seemed right to have the first meeting again in that city, and Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf volunteered to be the host for the first *ILDA*. 1971 was the 85th anniversary of the organization of that congregation, which is the oldest Lutheran deaf congregation in the United States.

Each region contributed \$125 as a start up fund for the first convention, and Our Savior hosted many fundraising events in order to help make the first event a success. The first two tasks were to set up a local convention committee and the second was to select a hotel. The local committee was chaired by Henry Niemeyer, President of Our Savior. It included his wife Evelyn, Arlene and Bob Arman, Alice Gober, Carl and Esther Heyer, Bill and Elizabeth Maiworm, and Betty Raskin. Pastor Charles Jones and Lay ministry Bob Oettel also helped the committee.

In deciding on a place for the first convention, the committee believed it should be close to O'Hare airport. At that time, the hotels on River Road were not built (except the Holiday Inn); so, Pastor Jones and Henry Niemeyer put on construction hard hats and walked through the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel as it was being built. They selected meeting space only based on concrete and drawings. There were many meetings with the hotel people to arrange for the convention, and we all prayed that the hotel would be finished in the time for the convention. It happened that *ILDA* was the third convention held at the newly opened hotel in 1971, and the room rate was about \$40. When the first *ILDA* was held, they were still finishing part of the hotel, but it was beautiful, the food was excellent, and the glass elevators were exciting.

### PAST ILDA CONVENTIONS

1971: CHICAGO

1973: KANSAS CITY

1975: WASHINGTON, D.C.

1977: SPOKANE

1979: MEMPHIS

1981: LOS ANGELES

1983: PITTSBURGH

1985: MILWAUKEE

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1989: PORTLAND

1991: TOLEDO

1993: AUSTIN

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President

International Lutheran Deaf Association  
13th Biennial Convention  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Grace, mercy and peace to you from Him who was, who is and who is to come, even Jesus Christ our Righteousness. Amen.

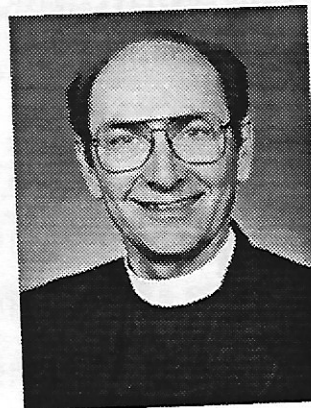
I am pleased to take this opportunity to wish you a hearty congratulations in the Lord as you celebrate the 25th anniversary of the International Lutheran Deaf Association. I am sure as each of you as members of the ILDA have the opportunity to look back over the years you will be able to identify the many blessings of God which have been poured out on you. You will also surely remember times when you have had a particular challenge or struggle, and here too, you can see how God's mercy and strength have been with you, comforting, uplifting and sustaining you.

What a special joy it must be for you to know that through the work of the ILDA the Holy Spirit has blessed the word of God which you have been privileged to share, offering the very words of life and salvation—the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who loved us so much He gave himself up willingly as the sacrifice for our sins. I want each of you to know how much our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod appreciates the years of service of the International Lutheran Deaf Association. Thank you for your faithful dedication and service to the people whom God has made with special blessings.

My prayer for ILDA now as it moves into the years ahead is that the Lord would continue to support you with His love and grace. May you continue to be a blessing to others and may you always find joy in the privilege you have of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With kindest personal regards,

Dr. A. L. Barry  
Jude 24-25







The Northern Illinois District welcomes the I.L.D.A. Convention and we pray God's blessing upon your gathering here. We rejoice with you in the fellowship we share in Jesus our Savior and Lord.

We want to make special reference to the Rev. Charles E. Jones, one of our pastors and one who had a part in the beginning of the International Lutheran Deaf Association twenty-five years ago. We are grateful for his ministry. Pastor Jones has faithfully served hearing impaired persons in a variety of ways since 1967 here and in New England. We are happy to see that this booklet is dedicated to him in recognition of his ministry.

REV. CHARLES E. JONES

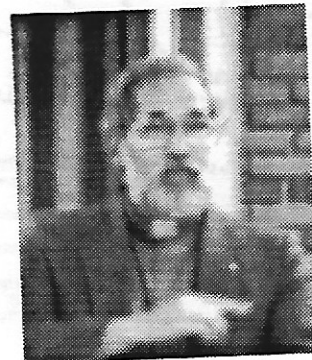
Born 1940, Goldsboro, North Carolina  
Married 1964, sons 1967, 1969, daughter 1968  
Graduated St. Louis 1967, MDiv

Pastor- Our Savior Deaf Chicago, 1967-72  
- Deaf Church of Our Savior, Foxboro, MA, 1972-78

- CRM New England District 1978-83
- 1983, Director of Center on Deafness, Des Plaines, IL called by NTD as chaplain at large
- Missionary at Large in deaf ministry NTD 1984 to 1987 when resigned
- 1987 Fall, became part-time Resource Coordinator in Hearing Impaired Ministry for NTD until 1990.
- 1990-92, Clinical Director, Center on Deafness, Des Plaines, IL
- 1992-93, Director of Education and Outreach for Silent Word
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International Lutheran Deaf Association  
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Dear Ms. Pickell,

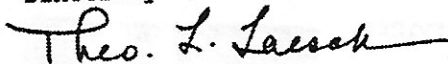
I am happy to send the International Lutheran Deaf Association my greetings as you celebrate 25 years as an organization bringing encouragement and fellowship to all those engaged in the ministry of Jesus Christ among the deaf. It's good too, that you are also remembering the 100 years of Deaf Ministry in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. This is a special and wonderful ministry of our church that has been blessed many times over by our Lord.

On behalf of the Northern Illinois District, I also welcome the 13th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association to Schaumburg, Illinois. The congregations in Wood Dale, Rockford, Cary and Chicago are to be congratulated for their efforts in hosting your Convention.

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Deaf Ministry began in our District at First Bethlehem in Chicago (now Our Savior, Wood Dale) and therefore it is with thankfulness and joy that our District congregations celebrate with you both that 100 year anniversary and also the 25th anniversary of the I L D A.

I pray God's continued blessing on your unique fellowship in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The theme for your convention holds up the beautiful promise of Jesus: "I shall make all things new." The Good News of salvation for the sinner in Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen Son of God, does indeed make life "new" for us all. Thanks and praise be to our God.

Sincerely in Christ,



The Rev. Theodore L. Laesch, President  
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Dear Friends in Christ:

Great is God's love. He has indeed made all things new. He has called us to faith in His Son Jesus. He keeps us in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit working through His Word.

For Twenty-Five (25) years, He has led and sustained our wonderful organization. He has blessed us with dedicated leaders. He has given us many opportunities to share His love with one another. He has greatly blessed many people through our mission projects. We continue to *"share the GOOD NEWS with Deaf People through Fellowship and Leadership Training."*

May God continue to bless the International Lutheran Deaf Association for many more years.

Yours in Christ,

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

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c:

Carol Ann Pickell  
Ronald Madding





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

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Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior,  
Who Makes All Things New!

This year marks the second time we return to Chicago,  
since the first International Lutheran Deaf Association  
was founded and held here in 1971. On behalf of the  
Executive Council, the Board of Directors and the local  
host committee, we welcome you to Schaumburg, a  
suburban city of Chicago, Illinois!

We are all very excited to be gathering together for  
fellowship with new and old friends, as God will bless  
this once-in-a life time celebration of the 25th Anni-  
versary of ILDA. Congratulations are in order for the  
100th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri  
Synod's Deaf Ministry and Our Savior Deaf Lutheran  
Church of Wood Dale, Illinois.

The convention is hosted by the Northern Illinois  
Lutheran Churches of the Deaf, convention chairperson,  
Carol Ann Pickell and her committee have spent numerous  
hours planning for this special event. The four-day  
event will consist of important business sessions,  
banner competition, skit competition, choir competi-  
tion, tours and sightseeing, a banquet, Junior ILDA and  
election of new officers to lead our association  
toward the end of the 20th century.

May God continue to "Make All Things New" for the ILDA  
and the LC-MS Deaf Ministry, by communicating His words  
to us, as we face new challenges in the years ahead.

Yours in His service,  
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

*Ronald L. Madding*  
Ronald L. Madding, President



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**TO BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

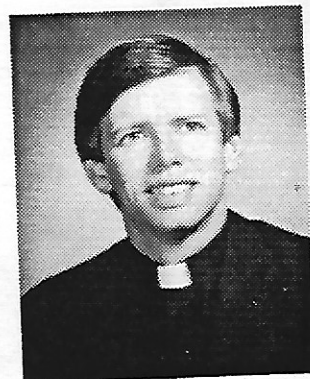
**WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LOVE OF ALMIGHTILY LORD GOD IN THE ILDA CONVENTION! IT IS MY FEVERENT PRAYER THAT YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS OCCASION WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES OF YOUR LIFE. AND ONE OF THE MOST BLESSED, TOO.**

**TO BE SURE, WE ARE HERE FOR THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CELEBRATION ONLY BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF OUR BELOVED GOD WHO HAS CALLED AND CHOSEN US, DEAF AND HEARING LUTHERANS, AS HIS SERVANTS AND HIS WITNESSES IN CHRIST JESUS OUR SERVANTS AND HIS WITNESSES IN CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR. WE ARE INDEED THANKFUL FOR HIS UNFAILING FAITHFULNESS IN UPHOLDING THE DEAF MINISTRY SINCE IT FIRST BEGAN BACK IN 1894 HERE IN CHICAGO. WE ARE ALSO THANKFUL THAT GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS THIS MINISTRY EVEN TO THIS DAY AND WILL SO CONTINUE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.**

**KEEPING IN MIND THE 1995 ILDA CONVENTION THEME, "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW," WE ARE VERY CONFIDENT THAT THE ALL-WISE AND ALL-POWERFUL GOD WILL ALWAYS RENEW AND BLESS ALL OUR LCMS MINISTRY AND MISSION, EVEN ALL THE WAY TO THE GREAT DAY OF GLORY WHEN THE VICTORIOUS KING OF HEAVEN AND EARTH COMES BACK FOR HIS SERVANTS.**

**FINALLY, PLEASE DO MAKE YOURSELVES FEEL AT HOME HERE AT THIS EXCITING CONVENTION AS WE MEET OLD FRIENDS AS WELL AS MAKE NEW FRIENDS. WE ARE ALL TOGETHER AS ONE IN CHRIST DOING HIS WILL WHILE WE SEEK OUT NEW WAYS TO BRING ALL PEOPLE TO THE ETERNAL JOY OF SALVATION.**

**PASTOR MARK ANDERSON**







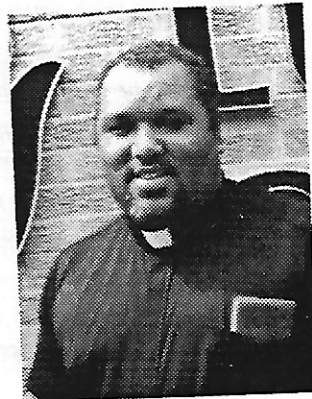
On behalf of Ephphatha Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf and the Marsh family, we wish to welcome you to our wonderful city. A city full of diversities from ethic foods to culture centers, from major sporting events, like Michael Jordan and our Chicago Bull to our beautiful lakes front.

Chicago offers something for everyone, from the youngest member of your family to the most senior. While you're here learning, meeting and growing spiritually, I hope that you will take time to experience Chicago.

I pray for the loving hand of God to guide you, protect you, as you study, fellowship, and enjoy each other.

God Bless You All

Rev. Prentice D. Marsh





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Dear Fellow ILDA Members,

Welcome to the International Lutheran Deaf Association 1995 Convention; commemorating one hundred years of deaf ministry and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of ILDA. I hope your stay in Chicago is a memorable one. Chicago is a very diverse city; alive with many very different cultures, which has broad appeal and something to offer to everyone. It is here in this very city that ILDA was born and has continued to grow ever since its inception twenty-five years ago!

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to my ILDA committee and all of the convention helpers for their dedication and hard work; for this convention would not have been possible without them. All of the countless hours worked in preparation for this convention was labor of love for our Lord. Their love will be evident to you during this convention!

I personally would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to one particular person; who has been a inspiration to me thru his dedication to the Lord. Reverend Mark Anderson, who has been my guiding mentor in all phases of the convention preparations. He has devoted much of his time and energy to help us all thru some difficult times; without him we would have been like lost sheep. Many thanks are also given to Rev. Mark Anderson's lovely wife-Pam, who so graciously gave up her time with Mark, so that he could help us focus on the convention preparations.

Thank you to all who attend this special event, because without you, the Lord's work would not be done. As we gather together, brothers and sisters in Christ's family to grow spiritually; let us enjoy the Christian fellowship that we have been blessed with. God bless you all and may he keep you all safe in the palm of his caring and loving hands.

Chairperson

*Carol Ann Pickell*

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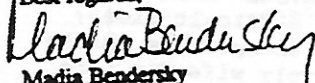
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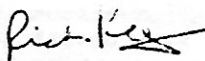
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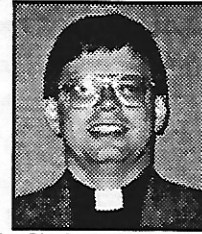


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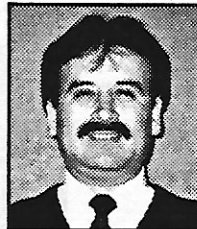
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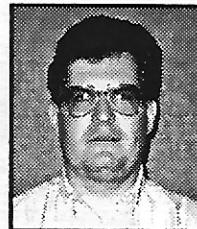
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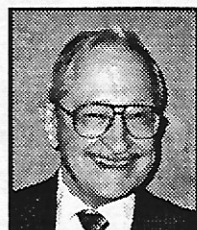
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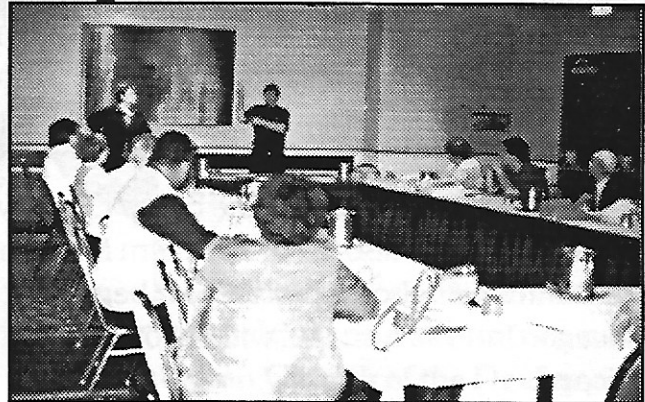
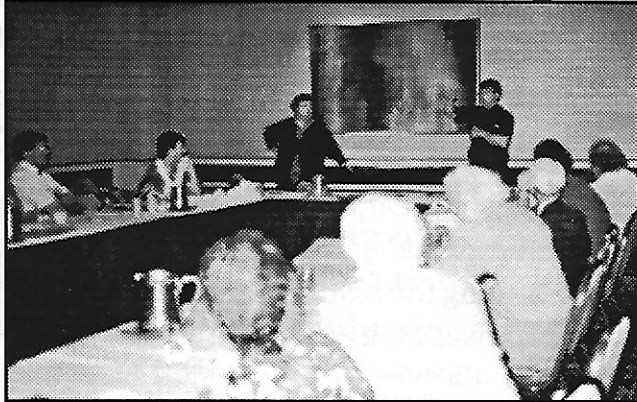
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# HISTORY OF THE HOST CHURCHES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

1) **Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf** is the oldest organized Lutheran Deaf Congregation in the United States, and according to our investigation it is the first congregation organized by the deaf. It's original name was **THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DEAF MUTE CONGREGATION OF OUR SAVIOR IN CHICAGO**.

The congregation was started by Rev. August Reinke. He began preaching to 15 deaf people in 1894, and in 1896 it became an organized congregation. Pastor Reinke served the church until 1902, when his son Arthur took over and he served until approximately 1909. The third pastor served Our Savior until 1918, and while he was pastor they purchased a church on Crystal St. in Chicago.

In 1918, Rev. Dahms accepted the call to Our Savior and with that call came preaching stations. The pastor of Our Savior also served Western Michigan, Northwestern Indiana, and Northeastern Illinois. Pastor Dahms was also responsible for beginning the mission among the black deaf on the south side of Chicago. In 1922 a chapel with fellowship hall and parsonage was built at 1400 N. Ridgeway Ave. in Chicago.

In 1936, Rev. Dahms accepted a call to a hearing parish, and Our Savior called Rev. Ernest Scheibert as their pastor. Pastor Scheibert served Our Savior and most of the preaching stations until 1966 when he retired.

Our Savior was without a pastor from September, 1966 until June, 1967. They were served by Pastor Leroy Mason who was called to serve Ephphatha Congregation on the south side of Chicago in 1961. After issuing many calls, the congregation called a seminary candidate and Rev. Charles Jones was installed as the 6th pastor of Our Savior. In the summer of 1970, the members of Our Savior voted to sell the building they had built in 1922 and relocate on the northwest side of the city. The congregation met in a gymnasium for several years while they sought funds to get another building. In 1970, Our Savior issued a call with the **Northern Illinois District (NID)** to Mr. Bob Oetell - a lay ministry to serve the deaf in the Chicago area.

In 1971, Our Savior congregation had the honor of hosting the founding convention of the **International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA)**.

In 1972, Pastor Jones accepted a call to Eastern New England, and Our Savior called Rev. John Nickerson to be their 7th pastor. Under Pastor Nickerson's guidance the congregation tried several different locations for worship in an effort to get greater involvement in church life. During that period Our Savior was involved in a period of team ministry while Mr. Oetell and Deaconess Grace Jewitt-Baranski worked with the two pastors in the Chicago area. Pastor Fred Allen was serving Ephphatha congregation at that time.



In 1978, Our Savior began worshipping at Our Lady's Lutheran Church on Gunnison Ave. in Chicago. They remained there until 1984, when they accepted the invitation of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Franklin Park.

Our Savior congregation has been without a full time pastor since 1982.

Pastor Charles Jones accepted the call from the NID as a missionary-at-large and later on, Pastor Donald Friedrich assumed the position after Pastor Jones left. Also, Deaconess Laura Herman (Now Budzynski) joined the NID Deaf Ministry. In 1986, Pastor Friedrich accepted a call to Dallas, Texas.

In 1987, Pastor Carl Bassett was called by the NID as missionary-at-large until 1988 when he accepted a call to Calvary Lutheran Church of Wood Dale. Shortly, Pastor David Johnson accepted the call from Mt. Calvary and Our Savior as the pastor.

In 1989, after Pastor Johnson left Mt. Calvary and Our Savior, the members of Our Savior accepted the invitation from Calvary of Wood Dale to worship in their building.

In 1990, Pastor Mark Anderson accepted the call from the NID as a pastor-at-large. He currently serves Our Savior of Wood Dale, Rockford and Holy Cross of Cary.

**2) Ephphatha Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf** as church records indicate, "Lutheran Missions to the Deaf (now known as Ephphatha) began in April, 1956 under the leadership of Rev. Richard Borchers. **Lutheran Missions to the Deaf (LMD)** held regular worship services at St. Phillips, Lutheran Church, which is the oldest black Lutheran congregation in the city of Chicago.

Records show that LMD began with nine (9) members. These nine founding Christians, all have memberships beginning in the church records of April, 1956. Presently, Mrs. Katie M. Brown, is the only one of the original nine members who is still among us on this earth.

When Pastor Borchers left, vicar Rodney R. Rynearson came to serve LMD in 1957. That year some 30 new people became members of LMD. After vicar Rynearson left, vicar Lee Roy Mason, served the church. After vicar Mason, the vicar W. Marten, served the church.

In 1959, LMD organized and became a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod adopting the name of Ephphatha Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Upon ordination Rev. Lee Roy Mason, became the pastor of Ephphatha and encouraged Synod to build a church building for the deaf.

On January 29, 1965 with over 300 people in membership, Ephphatha Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf, at 7956 South Martin Luther King Drive, opened it's door for their first worship service.

In 1969, Rev. Mason left Ephphatha and shortly there after the Rev. Charles Jones became the vacancy pastor. Mr. Robert Oetell served as Lay Ministry during this vacancy.

In 1976, Ephphatha Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf called The Rev. Fred H. Allen, the first and at that time the only black pastor serving the deaf. Pastor Allen served Ephphatha until May 1984.

On September 16, 1984, The Rev. Prentice D. Marsh, became the pastor of Ephphatha Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf and holds this position to this day.

**3) Rockford Lutheran Church of the Deaf** as about the year 1945, Rev. Clarence Bremer, who did ministry work with deaf children and deaf adults in Delevan, Wisconsin, was the first pastor to set up a worship in Rockford, Illinois. He came once a month. Richard Nelson's mother wanted Richard to attend this service so that he could understand God's word through signs. Richard remembered a young man, Mr. Robert Case (possibly a trainee) helping Rev. Bremer for a short time.

After Rev. Bremer left, Rev. Schibert, from Chicago, took over. He came once a month to St. Paul Lutheran Church on Horsman and Locust. After Rev. Schibert, we did not wait very long before Rev. Mackenson who received a call doing ministry work in Delevan, Wisconsin, came to Rockford once a month and preached for about 3-4 years. He got a call to preach in another state with a hearing congregation.

After Rev. Mackenson left, Rev. Martin Kosche received a call to work in Delevan doing the same as former pastors. Rev. Kosche came to Rockford twice a month to preach in the afternoon, still at St. Paul's. In about the year of 1960, we moved to Concordia Lutheran Church in Loves Park, Illinois. Our members were not happy with Loves Park being so far away, so we looked for a more centrally located church in Rockford. We found Redeemer Lutheran Church on 8th Avenue and 16th Street. This was favorable with our members. It has been our church location since then.

Rev. Kosche was with us for 21 years. Policy changed and our church was placed under the **Northern Illinois District (NID)**. That was when Rev. Ron Friedrich came in as our pastor, as well as pastor in Chicago, and Aurora, Illinois. Rev. Friedrich stayed with us for seven years, during his tenure in Illinois, we had a vicar, named John Fritz. Rev. Fritz is now pastor in Aurora. After Friedrich, we had no pastor for awhile, but Rev. Fritz and Rev. Waite of Madison, Wisconsin, came once in awhile to help.

Rev. Charles Jones came around the year 1984 as Missionary-at-large, the same as former pastors. Vicars Darrel Kois, and Mike King also helped Rev. Jones. Rev. Kois is a pastor in Des Moines, Iowa now. They preached in Rockford, Franklin Park, and Arlington Heights. Rev. Jones stayed a few years and left us. Not long after Rev. Jones, Rev. Carl Bassett took over. But, he stayed about one year, as he accepted a call at Wood Dale, Illinois as pastor of it's hearing congregation. He still is there and also hosts Our Savior deaf congregation, alternating with Rev. Mark Anderson.

Rev. Anderson came to our area as our first deaf pastor, about five years ago. from New Jersey. He lives in Sterling, Illinois with a family of four children. Rev. Anderson comes to Rockford twice a month and he also conducts bible studies with our members after worship services.

We have a deaconess, Laura Budzynski, who lives in Rockford, Illinois. She has been our deaconess since 1985. She does bible study every Monday, and goes to DeKalb, Illinois to interpret for a few deaf people who live there. She alternates interpreting in DeKalb and our church with Redeemer's hearing congregation, while Rev. Anderson goes to Wood Dale. Laura also helps a lot with interpreting for some of our members who need help in hospitals, doctors' offices, etc.

In 1990, we officially organized as a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

From 1945 to now, we went through seven or eight pastors, 3 or 4 vicars and three church buildings. We truly feel very blessed as those pastors who patiently preached and taught us all we needed to know, God's Word, and Jesus, for about fifty years.

**4) Deaf Ministry began at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cary, Illinois** when Rev. Mark Anderson inquired about using the church facility for deaf services. What followed was a joy to be-hold!

God has led the deaf and the hearing at Holy Cross into a real partnership in the Gospel. As brothers and sisters in Christ they worship together every second, fourth, and fifth Sunday at the interpreted 10:45 a.m. service. Deaf services are conducted every first and third Sunday at 1:00 p.m. by pastor Anderson.

Since deaf ministry began, Deaf Ministry has expanded by leaps and bounds. As members of the congregation, the deaf members have established a Deaf Ministry Board which includes both the deaf and the hearing. Joint membership on the board not only bonds both deaf and hearing together, but typifies what Deaf Ministry is all about. It is about reaching out to the deaf and the hearing with the common goal of sharing the good news about Jesus Christ.

"We really are happy with Deaf Ministry and with the Deaf Ministry Board," says the Rev. Robert M. Hess, senior pastor of the congregation. "We want the deaf to make their own decisions," Hess said. "Too often the hearing want to make decisions for the Deaf, even though the deaf are perfectly capable of making their own decisions and deciding how and in what ways they choose to serve the Lord."

The deaf members at Holy Cross are very active. Some hold membership on various boards; others serve as church ushers. Some of the deaf members are members of the finance committee. They have hosted two Easter breakfasts, conducted a most successful Deaf Awareness Week for the deaf and the hearing, held bake sales, and served as church choir as the Singing Hands."

Along with the hearing, they offer a daily telephone ministry to deaf people (708-639-8463). By calling this number, the deaf are able to receive a daily devotion. It is the same message which is recorded for the hearing.

One of the real blessing of Deaf Ministry is the sign language class deaf members conduct. Several classes have already been held. It is the hope of both the deaf and the hearing that these classes will enable better communication between the deaf and the hearing as they reach out together to both deaf and hearing people in the community.



# IN MEMORIAM

## LOVE ALWAYS REMEMBERS

May tender memories soften your grief,  
May fond recollection bring you relief,  
And may you find comfort and peace in the thought  
Of the joy that knowing your love one brought-  
For time and space can never divide  
Or keep your loved one from your side  
When memory paints in colors true  
The happy hours that belonged to you.

Helen Steiner Rice

## LIFE IS ETERNAL

“LIFE IS ETERNAL’ the GOOD LORD said,  
So do not think of your loved one as dead-  
For death is only a stepped stone  
To a beautiful life we have never known,  
A place where GOD promised man he would be  
Eternally happy and safe and free  
A wonderful land where we live anew  
When our journey on earth is over and through-  
So trust in GOD and doubt HIM never  
For all who love HIM live forever,  
And while we cannot understand  
Just let the SAVIOUR take your hand,  
For when death’s angel comes to call  
‘GOD is so GREAT and we’re so small’...  
And there is nothing you need fear  
For FAITH IN GOD makes all things clear.

Helen Steiner Rice

The Memorials on these pages are dedicated to the  
presence and memories of our cherished friends and  
loved ones; for whom were called home to reside with  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May they all rest in peace for now and all eternity.

# A SERVANT WHO NEVER GAVE UP

...WINNING MANY SOULS FOR CHRIST UNTIL THE LORD CALLED HIM HOME!

The Rev. Franklin Paul Wagenknecht, who began the deaf ministry with a new church building in Pittsburgh, PA died September 14, 1993 at his home in Mathews, North Carolina.

After graduating from Concordia Seminary, Frank Wagenknecht became the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, PA. On the 19th of June 1960, Father's Day, his wife, Karen gave birth to their daughter, Lynne at 2:30 am. And he was installed as our pastor of Trinity on the same day: which was a very exciting experience for him.

During his 8 years in the deaf ministry, he was a "circuit rider" in Western Pennsylvania as far as Erie and Eastern Ohio. He had conducted services in many different stations in spite of his tight schedules. He had shared many joys and sorrows with us during his ministry in Pittsburgh. During those years he never gave up trying to win many souls for Christ. Because of his love for the Lord, he confirmed about 120 deaf individuals into the membership of Trinity congregation and other stations under his eight years of leadership.

In 1962 Pastor Wagenknecht knew God gave the growth of membership, he decided to search for the location for a new church for the deaf. Soon after got the help from



the Schumanns, an excellent location was found which is right across from Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Under God, the silent prayers and hopes of "Trinity's faithful Few" were fully answered and on Sunday March 31, 1963 the "Day of Dedication" was held. 500 people thronged into the new

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf to give praise and glory to a gracious God.

In 1968 Rev. Wagenknecht received the call to serve in Clearwater, Florida; where he started the Lutheran Church's first dual ministry for hearing and deaf congregation and during his 17 years at Rogate, a hearing congregation grew from 40 to 600 and the deaf congregation to 100. In 1985 he was called by the Southeastern District as Missionary at large and Resource Specialist in Deaf Ministry for North and South Carolina, and was installed in January 1986 and remained there until his death.

"Yes, our Church members and friends were stunned by his death, but we are most thankful that his work for the Lord has not been in vain or wasted. His faithful service for the Lord has been blessed; he went home with the Lord."

*From: Elder of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf: Donald Mowl  
Photograph donated by Patty Saraka*

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN**

**A LIST OF DEPARTING MEMBERS SINCE 1990**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Died</u>
Helen I. Braun	Nov. 26, 1916	Aug. 29, 1990
Imogene L. Wentzel	March 10, 1910	Oct. 4, 1990
Anthony Swetnich	Aug. 1, 1915	Aug. 13, 1991
Gordon Owens	Feb. 23, 1924	Jan. 20, 1992
Frances E. Wentzel	Oct. 25, 1934	March 7, 1992
Robert I. Shimp	July 4, 1910	March 19, 1992
Elizabeth Olive Stemplowsky	Dec. 11, 1903	March 20, 1992
Benjamin J. Beaver	May 8, 1892	Sept. 8, 1992
Henry Paul Lukaszewicz	Dec. 20, 1929	Sept. 27, 1992
Arthur Lee Englen	July 17, 1916	Oct 23, 1992
Paul S. Coffey, Sr.	?	Feb. 1993
Ruth Cunningham	Dec. 28, 1905	April 19, 1993
Elfreda Webster	March 5, 1901	July 9, 1994
Evelyn Jane DeMeyere	Jan. 23, 1921	Sept. 29, 1994
Harry Petrowske, Jr.	April 22, 1923	Oct. 28, 1994
Edwin Wisuri	May 8, 1926	Dec.16, 1994
Veronica Yurgelatis	June 14, 1917	March 21, 1995

**SAINT MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

**A LIST OF DEPARTING MEMBERS SINCE 1962**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Died</u>
Mamie Randolph	Nov. 13, 1918	April 4, 1962
Jay D. Grant	Aug. 19, 1927	March 14, 1964
Samuel Lumpkins	March 4, 1926	April 26, 1986
Julian Ramsey	April 8, 1912	Nov. 24, 1987
Betty Thomas	June 20, 1954	Feb. 1990
Annie Faye Bell	May 13, 1923	Aug. 30, 1991
Julian Anderson	Not recorded	Not recorded
Frances Anderson	Not recorded	Not recorded
Louise Hunter	Feb 1, 1953	May 1966
Dorothy R. Sampson	Dec. 23, 1956	Not recorded
April Rinehart	July 15, 1966	Feb 27, 1995
Nellie Bejorie Jackson	Dec. 15, 1955	April 10, 1985

**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Died</u>
Nanny Hunter	Not recorded	Not recorded
Louise Johnson	Not recorded	Not recorded
Cleveland Johnson	Dec. 8, 1919	Jan. 1, 1995



August Otto Beyer - 1907-1993

August O. Beyer (who went by the name "Otto") was born in Newark, New Jersey on October 20, 1907. He attended the New Jersey School for the Deaf (now the Marie Katzenbach School) in Trenton, New Jersey. Otto lived in the Newark/Belleville area all of his life. He was employed the International Ticket Company in Belleville; his occupation was a printer. Otto was married to Hazel (nee Corrigan) for more than fifty years. Hazel went to the Lord in April of 1991. They were long time members of St. Matthew's Church of the Deaf; in which they were charter members. They had attended earlier ILDA conventions together. He served as the President of the Eastern region in 1975-77 and 1981-83 and as President of St. Matthew's Church in 1959 and as Treasurer for many years afterwards. On July 17, 1993 the Lord called Otto to his heavenly home at the age of 85. "We will all miss Otto, and remember him with much affection as a man of great faith."

Submitted by: Richard Windisch Sr. of St. Matthew's Church for the Deaf.

Anna Joy Bauerle Walls - 1915-1994

Anna Joy Bauerle Walls of Scottsville, Virginia formerly of Philadelphia, PA was born Nov. 11, 1915 died on Saturday morning Feb. 19, 1994 at the age of 78. Anna Joy is survived by her husband of 44 years, Henry Walls. Anna Joy was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh until her move to Virginia. She was active in Church affairs in organizations such as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Fairy Godmother's Club, Episcopal Conference of the Deaf, ILDA, NAD, Virginia Association of the Deaf and was a member of her church choir. Anna was also involved in various social committees, and was a president of the Women's Club and the Chairperson for the Happy Birthday Club at the church. Rev. John Herndon in his eulogy after her casket was closed said "Today Anna Joy is not deaf any longer, she can now speak and hear as God has received her unto himself. She is now a member of the heavenly choir."

Submitted by Henry Walls.

Harold O. Thuve - 1990

Harold O. Thuve attended the Devil's Lake School for the Deaf in South Dakota. He was united in marriage to Joanna Mae Thuve on May 20, 1950.; they lived in Gardeva, CA. He held many positions in church as he loved to serve the Lord in anyway he could. He was a Lay Leader, choir member, Bible Instructor, Treasurer and President of the Men's Voters. He also served on other committees such as youth ministry, fellowship and stewardship. In 1971-78, he served as the ILDA Pacific Region President. Harold was the host chairman for the 1981 ILDA convention in Los Angeles, CA. The Lord took his soul on June 15, 1990. "If he was here today, he would say congratulations for the 100th Anniversary of the Deaf Ministry and the 25th Anniversary of ILDA and God bless you all."

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kotal

Frances Ida Burgess - 1916-1994

Frances was born on Sept. 9, 1916 in Pleasant Grove, Iowa. She attended the Iowa School for the Deaf and graduated in 1939. Frances worked for the Masaka County Nursing Home. During World War II, she worked at the Ammunition Plant in Des Moines, IA. Frances came to Omaha, Nebraska on the weekends and met Ray Burgess at a dance. She moved to Omaha and worked in a parts assembly plant for the war effort. Ray and Frances were married on April 8, 1944 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Deaf by the Rev. Ernest Mappes; who had also confirmed them. Frances was active in church activities, always sharing her faith and encouraging others to grow in knowledge of God and service to his people. She was active in Bible study, LWML

meetings, ILDA and most church gatherings. She held various church offices, helped teach children and visited shut-ins on a regular basis. God in his wisdom called Frances to eternal life on Saturday March 19, 1994, just 18 days short of the Burgess's 50th wedding anniversary. "We thank God for the life of Frances and for the memories she left with us, and we rejoice in the fact that because of her faith and trust in God, she is now with him in her new home of glory."

Submitted by Pat Monore-lay Worker of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Deaf

#### Rose Neujahr - 1908-1994

Rose May (Stepan) Neujahr was born on August 26, 1908 in Omaha, Nebraska. Her mother and father both immigrated from Bohemia and Rose was an only child. She was baptized by Rev. Mappes and attended the Nebraska School for the Deaf in 1916. Rose was confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Deaf while attending NSD. She graduated from NSD in 1926. Rose decided she wanted to be a teacher and attended Gallaudet College in 1932. After graduated in 1937, she came back to Omaha; but because of hard times, she was unable to become a teacher and instead become a dorm parent for NSD. In December 1953, Rose married Hans Neujahr and they lived in Omaha for the remainder of their lives. Rose said the best thing she remembered was their 25th anniversary trip to Hawaii with her family. Hans was taken home to the Lord in 1982. Rose was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran church, the regional and national ILDA throughout her life and held many offices and served the Lord with joy. God in his wisdom called Rose to her eternal home on May 24, 1994. "We remember Rose for the nice things she said about everyone, but most important, we remember her trust in Jesus. She faithfully studied God's word and trusted in his promises. The memory of Rose's life will not continue forever on the earth, but we know Rose is living with Jesus in heaven. There, safe in his arms, she will stay forever."

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#### Evelyn Jane DeMeyere - 1921-1994

Evelyn Jane (Hicks) DeMeyere was born on January 23, 1921 and departed from life to go home to be with the Lord on Sept. 28, 1994. Evelyn graduated from Muskegon High School in Muskegon, Michigan. Evelyn attended the first ILDA Convention in Chicago and served on the ILDA board. She was very active in the Great Lakes Region and attended all of the ILDA conventions until illness prevented her from attending. Evelyn was very active in church affairs and served as an officer and a Bible class Instructor at Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Detroit and Royal Oak, MI and at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, MI Evelyn was employed as a teachers aide at the Detroit Day School for the Deaf and taught sign language to the teachers and students. She also taught sign language at East Detroit High School and gave private lessons as well. Other notable accomplishments include; she was the first Chairperson of the first Miss Deaf Michigan Pageant and was a judge on others and was a State Cultural Director for the state of Michigan. Evelyn is the mother of Roger DeMeyere who is the Executive Director of the Lutheran Special Education Ministries which was formerly the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, MI.

Submitted by Emil J. DeMeyere

#### George W. Sutherland - 1901-1991

George W. Sutherland was born in Fort Chipewyan, Northwest Territories Canada in 1901. George lived in various northern communities until he came to Manitoba to attend the Manitoba School for the Deaf. As a young adult he worked for the Hudson's Bay Company as a traveling carpenter in the Great Bear and Great Slave Lake areas. he subsequently worked for the Manitoba Government for 27 years before retiring in 1966. George was very active in the Winnipeg Church



of the Deaf and the Deaf Community of Manitoba (formerly the Kiwanis Centre of the Deaf), Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and the Pax Nautra Society for rehabilitation of the Deaf, in Edmonton; consultant for the Government of Alberta, Department of Education of Alberta. He was a lifetime member of the Canadian Association of the Deaf, the Western Canadian Association of the Deaf, the Edmonton Association of the Deaf and the Manitoba Association of the Deaf. George was also a lifetime member of the Lutheran Bible translators, Canada and the Canadian Bible Society. He was presented for the "Right Hand Award" of the Lutheran Church International.

Submitted by E. Bauer-Business Mgr. of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Lillian Boychuk - 1993

Lillian Boychuk of Edmonton Alberta was taken home to the Lord on June 5, 1993. Lillian was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf and was very involved in volunteer service in her congregation and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League organization. Lillian gave her time and talents unselfishly serving as Treasurer, foster care/room for deaf students, counseling young deaf adults; being a Christian friend and role model. She also was a choir leader and hymn signer for church services, weddings and special occasions. Lillian was a active member of the Pax Natura Society and was the founding President of the LWML group at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf. She was honored and recognized with the "Growing in Service Awards" on Feb. 23, 1993 for her lifetime of Christian volunteer service.

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Arlene Arman - 1927-1993

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Submitted by Henry and Evelyn Niemeyer

Robert Arman - 1916-1995

Robert (Bob) Arman was born on October 28, 1916 in Chicago, Illinois. Bob attended and graduated the Illinois State School for the deaf in Jacksonville, IL. Bob was very active in the IAD and NAD organizations. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Chicago, IL where he held various offices over the years, his most recent being the church elder. Bob passed away and was united with the Lord and Arlene in February of 1995, after a blessed life with his wife, family and friends.

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Henry Maki - 1913-1994

Henry was born on December 25, 1913, was confirmed at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Aurora, Illinois. Married Vera Winter at Altamont, IL on June 14, 1944 in Vera's Parents' farmhouse. Worked at Caron Spinning Mill at Rochelle until he established his own shoe repair business at DeKalb. Later he worked at Spaulding Company until his retirement in 1978. His hobbies were golf, woodwork and gardening. He attended at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in DeKalb, where his head pastor, Rev. E. Paul Krause, is the grandson of Rev. August Reinke who started the first ever deaf Lutheran worship service 100 years ago at Chicago, IL.



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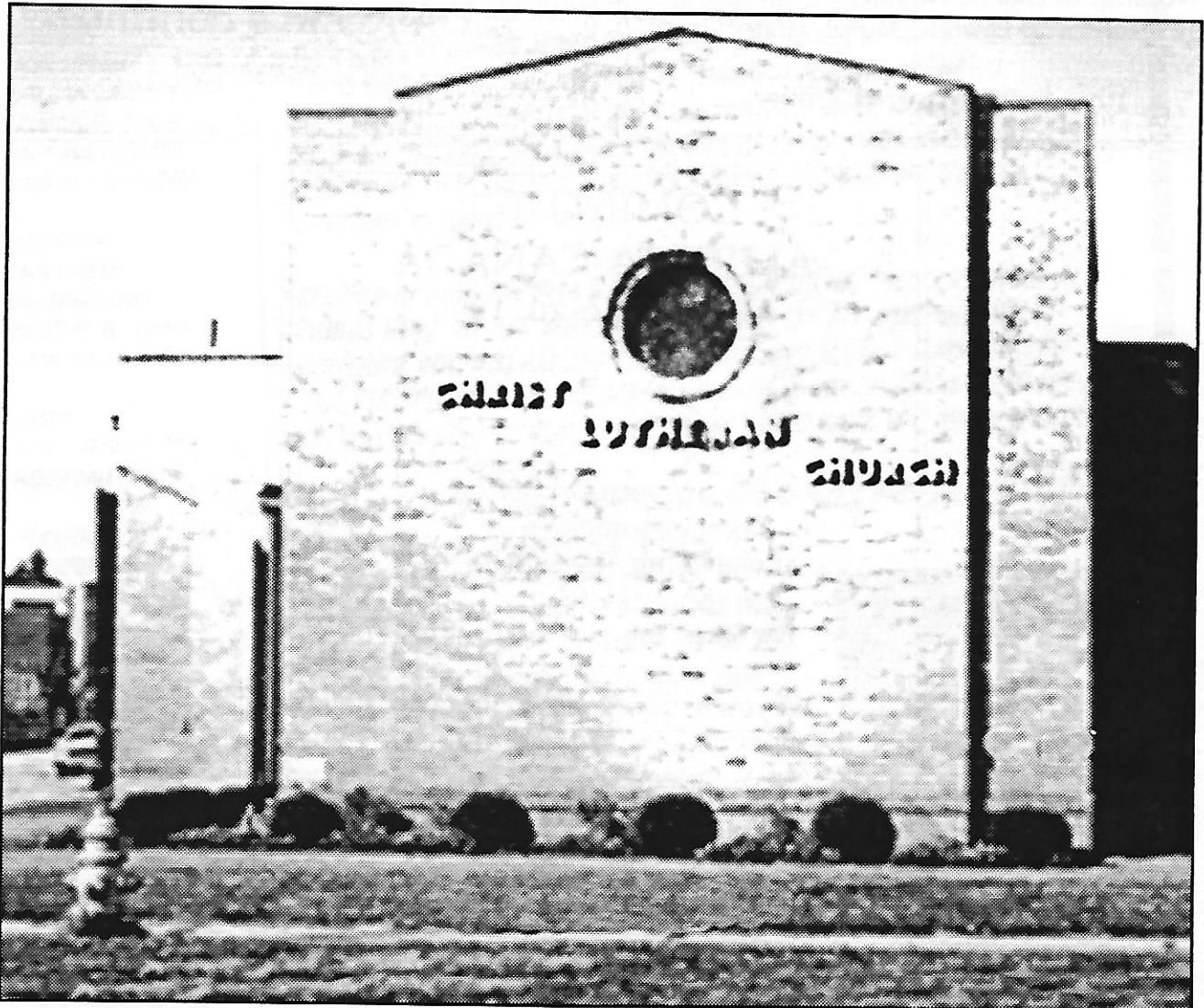
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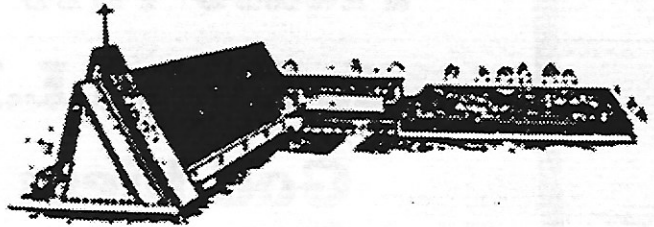
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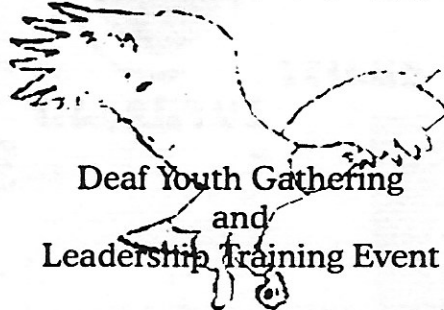
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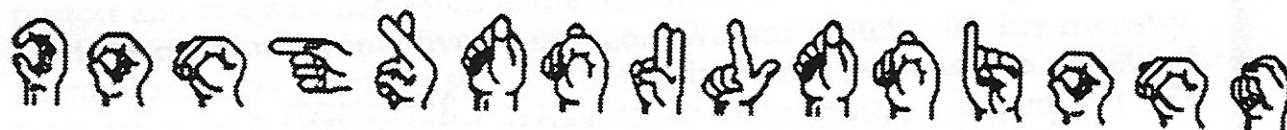
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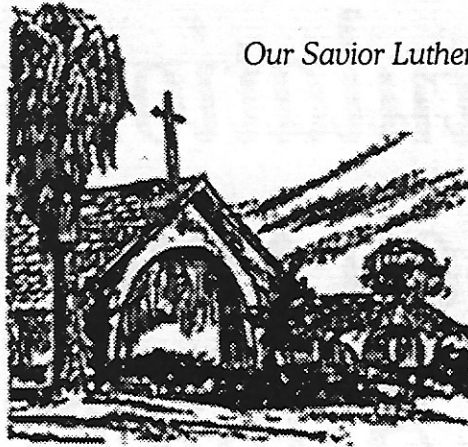
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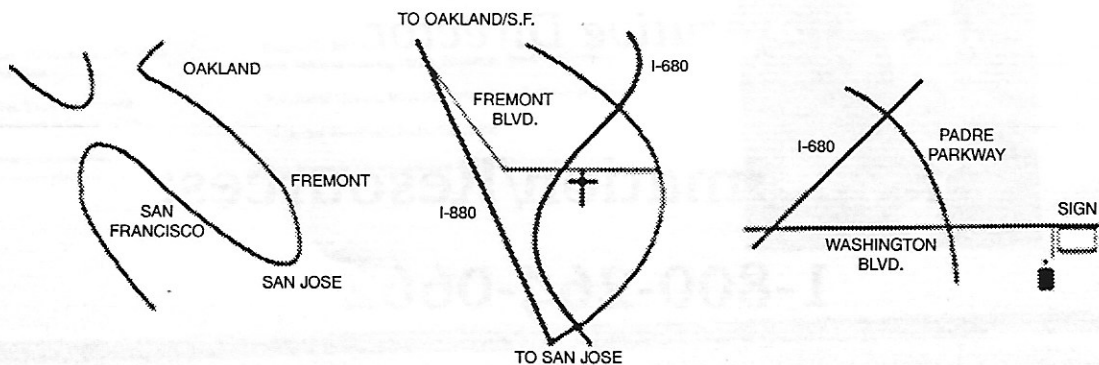
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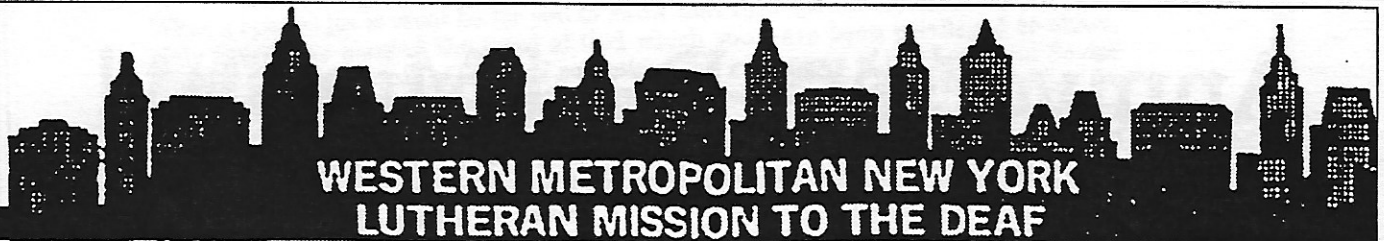
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