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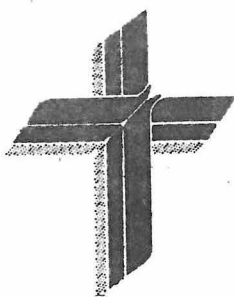
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DO I NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25 NIV.



You can say that you are a good and true Christian. You pray every day, read the Bible, and most importantly, you believe in Jesus as your personal Saviour. But you don't go to church because you say, "All you need is faith to be saved. The church doesn't save me." Many good and respected people think that way. Some people go to church once or twice a year. Some Christians doesn't go at all. Does Jesus want His followers to stay away from church? What does Jesus say about not going to church?

WE ARE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT YOU BELIEVE IN

LORDY SMITH, MEMPHIS, WINS "DEAF WOMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

The District 23 (Tenn., Ark., Miss.) Quota Clubs recently chose Ms. Lordy Smith of Memphis, Tenn. as the "Deaf Woman of the Year." This award is based upon the individual's success in her career, having shared with the community in service to others, and demonstrating excellent leadership qualities. All of these attributes certainly describe Lordy Smith.

An employee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Ms. Smith is president-elect of the board of directors of the Interpreting Service for the Deaf; president of the Memphis Chapter of the Black Deaf Advocates; a member of the Memphis subchapter of the Tennessee Association of the Deaf and an active leader at the Eternal Mercy Lutheran church. Ms. Smith, a widow, finds time to raise four sons. Lordy is also secretary of the Dixie Deaf Lutheran conference.

JESUS. BUT, THEN, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DON'T GO TO CHURCH. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE, THEN THIS STORY IS FOR YOU.

First, you say that you are a Christian by faith in Jesus. Then it is right that other people follow your example and do what you do. Now suppose that all people did not go to any church. What would happen? In a short time, all churches would close; no congregation would build a church if they are going to be empty. Now do you feel right about your example that says there is no need to go to church? Do you want to help the churches close?

Secondly, you might say you read the Bible and watch the sermons on TV. If everyone did this, soon there would be no more gospel sermons on the networks. Why not? Because preachers need to be trained in the colleges and seminaries, which are built and supported by Christians who go to church, who in turn, put their finances together to help such schools and do mission work, obeying Jesus' command to "Preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This **cannot** be done if you stay home. In the Lord's Prayer, we chant 'Thy Kingdom Come' which means "let your church grow and prosper." Now can you honestly say to God, "O yes, Lord, I want Your Kingdom to come, but do not depend on me to do Your work?" By staying away from church, that is what you are telling God by your actions.

Thirdly, there is another important thing lost when we fail to attend church. We lose the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Concerning these, Jesus gave a clear command, "Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). For the Lord's Supper (also called Holy Communion and the Eucharist) Jesus Himself says, "This do in remembrance of Me." (I Cor. 11:24, 25) Can we really call ourselves Christians if

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Speical Education Ministries
6861 East Nevada Avenue
Detroit, Mich. 48234

Mr. Russel Healey, Treasurer
International Lutheran Deaf Association
2500 W. Belmont Avenue #111
Chicago, Ill. 60618

Dear Mr. Healey:

I want to take this opportunity to person-

ally thank the members of the ILDA for their gift of \$2,000 for Francis Anwana. Your support will really make a difference in the life of this young man.

As the school year closes, I take time to reflect on the accomplishments of our ministry. Hundreds of children receiving individual evaluations to assess learning needs, and hundreds of children receiving direct instructional support, all with the goal of "enabling children with speical learning needs to receive a Christian education."

I'm also excited to tell you that since our speical education services have changed so dramatically the last 10 years, on May 9 our association delegates approved a new name for our ministry, Lutheran Speical Education Ministries. Don't be confused when you see our new name. The name has changed, but the mission continues. PLease take some time to tell others about us. Thanks for your support.

Serving His Special Children,
/S/ ROGER DEMEYERE,
Executive Director

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we fail to go to church month after month and year after year? Accepting Christ means obeying Him as Lord and Master all our lives.

Is reading your Bible and watching sermons on TV really enough? We need the support and fellowship of like minded fellow believers to comfort and support us, and who like ourselves, are awaiting the coming again of the Lord. We cannot fight the temptations and wiles of Satan all alone.

Fourth, the Bible says that the Word of God "is able to save your soul (James 1:21) How? Because of the preaching of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit moves you to believe that Jesus Christ is your Saviour. In Romans, we read that "Faith comes by hearing . . . the Word of God." The Bible also tells us that a secret faith is not the right kind of faith. We are to confess our faith in front of other people. This we do in church. We cannot do that alone.

Lastly, our Lord says in Luke 10:16, "He that hears you, hears Me." If you knew that Jesus was going to preach in a certain church, you would go and hear Him, wouldn't you? We think you would. In the verse above, Jesus is saying that He is still preaching here on earth through His followers. Those who reject Jesus' followers, reject Him also. If we reject the church, and if we reject those who share God's Word, then we reject the Lord as well. Is this what you want?

Make plans to come to church this Sunday. Ask yourself this question: "is it good for me to stay home and have more sleep or go out and have fun and not go to church, because when I do that, I am telling Jesus I am rejecting Him? And, Who is my God, my pleasure or God, the Father of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is also God?"

May God help you answer that question.

HOW CAN THE DEAF BETTER SERVE THE LORD?

D.D.L.C. CONVENTION REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 14-15-16, 1990
CAMP PETIT JEAN, ARKANSAS

SPONSORED BY

ETERNAL MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NAME ----- PHONE-----

ADDRESS----- CITY, STATE, ZIP-----

CHURCH NAME----- PASTORS NAME-----

	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
REGISTRATION FEE (Each Person)	\$32.00 -----	-----
Children <u>under 18</u> pay no registration fee		
MEALS (Friday 5:00 PM Thru Sunday Noon)(Each Person)	\$30.00 -----	-----
Children <u>under 12</u>	\$24.00 -----	-----
HOUSING (See enclosure for what to bring)		
(LADIES & SMALL CHILDREN 2 NIGHTS) EA PERSON	\$ 7.00 -----	-----
(MEN & TEEN BOYS 2 NIGHTS) EA PERSON	\$ 7.00 -----	-----
NOTE: There are 4 cabins each housing 20 people. First 80 to register will be accepted.		
CAMPER SELF CONTAINED 2 NIGHTS (ELECTRIC AND WATER HOOKUP, NO SEWER)	\$14.00 -----	-----
NOTE: There are 20 campsites, with water & electric hookups		
TENT CAMPING PER PERSON 2 NIGHTS	\$ 5.00 -----	-----
TOTALS	-----	\$-----

PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, SEND TO:
ETERNAL MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF
2323 MONROE AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TN 38104.

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF PEOPLE COMING IN YOUR FAMILY, SO WE CAN MAKE OUT NAMETAGS FOR EACH PERSON. THANK YOU!

DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS JULY 15, 1990

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15, 1990

THE NEAREST AIRPORT TO THE CAMP IS LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. DO YOU NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT THE AIRPORT? YES OR NO, CIRCLE ONE.

IF YOU NEED TO BE PICKED UP, TIME AND DATE OF YOUR ARRIVAL? -----

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL IN LIFE?

By Arthur Nyquist, Member
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
West Allis, Wis.

There is the rich side of life and the poor side of life. Neither side of life is without its problems. In America, it seems the goal of life is to become rich and have all the material riches a person can get. While the poor it seems worry about where their next meal is coming from or where they're going to sleep. Life is becoming an extreme. You

are either rich or poor. It is like trying to sit on a sharp picket fence. And no matter which side of the fence you jump on, the result is the same. Problems! Problems! Problems!

Many people forget that there is a spiritual side to their life, too. They are so caught up in finding more riches or so wor-



INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

March 31, 1990

Dear Members:

I'd like to wish all of our members a very happy and healthy 1990. We genuinely appreciated your support during this past year.

Now, is the time for renewal if you wish to continue membership of ILDA and God's 1000 club.

Let me personally THANK YOU sincerely for your interest in the ILDA. I hope you will never let your membership run out, for, as you know, it must be renewed every year at the time you receive a renewal letter from us.

Most sincerely, in Jesus' name,

Russel Healey

Russel Healey, Treasurer

Cut out and Mail

Send check or money order payable to ILDA. No cash please.

NAME: ----- Type of Membership Desired: -----
(Please check one.)

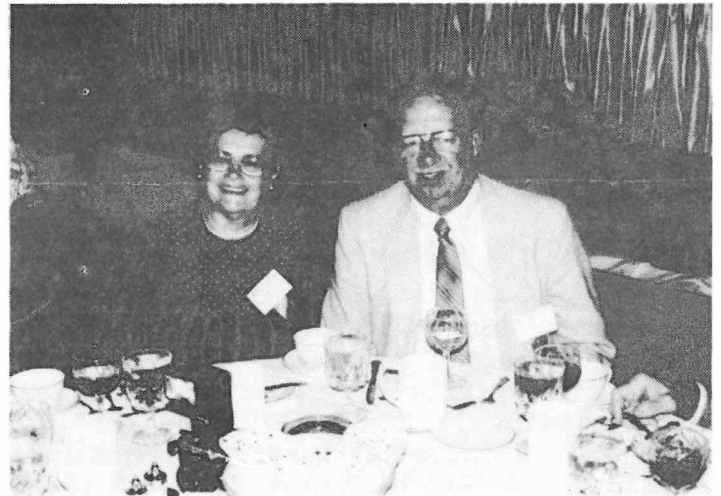
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STATE: ---- ZIP: ----- Sustaining ---

Membership (\$5.00 year per person)
April 1990-1991 \$-----
God's 1000 Club (\$10.00 year per person) -----
Donation to ILDA -----
Contributions for ILDA Mission Projects -----
Total Enclosed \$-----

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Chicago, IL 60618



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nyquist

ried about freezing to death that no thought is given to their afterlife. Their eternal soul is the last thing they are worried about. Life is too extreme for them. However, the Bible warns us not to be worried about the problems of this world. The Bible says we should be going by way of the special gate in the fence. The gate is very narrow, long and hard to travel through, but those who succeed, which are few, compared to the millions who don't, will be saved 100%. If we help each other find the gate and travel along the narrow entrance, we will succeed. If we tell others about Jesus Christ that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, we can help them as they help us, as we lean on each other. Jesus will be there, too, leading the way.

A LESSON IN ECONOMICS

If the value of an object is always dependent on the price paid for it, then we are valuable, indeed! Look at 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Since Jesus bought us with His own precious blood, the price He paid to redeem us is beyond our power to understand. For what greater cost could there be to God than the blood of His Son, Jesus, the Christ?

SWINGING THE REGIONS FROM HERE 'N THERE

We congratulate **Mrs. Gloria E. Marshall** of Chicago on being awarded a certificate of recognition for 10 years of service to the United States government.

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Rev. Robert Case, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran church, Los Angeles, received a master of arts degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on Friday, May 25.

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Rickie Rowray, president of Word of God Lutheran church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa was one of those featured on the front page of the NAD Broadcaster for May, 1990. Rickie was one of four U.S. Magicians who participated in the Third International Festival for magicians in Leipzig, East Germany. He won third place in general solo magic.

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Under serious consideration is a plan that would place East Iowa under a "Mission-at-Large" status, with the current pastor, **Rev. Michael MacDonald** being called by the district to the position. Word of God Lutheran church, Cedar Rapids would continue to be served by him as would other stations in the area, but its current subsidy would be eliminated under the plan. Responsibility for the pastor's salary and related costs would be assumed by the district, and which hopefully will end a number of problems. A referendum would be needed and take effect Jan. 1, 1991, if passed.

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All three congregations in southern Wisconsin have given their collections from Lenten worship and soup dinners to the **John Hoopmann** family at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. Hoopmann is a deaf Australian studying for the ministry. He will return to his home country after graduating to be the first deaf Lutheran pastor there. Those churches cooperating are Emmanuel, West Allis; Holy Cross, Delavan and Silent of Madison.

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Four members of **Holy Cross Lutheran church**, Columbus, Ohio (Rev. Donald Leber, pastor) had quite an experience on a bus while traveling enroute to Florida. Marilyn Owens, Richard Stelzer, Betty and Charles Wolford were fortunate not to be hurt or worse when their bus was fired upon and windows shattered. Marilyn Owens had glass on her lap! (Was this a Greyhound bus? We have been hearing things like this!--Ed.)

Calvary Lutheran church, Silver Springs, Md. (Rev. George Natonick, pastor) held its first jointly V.S.D. sponsored Pentecost Service Sunday, June 3 with nine other churches participating from the metro D.C. area. Included were worship, fellowship and a potluck dinner.

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Alice Hagemeyer, a member of the Eastern Region of the ILDA was presented the Alice Cogswell award during Gallaudet Day Saturday, April 7. The award is made from the GUAA for outstanding advocacy roles promoting the deaf.

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Two members of the staff of the **Lutheran School for the Deaf**, Mill Neck, N.Y., died on the same day, Jan. 19, 1990. They were Ms. Anne C. Leo, a 26-year-old physical education teacher and Mr. Paul Trombley, the school's lone maintenance man. Both staff members were very popular and will be sadly missed.

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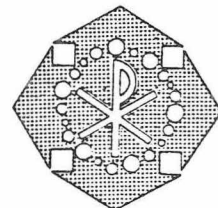
The loss from the break-in at **Calvary Lutheran church**, Des Moines, Iowa has been adjusted at \$6,400, covered by insurance, with \$100 deductible. The church will be protected with a new motion sensitive lighting system and an alarm system on the windows and doors. The church was broken into the night of March 7 and the new alarm system was installed April 11 at a cost said to be so reasonable that it should have been done sooner!

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Did you know that **Emmanuel Lutheran church** of West Allis, Wis. (Milwaukee) has been in existence since 1898 and is the second oldest Lutheran Church for the Deaf in the LCMS?

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A check for \$8,298.56 was turned over to **ILDA Treasurer Russel Healey** during the board meeting in St. Louis March 9-11. This amount represented the convention proceeds of \$4,030.17 in addition to monies collected and donated from AAL branches in Oregon.



Sharing
Christ

DEAF LUTHERANS FOR LIFE TRAVEL TO RALLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Toledo, Ohio and members of Holy Cross Lutheran church in Columbus, Ohio traveled to the "Rally for Life" in Washing-



RALLY FOR LIFE at Washington, D.C. April 28, 1990

REV. POKORNY DIES

Deaf Lutherans from coast to coast were greatly saddened at the news that Rev. Daniel H. Pokorny of St. Louis had taken a sudden



The Rev. Dr. Daniel H. Pokorny

turn for the worse in his battle against cancer and passed away at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 30.

Services were held at the Old Trinity Lutheran church, 1803 8th St., St. Louis at 7 p.m. June 2, with interment to be in New York.

Blessed are they who die in the Lord. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

ton, D.C. on April 28, 1990. This rally was sponsored by the National Right to Life Organization. The purpose of this rally was to show our government how many people want abortion to stop. And many people came. Estimates of the crowd vary from 200,000 to 700,000.

Although it was a very hot day, the love and concern of all the people around made it a wonderful and beautiful experience. Near the White House, 4,000 crosses were standing on the lawn. This represented the 4,000 babies who are aborted every day. We pray that our government will help to stop this killing.

Many thanks go to Rev. and Mrs. George Natonick for opening up their home to all Lutheran deaf at the rally!

IN THE PRAISE OF MUSIC

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my hum-



ble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart . . . the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.--Martin Luther

THOSE WHO DIE . . .

Every 10 seconds, 26 people die somewhere in the world. It is estimated that of those 26, two are Buddhists, four are Hindu, five are Muslim, eight are secularists and seven are Christians, three of which are protestant. In other words, almost 20 people die every 10 seconds without Jesus.--Selected

The 11th Biennial Convention of the

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

hosted by

Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church

Toledo, Ohio

August 1-4, 1991

	Reg. Price			
Registration (Required)....	12.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
Program Book.....	3.50	x	----	person(s) = -----
Thurs. (Skits & Reception) .	12.50	x	----	person(s) = -----
Fri. (Brunch at 10:45 a.m.)	15.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
Sat. Banquet/entertainment)	32.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
Sunday (full breakfast)....	10.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
Total for tickets.....	85.00			

Speical Combo Rates:

Before May 1st.....	60.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
Before July 1.....	70.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
After July 1 & at door.....	75.00	x	----	person(s) = -----

Non-member of ILDA, add.... 8.00 x ---- person(s) = -----

Tours: Choose one, please:

Sauder Farm & Buffet.....	30.00	x	----	person(s) = -----
Art Museum & Buffet.....	18.00	x	----	person(s) = -----

GRAND TOTALS.....\$-----

NOTE: Pay \$5.00 to ILDA Treasurer for membership to save \$3.00.

SLEEPING ROOM: at Holiday Inn "French Quarter"..Reg. \$75/room/nite.
 ILDA Board Members & Officers (Tues.-Sat.)..... \$55 " "
 ILDA Convention (Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.)..... \$60 " "

Name:-----

Address:-----

City:-----, State-----, Zip -----

Enclosed a check, money order or cashier check for \$ -----

NO personal checks will be accepted after July 1. Payable to:
1991 ILDA Convention and mail to Lois Snyder, 10439 Mandell Road.,
Perrysbury, Ohio 43551. Phone 419-874-4527. Thank You!

HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO MADDING

Ronald L. Madding, president-elect of the International Lutheran Deaf Association was nominated by the Oregon District of the U.S. Postal Service for its Handicapped Employee of the Year Award.

The honor was given in recognition of his



Ronald L. Madding

involvement in many facets of church work, convention planning, work in the International Lutheran Deaf Association and recently completing work on a college degree.

Competition among five regions for the honor of attending a banquet in Washington, D.C. and meeting the postmaster general is considered quite keen and usually goes to someone severely disabled. While our president-elect was not among those selected to go to Washington this year, nevertheless, it is quite an honor to be chosen to compete, and we know the honor to be well deserved.

Hearty congratulations, Ron!

AN OPEN LETTER

302, Dai 2, Matsuyama Haitsu
4-2-6 Yamagoe
Matsuyama, 791, Japan
April 10, 1990

Dear Readers of **THE DEAF LUTHERAN**:

We have recently returned from a school spring vacation trip to China. In China we saw many famous tourist places. We visited the Beijing (Peking) Deaf School Number 3, and saw much poverty and many poor people.

I know that most deaf people in America earn less money than most hearing people in America. But, compared to most people in the world, deaf people in America are RICH. I believe that most people in the world would be glad to trade places with the average deaf person in America. Deaf people in America have many more earthly things than most people in the world. PLUS--you readers of **THE DEAF LUTHERAN** have the most important thing: you know the love and forgiveness of God in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Remember to say "Thank You" to God for His gifts to you. Tell God "Thank You" in your prayers in signs and/or voice. Tell God "thank You" by giving back to Him some of His gifts to you--many Christians give back to God 10% of His gifts to them. Tell God "Thank You" by telling other people about God's love and forgiveness, so that they may share your joy in knowing, loving, trusting and following Jesus.

Your friends in Jesus,
/S/ Bob and Carol Oettel

JAMES A. DRAKE DIES

Graveside services for James A. "Fred" Drake, 69, of Portland, Ore. were held Tuesday, April 10 at River View cemetery, Portland. He passed away following a stroke suffered earlier on Thursday, April 5.



James A. Drake

A native of Douglas, Ariz., he moved to the Portland area as a child and received his education in schools for the deaf in Portland, Salem, Fulton, Mo., and Vancouver, Wash. Mr. Drake held many board positions

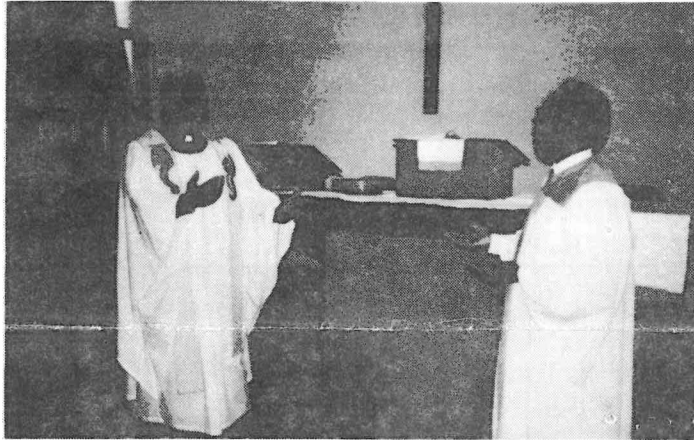
as a member of Hope Lutheran church, where he was a member for 37 years. He was active in planning for the last ILDA convention, which was held at Portland.

Survivors include his wife, Helen of 45 years; a son, Cliff and one grandson.

We extend sincere sympathy to members of the family and rejoice in the hope of the resurrection.

Ephphatha Lutherans, Chicago, Observe 25th Anniversary April 29

Black ministry among the deaf in Chicago was shown to be alive and well during the 25th anniversary celebration and open house on Sunday, April 29 at Ephphatha Evangelical



WORSHIP IN SONG--Rev. Prentice Marsh, left, and Franklin Jones in a rendition of the hymn, "Tomorrow" during service.

Lutheran church at 7956 S. Martin Luther King Drive on the city's south side.

The congregation, which is served by Rev. Prentice D. Marsh and Pastoral Assistant Rev. Thomas Ford Jr. entertained 90 visitors and members in special services with Rev. Mark Anderson as guest speaker.

The occasion also marked the return of Pastor Ford following a long, but undisclosed illness, for which the people gave thanks.

A delicious dinner followed in the church parlors after the service, with a large anniversary cake appropriately decorated being enjoyed.

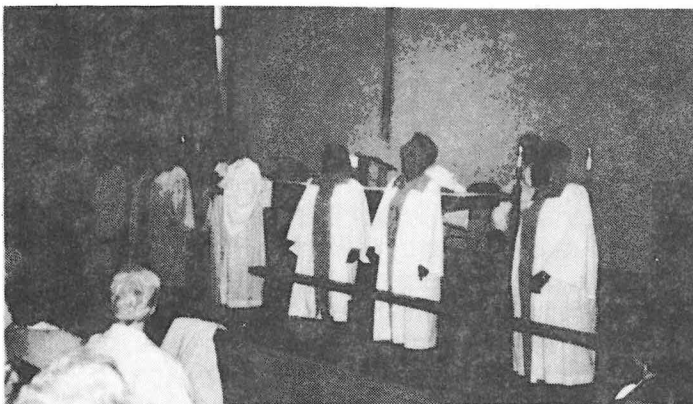
IT'S DOCTOR POKORNY NOW

The Reverend Daniel H. Pokorny, the John of Beverley Professor of Deaf Ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and who needs no introduction to anyone, was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree at Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne, Ind. during commencement exercises there.

Pastor Pokorny, who has been a cancer patient at an area hospital in St. Louis, was given permission to leave his sick bed for a few hours in order to fly to Fort Wayne to receive the honor. Due to problems with his health, he has been serving only as a guest lecturer this past quarter at the Seminary.

Now Thank

We All Our God



EPHPHATHA CHOIR--Accompanied by music, members of the choir lead congregation.

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