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DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION

Matt. 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment."

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

IF YOU WERE ARRESTED FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU? Could the prosecutor prove that you loved God more than anything else in the world by how you spent your time, money, and energy?

WHEN THE JUDGE ASKS YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO DESCRIBE YOU, WILL THEY TELL OF A PERSON COMMITTED TO REFLECTING LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL?

Matt. 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matt. 6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

WOULD WITNESSES COME FORWARD TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION FOR YOUR FELLOW MAN?

WILL THE JURY BE INFLUENCED AGAINST YOU IF AN PERSON THAT YOU DID NOT FORGIVE PICKETS THE COURTHOUSE WITH A SIGN SHOWING YOUR NAME ON IT?

1Ths. 5:16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Hebr. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

WOULD A COPY OF YOUR TDD CONVERSATION WITH GOD SUPPORT THE FACT THAT YOUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING WERE NEVER ENDING?

IS YOUR BIBLE WELL WORN FROM USE?

AND THE VERDICT IS? Circle One

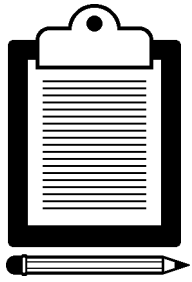
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NOT GUILTY

Pastor Don (via e-mail)



From your Editor...



Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ. My how time has flown. It is Fall already. Summer didn't last very long for me!

We hope that you have received your Summer issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* in good shape last July. In that issue were flyers and registration forms for ILDA's Cleveland '99 Convention. Please understand that those flyers and forms were printed by the Cleveland '99 Committee and inserted into *The Deaf Lutheran*. And also the committee gave *The Deaf Lutheran* \$100 for postage.

Your *Deaf Lutheran* editor and business manager want to keep your newsletter in good financial and self-supporting shape. Paper, printing and postage has become very expensive over the years. After reviewing our expenses for the six month period, we had to raise the subscription price by **only** \$1.00 to keep the newsletter in production.

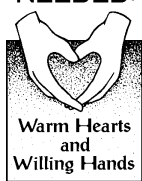
For this Fall Issue, we are experimenting with 12 pages instead of our normal 8-page newsletter. The reason is that we wanted to see if the postage will truly stay the same. We have discovered this in the Summer Issue when we had Cleveland '99 pages included in our mailing that our postage didn't go up. If this remain true, we will have 12 pages of news in our future 4-newsletters-a-year plan that the ILDA board motioned and passed last May instead of a 8-page-6-newsletters-a-year.



Daylight Saving time ends on October 25th at 2:00 AM!

Reminder from the Nomination Committee

NEEDED:



Many preparations have already been started for our coming 1999 ILDA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The host is working hard on the convention plans. The ILDA Board of Directors had their meeting in May and our ILDA members has gathered at the several regional conferences. The Nomination Committee needs to plan, too. The committee is requesting your nominations for

During the Great Lake Regional Conference's general meeting on August 21st, GLRC has donated \$500 to *The Deaf Lutheran* operating fund. Any donation to *The Deaf Lutheran* are welcomed.

We are also **raising fund for new Macintosh computer equipment (\$6,500) for the present and future D/L staff because the D/L right now is produced on our own personal equipment.**

Future agenda to bring up at the next ILDA Board Meeting will to be to consider advertising in *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletters. If we include advertising, we have to consider the time and amount of work needed and legal issues that may arise. Please send me comments in **favor** or **against** advertising in *The Deaf Lutheran*.

David G. Brown, Editor
e-mail: CreaBrowns@aol.com

NOTICE: Deadline for the Christmas Issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* (Winter Issue) will be November 15th.



A beautiful view of the chapel of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan where GLRC conference was held at on August 21-23.

candidates for all the ILDA offices from both the regional branches and the congregations. Please prayerfully consider, support and bring your nominations to your regional conferences. Thanks! God's Blessings to our ILDA supporters as we continue our work together to glorify Him in the name of Jesus.

Larry Gorton,
Chair and the past ILDA Presidents
via e-mail: LAJAGORTON@JUNO.COM

Rev. William Ludwig Retires

On a beautiful recent Sunday of August 2nd, seventy-two members and friends came and help Rev. William Ludwig celebrate his retirement from the deaf ministry with a celebration church service and Lord's Supper, followed by a reception lunch and program. Rev. Ludwig gave a very inspiring message, "My Farewell Prayer," based from the Book of Philipians in which Paul before he left his people, prayed for God's blessing with the assurance that God continues to abide with them as they continue sharing their love and faith with each other while doing God's work.

Rev. Ludwig had been serving the past year as vacancy pastor at Western Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf, serving in Seattle as well as the surrounding cities of Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton and small town of Yakima at the other side of the Cascade Mountains. The Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod blessed the continuing deaf ministry with a gift in a new pastor, Roger Blesi, who by now has started his new ministry.



Rev. Ludwig faithfully served as Pastor to the Deaf for a long and blessed thirty-nine years. He had served the past twenty-seven years at Western Washington Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Previously, he served at Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio. He took undergraduate studies at Gallaudet College in Washington, DC before he was the first

Deaf person to study and graduate with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1959 from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 1970 from the same seminary. As a wonderful deaf model, he helped open a new avenue for many other Deaf who came and followed him as trained pastors. He was one of the numerous leaders who developed the constitution in 1971 that enabled the Deaf Lutherans to have their own fellowship known as the International Lutheran Deaf Association, of which he continues to zealously participate and support.

He and his wonderful wife, Sigrid are planning to spend a lot of time with their three grown children and five grandchildren who all live near their Seattle home. They plan to travel around the country in the near future.

May God continue to bless Rev. Ludwig, his growing and loving family and those who know and love him.

*by Larry Gorton, Spokane, WA via e-mail
Photos supplied by Larry Gorton*

News from around the Regions...



Pray for the Deaf Churches without

Pastors: John of Beverly Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf in Dallas, Texas; Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Delavan, Wisconsin; St. Matthews and St. Marks Deaf Lutheran Churches in New York City area; West Hartford Lutheran Deaf, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Northwest Region...

ILDA NW Region Conference was held on July 31-Aug 2 in Edmonton. Issue of *"How can Christians dialogue with other religions."* by Dr. Edward Kettner was discussed. Essays and addresses were related to the goals set by the Convocation of last October.

Rev. Roger D. Bleski is the new pastor for the Northwest District. He is originally from St. Cloud, Minnesota and graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Rev. Bleski has been assigned to the Missionary-at-Large to spread the Gospel to the Deaf and start new Deaf missions/churches in western Washington state and Alaska. He has served as vicar at Trinity (Pittsburgh).

Western Washington Lutheran... **Marion E. Meservey** has passed away on April 28th and **Alvin Oscar Luetzow** on May 5th.

Rev. William Ludwig retires. More news, when completed, will be in the next issue of *The Deaf Lutheran*.

Keep in your prayer for **Janet Hewitt**, Pastor Hewitt's wife.

Mr. Leslie G. Borgens and **Mrs. Gadys Ida Wainscott** have gone home with Jesus.

Pacific Region...

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, L.A. ... **Mrs. Geraldine (Fisher) Ross** has died on May 22 while visiting her son, Pastor Henry Malone of Michigan. **Mr. Yachtman Sue** was called home to heaven on July 9th.

Bill Wrede has become Vicar for the Pacific Southwest District. He will work with Rev. Don Leber and other pastors in the region. Bill is from Ludinton, Michigan and attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

110 people attended the Banquet and Silent Auction on May 16th at Pilgrim (L.A.). The audience was entertained by Mel Carter of CSUN and **Marleen Matlin** spoke of her career in the movie industry.

Midwest Region...

Calvary Lutheran (Des Moines, IA) **Mike Whaley, Lemuel Good, Pauline Hanawalt, Robt Fredricks, Judith Oelberg** and **Doris Bourne** went to meet their Maker and Savior, face to face.

Midwest ILDA met in Minneapolis, June 26th -28th, to fellowship and learn about *"God's Angels Around Us."* The conference was attended by about 70 deaf members. Reverends Kois (Iowa), Matthews (Colorado) and Eckstrom (Nebraska) helped teach God's Deaf people about Angels.

Dixie Region...

Rev. Larry Lieder was installed as the pastor of *Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf* in Houston on September 20th. He has served as vacancy pastor since Pastor Zuhn's stroke.

Something I (Editor) didn't know and I am sure many you didn't know either... Are you saving for college? CEF (Church Extension Fund) offers a Save-By Mail account paying 3% with no fee charged to you. Contact Jeffery or Carol McGuire of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf (Austin, TX) for more information.

Great Lakes Region...

GLRC was held in Livonia, Michigan on August 21-23. The Theme was *"Jesus, Our Thirst Quencher."* John 4:14 *Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.* Donated \$500 to *The Deaf Lutheran* operating fund.

Dora and Howard Alliman of Good Shepherd, Toledo, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 20th.

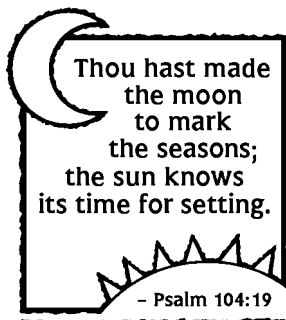
Don Mowl of Trinity (Pittsburgh) reported he also had problem getting to the Board Meeting in St. Louis last May. Remember the Cleveland group's trip? Ha! Don couldn't remember which Holiday Inn he was supposed to go to and also he left his papers behind at home in a different brief case. But anyway he got there long before the Cleveland group did.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Howard Reese for the passing of his beloved brother, **Harry Reese**, and his daughter, **Donna Bolam**. Sympathy also for the passing of **Judy Ann Willison** and **Russell Simmons**.

Eastern Region...

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Clifton, NJ celebrated their first anniversary in their new building in Clifton on May 3rd. The Rev. Dr. Donald Sandmann was their guest preacher. Also present was Pastor Emeritus Gerry Gerhold. In May, St. Matthew also got a good deal on a new van.

Eastern Region ILDA meeting was held on June 29 to 31st in Pennsylvania's Delaware Water Gap in the Poconos mountains area. For some reason, electricity was out during Friday supper time. Room was lit with only twenty or thirty oil lamps for the evening prayer by Pastor Natonick. Pastor Natonick prayed for the Holy Spirit to be a light in our hearts and that we would be a light in the world and that the lights would be on again. Just as we were leaving after the prayer the lights came on again. After worship prayer was given to Mr. Defalco (New York city) who has cancer.



Thou hast made
the moon
to mark
the seasons;
the sun knows
its time for setting.

- Psalm 104:19

Ephphatha Conference 1998

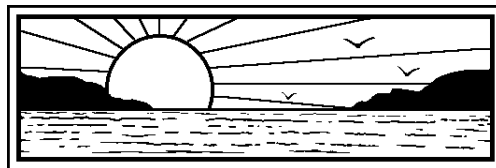


The 6 people at Ephphatha Conference receiving awards for years of service in the Ministry to the deaf...

- Jennie Waters – 5 years*
- Matthew Nix – 5 years*
- Daryl Gehlbach – 15 years*
- David Bush – 20 years*
- Martin Hewitt – 35 years*
- Don Leber – 35 years*



Pastor Rynearson wears the traditional robe of Ghana!



Our new address:

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Please pray for our friends in Ghana and Togo.
From e-mail distributed over the network 9/1/98.

U.S. shuts W. Africa missions over threats

ACCRA (Reuters) - The United States shut its embassies and other government facilities in the West African states of Ghana and Togo on Monday following "increased threats," a U.S. statement and embassy officials said. A statement issued by the U.S. embassy in Ghana's capital Accra said threats to U.S. facilities, which it did not spell out, had been received both there and in neighboring Togo. Embassy officials said the closure was temporary and the statement said emergency cases would be handled.

This year the **Ephphatha Conference** in Ft. Wayne emphasis on how to make Worship more meaningful for Deaf worshippers, business of the Church, how to conduct a meeting for a Deaf congregation, translation of the Bible on video tape, video devotions, Bible Stories on video, counselling, etc. The students of the Church Interpreter Training Institute were observers and some advanced students were brave enough to do some interpreting. The instructors in the courses have developed a criteria for interpreting in Lutheran Churches and are developing a video course for church interpreters.

Help continue to support Jennifer Knaack's mission in China!

Dear Jennifer Knaack:

With the Lord's help I/we will be praying for you during your trip to China.
I/We are enclosing \$ _____ as a gift toward your ministry.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contributions:

Make checks payable to North Wisconsin District in order to receive a tax-deduction. Designate clearly for Macau Fund and Jennifer Knaack. Mail to:
North Wisconsin District Office, PO Box 8064, Wausau, WI 54402-8064

LCMS 60th Regular Convention in St. Louis on July 11-17, 1998...

I (Larry Ginter) was the Ohio District Delegate with 40 Pastors and other delegates to the LCMS Convention.

I arrived in St. Louis with the Ohio District-LCMS group on Saturday morning. We went to the American's Convention Center. It is very big, room as like the shopping mall!. I saw many pastors and delegates there. The Lutheran's convention theme was "To the Ends of the Earth." On Saturday evening, we had Holy Communion worship service at American's Center. It was two hours long. We had two interpreters to help us deaf delegates. Synod President Barry preached and shared the Good News of Jesus (Acts 8: 26-40).

Pastor Cory Erickson of Nebraska, Pastor Paul Tessaro of Tennessee and others were there. We slept at Adam Mark Hotel, the same hotel where ILDA had the 1997 convention.

Exhibitors have very nice different colleges, schools, churches, AAL Branches, Brotherhood, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, and others.

Every morning the Ohio District-LCMS group had nice breakfast and talked about LCMS regular meeting and Bible verses.

Pastor Cory Erickson took me to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf on Sunday morning. He was guest preacher because Rev. Moody was on vacation. Jennifer Knaack, Dennis Konkel and his wife Susan, Archie Marshall and others were there.

Sunday evening, Pastor Cory and I went to the Missouri Athletic Club near American's Convention Center. Rev. R. R. Rynearson, Dennis Konkel, Pastor Matthew Nix, and others were there. Dr. Rev. Louis R. Jasper received the 1998 John of Beverley Medal. He retired from the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf after 40 years. He was in Kong Kong and Macau for Special Education and Special Ministries in 1981. Jennifer Knaack was special speaker. She spoke about wanting to help China to know Jesus and hope you all keep her in your prayers. About 200 people attended.

During Monday thru Friday we had regular meetings. Synod President Barry informed us that 575 Pastors, 575 voting delegates and 300 families were there to a total of 1,500 people at the convention. Whew!

Voting Ballot: Synod President, the Rev. Dr. Alvin L. Barry, was re-elected (his third 3-yr term) and Dr. Robert Kuhn as 1st Vice President (second term). There were too many officers to list. Lutheran Witness Magazine gives a complete list.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia came with his interpreter James Dimitroff, accepted a contract with Synod President Barry.

Lloyd Nelson, 13th great-grandson of Martin Luther, passed his heirloom bible to President Barry and the people of LCMS. After the



The convention gatherings attended by 1,500 people.



Deaf Lutheran Business Manager Larry Ginter and group with interpreters.



Rev. Paul Tessaro of Eternal Mercy Deaf Church of Memphis, Tennessee.

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Jennifer Knaack of Wisconsin discusses her future trip to China on August 15th. She is the deaf daughter of Rev. Knaack.



Deaf Lutheran Business Manager Larry Ginter is shown with Lloyd Nelson, 13th great-grandson of Martin Luther. Lloyd is descends from Dr. Paul Luther, the Reformer's youngest son.



At the Mill Neck Foundation exhibit during the LCMS Synodical Convention, Larry Ginter, Business Manager of The Deaf Lutheran, stands with John of Beverley recipient Dr. Louis Jasper and his wife, Joan.

convention, I met Lloyd Nelson. He told me that his father-in-law is deaf and lives in Seattle, Washington.

The Convention Highlights: LCMS met in convention with delegates from around the world, making many important decisions...

- Be conservative about uniting with others in worship and at Lord's Supper while studying our relationship with other Christian denominations.
- Encourage pastors and layleader to study gambling and its effects on members and churches.
- Passed a new evangelism plan.
- Support of life voting against abortion and assisted suicides.
- Encourage congregations to support core ministries such as Habitat for Humanity's house building projects.
- Expressed concern about immoral and pornographic TV, radio, internet, etc. and immoral lifestyles.
- Encourage congregations to support and minister to persons in prisons and involved in crime in the past.
- Adopted the following mission statement...

"In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of the LCMS is to vigorously make know the Love of Christ by Word and deed within our churches communities and the world."

I really enjoyed the convention. I thanked the three interpreters — Beverley Smith of St. Louis, Pat Wittrock of Chicago, and Vicar Bill Wrede of St. Louis/California — for interpret for me and other deafs at the convention

Reported by Larry Ginter

Dr. Jasper was selected as this year's recipient by the Mill Neck Foundation Board of Directors for his lifelong commitment to service among God's people who are Deaf.

By his side and sharing in the honor, was Joan, his wife of over forty years. Guests included leaders and executives within the church body, Mill Neck Foundation supporters, pastoral delegates from districts near the Mill Neck campus and Mill Neck Foundation and school staff.

For over 40 years, Dr. Jasper has worked in this country and abroad as a missionary to the Deaf, parish pastor, school chaplain, teacher, professor and consultant.

Memories of his past work include his involvement at Mill Neck Manor back in the late 50's, both as chaplain and as a contributor to the ,John of Beverley workbook series.

Mill Neck Foundation Honors a Servant Leader

About 200 people attended a special event at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis during the week of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's synodical convention.

At a July 12th evening banquet, chaired by Rev. Thomas Armour, President of the Mill Neck Foundation, the John of Beverley Medal was presented to Rev. Louis R. Jasper. D.D. Ed.D.



The LCMS Convention's Theme.

Mill Neck Foundation Honors a Servant Leader *continued from page 7*

His pioneering efforts since 1967 in the Far East have helped and continue to bring the Good News to Deaf people in Hong Kong and Macau.

"Vision, energy, commitment and, above all, a reliance on and acknowledgment that our efforts are possible solely because of God's Grace. These are hallmarks of Dr. Jasper's life," said Dr. Mark R. Prowatke, Executive Director of the Mill Neck Family, during his welcoming remarks.

Although retired and settled in the Village of Newark, New York, Dr. Jasper's ministry work continues in Macau. Rev. Thomas Dunseth and Jennifer Knaack, both at the dinner, honored Rev. Jasper and spoke of their commitment to continue his mission.

"It has taken four people to fill his shoes They don't make missionaries like that anymore. Dr. Jasper taught us how the Lord uses us," said Dunseth.

Dunseth and his family arrived in Macau in January of 1994. "The first faces we saw when we arrived were Louis and Joan Jasper's They took care of us as if we were family during the following months. They helped our transition into a new land and culture go smoothly and happily," he remembers.

According to Dunseth, he was not called to Macau to work with the Deaf at all. "I was called to be a church planter among the Cantonese speaking population and help out at the already established Lutheran congregation. But when the Jasper's retired and returned to America, there was no one to continue the spiritual leadership that Dr. Jasper had started and so diligently carried on for years at Concordia School," he said.

The mission board wanted Dr. Jasper's work to continue Seeing the need, Dunseth took on the task, without education, experience or the language. "Because of the encouragement of many, including Louis Jasper, and our dear Lord himself, I have started to acquire the skills this year," he said.

Working under Rev. Dunseth's supervision at Concordia School of Special Education in Macau, will be 22 year-old Jennifer Knaack, the first Deaf Missionary for the LCMS.

"I am very excited to go to Macau. I want to help all of them know Jesus. I know I will have a lot of work. I hope you will keep me in your prayers," she said during the banquet.

Mill Neck Foundation is granting one-third of the money for her expenses. She left for Macau in August and will remain there for one year.

Mr. Eberlein, founding member of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, and Treasurer of the Mill Neck Family, read the medal citation honoring Dr. Jasper.

During his acceptance, Dr. Jasper said, "I was just doing my duty to my Lord, responding to his love. God continues to bless the work of others. I have merely built on what they started. I pray the Lord will continue to do that. Thank you for coming to be here this evening and to share this event."

Created late in 1958 by the internationally renowned sculptor-artist, Donald DeLue, the John of Beverley Medal is awarded once every three years to recognize accomplishments that directly affect and positively improve the lives of Deaf people.

For More Information Contact:

Nancy Leghart, Public Information Officer (516) 922-4100 ext. 243



Dr. Louis Jasper at the JOB Dinner.



Jennifer Knaack, first deaf LCMS Missionary at JOB Dinner. Interpreter is Pat Wittrock.



Mill Neck Family Organization! Pictured left to right: Carol Koenig, Barbara Lanman, Nancy Leghart, Yoko Auslander and Bill Charon.

Bible in Sign on CD's??? Someone here in Charlotte who has a lot of computer skills and equipment, or access to one, is always looking for new projects. He asked me: 1) Is there in the whole wide world of computer software, hardware, underware, anywhere a CD, or several in a set, with the Bible in ASL (or parts of the Bible)? 2) If answer to # 1 is "none," Do you think that an ASL Bible on CD would be something enough people would want so that it would be worth to do this as a project? 3) What about Daily Devotions on CD in ASL? Is there anything like that? 4) If answer to # 3 is "none," Do you think that an ASL Dail Devotions on CD would be something enough people would want so that it would be worth to do this as a project? 5) Ok last idea. What about the idea of an interactive Deaf Catechism in ASL? I seriously doubt there is anything like that available. If it is, let me know. 6) If answer to # 5 is "none," Do you think that an ASL Catechism on CD would be something enough people would want so that it would be worth to do this as a project? >> I would really appreciate some feedback from you "experts" in the field. Cornfield for the folks in Iowa; wheat field in Kansas and Nebraska, tobacco fields in the Carolinas; and the rest are, well, in right field???. Anyway, whatever thoughts you might want to share with this feel free to do so. If you all want to make this an open discussion that would be great so we all know what each other are thinking. In advance I say thanks and The Blessings of His peace be with you all.

Rev. Mike MacDonald via e-mail internet

Mill Neck Manor High School Students Help in South Dakota

The snow drifts are melted. The standing water has dried. The mud no longer gushes over shoe tops, and most of the physical injuries healed. The damage caused by winter storms, hailstorms and tornadoes in South Dakota may no longer be front page news, but for rancher Bud Boudreau, and thousands of others, the devastation remains.

In June, Mill Neck Manor high school students Joseph Malone, Jeffrey Blanco, Victor Urich, Kristen Piersa, Melissa Estrella, James Edwards, Shameka Edwards and Kristin Hess, along with staff members Barbara Lanman, Martin Breiter and Susan Dunne, traveled across the prairie to western South Dakota to help Bud on his ranch in Marcus.

First, they flew to Rapid City and were met by Shirley Conrad, the West River Disaster Coordinator of Lutheran Social Services. They picked up a van and drove to meet Reverend Matthew Nix; Missionary to the Deaf at Large for South Dakota, serving at Trinity Lutheran Church; and two Deaf youth. Together, they travelled to Bud's ranch house. They were greeted by Dale and Jean Peercy, an Ohio missionary couple who coordinates volunteers and gathers building materials to repair homes damaged in the storms of '96-'97.

Rolling up their sleeves, the Mill Neck Manor students joined hearing youth to help tie down a trailer house. They cleaned out Bud's wind break and replanted trees.

"We worked from about 7 AM to 5 PM and I really enjoyed it," said Joseph Malone. Their mission was to help, and the students reaped the self-satisfaction of hard work. Little did they know, Bud would share some gifts of his own.

"He was the best person for our students first servanthood experience," said Barbara Lanman, Mill Neck Foundation's Coordinator of Deaf Ministry who planned the trip. "He had the patience and ability to communicate visually. Bud, a sheep rancher who trains Border Collies, showed the students every step of what to do. He showed them how to train dogs and ride a tractor. He even made sure each student had an opportunity to ride his mule, Lorraine.

"We went away with more than what he got," felt Susan Dunne. "We couldn't have asked for anyone more giving of himself," she said.

Joseph Malone remembers the delicious waffles Bud cooked for lunch.

"The experience was such a sharing of gifts," said Lanman. "Our students grew from being unsure to feeling proud of themselves," she said. "It was great to see the change in such a short time. They were pleased to give to him."

"It made me very happy to work and help out," said Victor Urich, who hopes to be able to do it again in another State. According to Lanman, plans are already in the works for students to help out in Canada next year at Pax Natura Ranch, a Deaf Youth Horse Ranch. "We grow in ourselves and feel better about ourselves when we give to others," says Lanman. This philosophy is what spurred her and High School Principal Dennis Tobin to organize special service projects for the students at Mill Neck Manor.

"Quite often our students are on the receiving end, and now we have a way for them to give back. Helping in other states also exposes them to human needs that occur in other places," said Tobin. The trip to South Dakota was funded by Mill Neck Foundation through a grant for youth outreach ministry.

For more information, contact: Nancy Leghart, Public Information Officer (516) 922-4100 ext. 243.



Photo: (L-R): Jeffrey Blanco, Kristin Hess and Victor Urich help Bud Boudreau on his ranch in Marcus, South Dakota.



Mill Neck Manor's Fall Harvest Festival

Will be held on Friday to Sunday, October 9, 10, 11 at North Shore of Long Island near Oyster Bay from 9 am to 4 pm. This annual event is known as "AppleSale" featuring plenty of apples, food, and entertainment.

The Fall Harvest Festival is a "homecoming" for many of the school's alumni as it brings the heart of Long Island's Deaf community together.

This festival has been going on for 40 years so if you didn't get this newsletter in time, try again next year!

"Where Have You Been?"

A one dollar bill met a 20 dollar bill and said, "Hey, where've you been? I haven't seen you around here much."

The twenty answered, "I've been hanging out at the casinos, went on a cruise and did the rounds of the ship, back to the United States for awhile, went to a couple of baseball games, to the mall, that kind of stuff. How about you?"

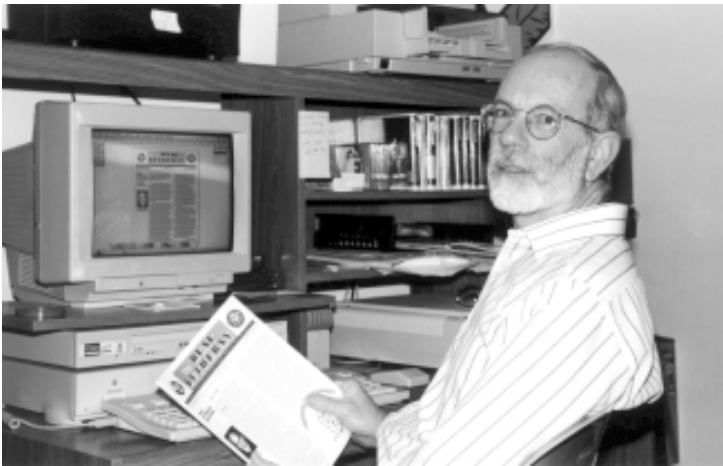
The one dollar bill said, "You know, same old stuff, church, church, church."

Your Deaf Lutheran Newsletter at work!

Here is a picture story the steps your Editor, David Brown, and Business Manager, Larry Ginter, go through every two month. Your Editor start with the page layout and scanning on the Macintosh computer using Adobe PageMaker 6.0. Meanwhile your Business Manager update or manage the mailing list using Microsoft Words, print mailing labels and keep accounting records.

Next the electronic file is transfer from Dave's computer on Zip disk to be taken to R.E. May pre-press house and then to Adam Pangrace for printing. The pre-press house produces films from the electronic file and prepare a "blueline" for proofing. After all is approved, the printing process proceed.

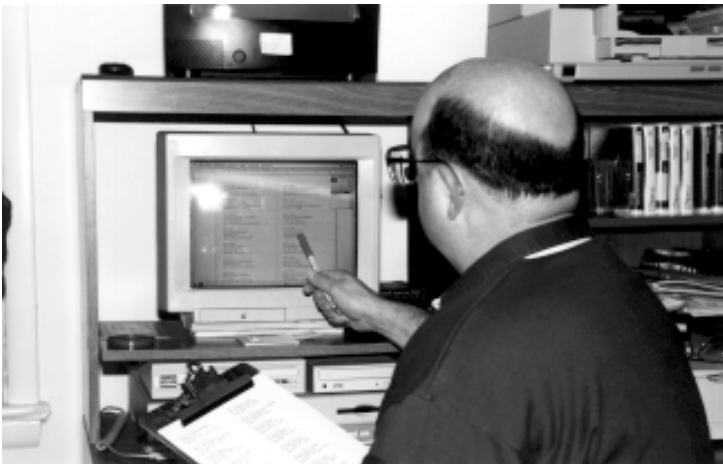
After printing, the volunteers fold and label the newsletter and sort them by zip codes. Then Larry deliver the newsletter to the post office for mailing.



David Brown and page makeup on the Macintosh computer.



"Blueline" blueprints for page layout proofing.



Larry Ginter reviewing mailing list.



Blueline checking against page layout dummy.



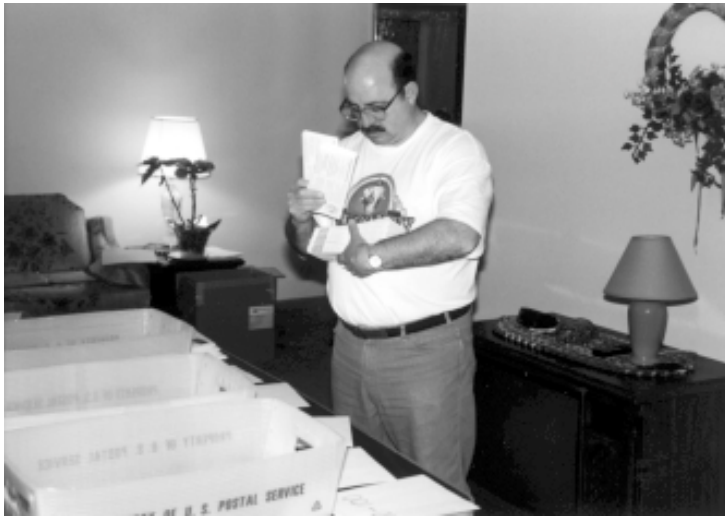
Business Manager Larry and Editor Dave going over notes.



Adam Pangrace Print Shop and pressman, Carmen.



Your Jan/Feb Deaf Lutheran being folded and address labeled at Larry's house on a Friday evening. Above shown, left to right, Mark and Lynn Ginter, Fred Waltz, David and Sharon Brown. Other volunteers who helped were Richard and Mary Tingler, Diane and Joanne Ginter, Richard and Shirley Brill, and Robert Kane.



Larry sort the Deaf Lutheran Newsletters by zip codes before delivering to the post office.



Larry's "messy desk"!

ILDA '99

Friday activity...

For those of you who do not want to go on the Friday Cruise Tour can go to Geauga Lake Park where the Jr. ILDA plan to go. As of this D/L printing, Geauga Lake would not tell us the 1999 prices until after New Year. It could be in the \$25 price range. You must provide your own transportation to and from Geauga Lake.



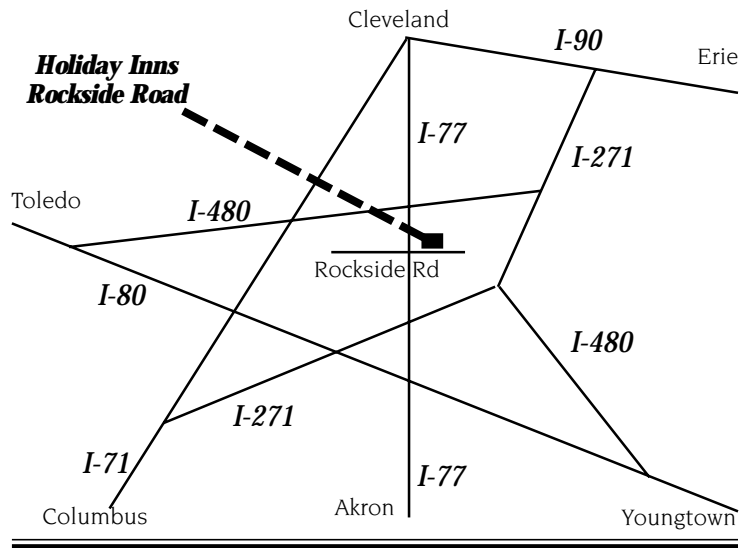
Did you find your Cleveland ILDA '99 forms and flyers in your Summer issue of The Deaf Lutheran?

Check with your church for additional forms and flyers. Or contact Pam Kane or Mary Tingler for help.

Pam Kane, ILDA '99 Chairperson,
21931 Maydale Ave., Euclid, OH 44123.
TTY 216-731-0386 or FAX 216-731-2012

Mary Tingler, Registration Chairperson,
538 Stafford Dr., Elyria, OH 44035.
TTY/FAX 440-365-8007

Map to ILDA '99



ILDA Membership Dues...

Deadline was September 30, 1998. If you haven't paid yet, please do so soon! See form on the back page of this Deaf Lutheran Newsletter.





The International Lutheran Deaf Association Membership Dues...

*Active, Associate, or Sustaining Membership... \$10.00 per person for two years.
Join God's 1000 Club... add \$20.00 per person for two years.*

Help support the International Lutheran Deaf Association!

Desiring to be faithful people of God, led by Him and our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, and inspired by His Word as it is brought to us in the doctrines, teachings and confessions of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the International Lutheran Deaf Association commenced its ministry during its first biennial convention in Chicago in 1971.

SPREAD THE WORDS AROUND.
Encourage your Christian friends to join!

Membership due September 30, 1998.
(October 1998 - September 2000)

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Address _____

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Phone/FAX/e-mail _____

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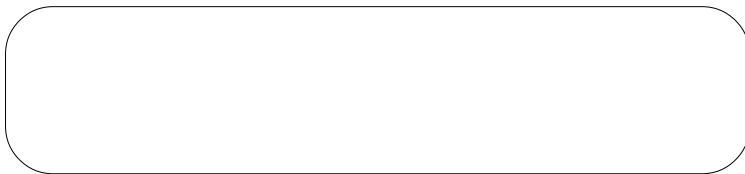
God's 1000 Club (\$20.00 per person two-years) _____

Contribution for ILDA Mission Project _____

TOTAL Contributed \$ _____

Type of membership requested: Active Associate Sustaining

Send check or money order payable to:
"The I.L.D.A. Treasurer" and mail to: **Karen Beiter,**
ILDA Treasurer, 7300 Briggs Road, Lima, NY 14485.



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