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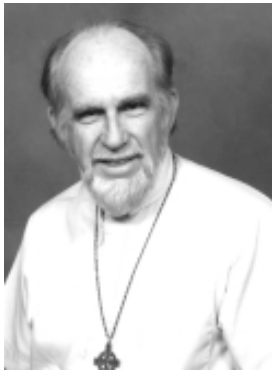
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## DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION

### Matthews 1:18



**Rev. Donald Leber,**  
**ILDA Pastoral Advisor**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" —which means, "God with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

I recently purchased a book called "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey. In the book it talks about "Who HE was", "Why HE came", and "What HE Left Behind". I have just begun reading the first chapter and it has stirred up ideas in my mind and I know it will also in yours. Think back in your life growing up about all the ideas you had about Jesus. Remember the song, "Jesus Loves Me This I Know!" And remember the table prayer, "Come Lord Jesus Be our Guest!" And remember the bedtime prayer, "Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep!" Maybe you even have a picture at home of Jesus with the children. These are all wonderful, beautiful images that we have of Jesus. Then we have some of the new modern movie images of Jesus as we see

in the movies "The Gospel According to St. Matthew" by Pasolini and "Jesus of Nazareth" by Franco Zepharelli. Everyone has their opinion of Jesus, their idea of how Jesus looked. As you read the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John you can find a very different kind of Jesus. Jesus was often frustrated with people, Jesus often was lonely even though HE had the 12 disciples with HIM because they did not fully understand HIS reason for being here, and only a few people felt comfortable around Jesus because HE could see right through you and HE would tell what you were thinking. Jesus always fellowshiped with the sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes of His world.

Today sinners often feel unloved by the church and its members. What has happened to us? Have our churches become like Deaf Clubs that exclude certain people? What is the vision of your congregation for 1999 and the future? The way most of our Deaf Lutheran churches are going right now in the near future there won't be any more churches because all the "members" will be dead and there will be no young deaf people to take their place. The Jesus I know is a God of LOVE (**Read 1 John 4:8**) and HE welcomes all people that come in humility confessing their sins into HIS kingdom. Our job as servants of the King is to reach out to deaf children and their families, to young deaf couples struggling to make their way in life, to deaf people with nose studs, ear studs, tongue studs, and even tatoos, and to senior citizen deaf people that are lonely. On my desk I have a picture of Jesus that always reminds me of HIM and what HE did for me, so that I will always remember what I should be doing for HIM. I hope this picture will be an encouragement for you.

*God bless.*

*ILDA Pastoral Advisor (via e-mail)*

# ILDA 2001...



ILDA President, Dennis Konkel, was recently informed by *North Carolina Chapel Lutheran Church of the Deaf* that they have dropped hosting the 2001 ILDA convention in Charlotte, NC. Their reason for dropping their convention is understandable.

President Konkel and the Board of Directors will need to make a quick decision on what to do about the 2001 convention. As of this writing of *The Deaf*

*Lutheran*, we all are open to who would like to host the 2001 convention.

Because of a policy, the Board must get a formal letter from a church, not a member, if they are interested in hosting. Please contact President Dennis Konkel by e-mail: **desukonkel@aol.com** or by mail: **Dennis Konkel, ILDA President, 10-B Founders Way, St. Louis, MO 63105-3077** with your suggestion or request to host ASAP!



## Reminders...

Your ILDA Historian, **Mae Madding**, deeply requested your church newsletters and death notice of present and former ILDA members. She wants to prepare her report for the Cleveland '99 convention. Send material to Mae by e-mail: **Rmadding@aol.com** or by postage to: **Mae Madding, 1940 N.E. 57th Avenue, Portland, OR 97213.**

Also **Larry Gorton**, Chair of the Nominating Committee, still requests nominations of candidates for all the ILDA offices.

## Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT)...

Application sign up for the first (March '99) class is due by December 15th, 1998. The Deaf Lutheran Editor didn't receive this information before the Fall Issue was printed and cannot get it to reader in time as this Christmas Issue will be received by many readers after the deadline. Please keep in contact with your church or pastor for future sign-ups.

DIT is a program for Deaf active members (male or female) of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. The DIT offers leadership skills training in eight levels.

...a little child shall lead them.

— Isaiah 11:6



## Christmas Seals...

Check with your church or pastor for envelopes containing the **Wheat Ridge Christmas** seals and letter containing information about various projects.



*Merry Christmas!*

### God's 1000 Club

This Club is open to any person who wish to help with the operating expenses of the ILDA Board of Directors. Biannual dues are \$20 per person. Details about this club will be sent on request. Please make your check or money-order payable to:

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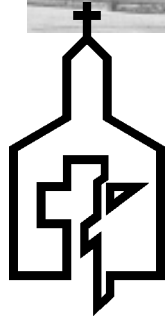
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*Thank you.*

# 50th Anniversary...

Christ Lutheran Church/Deaf in Cleveland, Ohio celebrated their 50th anniversary of their church building on Sunday, November 1, 1998. Rev. Frederking broke ground at E. 25th Street and Payne Avenue (our present location for 50 years) on October 10, 1948.

Oritha Lanton and committee did a wonder job preparing for the anniversary party. The nice dinner was donated by AAL Branch #7930. The celebration was attended by 92 people.



*Chairperson, Oritha Lanton. Shown behind Oritha is Marjorie Wing helping.*



*President Richard Tingler, Carleen and Rev. Gary Lawson hold the 50th anniversary cake.*



# News from around the Regions...



## Northwest Region...

**Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Alberta...** Coming up about Jan/Feb, 1999: Deaf Ministry Immersion Workshop sponsored by the Seminary, Missionary Study Centre Cross of Christ and Dept. of Missions, A-BC District. This is mainly for seminary students but all Church workers are welcome to participate. Contact Rev. Bauer for more details. There are reports that there are a small number of Deaf people living in the area of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Westbank, BC and hope that Mr. Richard Bainert (ordination and installation Aug 23rd) could be able to carry on a part time ministry of Word and Sacrament among these Deaf people.

Memorial Worship Service for Mrs. Lydia Sanford's daughter, **June Low** who live in Australia for 25 years, was held on September 6th.

**Hilda Carlson**, a long time friend and supporter of Cross of Christ and Pax Natura Ranch, and mother of Donald Wright, was called home to our Lord on August 22nd.

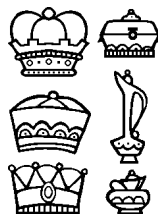
Faith Lutheran, Spokane... **Luther Sandberg** depart this life on July 8th. **Janet Hewitt**, wife of Rev. Martin Hewitt, is recovering nicely from cancer surgery. Keep Janet in your prayers for her continuing recovery. Also pray for others recovering from cancers.

## Pacific Region...

**Geraldine Ross** entered heavenly rest and was laid to rest in Idaho. Rev. Don Leber is sending out registration for the next **Lutheran Deaf Camp** to be held July 25-30, 1999. Contact him by e-mail: RevLeber@aol.com for more info and forms.

## Midwest Region...

**Midwest ILDA** will meet in Des Moines June 4-6, 1999.



They offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:11

## Central Region...

Peace Lutheran, Indianapolis... for All Saints Day, November 1st, was to remember 4 members who have transferred to heaven - **William Bearhope, Martha Swank, Mary Breedlove Larsen** and **Catherine Leonard Stout**.

**Fall Retreat** was held at WayCross Camp in Brown County on October 14-16th. In the setting of lovely fall colors, Rev. Mark Anderson was the spiritual leader.

## Dixie Region...

Holy Three-in-One Church, Houston... now have a new pastor. On September 20th, **Rev. Larry Lieder** was installed as their new pastor. Rev. Lieder has served as vacancy pastor since Pastor Zuhn's stroke.

The **Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference** (DDLCC) met in Moscow, Tennessee for the weekend of September 25-27th. Guest speaker was Rev. John Reinke, who spoke (signed) about his mission in Ghana (Africa).

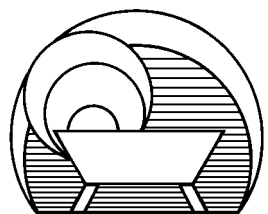
## Great Lakes Region...

**Annual GLRC Winter Camp** will be on February 19-21, 1999 at Camp Mowana, Mansfield, Ohio. Contact Holy Cross, Columbus, TTY (614) 258-2110 or e-mail [HolyCrossDeaf@Juno.com](mailto:HolyCrossDeaf@Juno.com) for more information.

From Trinity Lutheran, Pittsburgh... Labor Day birth for Rev. and Kathy Ruppert, 8-pound 9-ounce **Micha Luke Ruppert**. Micha, named as the Old Testament prophet of God who predicted the city of Jesus' birth.

## Alpha Lutheran, Rochester...

Building the Body of Christ for 75 years! That is how long Lutherans have been announcing God's word to deaf people in Rochester. Rev. E. J. Scheibert took a train from Detroit to Rochester to preach. Ephesians 4:11-13 was Rochester's theme verse for their 75th anniversary celebration on September 20th. Theme title was "*Building the Body of Christ.*"



"... you shall call his name Jesus ..."

-Matthew 1:21

Holy Cross, Columbus... **Rev. Ed Bergstresser** flew to the United Kingdom (England) for the first annual deaf Christian Conference. For a full story of his trip, contact Holy Cross for a copy of their Sept-Oct newsletter! **"Space Mission Bible Camp"...** 29 children and 23 adults attended VBS at Holy Cross from Sunday night through Friday night. *Sympathy:* **Stuart W. Mahan**, 86 of Reynoldsburg, died on June 19th. **Harry Case**, 81, went home with the Lord Jesus on October 2nd.

**Good Shepherd, Toledo...** dedicated their new sign on October 4th. Dorris Allen lead all in praising God for the sign by signing *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."*



## This Year Will Be Different...

Did you ever make a promise to yourself and then forget to keep it?

For example:

This year I will not go into debt with Christmas gifts.

I will read one of the Gospels during December and think what it means that Jesus Christ came into the world.

I will prepare early and not wait until the last minute to find the Christmas spirit.

What's the Christmas spirit?

Some people look for it at the mall. Rush around to get the best bargain, the best price, the best tree. Decorate and clean the house. Bake cookies. December 25th comes and they collapse. Christmas is over-relief.

If we try to feel excitement when we were children, if we try to make a "Christmas spirit" for ourselves, we will be disappointed. We will miss it.

What the Christmas spirit?

Who makes Christmas happen?

God does. It is God's gift to the world.

The Advent/Christmas season is pure grace.

God's Spirit touches us to change our attitudes and hearts from self focus to the good of others.

The following ancient story reminds us that Christ's love and care reaches to touch us and through us to touch others.

"They sat at supper on Christmas Eve, father, mother and children." The smallest child stood up to say the prayer in their old fashioned way: "Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest, and share ~he bread which You have blessed."

Then the small child asked, Why doesn't the dear Christ ever come? Every day we pray the He will come and be our guest. But he never comes. Maybe He will come if I put a chair for him today at the table."

As he pushed the chair up to the table, suddenly the door flung open and a pale little beggar boy stood there with no shoes on his feet and messed up hair. "I have no home and I have no bread," he said. "For Jesus' sake, won't you take me in?"

Then glad and joyful, the same small child raised his voice and said, "The Lord heard now I know. He could not come Himself, so He sent this boy instead. He will sit in Jesus' chair and take His place, for us to welcome for His sake!"

That's the Christmas spirit!

This is the time of the year when we celebrate God's sending the world forgiveness and peace. He gave us these things in His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to pay for our sins— just like He promised long ago.

Aren't you thankful that God does not break His promises.?

*With God's Blessings,  
Don Mowl of Pittsburgh*

## LOGO...

It is now August. Late August. August brings back memories of my kidhood. In my kidhood, August was the time to get new school clothes. I recall Mom taking my four siblings and me out to buy clothes and new shoes for school. We got two new pairs of shoes. One was for Sunday. That meant last year's Sunday shoes are now our school shoes. Last year's school shoes are now relegated to everyday-after school wear. A shoe hand-me-down.

The other new pair of shoes was the brand new gym shoes. The old ones we wore all summer long and wore to summer camp. That old pair was now good only for the trash.

As I recall at our school the gym shoes everyone wanted to get was the all white with the red stripe. The stripe ran around the entire shoe and was on the exposed part of the sole.

Today however, those gym shoes are passe. No longer are they gym shoes. They are now sneakers Today the kids want the ones with the Nike swoosh or the Adidas tree or a pair of air-Jordans or Shaq or another big name NBA player. The emblem on your sneakers tells every body what brand you are wearing.

The logo is the powerful symbol. Long before there were Nikes or Keds or Adidas or Converse, there were more ancient logos. One powerful logo has stood the test of time.

That logo is the cross. The cross on top of a church tells everyone the Lord is worshipped in this place. The cross log reminds all passer-bys how our Lord died crucified so that we can have life - eternal life.

Search for that logo. When you see the cross logo, stop for a moment and say "thank you Jesus" and you will make your Mama proud. Remember back to your kidhood when you wore those brand spanking new shoes to Sunday School and Church. Remember how proud your Mama was to take you to Sunday School?

You can bring back those memories. Take your kid by the hand and lead him to Sunday School. Then you are helping your kid develop his own kidhood memories. I remember wearing my brand new shoes. I remember my Mama and Daddy taking me to Sunday School. Those are good kidhood memories. Mama and Daddy taking me by the hand and pointing to the logo on top of the church.

*From Peace Lutheran Church (Indianapolis)  
September-October newsletter*

# Great Lake Regional Conference (GLRC)

August 21-23, 1998 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran church in Livonia, Michigan



*GLRC Officers for 1998-2000: Helen Shoup of Rochester (Historian); Robert Gore of Toledo (Treasurer), Diane Waters of Rochester (Secretary), and Rev. Ed Bergstresser of Columbus (Pastor Advisor). Absent: John Rushton of Rochester (President) and Allen Rich of Flint (President-elect).*



*Don Mowl and Robert Kane.*



*Rev. Gary Lawson, Rev. Ed Bergstresser, Lynn Ginter and Sharon Brown during the meeting. Robert Kane is looking over the shoulders of the pastors.*



*The GLRC host committee, Our Savior Lutheran Church of Detroit, Michigan, has done a fine job hosting the 1998 GLRC meeting.*



*Richard Tingler, David Brown and William McKenney reviewing notes during the meeting. Ron Grapatin is busy in the background.*



*Starfish Learning Center staff: Carleen Lawson, Judy Pyles, Lynn Ginter and Pam Kane.*

# The Christmas Story (from A to Z)

A is the ANGELS, shining and bright,  
Telling of Jesus that first Christmas night. (Luke 2:13)

B is for BETHLEHEM, crowded and old,  
Birthplace of Jesus, by prophets foretold. (Micah 5:2)

C is for CATTLE - their manger His bed,  
There in a stable where He laid His heat. (Luke 2:7)

D is for DAVID and his ancient throne,  
Promised forever to Jesus alone. (Luke 1:32)

E is for EAST, where men saw the star,  
And rode away quickly to follow it far. (Matthew 2:11)

F is for FRANKINCENSE, with myrrh and fine gold,  
Brought by the Wise Men, as Matthew has told (Matt. 2:11)

G is for GOD, who from heaven above,  
Sent down to mankind the Son of His love. (John 3:16)

H is for HEROD, whose murderous schemes,  
Were told to the wise men and Joseph in dreams. (Matt. 2:12,13)

I is for INFANT, taken by night,  
Down into EGYPT, from the wicked king's sight. (Matt. 2:13)

J is for JOSEPH, noble and just,  
Obeying God's orders with absolute trust. (Matt. 1:24)

K is for KING. A true King was He,  
Coming to rule in great majesty. (Zech. 9:9)

L is for LOVE Jesus brought down to earth,  
That night in a stable in lowly birth. (John 4:9)

M is for MARY, His mother, so brave,  
Counting God faithful and mighty to save (Luke 1:47)

N is for NIGHT, when the Savior was born,  
For nations of earth and people forlorn. (Luke 2:8)

O is for OMEGA, meaning "the last",  
He's eternal: present, future and past. (Rev. 22:13)

P is for PROPHETS, who foretold Jesus' story,  
In visions of Bethlehem, Calvary, and glory. (Num. 24-17)

Q is for QUICKLY, as shepherds who heard,  
Hastened to act on that heavenly word. (Luke 2:16)

R is for REJOICE, The sorrow of sin,  
Is banished forever when Jesus comes in. (Luke 1 14)

S is for SAVIOR. To be this He came,  
The angels of God carried Him His name. (Matt. 1:21)

T is for TIDINGS related to all,  
Telling of Him who was born in a stall. (Luke 2:10)

U is for US, to whom Jesus was given,  
To show us the way and take us to heaven. (Luke 2:11)

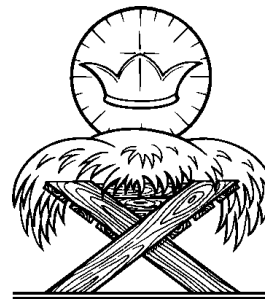
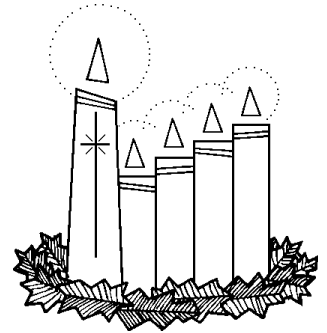
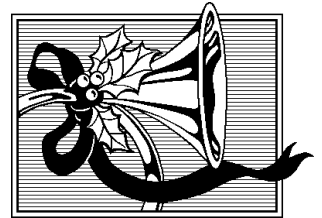
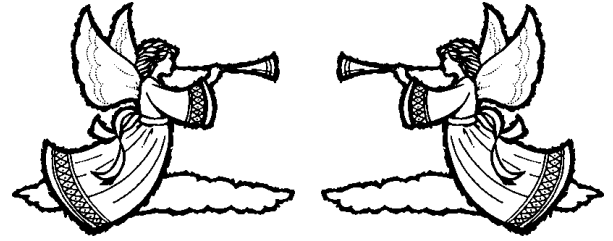
V is for VIRGIN, foretold by the sage,  
God's revelation on prophecy's page. (Isaiah 7:14)

W is for WONDERFUL. That's the Lord's name,  
With wonderful words and works He came. (Isaiah 9:6)

X is for CHRIST, when Greek it's read,  
He's our Savior and Lord, the angel said. (Luke 2:11)

Y is for "YES" to all of God's ways,  
Like Mary, whose "yes" filled her spirit with praise. (Luke 1:38)

Z is for ZEAL that burned in God's Son,  
From His childhood yrs 'till His life's work was done. (John 2:17)



For unto us a child is born,  
to us a son is given ...  
Isaiah 9:6



# Jennifer Knaack— Deaf Lay Volunteer Missionary in Macau

Jennifer Knaack is a deaf student at Gallaudet University. Her parents, Rev William and Diane Knaack serve deaf congregations in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. Jennifer raised her own money and will spend the year in Macau, helping the mission serve deaf people there. Below is her first e-mail to her parents.

It's now my third day in Macau. It's HOT!! Palm trees and tropical plants. It's the tropics here! I've never drank so much water in one day before. It's also beautiful here. Mountains everywhere and Macau is a really beautiful city when I come across the bridge from the islands. Most of the buildings are white and pastel colored. Macau is set against a backdrop of really high hills—they are probably about 10 times bigger than Rib Mountain! !

People drive on the wrong side of the road! I had to get into the driver's seat and Dunseth was driving on the passenger side. It was funny. In Macau, people drive crazy. The city's roads curve, dip, and rise all over—no straight, flat roads. And they are really narrow. Only one lane for each direction.

My apartment is in a "cute" location because when I come out of it, there's a whole street of shop—a flower shop where I can buy a whole bunch of flowers for about 1 dollar, markets, clothes, etc. All of those shops are outside. It's so different.

The view from [Pastor Tom] Dunseth's house is incredible. I can see mountains all around me and the ocean. I can see roofs all over, houses really close together, but not organized. The roofs are all pointing in different directions. Some houses are almost collapsing, some are only one room, some are already broken but the government will not take them down due to "historical" value.

The house is near a village, it's soooo cute. Little stores, like the bread shop, the market where there's meat hanging and vegetables, fruit, a round park with palm trees, and little stores with things that are hanging outside—an old man is sitting inside and it looks really dark and he comes out and points at things and asks me if I want them. I tell him, "No"—very politely. So far, I can see that the people here are ok with Americans. I don't sense any hostility—some stares and a bit of amusement.

God bless you all.

*Jennifer Knaack*

We look forward to hearing more from Jennifer about her experiences in Macau. *This article was reprinted from **Look Up with FAITH** newsletter, Sept-Oct '98, Spokane.*

## More News from Jennifer, November 3, 1998...

Greetings from Macau! I have been here in Macau for almost three months. When I first arrived in mid-August, many new and different things welcomed me. I want to share with you the rich experience God has given me.

### **What it is like here in Macau**

The weather is still warm here! Over the past few weeks it has been in the lower 80's. The food is different, yes. A whole lot of rice. There were some surprises when I came here. The Chinese people don't like milk or cheese. They think it is very fattening. Chocolate is worse. They mostly don't like sweet

foods, only salty and fried food. Most of the people are thin and small. If you go to a Chinese restaurant in America, the food is similar. But here it's not as sweet. It tastes more plain and salty. It is very hard to find Mexican food here. There are many American foods on the shelves that I can buy, but all of the words are in Chinese! The environment is almost like the tropics. There are palm trees, monkeys in cages, tea trees, banana trees... I especially enjoy the parks in Macau. The scene is peaceful with elderly Chinese people doing their exercises, young ones playing, and others relaxing. There are various ponds with large orange goldfish and turtles. They are supposed to bring good luck. The paths are curved, because the Chinese believe that evil spirits can only walk straight. There are many temples and places to worship. I see many burning incense and fake money as a form of worship to their ancestors. The traffic here is crazy. There are hundreds of scooters and the cars are very small sized. Most people either walk, take the bus, or use scooters. People drive on the wrong side of the road! At intersections, there aren't that many traffic lights, so many people are trying to go in different directions at the same time. Amazingly, I haven't seen an accident yet. The air pollution here is pretty bad from all the traffic. The air is more fresh out on the two islands of Macau.

### **What I am doing**

I have been working with the Deaf school and here's what I do: I have worship on Sundays with either the Chinese people or the mission team. On Mondays, I have the day off. On Tuesdays through Fridays, I sit in a religion class at the deaf school and help the deaf teacher explain the Bible lesson. On Tuesdays, I have choir practice with about 19 students. We are now working on songs for worship on Wednesday mornings and we are preparing for the Christmas performance in December. On Wednesday mornings, there's a teachers' devotion and a morning prayer. After that, Rev. Dunseth does the two worship services, one with the older students and the other with the younger students. On Friday mornings, either Rev. Dunseth or I do the morning prayers and the kindergarten devotions. On Saturday mornings, I have an all-girls group since the majority of the deaf students are boys. I want the girls to have an opportunity to get together and have a small hands-on activity as well as a short Bible lesson. In the afternoons, the deaf students come to the English Center for a student fellowship. There's a song, Bible lesson, games, and food. The students really enjoy that.

### **Communication**

What about sign language? When I first came here, I had to use many gestures and facial expressions to communicate. The Mascau Sign Language (MSL) is not the same as ASL (American Sign Language), although the body language and gestures are more of a Universal sign language. I have had to learn new vocabulary and methods of signing concepts and ideas. I have been learning pretty quickly because I go to the Macau Association of the Deaf (they just celebrated their 4-year anniversary last week) on Wednesday nights and join a group when they go bowling on Friday nights. I'm also becoming good friends with another deaf girl, Diana, who is the same age as I am. She was baptized last spring and is the first deaf student at Macau University. She has taught me about Macau culture and sign. There are very few people here in Macau who know some ASL, so I miss talking to someone using ASL! Rev. Dunseth has been using ASL to communicate with me and he translates for me during Bible studies or at meetings. Also, here, there are no TTYs, so many deaf people use fax machines. I have one in my apartment.



### What's happening now

I am staying at an apartment on my own in a good location where I can go to the market which has many vegetables, meat, and flowers. There are food stores, restaurants, and shopping nearby. I have two male kittens, Caleb and Boaz keeping me company. I go running on the Guia Lighthouse hill two times a week. I have been going sightseeing and taking pictures. I get homesick sometimes because everything here is so different. Everything is in Chinese and I am in the city instead of the country. I miss my family and my friends. I thank God that I have e-mail and that I can write letters. I have been learning as I go along how to become a missionary and how to share the gospel with others who have a hard time believing. I have spent much time in prayer asking God to guide me and show me what I need to do here. I ask that you keep me in your prayers - to ask God to give me a stronger faith and to be with me when times get hard. I will keep sending newsletters and let you know what's happening here in Macau. I want to thank all of you who have supported me and prayed for me. Please keep in touch. Here is my address:



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Here's my fax number: (853) 319-512  
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*May God bless and keep you all!*  
*Jennifer Knaack (via letter)*

### Great Sadness!

New statistics show that 98% of Deaf people do not go to any church and have no relationship with Jesus Christ. Wow! We praise God for those He has already brought to faith and

have His promise of life forever with Him. However, we grieve for those who have not yet "heard" about Jesus' salvation for them, who live in darkness and bondage to sin — and have no hope.

Just think... if you have 100 deaf friends... there is the chance only 2 of them have faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior and will go to Heaven after this earthly life. Who do you know that will not be with me in Heaven? Your best friend? Your sister? Your co-worker?

You know the Lord loves them as He loves you. He wants them in His family and in his Heaven. Can you let those you love miss Heaven because you are too scared to share Jesus with them? Lord, forbid that to happen. God will give you the courage, words and opportunity to lead others to **know and trust Jesus** and to experience the love, hope and peace that only He can give!

### Shocking News about Deafness in Nepal

Pastor Ed (Columbus) checked the internet web page of Oneworld.com and found this article very interesting and disturbing that over 500,000 people in Nepal are deaf because of the disease that caused deafness and dirty water that was affected in their ears. "I do not believe that there is a missionary to the deaf at this time of writing." The deaf people are rejected by the society and called them latta or latto meaning the silent ones, dumb or useless guard dog who could not bark. There are some efforts of special education to the deaf.

Check the web page <http://www.oneworld.org/vso/orbit/69/community.html> for more information.

### What Happening in Deaf Ministry?

If you are "on-line", you can be added to a news site that will keep you up to date on everything happening in the Deaf churches in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. You can ask questions, post your ideas, agree or disagree with other posts, etc. This is open to *everyone* interest in Deaf Ministry. Subscribe by sending e-mail to **MAILSERV@CRE.CUIS.EDU**. In the body of the message, type "Subscribe LCMS-Deaf".

### The official seal of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Outer band-name LCMS  
 In Center below-Luth's coat of arms with founding years of synod  
 Word- "Concordia" (name of collection of confessional writings (in year 1580)  
 Shield is symbolic of the Christian Faith (Eph. 6)  
 Cross-church preaching based/on Christ Crucified  
 Jesus Christus Dominus Est—means Jesus Christ is Lord for the name Jesus Christ alone saves!  
 Under the name—three equilateral crosses-represents the Holy Trinity  
 Three stars-three creeds-Apostle's; Nicene; and Athanasian

Symbol/vine-grapes—Savior's Word in John 15:5  
 Around the inner circle—belief of salvation  
 Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone)  
 Sola Gratia (Grace alone)  
 Sola Fide (Faith alone)  
 Six Stars-six Lutheran Confessions of the Church  
 The Augsburg Confession  
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# Cleveland ILDA '99



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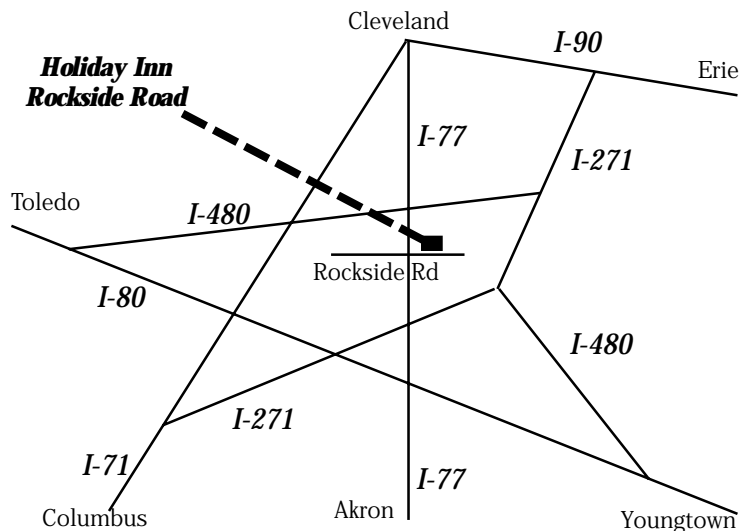
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## Map to ILDA '99



## Amy Hoemann Appointed Congregation Health Ministry Coordinator for Wheat Ridge Ministries



ITASCA, IL—Amy Hoemann, Forest Park, Illinois, has accepted the position of Congregation Health Ministry Coordinator for Wheat Ridge Ministries. Wheat Ridge, based in Itasca, Illinois, is a not-for-profit Lutheran agency that seeds new health and hope ministries throughout the world.

As the Congregation Health Ministry Coordinator, Hoemann is responsible for designing a health ministry self-study and recognition process for use by Lutheran congregations to be piloted during the 1999 calendar year. In addition, Hoemann may be involved in other Wheat Ridge projects related to the promotion of health and wellness in congregations and Lutheran agencies.

“Amy brings a vast background as a wellness consultant to this position. She has an excellent sense of ministry, relates well with people, and understands the mission of the Church, as it focuses on health and wellness. She is a strong

addition to Wheat Ridge Ministries!” says Dr. Richard W. Bimler, President of Wheat Ridge Ministries.

Hoemann previously served as Manager, Health Promotion, for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in St. Louis, Missouri and was the primary wellness coordinator for the 500-employee home office. She was the resource person and coordinator of wellness efforts for 20,000 church workers in the synod. From 1991 to 1996 Hoemann served as a Wellness Consultant/ Rehabilitation Assistant for NovaCare. Prior to these positions she was the activities director for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines from 1988 to 1990 and Fitness Coordinator for West Allis Athletic Club from 1990 to 1991.

Hoemann graduated from Concordia University, River Forest, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1988 with a major in exercise science/fitness management. She is married to The Reverend Paul Hoemann.

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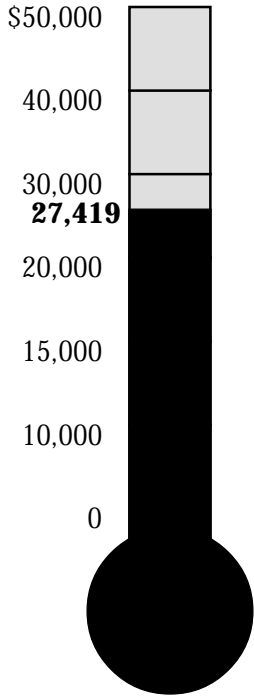
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