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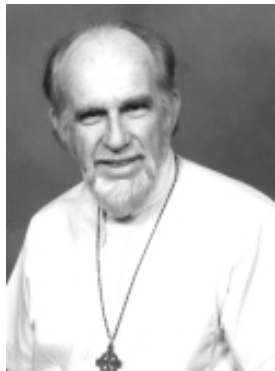
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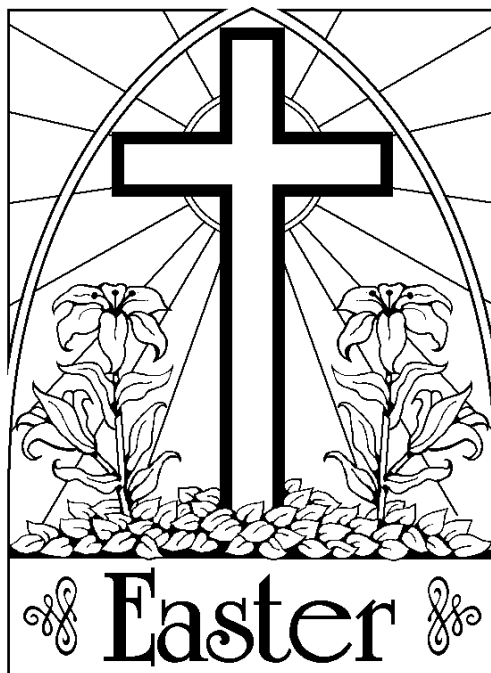
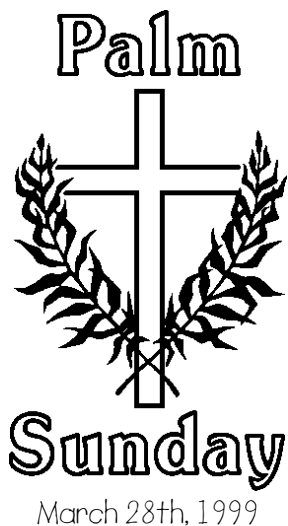


Rev. Donald Leber,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Well, today I finished reading the book *"The Jesus I never knew"* by Philip Youncey. I really enjoyed this book and it gave me a whole different outlook on life and the church. One of the last chapters talks about Easter and Ascension. Philip makes the comment, "Sometimes I think about how different the world would be if Jesus has NOT resurrected from the dead." I can just picture in my mind the disciples would not be brave enough to go out in the streets and preach to the Jews and the Gentiles. Eventually they would have to leave the room, but I guess they would not forget all the things Jesus taught them and especially they would remember the miracles HE did.

Because Easter truly did happen you and I have to listen carefully to the things Jesus Said. And because Jesus arose that means Jesus is still out there somewhere,

and you don't know when you might run into HIM. One year in Columbus, Ohio, I remember that we did a play on the stage in the basement and it was about a shoemaker. An Angel told the shoemaker that Jesus was going to visit him that night. Several different people came to the door of his house asking for help, so when each visit arrived, he pushed them away. He was too busy getting ready for Jesus. Then when the angel returned and the shoemaker asked, "Why didn't Jesus come?" The angel said, "Jesus was here several times and every time you sent him away." And the Bible tells us that "Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto ME." These words should be our guide in every day life as we wait for Jesus to return. Let everyone we meet be treated as if that person was Jesus HIMSELF.



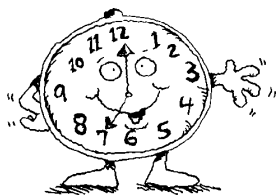
ILDA 2001...

As of February 14th, 1999, Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf (Indianapolis, Indiana) has formally offered to host ILDA's 2001 Convention.

ILDA 2003...

Convention in Minnesota has been approved by the Board and voters in St. Louis '97 convention.

Y2K...



Daylight Saving Time begins April 4th

“Year 2000” or the *millennium bug* as it is known in the computer world. I am sure that many of you are wondering what this is all about.

The Y2K problem arose when programmers of early computers represented each year by its last two digits rather than by all four — 1972 became 72 — mostly to save computer memory that was vastly more expensive at the time of early computers.

Troubles will begin when computers try to add or subtract dates using that two-digit format and the world approaches the year 2000, or **00**, thinking it is new year 1900. The larger, old mainframe computers still used by government and big corporations for many vital functions are particularly vulnerable.

Please note that all Macintosh computers and other newer computers use the full year date (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, etc.) in their system so they will not have any problems when January 1, 2000 arrive.

This year, 1999, there have been a lot of talks about what might happen when the new year 2000 (January 1, 2000) arrive. Some people fear that all the electricity and gas powers will stop, can't get any gasoline or foods, etc. Some fear that they will not get their Social Security checks. Maybe the ATM (bank) machines will not work either and people will not be able to access their checking and saving accounts.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (Dec. 29, 1998) quoted President Clinton saying the Social Security checks will **NOT** be delayed. The paper quoted that it took 2,800 workers, including 700 programmers, to ensure the agency's computers are ready for 2000.

The Clinton administration has set a goal of ensuring that all critical federal computer systems are compliant by March 31, 1999. A House panel said in September the federal cost could run as high as \$6.3 billion to solve all the computer problems.

The ILDA Nomination Report...



James Swalley



Karen Beiter



Pastor Mark Anderson

All the ILDA regions except the Pacific Region had their conferences and the Northwest Region is the only region that nominated people for the ILDA offices. Four people were nominated, but **Linda Desroisers**, a delightful deaf educator from Vancouver, B.C. Canada declined her ILDA Secretary nomination with a reasonable excuse. The remaining and following three people accepted their nominations.

James Swalley from No. Manchester, Indiana accepted his President-Elect nomination. Continuing as an active ILDA member and attending numerous past ILDA conventions, he was the 1993-95 ILDA Secretary. He was previously nominated for President-Elect during the past ILDA conventions in 1991, 1995 and 1997. As a long time member at *St. John Lutheran Church for the Deaf* in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he served gladly in many different church offices and presently is the Secretary. He had served the Deaf community well as past President of the Indiana Association of the Deaf. He is a retired architectural draftsman and patiently assists his wife, Betty in the care of their three grown grandchildren since the death of her daughter.

Karen Beiter from Lima, New York accepted her Treasurer nomination. She is a very pleasant person and is presently serving as ILDA Treasurer. According to the ILDA Handbook, she is eligible to seek a second elected term. She is a member of *Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf* in Rochester, New York and is presently serving a third term as Treasurer. She works for NTID (National

Technical Institute for the Deaf) as an instructor for the ACT (Applied Computer Technology) and also work part time for Eastman Kodak. She and her husband, John are kept busy with their three growing daughters, ages 8, 5 and 2.

Pastor Mark Anderson, a deaf pastor from Rockford, Illinois accepted his Pastoral Advisor nomination. Presently a Missionary At Large at North Illinois District, he serves in three deaf congregations—*Rockford Deaf Lutheran Church* in Rockford, *Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church* in Wood Dale and *Cary Deaf Ministry* at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Cary, along with numerous surrounding churches providing interpreted worship services. Being well known, loved and admired by deaf people and pastors in ILDA, he encouraged and supported the deaf members in their planning of the past 1995 ILDA convention in Chicago. He and his loving wife, Pamela are blessed with seven children, ages 18, 11, 6, 6 (not related), 3, 2 and 1. He is very interested in spiritually guiding the ILDA Board of Directors.

At the convention time, ILDA will already have a person nominated for all the offices except Secretary. According to the ILDA Handbook, additional names can be present at the convention. Every ILDA member and congregation is encouraged to pray for the above three people nominated and continue help the ILDA search for other people whose names can be considered to serve on the ILDA Board of Directors.

*God's Blessings,
Larry Gorton, ILDA Nomination Chairperson*

Display Booths...

There will be only **ten** tables (booths) available at the Cleveland ILDA '99 Convention. The cost is \$10.00 a table with two chairs. The booths are available for Christian Displays, etc. only. First come, first served. Get your call and money in early!

Contact: **Pam Kane, 21831 Maydale Ave., Euclid, OH 44123. FAX: 216-731-2012 or TTY: 216-731-0386.**



Banner, Skit and Choir Competitions...

Reservations are still being taken. Contact: **Bob Kane, 21831 Maydale Ave., Euclid, OH 44123. FAX: 216-731-2012 or TTY: 216-731-0386.**

Jr. ILDA...

Combo Pkg. #2 deadline is April 30th. Chairperson is **Amanda Kane**. Send registration form and payment to **Mary Tingler**.



Don't Forget...

Get your reservations in soon! Combo Pkg. #2 deadline is April 30th. Tour deadline is now June 1st. As of to-date, there are still plenty of seats available for the tour. Don't wait for the last minute rush and find yourself missing this wonderful sightseeing tour of downtown Cleveland and the lakefront and find out that your friends attended and talked about how much they enjoyed it the next day. Your church and your **Deaf Lutheran** Summer 1998 issue has reservation forms. Or contact: **Mary Tingler, 538 Stafford Dr., Elyria, OH 44035. TTY/FAX: 440-365-8007.**

Program Book Ads, Patrons, Sponsors, Boosters...

The Cleveland ILDA '99 Program Book is in publishing production now. Don't forget to get your advertisings and boosters mailed soon. Deadline is now May 1st. Your church and your **Deaf Lutheran** Summer 1998 issue has advertising forms. Or contact: **David G. Brown, 3434 Klusner Ave., Parma, OH 44134. FAX: 440-886-2961 e-mail: CreaBrowns@aol.com**

Cleveland ILDA '99...



A Very Importance Special Notice...

At our special committee meeting on February 13th, we met with a representative at and from Holiday Inn. We were informed that there will be a Grand Prix Auto Race event to be held during the same weekend as ILDA. We were informed that any **reservation must be received at Holiday Inn by May 22nd, 1999**

because after that, many hotels and motels will be **sold out!**

Holiday Inn...

6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131-9709
1-216-524-8050
Reservation must be received by May 22nd, 1999.
(Use Holiday Inn's 1-216-524-8050 number instead of the 800 number for better service.)

Attention...

To the Registrants of 1999 ILDA Convention:

We want to thank you very much for registering for the 1999 ILDA Convention. We want to advise you that some of you have not yet paid your ILDA dues and God's 1000 Club for 1999-2000.

We want to assure you to please remember to kindly pay your ILDA dues and God's 1000 Club before the convention to:

**Karen Beiter, ILDA Treasurer
7300 Briggs Road
Lima, NY 14485**

We will appreciate your being cooperative to save our and Karen's time and effort at the ILDA Convention. Thank you very much.

**Mary E. Tingler, Registration Chairperson
1999 ILDA Convention**

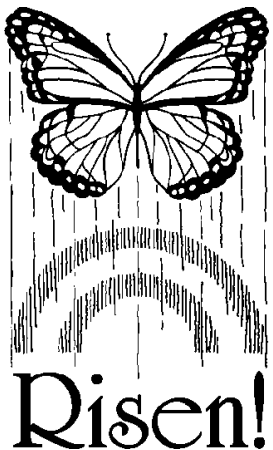
News from around the Regions...



Vicar Bill Wrede



Rev. David Nielsen



Northwest Region...

The Legion of Frontiersmen... On November 8th, 1998, members of **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf**, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada were invited to Fort Scott Cenotaph for a special Memorial Ceremony. Sgt. Douglas Ferguson and his troop are members of the Frontiersmen and Major **Rev. Bauer** is chaplain.

THE LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN (Canadian Division): The legion of Frontiersmen was founded in London, England, in 1904, with membership throughout the British Empire (the Commonwealth). The Canadian Division has headquarters in Regina and has Units in many Canadian provinces and in the United Kingdom. It is a voluntary, self governing, self supporting body, on a semi military basis. The members (over 18 years) uniform themselves and undertake training in St. John Ambulance work, traffic control, security, fire fighting, search and other ways. In Edmonton, the headquarters is at Fort Scott.

Rev. Martin and **Janet Hewitt** thanks all for their prayers. Both had surgery a few months ago for cancer and are now back to normal health now.

Pacific Region...

Lutheran Deaf Ministry, LA, California... **Marjorie Torgerson** was called home to heaven on November 2, 1998.

Vicar Bill Wrede finished his time at Pilgrim Lutheran Church and is now in Washington, D.C.

Mary Meederink (November) and **Eldon Bealy** (October) were called home to Heaven. Clown Ministry Team leads worship on November 30, 1998 at Pilgrim. Next Clown worship service will be on August 29, 1999. See Charlie Kotel during ILDA Cleveland '99 Convention for more details!

Lutheran Deaf Camp in Frazier Park, CA will be held on July 25-30, 1999. Contact Rev. Don Leber, Phone/Fax/TTY: 900-998-5484 or by e-mail: RevLeber@aol.com for more information or to make reservation.

7 Night Lutheran Deaf Cruise to Bermuda is Aug 27-Sept 3, 1999. For information, contact Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf, The Rev. Brian K. Smith, (909) 468-9040, or 1233 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90006. Cost is about \$1,200 per person double occupancy for cruise only.

Midwest Region...

Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cedar Rapids... **Arlene Doherty** was called home to her Lord and Savior on December 16, 1998.

Recently, the church has undertaken a big project... new driveway, new sidewalk and new ramps. Handicapped now are able to enter the church by ramp and will soon be able to enter the basement by ramp.

Lutheran Deaf Ministries, Omaha, NE... God has welcomed **Everett Degenhardt** home to heaven. Happy 50th Anniversary to **Donald** and **June Collamore** on January 1st, 1999.

On February 21, 1999, installation of **Rev. David Nielsen** as Pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada was held.

Great Lakes Region...

Christ Lutheran, Cleveland... **Ruth Whitacre** and **David Watts, Jr.** has entered God's Kingdom on January 16th. Dave, during his lifetime, has done many handyman projects for Christ Lutheran Church, members, and friends.

Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Rochester... The LWML had a "lock in" the night on December 3rd at the church. All the women made the cookies. We had about nine different kind of cookies. We had fun making cookies and decorating the boxes for our some members and friends who do not come to our church often. We wanted to show them our thoughts and wished them Merry Christmas! We stayed until 3 o'clock in the morning!

Visit Alpha's web site at www.rit.edu/~txecpm/alpha/index.html and ILDA's web site at www.rit.edu/~txecpm/ilda/index.html.

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh... **Rev. Zirl "Zey" E. Yek** went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on December 21, 1998. He served the Lord as a pastor and vicar in the Pittsburgh area. Zey's heart for people to know Jesus Christ led to his great support of Deaf ministry, preaching the Gospel, and ministry to persons in prison.

Mailing List...

Please, all *Deaf Lutheran* readers, check with your church (if your church has regular newsletters) to see if your *Deaf Lutheran* Editor is on their mailing list. I know there are more newsletters out there than what I have have been receiving. I search the news from the newsletters for the "*News from around the Regions...*" column (normally located on page 4 of *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletters). Many readers are interested in knowing what is happening in your church. Send all newsletters to: **David G. Brown, The Deaf Lutheran Editor, 3434 Klusner Avenue, Parma, OH 44134-5030.**

DIT...



The snow was blowing outside, but hands and hearts were excited inside at the **Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT)** workshop held at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Jan 9 to 17, 1999.

Seventeen people came to record onto video tape the first four courses of DIT. Level one deals with "Caring". The Courses include: "The Christian Caregiver" (Rev. Donald Leber, LA), "The Caring Leader" (Rev. Mark Anderson, Northern Illinois), "Getting to Know Jesus" (Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, Minneapolis), and "Everyday Life in Bible Times" (Rev. Ronald Friedrich, Dallas Texas) (The leacher's names are in parenthesis).

The teachers signed the materials. Soon we will add voice-over for hard of hearing persons and captions for those who want read the English words.

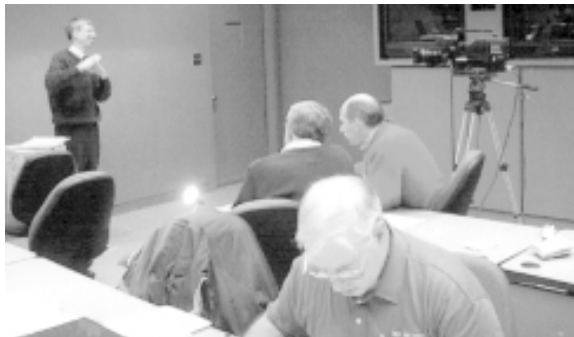
During the filming workshop, the Board for Mission Services Task Force on Deaf Missions met. They fully accepted 3 students,

accepted a fourth student when all application materials arrive, and considered the names of 34 additional people.

The classes will begin on March 1 st. A student will receive books, study materials, and video tapes. They will study with a local mentor (teacher) until they understand and then they will take a final test. The test can be answered either by writing or by signing and sending a video tape. We believe we will have about 20 students in the first group.

Classes on this level are prepared for all Lutheran deaf members—male & female. As you study these classes, you will learn to be a more caring helper and leader. If you would like to take one or more of the classes, talk with your pastor to get an application.

Participants in the week long workshop in St. Louis also included Carlsens, Hewitt, Konkel, Matthews, Moody, Nielsen, Nix, Norton, Palmers (2), Peterson, Rynearson, Tessaro, Willig, and Sandi Green.



India Project, your ILDA mission project at work...



Two years ago, ILDA offered \$20,000.00 to buy land in India for a Deaf Lutheran Training center. The money was used to buy almost 3 acres of land in Hosur, India.

Enclosed are pictures of the wall they are building around the land. They have dug two wells also. Pastor Christudos is the man wearing a white robe standing next to the well digging machine. Next to him are a deaf couple who serve as the leaders of the group.

Eventually they want to have many

buildings on the land. There will be a multipurpose building to be used for Church on Sunday. There will be dormitories for men and for women. There will be a couple of guest houses where people can stay while they learn how to share the gospel with deaf persons. There will also be craft shops where deaf person can learn skills for jobs.

We rejoice in the love of many members of ILDA whose gifts made this all possible.



Rev. DS. Christudos is seen praying before the digging of borewell on 3/6/1998. Two deaf adults are seen beside him.



September, 1998. Eastern side foundation wall is seen. Land area is hidden. The trees seen are the project land.



October, 1998. A part of the raising wall is seen. Two sides of the wall is completed. Western and Southern side walls are constructed fully.

**The 1997-1999 ILDA Mission Project Goal has reach \$30,753.00!!!
We need \$19,247.00 more to reach the \$50,000 goal by May, 1999!**

Starfish Lutheran Deaf Learning Center, your ILDA mission project at work...



Recent Starfish Lutheran Deaf Learning Center graduates, Front row: LaShona Harper; Tammy Williams, Rose Chau, Renee Booker, Elaine Torbert and Teacher Lynn Ginter. Back row: David Kennedy, Donetha Frye, Daniel Jackson, Elliot Wheeler, and Scarlet Bradley.



Left photo shows Teacher Lynn Ginter during Independent Living Skill Class, teaching Rose and Barry Chau. Barry came to America from Kong Kong about seven years ago and Rose from Kong Kong three years ago. They are a very interesting people. They are deaf and they sign and write Chinese language.



They are now learning the English way and culture of our country through Starfish Learning Center. Rose recently passed her Ohio Driving License and they bought their first car. Many members and friends from Christ Lutheran Church are helping them to adjust to our American culture. It is interesting to learn about deaf Chinese way of life through Rose and Barry Chau!



Starfish helper, Pam Kane, with student, Scarlet Bradley, learning how to play puzzles.



Starfish students during a class period.

Sign up for DIT...



Thanks be to God. The Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) is open. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and The Board for Mission Services of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have started a joint project of congregational and theological leadership training.

DIT will offer leadership training classes on 8 different levels. Some of these levels include: The Caring Leader, The Organizational Leader, The Small Group Leader, Worship Leader, etc. All members—male and female—are eligible to study levels one to three. When a male has completed all 8 levels, he will be eligible to become an ordained pastor.

All of the study will be done in your home. We will send you books, materials, and ASL video tapes. You will have four months (or less) to work on the course. You will work with your pastor on projects in your congregation. When you have completed a level, ILDA will give you a certificate at their biennial convention. For more information talk to your pastor.

Would you like to be a more effective leader? Would you like to share Jesus with a friend? Get an enrollment form from your pastor.

Attention...

The Deaf Ministry Team from the Mid-South District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is requesting the names and addresses of any friends or family **who live in the area of Nashville, Tennessee**. The committee is working at establishing deaf ministry sites throughout the area and they want to invite people who may be interested. If you can offer a name, address or suggestion, please send them to **Silent Word, 637 Gleneagle Lane, Franklin, TN 37076**.



“Christ Be Our Seed”

is a new hymn of health and healing for God's people, premiered at the November meeting of Wheat Ridge Ministrie Board of Directors.

“Wheat Ridge wants to give a special gift to the church,” says Dr. Richard W. Bimler, President. “Christ Be our Seed’ can be used throughout the Church and reflects Wheat Ridge’s mision of seeding health and hope in the name of the healing Christ.”

Music and text are available on Wheat Ridge’s website: www.wheatridge.org or by contacting Wheat Ridge Ministries at (800) 762-6748 or by e-mail: WRMin@aol.com.

Wheat Ridge Ministries Announces Winners in the 1999 Christmas Seals Design Competition

Wheat Ridge Ministries, a non-profit Lutheran organization, has announced that their 1999 Christmas Seals will feature the artwork of four Concordia University, River Forest students and two Concordia University, Seward students. The competition was among college students attending Lutheran universities, with each of the six winners receiving a \$200 cash

The students’ winning designs include sketches, watercolor and computer-generated graphic art focusing on the theme, “Joy to the World.” The artwork will appear on some 1.1 million sheets of Christmas Seals distributed nationwide to Lutheran churches, schools and Wheat Ridge donors. This marks the first year Wheat Ridge has sponsored a competition among college students to generate artwork for its annual Christmas Seals Campaign.

Award winners from Concordia in River Forest, IL are: Iliana Angel of Cicero, IL; Leanne Durianski of North Riverside, IL; Paul Federwitz of Chilton, WI; and Christopher Gillespie of Oak Park, IL. Winners from Concordia in Seward, NE are Kris Herman of Roselle, IL and Dawn Wickett of Laurel, NE. Receiving honorable mention awards are Concordia, River

Forest students: Mickey Appling, Chicago, IL; Jennifer Galante, Berwyn, IL; Jacob Klug, Springfield, IL; Akiko Miyata, Tokyo, Japan; Allison Reed, Auburn, MI; and Genevieve Tracy, Stickney, IL.

“We are really thrilled about this year’s Christmas Seals,” says Wheat Ridge president, Dr. Richard Bimler. “It’s exciting to work with and encourage such talented young people as they interpret the joy of the Christmas Story, each in his or her own way.”

Winning pieces were selected for their originality, appropriateness of theme, impact, liveliness and color. Judging the competition was: Diane Aytche, artist and fine arts instructor at Middle College High School, Brooklyn, NY; Karyn Bell, American folk artist and designer for Franklin Mint and Ethan Allen, Mattituck, NY; Stanley Kramer, art director, artist and minister of education at Trinity Lutheran School, Hicksville, NY; and Roy Schwell, sculptor and instructor at Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, NY.

Wheat Ridge Ministries has been distributing Christmas Seals for more than 90 years. Donations generated through the annual Christmas Seals Campaign goes toward, “seeding new ministries of health and hope in the name of the healing Christ.” Currently, Wheat Ridge is funding 70 new ministry projects throughout the world.

For more information, or to be included on the mailing list to receive Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals, phone 1-800-762-6748.

1999 Year of the Bible

The American Bible Society and churches around the country will follow the new program — “Five minutes a day,” and you can read the whole New Testament in 1999.

Why read the Bible? God will bless you. How? I don’t know what blessing God has for you. Read the story, “The Little Lamb” and see how God touched the lives of those people.

If you need a New Testament Bible, ask your pastor. He will get you one.

“Your Word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk.”

Psalm 119:105



*The Word of God has the ability to touch
and change a person no matter how young...*

The Little Lamb

They will always remember the day they met little Silvana—they? Nurse Graciete Nogueira and the staff of Uberaba Children’s Hospital in Brazil.

Little Silvana was three. Someone brought her into the emergency room. She suffered from painful, open sores on her face and body. But she had terrible behavior. She did not obey and her foul language shocked Graciete and the other staff. How could such a young child learn to swear so loud and mean?

Silvana’s medical history sheet quickly showed the answer: she was born and raised in a local prostitute place! She was only copying language she heard adults used.

The pediatrician on duty walked into the examination room. Gently and patiently Graciete and the doctor began to check the girl over. They took blood tests which showed Silvana suffered from advanced leukemia. They immediately began the medicine, hoping to stop the dread disease.

Graciete felt drawn to the little girl, and asked to be assigned to her case. She spent whatever time she could even meal breaks—to care for her young charge. Patiently she would bathe her, put fresh bandages on her sores and gently brush her hair. And to help little Silvana feel more at peace, she also began telling stories to her from the Bible.

They grew closer

Graciete explained how God created everything; beautiful things like the sky, the trees and water. And most important, as the little girl became more interested in the Lord, Graciete taught her to pray.

Soon Silvana’s behavior began to change for the better. Through her new friend—whom she now affectionately called “Auntie”—and her wonderful Scripture stories, Silvana learned to trust others, to give love and receive love. The little girl with mean action and bad language and rebel was now gentle and cooperative.

The doctors were able to slow the progress of Silvana’s leukemia, but as her health returned, they faced a dilemma: how could they send her home in that prostitutes place? Finally they decided to keep the little girl at Children’s Hospital.

As the weeks became months and then years, Silvana and Graciete grew even closer. When Silvana turned five, Graciete taught her the 23rd Psalm.

“Auntie, what does it mean?”

Silvana asked.

“Well, sometimes a shepherd must go without food or sleep, and even risk his life, in order to care for his lambs,” Graciete replied. “God sent His Son, Jesus, whom He loved with all His heart, to be our Shepherd.”

A treasured gift

Through the Bible Society, Graciete got New Reader Scripture booklet with a picture of a shepherd and his lamb on the cover, gave it to Silvana and taught her to recognize and understand each

word. The little girl treasured her gift and read it through time and again, joyfully telling its message with anyone who would listen.

Sadly, after several years of remission, Silvana’s illness came again, and this time doctors could not help her. Every day the child grew weaker, and Graciete spent every minute she could near her.

Then one night the little girl awoke from her sleep and said, “Good-bye, Auntie, I go to my shepherd.” She closed her eyes and a few minutes later passed away.

The staff, particularly Graciete, grieved the loss of that precious child who had touched all of their lives.

The next day, as Graciete began to make over Silvana’s bed, she discovered something that comforted her heart. There, tucked safely under the pillow was Silvana’s most prized possession: the well-worn New Reader Scripture booklet, which along with Graciete’s love and care, had helped the little girl to know and love the Lord.

from the Dec. 1995 **ABS Record** Vol. 140 #10
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Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, "HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE". As I got a little closer the door came open wide And when I came to myself I was standing inside. I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My Child shop with care". Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more. First, I got some PATIENCE: LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING: You need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or two of FAITH. I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST, For it was all over the place. I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE To help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full, But I remembered I needed some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, For SALVATION was free, So I tried to get enough of that To save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter To pay my grocery bill, For I thought I had everything To do the MASTER'S will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER: And I just had to put that in, For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into sin.

PEACE AND JOY were plentiful; They were last on the shelf. SONG and PRAISE were hanging near, So I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel, "Now, how much do I owe?" He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go." Again, I smiled and said, "How much do I really owe?" He smiled again and said, "MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."

"ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YOU SHALL ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING, YOU SHALL RECEIVE."

(Matthew 21:22)

via e-mail

Instructions For Life

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Memorize your favorite poem.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you," mean it.
5. When you say, "I am sorry," look the person in the eye.
6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements fight fairly. No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slowly but think quick.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
15. Call your mom.
16. Say "bless you," when you hear someone sneeze.
17. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
18. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
19. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
20. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
21. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
22. Marry a person you love to talk to. As you get older, conversational skills will be as important as any other.
23. Spend some time alone.
24. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
25. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
26. Read more books and watch less TV.
27. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back you'll get to enjoy it a second time.
28. Trust in God but lock your car.

29. A loving atmosphere in your home is so important. Do all you can to create a tranquil harmonious home.
30. In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
31. Read between the lines.
32. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
33. Be gentle with the earth.
34. Pray. There's immeasurable power in it.
35. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.
36. Mind your own business.
37. Don't trust anyone who doesn't close their eyes when you kiss.
38. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
39. If you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.
40. Remember that not getting what you want is sometime a stroke of luck.
41. Learn the rules, then break some.
42. Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.
43. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
44. Remember that your character is your destiny.
45. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

This was forward to me by e-mail. It is supposed to be forwarded to 5 or more people by e-mail, but I also decided to spread it to 900+ readers! For you non-computer or internet people, this is the same as "chain" mail where you send a copy to a number of people and watch how it grow. D/L Editor



New Members Named To Board Of Directors For Wheat Ridge Ministries...

ITASCA, IL—Wheat Ridge Ministries has announced five appointments to its Board of Directors:

- Mrs. Marilyn Bader, St. Louis, Missouri
- Mr. Joseph G. Bruhl, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Mr. John M. Bouman, Maywood, Illinois
- Dr. LuJuana R. Butts, River Forest, Illinois
- Dr. Ronald F. Pfeiffer, Memphis, Tennessee

Wheat Ridge is a not-for-profit Lutheran agency based in Itasca Illinois, that provides start-up support for innovative new ministries throughout the world which affirm its mission of seeding health and hope in the name of the healing Christ.

Marilyn Bader, St. Louis, Missouri, is a prevention training coordinator for the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. From 1986-1990 Bader served as Director of Programs and Youth Ministry at Christ Memorial Lutheran in St. Louis! Missouri. Bader is a member of the Community Advisory Committee for Drug-Free Schools in several St. Louis suburbs. She has written numerous articles for various publications and is a regular columnist for *Peer Facilitator Quarterly*, published by the National Peer Helpers Association.

"Marilyn has strong background as an educator and trainer," says Dr. Richard Bimler, president, Wheat Ridge Ministries. "One quickly senses her warmth and compassion for the needs of young people and their parents."

Joseph G. Bruhl, Little Rock, Arkansas, has been appointed as a youth representative to the board of directors. Bruhl is a student of Truman State University, Jefferson City, Missouri, pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in history with a minor in military science. Earlier in 1998, Bruhl was a legislative intern and assistant to Missouri State Senator Ted House, and also served as assistant to Missouri Lieutenant Governor Roger Wilson. Bruhl served from 1995 to 1998 as Vice Chairperson of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Lutheran Youth Fellowship Board.

"Joe is an outstanding young person with a passion for serving his Lord and those in his church and community," Bimler says.

John M. Bouman, Maywood, Illinois, is an attorney. Bouman is the co-founder and director of the Poverty Law Project—a public interest not-for-profit law office consisting of eight attorneys and focusing on social welfare and housing policy advocacy Bouman was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1975. From 1975 to 1996 he served in various capacities at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. In 1998, Bouman received two awards for his work for justice: the John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award of the American Bar Association and the Kutak-Dodds Prize of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association of the John J. Kutak Foundation.

Commenting on John's work and advocacy for poor and under-served, Bimler says, "John's work is about bringing hope to those who need an advocate for justice in their lives."

Dr. LuJuana R. Butts is Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Office of Field Experience at Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois. Butts received her Ed.D. and Ed.S. degrees from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. She was the keynote speaker for the LCMS Board for Black Ministry Services Family Convocation in 1998. Butts will make a presentation on "Multiculturalism in the Classroom" for the Lutheran Education Convocation in March 1999. She is an active member of St. John Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois.

"LuJuana brings a passion for children and their needs to



Mrs. Marilyn Bader



Mr. Joseph G. Bruhl



Mr. John M. Bouman



Dr. LuJuana R. Butts

the Wheat Ridge board and a heart for ministry in urban settings," says Bimler.

Ronald F. Pfeiffer, M.D. is Vice Chair and Professor of Neurology at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. Pfeiffer is a frequent lecturer on Parkinson's Disease. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Neurological Association and the American Academy of Neurology as well as several professional organizations. Presently, he serves on the Board of Education at Trinity Lutheran Church in Memphis.



Dr. Ronald F. Pfeiffer

"Ron has a strong background in serving people and continues to be involved in leadership roles in his home congregation. He brings a solid faith and medical background to the Board," says Bimler.

Curt Pohl, Maple Grove, Minnesota, was elected chairperson of the Board of Directors. Other officers elected include Edna Aguirre Rehbein, Round Rock, Texas, as vice-chair; Bryant Clancy, St. Louis, Missouri, as secretary; and Paul Blom, Spring, Texas, and Candace Mueller, Ewing, New Jersey, as members-at-large.

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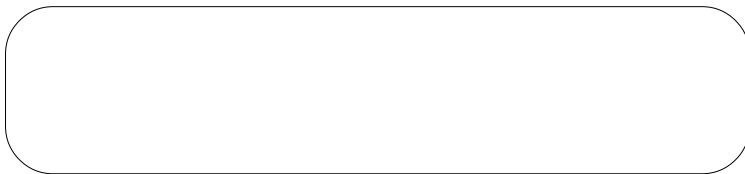
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