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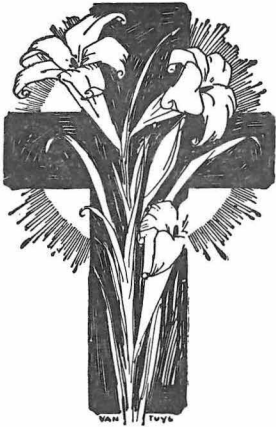
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LENT: A Time for Renewal

BANISHING DEATH

There is no pain so sharp and no sorrow so great as that we experience at the loss of a beloved member of the family or a close friend in death. The awful feeling of emptiness and loneliness; the awful feeling of loss can be just overwhelming. The combination of void, and sorrow can make life seemingly unbearable. Yet, the bottom of all this is the reality of death itself: life is terminal, no one leaves this world alive. All people will die and sin makes



this a certainty.

The Lenten season allows us time to focus on the Christ who loved us enough to become one of us, and to die for us, so that we

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE TO MEET IN ST. LOUIS FEB. 17-20

The task force committee to implement a booklet of guidelines for the ILDA will meet for a second time in less than two years in an attempt to put the finishing touches on some work already started on the book and hopefully, have it ready in time for the 1989 convention at Portland.

Four members of the executive committee will meet with Chairperson Archie Marshall at Concordia Seminary for at least three days of work. The guidelines are not intended to replace existing constitution and by-laws, but will give helps on convention planning, scholarship awards, mission projects and other areas not generally covered in existing rules.

might live with Him. Without the Easter life that our Lord won for us, our life would, indeed, be depressing. The world cannot give any real comfort to heal our grief. What this Easter life means for us who are in Christ, is that death is no longer the punishment for sin. Our sins are forgiven. Jesus' resurrection serves God's gracious purposes by opening the way to eternal life for us: As Jesus died for us, so He rose for us.

Rejoice, it is Easter! We live in our risen Lord! Jesus is what living is all about. He makes it possible for us to look squarely at our own death, which is certain, yet, has no threatening consequences for us, because of Jesus' saving work on the cross. In Jesus, death actually holds advantages for us. Through death we enter the life where Jesus is present, far away from the hurt and pain of this life. We will have the opportunity to praise Him in His presence. Jesus lives! Jesus lives! For us, death is but the gate of life eternal.

CELEBRATE EASTER! Rejoice in your life in Christ! And renew your commitment to sharing the message of Easter with other people to the end that they, too, may know the banishment of death through the power of the cross.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21.

1989 LCMS CONVENTION

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will hold its 1989 convention in Wichita, Kan. in July, the same month as the ILDA convention in Portland, Ore. Pastors from three of the churches serving the deaf will be delegates to this convention: Rev. Steven Schlund, Delavan, Wis.; Rev. Donald Leber, Columbus, Ohio, and Rev. Jerry Munz, Indianapolis, Ind.

And a Child Shall Lead Them . . .

WHAT WAS IN JEREMY'S EGG?

By Ida Kempel
Alameda, Calif.

Jeremy was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12, he was still in the second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises.

At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy irritated his teacher. One day, she called his parents and asked them to come to St. Theresa's for a consultation.

As the Forresters sat quietly in the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five-year gap between his age and that of the other students!"

Mrs Forrester cried softly into a tissue while her husband spoke, "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Doris sat for a long time after they left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read or write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. "Oh, God," she said aloud, "here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family! Please help me be more patient with Jeremy!"

From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Miss Miller," loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-why that's nice, Jeremy. N-now please take your seat." Spring came and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris

told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?" "Yes, Miss Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically--all except Jeremy. He just listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises.

Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them. That evening Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents. The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs.

In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh, yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out.

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine." Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom, "My daddy helped me," he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty! Surely, it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents! Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached

WHY NOT AN "EASTER DANDELION"?

The white lily has long been a symbol of Easter, and for many reasons. A lifeless bulb is planted in the ground, and a new life springs from death.

The white lily reminds us of the brightness of the joy of Easter, when Christ rose from the grave. The lily's trumpet shape heralds the dawn and proclaims Christ's resurrection.

But the lily is not truly an Easter flower. It is a summer flower and so it must be tricked into blooming in the spring. And it is

also rather fragile--easily damaged and soon spent.

Perhaps another flower is a better symbol of the resurrection. It blooms naturally in the spring, and proclaims the brightness of Easter with its sunny yellow face. Unlike the lily, the dandelion is a true resurrection flower. It is almost indestructible.

JEREMY'S EGG

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for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss aren't you going to talk about my egg."

Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy--your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes!" "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up!"

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

(Editor's note: This is a true story. The names have been changed to protect the privacy of those involved. The author is a freelance writer.)

It will not be denied its place on the lawn. Pulled out by the root, the flower will re-root itself and the damaged root will grow a new flower. It is so determined to grow that it will move rocks, asphalt, even cement to reach the light of day!

The lily may recall some of the beauty of Easter, but the dandelion certainly proclaims the victory of Christ, who could not be overcome--even by death itself.

"WELCOME, STRANGER"

LCMS Board for Social Ministry

HOLDEN VILLAGE

An isolated and nearly inaccessible retreat center is located approximately 180 miles east of Seattle in the north Cascades at Chelan, Wash. Affiliated with the ELCA, the former mining town is situated in some of the most scenic beauty on the entire continent and from the town itself, can be reached only by boat of about an hour's duration. There are no phones.

It's 1989 summer program includes a "Hearing Impaired Week" immediately following the adjournment of the 1989 ILDA convention at Portland and a drive of approximately half a day and an hour by boat will bring visitors to this remarkable place for participation in worship, Bible study, hikes, fishing and relaxation amid scenic splendor. It is an ideal vacation spot for families desiring to combine their vacations with learning, worship and relaxation among the people of similar pursuits.

Complete information may be obtained by writing to Holden Village, Hearing Impaired Week, Chelan, Wash. 98816.



This logo has been developed for use at the synodical convention July 7-12, 1989 in Wichita, Kan. The theme, "Tell Everyone What HE Has Done," is based on Ps. 34, and repeats a line from from a post-communion canticle in Lutheran Worship.

SCANNING THE REGIONS FROM HITHER 'N YON . . .

Rev. Carl Bassett, pastor at large serving the deaf in the northern Illinois District, has accepted a call to be pastor at Calvary Lutheran church (a hearing congregation) in Wood Dale, Ill. He will continue to serve

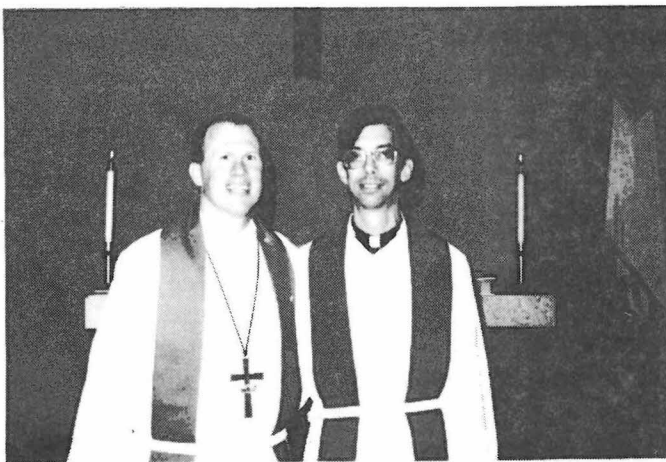
Rev. Michael L. King Installed at Austin on Sunday, Dec. 4

Approximately 60 persons were in attendance Sunday, Dec. 4, 1988 at Jesus Lutheran church, Austin, Texas, as Rev. Mike King was installed as pastor of the congregation. Visitors from Houston, Uvalde and Killeen, Texas were also present as Rev. Ronald Friedrich, Dallas, preached the sermon from the book of Jeremiah 15:19.

The service was also attended by 15 local pastors, including Rev. P. Ellwanger, circuit counselor; Rev. Fred Boden, director of the board of mission administration for the Texas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Jeffery McGuire, congregation president, was the lay reader.

A native of Greenbelt, Md., Pastor King is a graduate of St. John's college, Winfield, Kan, and a 1897 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was assistant pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran church, Collinsville, Ill., before accepting the call to Austin.

Rev. King is married to the former Paula Parker of Salina, Kan. and they are the parents of two boys, Jon, 5, and Paul, 3. They are making their home at 5018 Emerald Forest Circle, Austin.



NEW PASTOR AT AUSTIN--Rev. Mike King, left, poses with Rev. Ronald Friedrich following his installation Dec. 4 at Austin, Texas. Photo courtesy of Stephen Luke.

the deaf on a part time basis.

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A vacancy exists in our church in Fort Wayne, Ind. with the resignation of Rev. Larry Lieder, who resigned Sept. 1 to join his father's business in Houston, Texas.

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Calvary Lutheran church, Des Moines, Iowa has purchased a new computer and printer system for \$2,650 which should greatly facilitate record keeping and related duties.

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The LUTHERAN CHURCH--CANADA officially came into existence on Jan. 1, 1989. The event was marked at a special service at Cross of Christ Lutheran church at Edmonton, Alta. with a reading of the proclamation and recognition of the church's "Certificate of Membership" by Pastor R. A. Bauer.

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Did you see the LLL float in the Tournament of Roses parade on your TV Jan. 2? The theme was "Rejoice! Jesus Is the Christ!" It was the 39th Lutheran Hour float with angels and trumpets covered with chrysanthemums, yellow straw flowers, carnation petals, ficus leaves, sea grape leaves and of course, roses.

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Alpha Lutheran church, Rochester, N.Y. (Rev. Mark Seeger, pastor) is telling about a new postal alert program wherein the elderly can register for an 'early warning system' so that if mail should accumulate in the patrons' boxes for no apparent reason, a check will be made to be a certain the person to whom the mail is intended is not ill or otherwise in need of assistance. Mail left longer than 24 hours will initiate a call from the letter carrier to "Lifeline" immediately, or if necessary, the police. The service is free of charge.

WHO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON

You are allowed a couple of guesses. Give up? Well, Besides the Holy Spirit, it is YOU! Do you realize how important your friendly, smiling face is to first time visitors? Believe me, it does make a difference!

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Why not consider working for the Lord? The pay isn't that much, but the retirement plan is out of this world!



The 10th Biennial Convention of the
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION
 July 6-9, 1989

RED LION INN--LLOYD CENTER
 1000 N.E. Multnomah
 Portland, Ore. 97232

Theme: "Be Alive!"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECT!

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989

- 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. Supper On Your Own
- 7:00 p.m. Open Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Orientation/Welcome
- 8:00 p.m. Skit Competition
- 9:30 p.m. Reception/Fellowship
by Hope/NW Region

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Devotion
- 9:00 a.m. 1st Business Session
- 10:45 a.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 12:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Park (1)
- 12:20 p.m. Bus Ride to Park (2)
- 1:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Falls (1)
- 1:30 p.m. Bus Ride to Locks (2)
- 2:15 p.m. Bus Ride to Locks (1)
- 3:00 p.m. Boat Cruise
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Hotel (1)
- 7:00 p.m. Bus Ride to Falls (2)
- 8:00 p.m. Buses at Hotel (1)
- 9:00 p.m. Buses at Hotel (2)

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Devotion
- 9:00 a.m. 2nd Business Session
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. 3rd Business Session
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:30 p.m. 4th Business Session
- 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:00 p.m. 5th Business Session
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet/Entertainment

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1989

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Holy Communion
Installation of
Officers
ILDA Banner Given to
1991 ILDA Host
- 12:00 p.m. Convention Adjourned
- 1:00 p.m. Check Out!

CUT OUT and MAIL

ILDA COMBINATION TICKETS

CUT OUT and MAIL

	No. of Adults	No. of Children Age:4-12	ILDA Member	No. of Adults	No. of Children Age:4-12	Non-Member
Registration (Must)	\$ 9.00()			\$11.00()		
Program Book	2.00()			2.00()		
Thursday Entertainment	8.00()			10.00()		
Friday Bus Tour/Boat/Dinner	27.00()	\$20.00()		29.00()	\$22.00()	
Saturday Banquet/Pleasure	26.00()			28.00()		
Sunday Breakfast	6.00()	5.00()		7.00()	6.00()	
Total	\$78.00()	\$25.00()		\$87.00()	\$28.00()	
Discount	<u>10.00</u>			<u>10.00</u>		
EARLY BIRD COMBO	\$68.00			\$77.00		
Saturday Entertainment	\$10.00()	\$ 5.00()		\$12.00()	\$ 6.00()	

(COMBO DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1989)

Please make out Check/Money Order payable to: **1989 ILDA CONVENTION FUND**
 Send to: Stanley A. Miller, 12706 S.E. Riveridge Dr., Vancouver, WA 98684

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Enclosed a check/money order for \$ _____



JR. ILDA CONVENTION
part of the 10th Biennial
convention of the
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION



July 6-9, 1989

" TO BE ALIVE"

If you are between 13 and 25 years old and wonder what you will do during the ILDA convention, think about joining the JR ILDA:

Thursday: 4:00 (for youth who arrive early prepare skit)
7:00 Opening Worship
8:00 Skit competition "Be Alive"
9:30 Youth party!!!!!! (\$2.00)

Friday: 8:45 Opening Devotions
9:00 - 10:45 ILDA Business Session (Youth)
11:00 - 12:00 Lunch on your own
12:00 - 9:00 Join ILDA on Tour of Gorge

Saturday: 8:45 - Morning Devotions
9:00 - 12:00 Ice Skating (\$3.50)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
1:00 - 3:30 Movie (\$2.50)
3:30 - 5:00 Swimming (in hotel, free)
6:30 Join ILDA Banquet

Sunday: Follow ILDA schedule

Total cost for the above \$8.00 for the JR ILDA events separate from the ILDA events. (does not include tour/banquet)

Please send the form below with your families registration plus the \$8.00. Send to Stanley A. Miller,
12706 SE Riverridge Dr.
Vancouver, WA 98684

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

JANTZEN BEACH RV PARK
1503 N. Hayden Island Drive
Portland, Oregon 97217
1-800-443-7248

Note: Reservations recommended through Convention Chairman to obtain discount for persons coming by RV. Contact Ronald Madding, TDD 1-503-287-2777, or write 1940 N.E. 57th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97213.

GROUP GUIDELINES

Thank you for inquiring about Jantzen Beach RV Park for your group's stay in Portland.

We offer a 10% discount for groups occupying 10 or more spaces and staying for a minimum of 3 nights. Anyone staying less than 3 nights is not eligible for discount. Our rate schedule is enclosed.

Please take a few minutes to review the following guidelines:

1. All reservations should be made at least two (2) months prior to arrival through one person representing the group. We ask the contact person to provide the following:
 - Number of spaces required
 - Arrival and departure dates
 - Names of each guest
 - RV description (length and type)
 - Collection of all deposits for the entire group
 - Advance deposit of \$15.00 (non-refundable) per each space requested

Deposit to hold reservations must be received at our office one (1) month in advance with the balance due upon arrival.

2. Check-in time is 1:00 p.m. - Check-out time is 12:00 Noon.
3. Space numbers will be assigned on the day of arrival only. We cannot guarantee a specific space to anyone ahead of time. Individual receipts will also be given upon arrival.
4. Anyone arriving without prearranged reservations will not be awarded a discount and will be assigned to a space on an "as available" basis only. Good Sam membership discount will be honored in this case (only one discount please).
5. When registering each RV guest, we will need: Name, Number in Party, Home Address, City, State, Zip, Make, Size and License Number of RV.

SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE.

If further information is needed, please call us at (503) 289-7626 or 1 800 443-7248.

We look forward to your visit and hope your stay with us is a pleasant one. Again, thanks for considering the use of our facilities.

Jantzen Beach RV Park

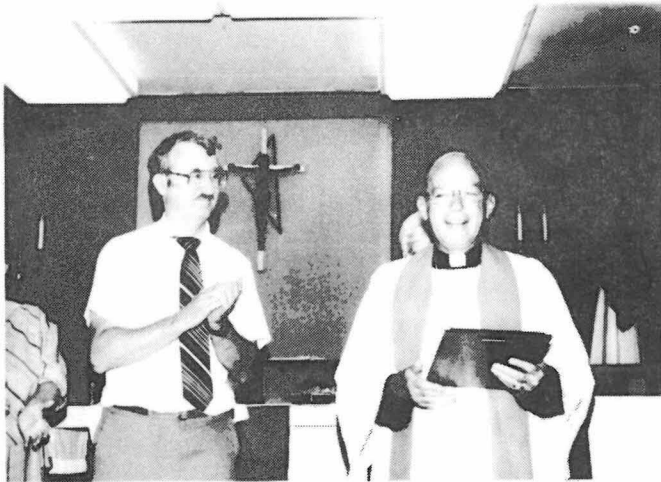
DIXIE REGIONAL CONFERENCE MEETS IN KOSCIUSKO, MISS., OCT. 14-16

Meeting under a theme of "Church Growth: Our Unity for Christ," the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference (DDLCC) met at Indian Springs campgrounds at Kosciusko, Miss., which is approximately 60 miles northeast of Jackson for three days of devotions, business and leadership training seminars sponsored by the ILDA. Workshops on duties of church officers, personal evangelism and teaching children were led by Charles Kotal of Bellflower, Calif., Rev. David Bush of Memphis, Tenn., and Beth Lockard of West Chester, Penn. respectively.

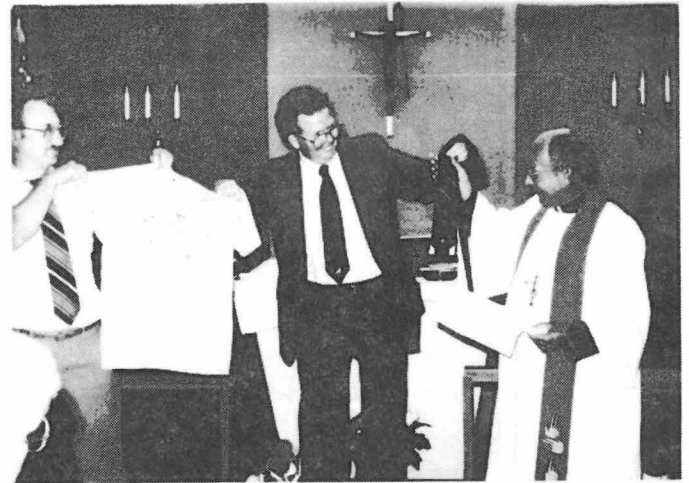
A new and updated constitution was approved by the participants and awards were presented to some of the pastors in appreciation of their length of service to the region.

New officers for the coming biennium installed following the communion service on Sunday by Rev. David Mueller were: Stephen Luke, president (incumbent) of Killeen, Texas; Stephen Usener, president-elect, Austin, Texas; Lordy Smith, secretary, Memphis, Tenn.; Jeffery McGuire, treasurer, Austin, Texas, and Rev. David Bush, pastoral adviser, Memphis.

The 1990 meeting will convene in Memphis at a time and place to be announced later.



FAREWELL—Congregation President David Naumann of Holy Three-In-One Lutheran church, Houston, Texas is shown presenting Pastor Bob Case a plaque honoring him for service to the congregation at a farewell party Oct. 23. Rev. Case began his new duties in Los Angeles Nov. 6. Photo by Stephen Luke.



IN APPRECIATION—Rev. Bob Case, former pastor of Holy Three-In-One Lutheran church, Houston, Texas, is shown being presented with LCMS necktie and Dixie Regional shirt in recognition of 10 years' service to the region.

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