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In the name of God we launch on the sea of enterprise a new periodical which is to be published monthly in the interest of the deaf of our various missions and will be known as "The Deaf Lutheran." This paper succeeds the special edition of "The Lutheran Pioneer" with its section "Among the Deaf" appended, which for nearly ten years was published in the interest of our deaf. For several reasons this section of the "Pioneer" was found inadequate to the requirements of our mission among that class of people. Some eight years ago we wrote: "Should these issues of the "Pioneer" prove a success it might serve as a stepping-stone to a more complete edition of a paper suited especially to the spiritual wants of our deaf people."

Here, then, is the "more complete edition" under a new name well chosen. "The Deaf Lutheran" is to contain articles for the spiritual and moral betterment of its readers as well as news items from the various Lutheran deaf circles, thus keeping its readers in touch and sympathy with each other. It proposes to clear away misunderstandings and wrong notions as to Lutheranism. It will show what true Lutheranism stands for, what it believes, teaches and confesses in word and deed. It is to be a Christian herald, a Lutheran instructor with the object of enlarging and improving the religious and spiritual knowledge of its readers. Lutheranism stands for thoroughness, progress and the development of the new man. We are not satisfied merely with numbers. We are not contented to be able to say: "So and so many deaf nominally belong to our church, or so and so many attend our services." Numbers alone can be no guarantee of true, sound Christianity. Our aim is that our deaf should be able to give account of their faith, able to defend it wherever necessary, to know

why they are, should be and remain Lutherans. Our missionaries, therefore, not only endeavor to lay a solid foundation to the Christian knowledge of the scholars in their Bible classes by instructing them thoroughly in the chief doctrines of the Christian faith in a period of nine to twelve months, but they endeavor also to build on this foundation by holding regular services and by other means, thus aiming for a deeper and lasting appreciation of a Christian's calling, for a stronger faith in Christ, for a growing love to the Master, for an ever increasing patience in trials and tribulations, for an ever cheering hope of heaven and for true goodness in general among the deaf. To aid in reaching this goal shall be the object of "The Deaf Lutheran." May it accomplish its aim and end. It commends itself, however, also to those of our faith among the hearing friends who take an interest in our mission among the deaf, subscribing to which they not only keep posted on the doings in our mission, but also aid in making our undertaking a financial success. And since the price is within easy reach of all, but 25 cents per annum, it is to be hoped that all who are favorably inclined towards our mission become regular subscribers to this periodical.

May the good Lord, then, our Heavenly Father, accompany "The Deaf Lutheran" on its mission, give us strength and wisdom, and crown our undertaking with success, for Jesus' sake.

And as the cause and glory, Lord,  
Are Thine, not ours, do Thou afford  
Us help and strength and constancy;  
With all our heart we trust in Thee.

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Did you ever try to see how many of your friends can repeat the Ten Commandments? And how about yourself?

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EXCHANGES—Periodicals which have heretofore exchanged with The Lutheran Pioneer are requested to change the address as given above. Such as have not exchanged will please do so.—*Ed.*

**AMONG OUR DEAF.****Chicago Mission.**

REV. A. REINKE, PASTOR.

Mr. Fred. Harder, one of the voting members of our Lutheran Congregation, left December 7th for several weeks rest and visit with relatives at Manchester, Delaware, and Earlville, Iowa, expecting to return some time in January. He is employed at the Chicago Net and Twine Co., where he has been working since five years. Before his departure he went sight-seeing with his brother Herman Harder and wife, who had come for a several days visit from Manchester, Iowa. They attended our services on Sunday, Dec. 6th, and liberally contributed toward the support of our Chicago Mission.—

A goodly number of our Lutheran deaf have already contributed to a fund intended for the benefit of our School for the Deaf at North Detroit, Mich. Others have expressed their intention of following the example of these cheerful givers. We expect to forward to Supt. Wm. Gielow from \$15 to \$25 with many wishes for a successful future.—

The marriage of Miss Anna Cords, a communicant member of our church, to Mr. J. F. Struve of Valparaiso, Ind., on November 25th, was a glad event. We were pleased to see her take this important step with Mr. Struve, a fellow Lutheran. Yet we regret that her removal to Valparaiso has made her regular appearance at our services nearly impossible. Nevertheless Mr. and Mrs. Struve will remain members of our church and have expressed

their intent of visiting our services off and on. Mr. Struve is a former graduate of the North Detroit School.—

A small debt, yet burdensome hangs over our church property. To wipe it away gradually the Congregation of Our Savior has recently paid off \$250, the efforts of 1908.—

**Milwaukee Mission.**

REV. T. WANGERIN, PASTOR.

Emmanuel Congregation at Milwaukee, in regular meeting assembled December 3rd, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President: Wm. Tischaefter; Vice-President: F. Gierloff; Secretary: Sam. Sutter; Treasurer: P. Krueger; Elders: O. Langner, J. Nimmer, T. Fick; Trustees: S. Sutter 1 year, W. Schocknecht 2 years, O. Wille 3 years; Janitor: Jac. Sutter; Lay Reader: S. Sutter; Revision Committee: W. Tischaefter, P. Krueger, F. Gierloff.

The last services conducted at Racine by Rev. Wangerin were well attended. In spite of continued drizzling rain 19 deaf were present, not including the children. Eight of them had come from Kenosha who took pride in the fact of having swelled the audience. One attendant applied for confirmation. One deaf lady who was formerly a resident of Racine but at present makes her home at Evanston, Ill., was there also. All in all the Racine-Kenosha deaf are very regular attendants.

Mr. Fred. Christeffter, formerly a member of the Chicago Congregation of Our Savior, was released by that organization to Emmanuel Congregation, being now a resident of Milwaukee. He was admitted as voting member in the meeting of December 3rd.

**Kansas City, Mo., Mission.**

REV. N. JENSEN, PASTOR.

About three years ago we visited Kansas City for the first time and made an effort to establish a Lutheran Mission for the Deaf in this prosperous and ever growing city. Have we been successful? I do not hesitate to say, Yes. When we first began work in this city your missionary lived in Omaha and made monthly trips to Kansas City. After one year, however, your missionary, with the consent of the Board of Missions, moved from Omaha

to Kansas City, which enabled him to hold two services a month in this city. At the present writing the Board is considering the advisability of giving Kansas City weekly services. It is needless to say that these changes would not have been made, had there not been an ever increasing demand for Lutheran services. The deaf attending services in our church have always rejoiced whenever such changes were made, and have shown themselves grateful for these blessings.

During the past few years we have been able every year to induce several of our regular attendants to take a full course of instructions in the six Chief Parts of Christian doctrine and to devote weeks and months to the study of the Catechism and the Bible, so that they finally become communicant members of our church. Members who have thus been instructed are a great help to our mission, and we hope that many more of our regular attendants will soon see the necessity and value of these instructions. At present our Bible class is composed of four deaf. May God encourage them to finish the full course and become communicant members.

What about the future of our mission in Kansas City? We trust that the year 1909 will be a year in which we begin to harvest the fruit of the seed which has been sown in the past. We pray that God abide with us as He has in the past, and ask all our friends and brethren in the faith to help us in making the year 1909 a record year in the work of the Lord.—

Mr. and Mrs. John Baumann of Omaha, Neb., will be confirmed and become members of our church at our next service in that city.—

Last month Rev. Jensen visited the Iowa School for the Deaf and spent the afternoon visiting with Lutheran children. At present there are two former Detroit pupils in this school: Ernst Dahms and Mamie Bader.—

In the Nebraska school there are six Lutheran pupils whose parents are members of our hearing congregations.—

Flora Neff, who lives at Corder, Mo., 65 miles distant from Kansas City, is a communicant member of our Kansas City Mission and attends services several times a year. She is a former graduate of our North Detroit School.—

### Toledo, O.

REV. A. BOLL, PASTOR.

This field is the most eastern of our Lutheran Mission for the Deaf, comprising the mission stations Toledo, Findlay, Lima and Cleveland in Ohio, Ft. Wayne, Peru and Indianapolis in Indiana, Detroit, Mich., and Louisville, Ky. There are besides these a few smaller cities where the deaf receive religious instructions by Rev. A. Boll, but these deaf attend services at one of the above named places whenever possible. At Toledo, Detroit, Ft. Wayne and Louisville we have small organized congregations numbering 55 communicant members. Monthly services are held at these stations on fixed Sundays or by special appointment within the week.—

On November 22nd Miss Rosa Kraft of Blufton, O., was publicly confirmed in the Lutheran church at Jeneva, Ohio, after one and one-half years of catechetical instructions, a number of deaf from Findlay witnessing the rite of confirmation. She has come to the knowledge of salvation by faith in her Savior, and duly made confession thereof. Several deaf rendered in signs a hymn suitable to the occasion. Miss Kraft will attend services at Lima, 15 miles distant from her home.—

### St. Louis, Mo.

REV. C. SCHUBKEGEL, PASTOR.

Wm. T. Campbell Jr. died Nov. 19th aged 52 years, 9 months, and 8 days. He leaves his wife, two sons, his mother, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. Schubkegel at the residence of Mrs. Jane Campbell, mother of the deceased. A large number of both hearing and deaf friends attended the funeral and the sermon was rendered both in signs and orally. Mr. Campbell during the last months of his life repeatedly heard, and, as we have reason to believe, accepted in true faith, the sweet Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore all who mourn his departure, and believe in Jesus, the only Savior from death, will find sweet comfort in the words of Christ John V, 24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth in Him who sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

May the Lord God bless unto us all the death of this our friend and brother, that we bethink ourselves of our own end, be weaned away by faith from the things of this perishing world, be diligent in preparation for the unknown hour when we shall go hence, and at last resign ourselves into His hands in joyful hope of the promised resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord!—

Rev. C. Schubkegel is at present giving catechetical instruction to two deaf. May God bless the labor of the pastor and the scholars and may many soon follow the latter's example! The study of God's word is most necessary, yea, the One thing needful for any man on earth. See Luke XI, 38-42.—

The average attendance in the Lutheran services for the deaf in St. Louis, Mo., since the beginning of September, was 20, and the collections contributed by the deaf during that time amount to \$5.62.

#### Minneapolis Mission.

REV. J. SALVNER, PASTOR.

Christmas-services were held with the deaf of Winona, Dec. 15, and with the deaf of La Crosse on the 16th. On account of a heavy snowstorm the attendance at La Crosse was very small. Services will again be held in Winona on Jan. 19th, and in La Crosse on Jan. 20th.—

At Minneapolis, a class of four deaf is being instructed in the chief parts of Christian doctrine with the following deaf as members: Mr. C. Jones, Misses Minnie Hauberg, Ida Hoff, and Jennie Martensen. At St. Paul Miss Helma Wadell is being prepared for confirmation. We have a class also at Stillwater, the members being: Misses M. Amondson and Laura Broten, both of Hudson, Wis. May the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ shower His blessings upon these catechumens and their pastor also during the New Year.—

Prof. Warren Robinson of Delavan, Wis., teacher at the Wisconsin State School, lectured before the Minneapolis Association of the Deaf on the 12th of December. The subject of his lecture was "Mind." It was both an interesting and instructive lecture to all. About fifty deaf, among them former pupils of Mr. Robinson of Hudson and Stillwater, availed

themselves of the opportunity to see Prof. Robinson lecture. We were more than pleased to see him and other deaf visitors at our services Sunday morning. Come again!—

#### SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

##### CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 145 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

##### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zion Church, 21st and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4165 A Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo.

##### TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll, c. o. Carlton, Toledo, O.

##### FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 8 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

##### ST. PAUL, MINN.

Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Wabasha and Tilton Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

##### SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

##### KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every first and third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

##### OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

##### MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

##### RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### NEENAH, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

#### LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 6 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.