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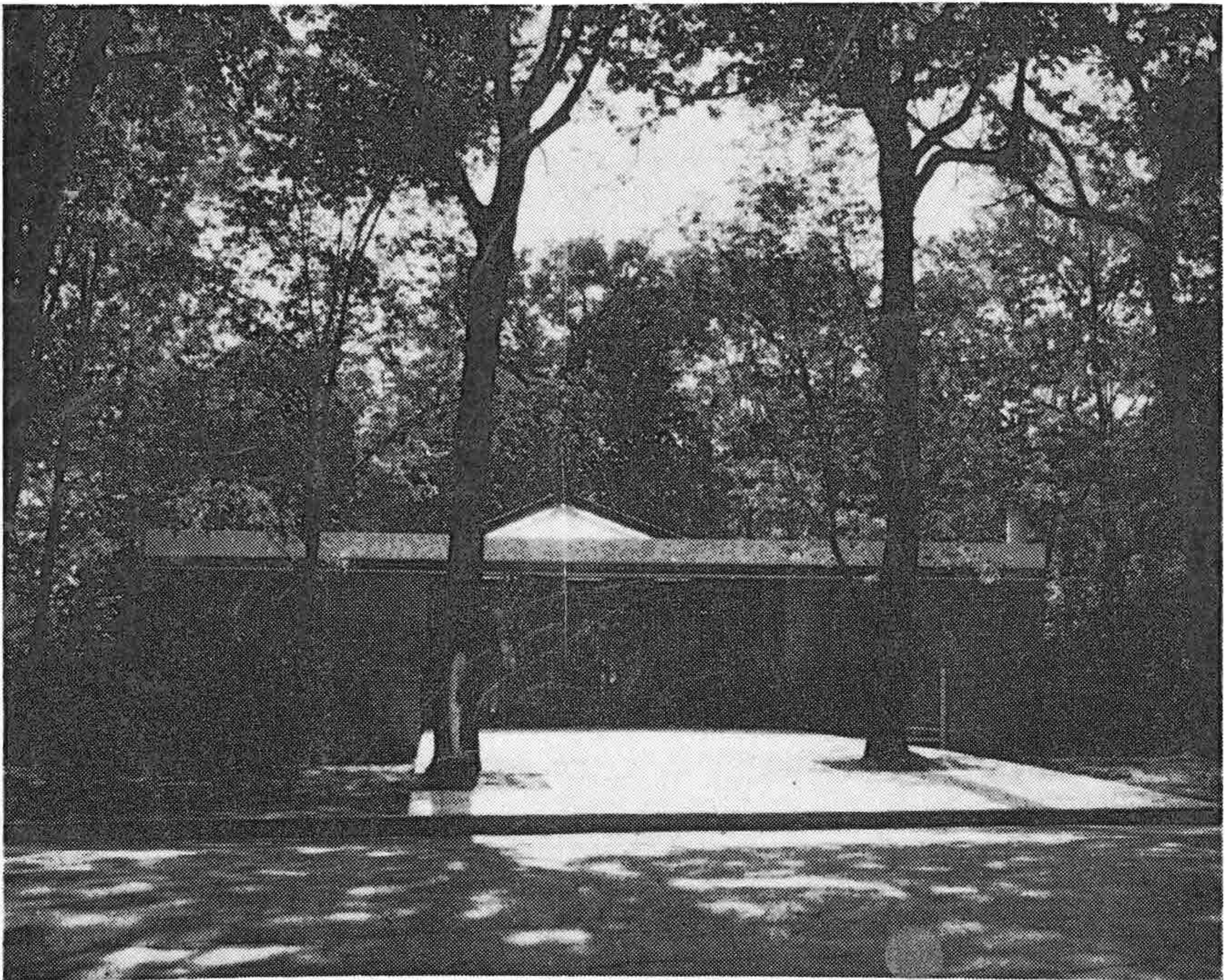
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Notes from the Executive

A very happy and a most blessed New Year to each and every one of you! May God forgive us for the countless times we have failed Him in this past year, and may God give us the strength, the courage, and the faith to do greater things for Him and His kingdom in this new year of 1960.

A Year of Evangelism

At the San Francisco convention of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, last June, it was resolved that “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod establish 1960 as an Evangelism Year, beginning with an intensified evangelism effort in the pre-Lenten season for all congregations and that all congregations be urged to adopt or adapt the working details of this effort to be outlined by Synod’s Department of Evangelism.”

Some of you may ask, “What is evangelism?” Someone has described evangelism as “ev” — good, “angel” — messenger, “ism” — in action. And so we see that evangelism is “the good messenger in action.” You and I who love the Lord Jesus as our Savior should take this good message of salvation out into the world. We must be active witnesses for Jesus. I should like to urge each and every congregation of our mission to make 1960 a year of evangelism. Your pastor has already received material from the Evangelism Department of Synod explaining the special pre-Lenten effort to win souls for Christ. If your congregation has not yet organized for this evangelism effort, be sure to bring it up at your Jan-

uary voters’ meeting and get started on it right away. There is no time to lose when precious souls are in need of the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Is there work to be done among the Deaf in the United States? The latest figure of Deaf in the United States as estimated by Dr. Frisina, in the May 1959 issue of the *American Annals*, is 188,100. Just how many of these thousands of Deaf have come to know their Savior we cannot say, but we can be sure that many, many thousands of these people are still living without the comfort and the assurance that Christ was born in Bethlehem to be their Savior also.

Synod’s Work for 1960

The delegates at Fiscal Conference in River Forest last August adopted a budget of \$19,700,000 for the work of Synod during the year of 1960. This amounts to an increase of 20% over the budget last year. The work of Synod is the responsibility of each and every member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This is your work and mine.

What is Synod? Synod is more than 5,000 churches who have joined together to do the work the Lord has commanded us to do, that is, to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. Without Synod there could be no colleges and seminaries to train young men and women to be pastors and teachers for our churches. Without Synod there could be no Foreign Mission program to bring the Gospel of Jesus to people in faraway lands. Without

Synod there could be no Mission to the Deaf, through which many of you have come to know and love Jesus as your Savior.

There is a big job to be done in the world today. Even though the total number of Christians was increased by 75 million from 1950 to 1955, we must realize that during that same time the total number of non-Christian people increased by 150 million. Those religions which do not teach Jesus Christ as the Savior are very much alive and active today. This means we Christians must work all the more to win souls for Christ. Just recently I read that someone estimated 34 million Deaf throughout the world. Just imagine how many of these souls have not yet learned that Christ also died for them.

During 1958 the Deaf members of our Synod gave about \$18,000 for the support of Synod's program.

Surely we cannot be satisfied to give that small amount when there is so much work to be done. Synod has indeed spent more than a million dollars to support this work of bringing the Gospel to the Deaf. You can show your thanks for what the Lord has done for you through Synod by supporting the work of Synod in a more generous way. Let's make a goal of doubling our contributions to Synod in this year of 1960.

As we work together for the Lord in this coming year, we can know that great things will be done by Him through us. Praise our gracious Father in heaven pour out His Holy Spirit among you all, that you may be more eager to work for your Lord Jesus and say with Him, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

W. F. REINKING

A Thought-Provoking Letter

Rev. Marlin Sampson, Oklahoma City, wrote a thought-provoking letter to the Oklahoma Deaf during the month of October. Your editor decided to reproduce the letter in the DEAF LUTHERAN in its entirety.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Our daughter, Rebecca, has again had surgery on her leg and is doing fine. And I think we can illustrate a spiritual truth from one of the things the doctor has done.

He has inserted brass pins into the knee joint. The pins are foreign objects in the body, which irritate the joint, and the body rushes more blood to it in an attempt to correct what is wrong.

It doesn't always work, of course,

but very often it makes a crippled leg grow more. And the past year Rebecca's right leg has grown as much as the left. And new pins have been inserted, along with other work, because the old ones had lost their effect.

Strange! We put something in the leg to hurt and irritate it to make it grow. But that is the way it works, and we are very thankful.

Sometimes we Christians are like Rebecca's paralyzed leg; we won't grow enough. We become weak and lazy instead of big and strong in faith and love and trust.

But God loves us, and He doesn't want us to stop growing. He doesn't want His children to be runts, deformed and crippled spiritually. He

wants them to be healthy, strong, fully developed in spiritual things, even as you want your children to be fully developed mentally and physically.

The proof of God's love for us is in the death of His Holy Son, Jesus. We owed God everything and could give Him nothing; He owed us nothing and has given us everything through His Son, Jesus, who paid for our sins and earned eternal life for us.

We, who were dead in trespasses and sins, have been called into spiritual life by His Word, we have been born again by the water and His Spirit. The Holy Spirit has worked in our hearts to create faith in Jesus' life and death, by which faith He has also changed our hearts and wills so that we not only cling to Jesus in all trust, but we also think differently, want differently, and do differently.

No, we don't doubt His love or despise His salvation, but sometimes we are slow to grow. That

is when He must come to us in different ways. Sometimes He comes to us through things we call good, to make us grow spiritually. But at other times He comes to us through sorrow and trouble, heart-ache and grief, sickness and pain, and sometimes even through death.

When God comes to us through things which we call bad, we ought to remember His words and know He is only doing it to help us, "for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." Hebrews 12. REV. MARLIN SAMPSON

The Gospel According to St. Thomas

Perhaps you have read recently in a newspaper or magazine that a "Gospel According to St. Thomas" has been found. If so, you no doubt wonder what this Gospel has to do with the Four Gospels in our Bible, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John.

Rest assured that no one will suggest that this newly discovered Gospel should be included in our Bible. Although it bears his name, it was probably not written by the disciple and apostle we know as St. Thomas. The scholars who examined the manuscript claim it is very old, but on the basis of its language and

message could not have been written before A. D. 100. They place its probable date of writing at A. D. 140.

As an ancient manuscript it will be a valuable source of information on the manner in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ was understood by some of the people who lived in the second century, but it will not be given the same authority and importance as the Four Gospels in the Holy Scriptures. This Gospel of St. Thomas will be placed alongside other early writings in order to study the history of Christian doctrine and Christian thought.

New Prince of Peace Chapel Receives Honor Award

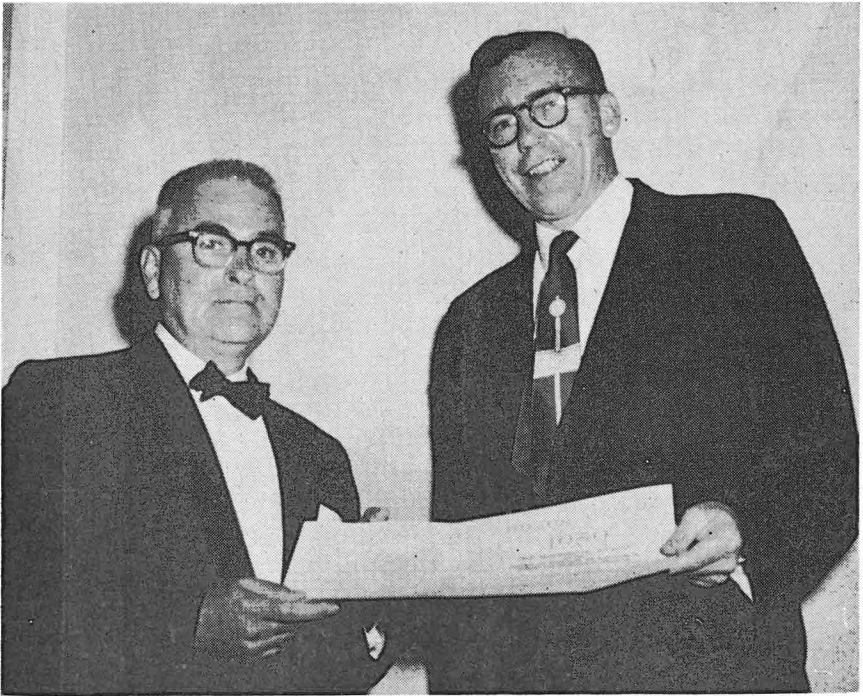
The Minnesota Society of Architects, at their fall convention, presented Prince of Peace Chapel in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul) with an Honor Award. The chapel was cited for being one of the outstanding buildings constructed in Minnesota in 1959. Fifty-nine building projects were entered in the competition. Prince of Peace Chapel was one of four projects which received the award.

Mr. Ralph Rapson, architect for the chapel, is head of the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota. Members of the Prince of Peace Building Committee during

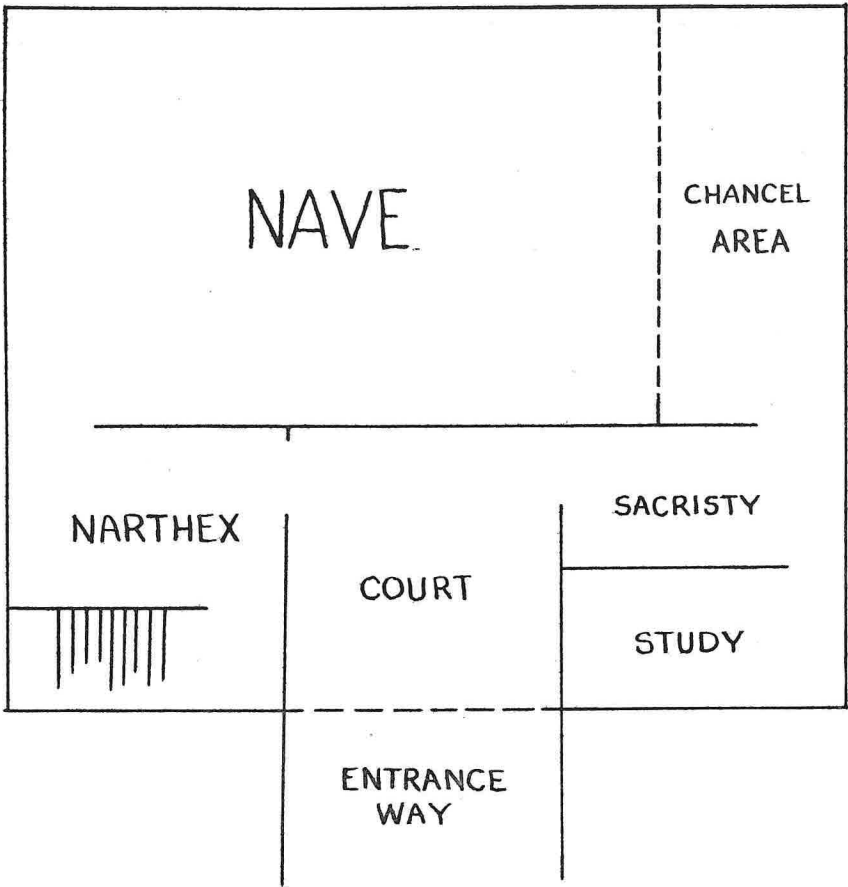
the period of planning and construction were Mr. John P. Miller, chairman; Mr. Walter E. Schmalz, secretary; Mr. Walter F. Hinck, treasurer; Mr. Walter Schweppe, attorney; Mr. Roy Klein, chairman of the congregation; Mr. August Brueske; Rev. John Salvner; and Rev. George Kraus.

Since its dedication last Easter Sunday the chapel has been inspected daily by visitors. Both architects and laymen are impressed by its worshipful atmosphere and beautiful simplicity.

The chancel of Prince of Peace Chapel has several unique features



Mr. G. Clair Armstrong (left), chairman of the Minnesota Society of Architects, presents the Honor Award to Rev. Ernest Drews, chairman of the Board of Missions to the Deaf, who accepted the award for Prince of Peace Congregation

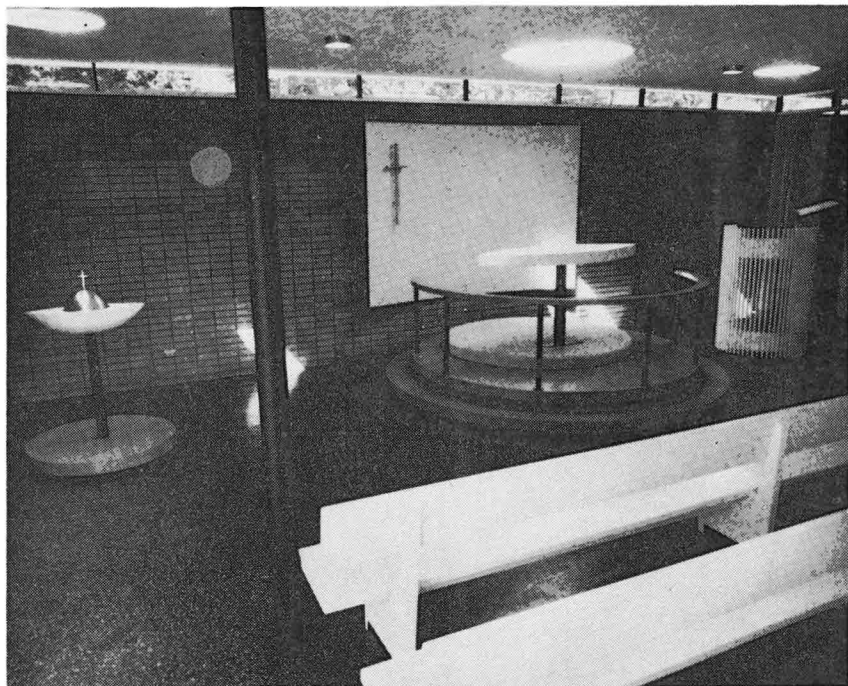


Floor plan of Prince of Peace Chapel

in design. One phrase describes it well: it floats. The ceiling, altar, baptismal font, dossal shield, and even the pews were designed to give a floating effect. From the outside the building appears to float on its foundation. The front entrance way is actually a bridge across a sea of grass from the boulevard to the courtyard. The over-all effect both inside and out is that of a building in motion. During the daytime no electric lighting is needed in the

chapel. The eight-inch glass window upon which the ceiling floats, the three skylights above the altar, font, and pulpit, plus the look-through windows through the middle of the building, afford more than enough natural light.

The building and grounds, when fully completed, will be valued at nearly \$100,000. Generous gifts from Deaf and hearing people in Minnesota and from The Lutheran Church



The Chancel of Prince of Peace Chapel

— Missouri Synod have made this fine building possible. Two outstanding gifts ought to be mentioned: \$10,000 from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the

Minnesota District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and \$5,000 from the Joseph J. Hennen family of St. Paul, Minn.

REV. A. L. HAUPTMAN

Dedicate Chapel and Educational Unit

The chapel and educational unit of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf at Delavan, Wis., was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, Nov. 8.

The building stands across the highway from the Wisconsin State School for the Deaf and is designed especially to provide facilities for religious instruction of Lutheran pupils attending the school.

Rev. Martin Kosche, pastor of the church, reports that this year 117 of the 186 pupils enrolled at the

school are listed as Lutheran and attend the religious classes and services conducted at Holy Cross Chapel.

Pastor Kosche also serves an organized congregation of 25 adult Deaf communicant members in the Delavan area.

The new building will provide excellent and convenient facilities for serving the pupils at the school as well as the adult members of the congregation. The chapel, which seats 128 people, is built wide rather

than long to allow every parishioner to sit reasonably close to the chancel for better viewing of the service. The altar is free standing to enable the pastor to face both the altar and the people for prayers and for the Holy Communion. A large cross is suspended above the altar. The building also features three fine classrooms, a multipurpose assembly room with a raised platform, and a large kitchen.

An initial gift of \$20,000 from mission-expansion funds of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and grants from the local zone and the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League totaling \$6,000 helped to get the project under way in the latter part of 1957. A statewide campaign of Missouri Synod congregations in Wisconsin resulted in contributions of \$41,000, of which amount \$2,600 was raised by the Deaf themselves. These offerings, together with a pledge of \$15,000 from the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, enabled the project to be completed. Total cost of building with minimum furnishings is \$85,000.

In March 1959 the field formerly served by Pastor Kosche out of Madison was divided so that Pastor Kosche could make his home in Delavan. Rev. Herbert Drachenberg of Columbus, Ohio, accepted the call to the newly created field of Madison and North Wisconsin, with residence in Madison.

In July construction was begun on an eight-room parsonage, which will also house the pastor's office. The home is adjacent to the chapel and is being erected through a capital investment grant of \$15,000 by Synod. The parsonage was also

dedicated in the special rites on Sunday, Nov. 8. Total cost of the parsonage is estimated at \$24,000, leaving a current indebtedness of \$12,000 on the entire building project.

Four services with four guest speakers marked the occasion of the dedication. At the morning service Rev. Erwin E. Schroeder, Minneapolis, Minn., secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf and representative of the Board for the construction at Delavan, preached the sermon. At the afternoon service Rev. John L. Salvner, D. D., retired executive secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, delivered the main address. At a later service the same afternoon Rev. William F. Reinking, present executive secretary of the Board, was the speaker, and in the evening service Rev. Herbert W. Baxmann, Plymouth, Wis., President of the South Wisconsin District, delivered the main address.

Featured in the services were choral groups of neighboring congregations, with Deaf pupils rendering the hymns in sign language.

The Christian and His Car

Otto never liked the crowd of workers who shoved and pushed to reach their cars in the factory lot. It seemed that everyone wanted to be first in the stream of traffic to beat the usual four-o'clock home-ward rush.

"Funny how selfish people are when they get into their cars," he thought. "Someday they'll be sorry for their careless hurry."

But this day was no different from any other in the eight years he had worked at his present job. As he drove out of the downtown traffic and merged onto the expressway, a brightly painted hot-rod streaked past on the right and snaked around three cars ahead.

"No responsibility, these kids," Otto thought. "If they didn't cause so many accidents and raise insurance premiums, I might be able to afford some insurance. But I guess I'm careful enough. Wonder what's for supper."

Then it happened. The car ahead must have had a flat to slow down so suddenly. "STOP — QUICK! Can't . . . too close . . . go around . . ." Otto felt the crash for just a moment, and then the sickly sights and smells of twisted steel and spilled gas caused him to forget his injuries.

He tried to think, "It's not true. This couldn't happen to me."

War on the Highways

Most average drivers are just like Otto. They think accidents are for other people. In 1957, however, 1,856,000 "other people" suffered personal injuries in traffic accidents. That is more casualties in one year than our Armed Services suffered during all the years of World War I and World War II—almost a half million more.*

What was wrong with Otto and with all those people in 1957? Why did they suddenly become the "other people" on the list of traffic casualties?

1. Otto was probably hurrying just as much as the other men who were crowding toward their cars.

2. He did not think he could be as careless as they.

3. He thought he was careful enough that he needed no insurance.

4. He blamed the youth for no responsibility while he was not thinking about his own.

5. He started thinking about something else and did not watch for potential danger ahead.

Christian Responsibility

If you own an automobile, you have a blessing from God. And as with many other blessings He gives, you may use it wisely as He pleases, or you may use it as an instrument of sin and death.

God has made us all to serve Him here on earth, and He does not want us to harm that purpose by injuring life or by cutting it short. Therefore He says, "Thou shalt not kill!"

When driving a car, you have a responsibility to protect your life and the lives of your family from hardships which follow an accident. You are responsible for the passengers in your car. And you are responsible for the lives and welfare of others using the streets and highways.

This is the first in a series of four articles dealing with "The Christian and His Car." Following issues of the DEAF LUTHERAN will include information on safe driving habits for the Deaf, what to do in case of an accident, and the importance of insurance.

Drive carefully so that you do not miss an issue.

(* Factual information in these articles has been furnished by Maryland Casualty Company, Baltimore 3, Md.)

REV. HERMAN GRAEF

Uses Vacation as Opportunity to Lecture

St. Petersburg, Fla. While on vacation last summer in St. Petersburg, Rev. George Kraus made use of an opportunity to lecture on his ministry to the Deaf. Rev. Kraus is pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo.

The *St. Petersburg Times* carried a lengthy feature article on Pastor Kraus's work and on Lutheran Churches for the Deaf on Aug. 22. The article was placed on the front page of the "Church News" section of the newspaper. It included pictures of Pastor Kraus illustrating several signs for the readers.

A later paragraph in the article announced that for the first time a vacation Bible school for Deaf children would be conducted at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg. The classes were scheduled for Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, led by Rev. Francis Gyle, minister to the Deaf from Miami, Fla., and an assistant.

Wedding

On Oct. 24 Miss Jean Van der Schalie (U. S. A.) and Mr. George Calder (Canada) were united in marriage, with Pastor C. Roland Gerhold interpreting. Mr. and Mrs. Calder plan to make their home in Toronto.

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Surprise Wedding Anniversary Party

Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schoneman of Jacksonville, Ill., were surprised by an anniversary party at what was supposed to be a movie and fellowship evening at Christ for the Deaf Chapel on Oct. 16.

Both couples have been married forty years. About 60 relatives and friends gathered to congratulate the two couples. Games and refreshments completed the evening.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowman about to cut the cake — surrounded by their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Alloway (to Mrs. Bowman's right), with her husband and children, left to right, Ricky, Toni, and Randy



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schoneman with two of Mr. Schoneman's sisters, Mrs. Anna Meigs and Mrs. Laura Harker, are served by Mrs. William Johnson

Sunday School Project in Omaha

Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School of Omaha turned talent into profit for Christ's work on a recent sunny Saturday.

Fifteen young men and women gave their free time and a lot of energy to wash cars. They had planned carefully, advertised, and organized into an efficient team which could wash two cars every fifteen minutes.

The idea was their own in order to provide an extra donation to the Lutheran Children's Service Society of Nebraska.

This is an example of using talent and ingenuity in service to God's kingdom.



Part of the group of Bethlehem Sunday School pupils in Omaha who washed cars for the benefit of Lutheran Children's Service Society

Fiftieth Anniversary of Work in Ohio

Rev. Theodore Frederking, regional representative of the Great Lakes Conference, reports that the year 1959 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the work of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod among the Deaf in Ohio.

Rev. Arthur C. Boll began ministering to the Deaf of Ohio in 1909.

Among the cities that he served were Toledo, Cleveland, and Cincinnati. Following Pastor Boll in Cleveland were Pastors O. C. Schroeder and N. E. Borchardt. Other Lutheran ministers who served portions of Ohio were Pastors Gielow, Schauland, and Kosche at Cincinnati; Pastors Beyer, Simon, and Drachenberg at Columbus; and Pastor Corl (American Lutheran Church) at Toledo. The *Messenger of Christ*, published monthly for the Central Ohio Field by Rev. William A. Ludwig, from which these names are taken, states that there were other Lutheran pastors who served in Ohio but that their names are not available.

Three pastors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod are currently conducting services for the Deaf in Ohio: Rev. Theodore Frederking, Cleveland and North Ohio; Rev. William Ludwig, Columbus and Central Ohio; and Rev. H. W. Hoemann, Warren and Northeast Ohio.

The month of November was set aside for special recognition of the fiftieth anniversary in many of the services held in Ohio that month.

Bruce Street School

Newark, N. J. Pastor and Mrs. Gerhold and Vicar Pokorny transport 28 children from the Bruce St. School to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf at 510 Parker St., Newark, N. J., for weekly classes. The theme of this year's classes is "In God's House." Mrs. Urciuoli assists in the instruction program by teaching a class of younger children and by driving a careful home.

During the month of November six of these pupils, with their parents' consent, were received into the Kingdom of Grace by the washing of Holy Baptism.

Missouri Synod and United Lutheran Pastors Meet in Philadelphia

Pastors Gerhold and Hoemann, Regional Representative W. Westerman, and Executive Secretary William F. Reinking met with Pastors Goos and Shearer and a representative of the Home Missions Department of the United Lutheran Church in Philadelphia on Oct. 16.

The meeting was held in order to exchange information on the manner in which the Deaf are being served by each of these Lutheran bodies, and to arrive at some conclusion regarding procedure and policy when services conducted by United Lutheran pastors and Missouri Synod pastors are held in cities which lie close together geographically.

At the present time, no Missouri Synod pastor conducts services for the Deaf in central or eastern Pennsylvania. These areas are served by United Lutheran pastors who devote a portion of their ministry to serving the Deaf. Lutheran pupils at Mount Airy School for the Deaf in Philadelphia are in the charge of Pastor Goos, who conducts weekly classes for nearly 100 Lutheran children enrolled at the school.

American School for the Deaf

West Hartford, Conn. A Sunday school program at the American School for the Deaf is reported by Rev. Earl Thaler to have been successfully undertaken this year.

A worship service at 9:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings is followed by Sunday school classes. Teachers participating in the program are Mr. and Mrs. G. Rinas, Mrs. E. Giett, Mrs. A. Jacobsen, Mr. G. Clarke, Mrs. E. Thaler, Mrs. P. DeRose, and Mrs. E. Kraft.

After the first of January Pastor Thaler plans to make his home in West Hartford, Conn., where the American School for the Deaf is located. Services for the adult Deaf there are held on the second and fourth Sundays at 2:15 P. M. at Boulevard and S. Main Streets.

Son Born to Pastor and Mrs. Rynearson

Pastor and Mrs. Rodney Rynearson are the parents of a son, Timothy John, born Oct. 17. Rev. Rynearson is pastor of Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Spokane, Wash.

Lutheran School in New Guinea Sends Gifts for Deaf Children

The *Lutheran Beacon*, published by Rev. Gene E. Merrell of Indianapolis for the Deaf in that area, included the following item in October:

"We all know we should give money for missions. But have you ever heard of missionary people giving money for *us*? Well, it happened for us. The Highland Lutheran School for missionary children in Wabag, New Guinea, sent \$20 to me; the children want me to use this for bringing Jesus to Deaf boys and girls. I plan to use this money for four filmstrips about Abraham, Jacob, and David. This will help both the children in my Deaf School classes and you grown-up people all over this state."

Pastors in Eastern Conference Meet at Newark

Pastors of the Deaf in the Eastern Conference met at Newark over the Thanksgiving holidays to share information on their work and to plan the annual Lutheran Deaf Retreat.

Members of the conference are Pastor W. Westerman, regional representative, Washington, D. C.; Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Earl Thaler, Worcester, Mass.; Rev. H. Rohe, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Louis Jasper, New York, N. Y.; and Rev. H. W. Hoemann, Pittsburgh, Pa. Vicars Pokorney and Murray were also present.

Fortieth Anniversary in Ministry

After a Reformation service at Vancouver, British Columbia, on Nov. 1, the congregation honored Pastor John A. Beyer with a small party to celebrate his fortieth year in the ministry to the Deaf. For the benefit of the group Pastor Beyer reminisced over some of the experiences which he had during that period. His remarks were interesting, and everybody enjoyed them. Mr. Alfred Schindell and Mr. John Fletcher spoke words of congratulations. Later refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Bain and Mrs. Phillips, with the other ladies in the group assisting.

Funerals

Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, Newark, N. J., interpreted a funeral service conducted by Dean MacGregor for the mother of Richard and James Hunold. Mrs. Hunold departed this life suddenly on July 5.

Pastor Gerhold conducted the funeral of Anna V. Pearsall, mother

of Marion and Wainwright Pearsall. Mrs. Pearsall passed away on Oct. 19 at the age of 92.

Mr. Chester Schrader of Memphis, Tenn., departed this life on Thursday, Oct. 22, and was given Christian burial on Friday, Oct. 23.

Mr. John Vig, formerly of Minnesota, departed this life at Emporium, Pa., on Monday, Sept. 28, at the age of 68. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. Rohe on Wednesday, Sept. 30. His mortal remains were laid to rest in McIntosh, Minn.

Mr. Carl Samshal, Twin Valley, Minn., departed this life on Oct. 29 and was laid to rest on Oct. 31. The Pa. Vicars Pokorney and Murray were also present.

Baptisms and Confirmations

Greta Ann Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Greer of Memphis, Tenn., was baptized by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger on Nov. 1.

Gail Jean Peach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peach of Nashville, Tenn., was baptized by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Mrs. Charles Sledge of Memphis, Tenn., was baptized by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger on Nov. 1.

Miss Sarah Ann Memison was received into membership at Peace Congregation in Memphis by the rite of confirmation on Nov. 1.

Mr. Mario Tray was baptized by Rev. H. W. Hoemann at Beaver Falls, Pa., on Oct. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Tray were received as members of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cupps were received into membership by Rev. Hoemann at Beaver Falls on Oct. 28.

Mrs. John Haldie of Warren, Ohio, was received as a member of the

Lutheran Church of the Deaf on Sunday, Nov. 11.

Pamela Schulz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz of Omaha, was baptized on Nov. 1.

Mitchell David Young, Winnipeg, Canada, was baptized by Rev. W. Ferber on Oct. 13.

Donovan Noel Grewe, Fergus Falls, Minn., was baptized by Rev. W. Ferber on Oct. 25.

Linda, Barbara, Jimmy, and Kenny, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Getty, Winnipeg, Canada, were baptized by Rev. W. Ferber on Sept. 14.

Midwest Regional Conference

"Grow and Go with the Gospel" was the theme of the 1959 Midwest Regional Conference held in Omaha on Sept. 19—21.

An average of 35 delegates, pastors, and visitors attended the sessions at Bethlehem Deaf Church in Omaha. Holy Communion was served to 110 members of the Mid-

west Conference in the Sunday morning worship service.

Laymen Richard Tager and Charles Doering from the Omaha field, Herman Butler and Mrs. Ray Dietz from the Denver field, and Robert Baker from the Kansas City field presented essays on various aspects of the convention theme.

They spoke of Sunday school and Bible class, family worship, evangelism, and parish administration. Reports by Executive Secretary Reinking and by Rev. Walter Barth, the Executive Secretary of the Northern Nebraska District, kept the conference in mind of its worldwide responsibility to preach the Gospel.

Saturday evening nearly 100 people enjoyed a banquet and a movie, *The Unfinished Task*, at neighboring Bethany Lutheran Church. Sunday afternoon the conventioners toured the religious exhibits of Joslyn Art Museum.

REV. HERMAN GRAEF



The Midwest Regional Conference enjoyed this banquet served on Sept. 19 by the ladies of Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha



Devotions

“Light for Your Way”

Daily Bible Readings for January

- January 1 — Hebrews 11:32—12:2
- January 2 — Romans 9:1-13
- January 3 — Genesis 6:1-10
- January 4 — Genesis 6:11-22
- January 5 — Genesis 8:1-22
- January 6 — Hebrews 1:1-14
- January 7 — Genesis 9:8-17
- January 8 — Genesis 11:31—12:9
- January 9 — Genesis 15:1-16
- January 10 — Genesis 17:1-14
- January 11 — Genesis 17:15-27
- January 12 — Genesis 18:1-15
- January 13 — Genesis 18:16-33
- January 14 — Genesis 20:1-18

- January 15 — Genesis 21:1-8
- January 16 — Genesis 22:1-14
- January 17 — Genesis 22:15-19
- January 18 — Genesis 23:1-20
- January 19 — Genesis 25:1-11
- January 20 — Romans 4:1-22
- January 21 — Hebrews 11:8-19
- January 22 — Job 1:1-12
- January 23 — Job 1:13-22
- January 24 — Job 2:1-10
- January 25 — Job 19:1-22
- January 26 — Job 19:23-29
- January 27 — Job 42:1-17
- January 28 — Genesis 25:19-28
- January 29 — Genesis 25:29-34
- January 30 — Genesis 27:1-29
- January 31 — Genesis 27:41—28:5

“I am thy Shield, and thy exceeding great Reward.” (Genesis 15:1)

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