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A Shepherd Remembers

A Christmas Monolog

By Rev. H. Rohe

My name is Benjamin. I want to tell you what happened to some friends and me one night long ago. We were shepherds who tended the temple flocks on the fields near Bethlehem, the city of David. Our sheep were used for the sacrifices in the temple services. That is why we were allowed out there that night in December. But let me begin at the beginning.

It had been a strange day for me and my friends. All day the roads from Jerusalem and the northwest had been full of pilgrims. The new decree by the emperor had brought hordes of folks from all over the land, all threading their ways through the mountain passes and plains to get to their home towns, where they had been born, to enroll for the new census. Those whom we saw that day, most of them anyway, were going to nearby Bethlehem, David's town, for they were of the family of David. I thought how poor most of them looked, and how sad that David's people had lately been so ill regarded, and our ancient traditions so lightly passed off. Hardly anyone any more cherished the ancient promises that had been made about David and his family.

I remember, too, we talked during the day, wondering how all these people could find a place to stay for the night in the little town. It was cold these nights. How well I knew, for we had to keep fires going all night long out on the fields to keep ourselves warm, and the sheep huddled so tightly in the folds that we had to be careful that none of them smothered, especially the lambs. In

Merry Christmas

The Board for Missions to the Deaf, the DEAF LUTHERAN, and Lutheran pastors to the Deaf wish you a merry Christmas. May the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ be a source of deep and abiding joy for you throughout the Christmas Season.

Bethlehem there was only one khan, or inn, and once that was filled, there was simply no place to go other than the homes of the townsfolk. No doubt these were filled quickly.

I remember, late in the day, as we herded the sheep along the north road on the way to the Migdal Eder, the watchtower of the flock, where we were to spend the night, we met a man and his wife slowly making their way to the city. The young woman rode on a mule. She was a pretty young girl with an uncommonly saintly face. The man seemed anxious and sad, and we felt sorry for them, especially for the woman. Because she was riding, and they were going so slowly, I remember I remarked to one of the men that she must be expecting a child, no doubt her first-born. We wondered if they would reach the city in time, and I wished I could have helped them. They looked very tired, and someone up near the road later told me that the man had said they had come three days' journey from Nazareth in Galilee. That was about 70 miles north, near the border country.

That night, after we had reached the Migdal Eder, about a half mile from the city, and had taken care of all the flocks—and there were a lot of them—we built our camp fires and prepared our evening meal. This was the time of day I enjoyed the most, for out here on the plains it was quiet and peaceful, and gathered around the fires, we did not mind the cold. However, this night I remember how sad I felt thinking about tomorrow, when some of these dear lambs would be with us no more; for some would be required by the priests for the temple sacrifices. How strange, I thought, that the Lord would use this way to provide forgiveness for the sins of men! Why should the lambs have to suffer so? Someday I must ask the priests about this.

In the quiet darkness, with only the soft-glowing embers of our campfire to light the night, we would study the sky. If it was clear at night, we knew the weather would be good on the morrow. So it was that night. It was wonderful to see the heavens aglow with a myriad of twinkling stars. I thought of another shepherd who had once camped on these same plains. Once they had been the fields of his great-grandfather, Boaz, the husband of Ruth. Only a few miles to the east was the plain where he had killed the giant, Goliath. No doubt it was the memory of his nights out here on the plain that David recalled when he wrote the beautiful words in the psalm, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

While I was thinking about this, suddenly, as if the glowing sky had come down to earth, we were sur-

rounded by a brightness and splendor of light that made us feel as if the very air had turned to light. Surprised and afraid, wanting to hide, but not knowing where, we did not dare to move. At the same time an angel suddenly stood before us and said: "Fear not, for see, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." I remember it so well, just as if it were happening tonight. Then the angel said, "For unto you is born today in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign for you, you shall find the Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

I shall never forget those beautiful, wonderful words, nor the song that followed. Before the angel had finished speaking, the whole sky seemed to light up with thousands, maybe millions of angels, singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Their song was too beautiful to describe. But I shall never forget those words.

As quickly as they had come, they were gone again. In the dark, before I could see again, I began calling to my friends. Full of wonder and amazement, scared, with thoughts racing wildly through my head, and with my heart pounding with excitement, I said: "What does this mean? Can it be true? Has the Messiah come at last?" The angel had said, "The Savior, Christ, the Lord." But "in swaddling clothes" and "lying in a manger." Why so? Was it really true? We did not know what to say or think. At last I said, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see if this has happened as the Lord has told us."

In our excitement we forgot everything. I am glad nothing hap-

pened to our flocks out there alone that night. We did not think of them as we hurried into the city. We did not stop to talk to anyone or to one another. We just ran.

We did not know where to go at first, but we hurried to the inn, where we knew most of the people would be and where news usually reaches first. Yes, the innkeeper told us, there is a man and a woman out in the stable. A baby born? That just could not be! Nobody had said anything. Yet the young woman was expecting. That is why they had let them stay for the night. It was all that was left in the whole city, and they had arrived so late. But how did you know? Who told you?

We did not wait to answer, but hurried to the stable. And it was true. There in the manger was the Child, just as the angel had said. We told them what had happened to us out on the plain. Joseph and Mary, the same couple we had seen out on the north road, then told us what

the angel, Gabriel, had foretold about the Child, and that His name was to be Jesus, the Messiah. We



were all amazed, but thrilled and happy. We marveled at the wonderful way in which God fulfilled the promises of His love and mercy. Tears of joy streamed down our faces.

That is what happened on that wondrous night. I have told this story hundreds of times. I hope that you will tell it too. Believe me, it is true.

Notes from the Executive

Madison Rededicates Remodeled Chapel

Recently members of Silent Lutheran Church of Madison, Wisconsin, experienced the pleasure of rededicating their chapel, after it had been remodeled and enlarged. Although part of the funds for this task came from the local LWML and our Board of Missions for the Deaf, the members of Silent Congregation contributed much to the project in both time and money. The remodeled chapel will be much more adequate to meet the needs of the congregation. Watch for pictures and the story of this project in a future issue.

New Missionary Being Trained

Rev. Robert Corl, formerly a pastor in the American Lutheran Church, has been interested in bringing the Gospel to the Deaf for a number of years. While he served as an American Lutheran pastor in Toledo, Ohio, he conducted weekly services for the Deaf in the Toledo area. Feeling such a need to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf, he decided to join The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, where he could serve the Deaf.

Pastor Corl and his wife have now established themselves in Oakland, Calif. For the next eight months he will be training under

Pastor Gaertner to become a full-time missionary to the Deaf. It is hoped that by the fall of 1961 he will be able to enter our mission as a full-time missionary. God's richest blessings be upon him as he begins his months of preparation and training.

Lutheran Deaf Mission Moves into Wyoming

A few months ago Pastor William Lange of Denver, Colorado, made a survey trip to Cheyenne, Casper, and Torrington, Wyoming. As a result of this trip, services are being planned for the area and perhaps also classwork for the children at the newly organized School for the Deaf in Casper. This now leaves only ten states (including Alaska and Hawaii) in which our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf is not at present active. Let us pray the Lord to enable us to move into these other areas, along with expanding our work in the areas in which we are presently working.

Deaf Mission Given Record Budget

At the recent Counselor-Fiscal Conference of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in Valparaiso, Indiana, an all-time high budget for the church was accepted. More than eight hundred delegates at this meeting voted to establish the 1961 budget at \$21,046,000. Included in this 1961 budget is \$394,620 to carry on the work of our Deaf Mission during 1961. Actually this is \$1,000 more than was requested by our board. Since the delegates at this conference added \$1,000 to our budget, it shows the sincere interest and enthusiasm of our church at large for the work that our mission is doing.

At the present time about 75% of all funds needed to carry on the mission program among the Deaf is furnished by Synod. Our Deaf congregations furnish the other 25%. I am sure that this percentage will change in years to come. As I mentioned last month, the Deaf in the United States are greatly blessed by the Lord. It is now our responsibility as Christians to share our blessings with the Lord for the growth of His church.

When you read this column, some of your churches will have already had stewardship campaigns, and others will be beginning or be in the middle of their stewardship program for 1961. As you plan ahead to 1961, show your thankfulness to God for bringing you to faith in Christ by giving to Him a greater share of what He has given to you.

Since this will be the last issue you will receive before Christmas, let me wish each and every one of you a very blessed and happy Christmas. May the joy of the newborn Savior fill your hearts.

W. F. REINKING



Meditation



Psalm Eight

The Majesty of the Lord

At first reading, Psalm 8 might seem to be a hymn to the beauty of the heavens and the importance of man. The beauty of the night sky is certainly mentioned in verse 3, and man's rule over God's creation is the subject of verses 6 to 8. But the theme of the psalm is the majesty, magnificence, and excellence of the Lord, whose praise is sung already in verse one and then again in the identical words in verse nine:

“O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!”

The word “Lord” is spelled with all capital letters the first time it is used, because this word is different from that which appears second. The first “LORD” is the name “Jehovah,” the special name which God revealed to the Children of Israel through Moses. It was a name which the Israelites always associated with the mercy of God and His saving act of leading them out of bondage in Egypt to their home in Canaan.

Note that the psalmist does not say, “my Lord.” He joins his words of praise with those of God's faithful people, whose Lord is the LORD, Jehovah.

“Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.”

The heavens, or the skies, certainly reveal the glory of God to those who are prepared to see His glory there. We, who know that God created the heavens, can gain a deep insight into His glory from the glory of His creation. If the heavens themselves have glory, then the glory of the God who created them is much greater.

“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.”

The psalmist is not blind to the fact that God has enemies in the world. But he finds it a remarkable fact that God is able to muster strength for a defense among babies and nursing infants, whom men might consider completely helpless. And the psalmist was correct in his judgment of the importance of the infant members of God's kingdom. On Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem in the midst of the praises of the people, the chief priests and scribes criticized Jesus for permitting the children to sing “Hosanna” to Him. In reply, Jesus quoted Psalm 8 and said, “Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast brought forth perfect praise?’” Jesus had already held up a child as an example of the way in which people would have to accept the kingdom of God in order to enter it.

“When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast or-

dained; what is man that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?"

When the psalmist considers the stars up in the sky at night, he realizes that compared with them man is certainly a small thing in the sight of God. He is amazed that God should think of man or visit man with His protection and care.

But God has thought of man. In fact, God has given man an important role in His creation:

"For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

The "crown of glory and honour" was the mark of a king. Thus man is crowned the king of God's creation by the God who also created him. The power which man exercises is not much less than that of the angels.

"Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas."

Verses six to eight remind us of the creation story in Genesis 1:26 to 28, where God gave man dominion (rule) over creation.

Note how the psalm reflects the time it was written. Today man's rule over creation is generally understood in terms of man's use of waterfalls to create electric power, the use of minerals and raw materials to make machinery to build, to travel, and to communicate, and finally, now, to harness the atom to create power. But the psalmist did not live in an age of machinery. At

this early date in the history of the world, man's dominion was evidenced by his rule over other forms of life: the animals which he raised and the wild animals which he might hunt for food.

But the rule which man enjoys is not an absolute rule. The psalm is very clear in stating that God put these things under man's feet. Man could not have ruled creation if God had not given him this position in the world. Since man was given his rule over nature and animals by God, he must answer to God for the way in which he has exercised his rule.

"O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!"

And so the psalm closes with the words with which it began, giving praise to God for His grace toward man.

Even this brief study of Psalm 8 would not be complete without some reference to the way in which the psalm is applied to Jesus. Verses 4-6 are quoted in Hebrews 2:6-9. Here the writer of Hebrews states: "We see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering and death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone." Verse 6 is quoted twice by St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians 15:25 ff. Paul states that it is Christ, the Son of God, who rules all things and who has all things under His feet. And in Ephesians 1:22 the same point is made, that God has put all things under the feet of Christ. It is because of this New Testament usage of Psalm 8 that it has come to be used in worship services on special festivals, like Ascension or even Christmas.



Editorials

Mr. Owner and Mr. Manager

Mr. Owner went on a trip to Europe. Before he left, he gave Mr. Manager the key to his house, his car, and his business. He told Mr. Manager that he could use his house and his car, but that he should take care of his business and his property while he was gone.

Jesus ascended into heaven and left His followers to take care of His church. He has left His business to us. Everything still belongs to Christ. Nothing really belongs to His people. Jesus has given us everything that He wished to give us so that we might use it until He comes again. When Jesus comes back, you and I must tell Him what we have done with the things He has given us.

Everything still belongs to Mr. Owner. Nothing belongs to Mr. Manager. Mr. Manager has the use of everything. Mr. Owner wants him to use everything he left behind. But when Mr. Owner comes back, Mr. Manager must tell him what he has done with all his things. If Mr. Manager has been selfish, and used everything to make himself rich and happy, Mr. Owner will be very angry and will not reward him. If Mr. Manager has done everything he could to take care of Mr. Owner's home, car, and business, then Mr. Owner will be very happy and will give Mr. Manager a bonus.

If we have been selfish with the things Jesus has given us, if we

have done many things to make ourselves happy but little for the church, how can we expect Jesus to be happy with us? The way we have used His gifts will then prove that we love His gifts more than we love Jesus Himself. Our selfish conduct will also prove that we have loved ourselves more than Jesus. But if we have done everything we could to take care of the business of Christ and of His church, then Jesus will see our love for Him. He will give us a crown of life without end in heaven.

There is no part of our time that is our time and the rest God's. There is no part of our money that is our money and the rest God's. It is all His. He made it all and gives it all. But He has trusted us with it to use in His service.

A servant has two purses: his master's and his own. But we have only one purse, and that belongs to God.

Make a list of the things you own.

Make a list of the things you use.

Every one of them is a gift from God for you to have and use in love to Him.

Make a list of the things you use for God. Are the lists the same?

What can you do to make the two lists the same?

Love God more. Love Jesus more. Love His church more.

[Adapted from the parish paper of St. Matthew's Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y.]

Built-in Light

Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him." John 11:9, 10.

Like most of Jesus' parables, these two verses are not the easiest verses of the Bible to understand.

Jesus might be comparing the darkness of the night to the darkness of sin. If that is the case, then this parable would show why people "stumble" in the face of temptation. They live in a world that is dark because of sin.

But the key to this parable is more probably the last half of verse ten, not the first half. "There is no light in him." The reason people stumble in the dark is not because it is dark, but because they have no light within themselves.

This gives the parable a much deeper meaning. Jesus came to give people a "built-in light." With the light that Jesus gives, people can

see the way, even in the darkness of sin.

In the verses just before this parable, Jesus had told His disciples that He intended to go into Judea. His disciples didn't care much for the suggestion. They tried to persuade Jesus not to go, because, they said, "The Jews of late sought to stone Thee; and goest Thou thither again?" That is when Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?"

The light of this world, the sun, makes it possible for us to walk by day without stumbling. But in the night we stumble, because we have no light in ourselves that does for us what the sun can do—light up the way for us.

Let Jesus be your Light. Let Him light the way for you. Let His Word shine in your hearts so that you yourself will glow with His righteousness. Then go out and walk in the darkness of the world of sin. You will have light in yourself, the Light of the world.



Weddings

Des Moines, Iowa. Madeline Jean Hovinga of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Jens P. Sorensen of Humboldt were united in marriage on July 2 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge. Miss Janice Hovinga was maid of honor, and Gene Sorensen was best man.

Joyce H. Brooks and Marvin H.

Masters of Ottumwa, Iowa, were married on August 8 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ottumwa.

Betty Ann Ames and Henry Lester Ahls of Waterloo, Iowa, were married in College Hill Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, on September 3. Best man was William Ahls, and the maid of honor was Miss Karla Kylvn.

Sandra Helen Erb of Des Moines, Iowa, and Richard Randall Pope of Burlington were joined in holy wedlock in Calvary Lutheran Church, Des Moines, on September 17. Maid of honor was Miss Sharon Erb. Best man was Carl E. Dunegan.

† **Mrs. Mabel L. Herbold** †

Des Moines, Iowa. Pastor Clark Bailey reports the death of Mrs. Mabel L. Herbold of Marion, Iowa, on June 16. Funeral services were held on June 18.

Baptisms

Des Moines, Iowa. Eric Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tuttle of Des Moines, Iowa, was baptized in Calvary Church on June 19. Miss Gladys Tuttle and Mrs. Lola Dilocker were sponsors.

Steven James, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rickabaugh of Des Moines, was baptized in Calvary Church on September 11. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Jones.

**Deaf Executives Develop
Phone Techniques**

Washington, D. C. *The C & P Call*, a newsletter published by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. for the Washington area, carried an article in the September issue describing the way in which two deaf executives have perfected systems which enable them to carry on satisfactory telephone conversations.

Dr. Boyce R. Williams, Consultant on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, uses a telephone with the aid of his secretary, Miss Charlotte Coffield, on an extension telephone on his line. She dials a number and tells the person who is calling. Then, at

a signal from her, Dr. Williams picks up the receiver to talk. Seated opposite her supervisor, Miss Coffield repeats for Dr. Williams through sign language the conversation of the person at the other end of the line. As Dr. Williams reads her spelling, he conducts his side of the conversation. Dr. Williams combines this technique with lip reading both at the office and at home.

In Corpus Christi, Texas, an attorney, William F. Wallace, Jr., uses a similar method but depends entirely on lip reading. The telephone extension which his assistant uses has a button which keeps her voice from being heard by the third person.

Mr. Wallace got his idea from a court reporter repeating the words of witnesses into the microphone of a tape recorder. The American Medical Association has recently published an article describing his telephone technique.

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Wallace is president of an oil company, an insurance agency, and an investment company.

**Bethlehem Sunday School
Dedicates Items**

Omaha, Nebr. On September 4 the Sunday School of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Omaha, dedicated a candlestick set to the glory of God as an aid to worship. The set is a memorial by the Galen Philips family to the memory of their youngest son, Gerald, who departed this life at the beginning of the year.

An attendance banner donated by a girl scout troupe which had visited a service at Bethlehem was also gratefully acknowledged and put into use on September 4.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Clem Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 18. A celebration in their honor was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on September 25, with many friends present.

† Eugene Jones †

Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Eugene Jones of Memphis, Tenn., departed this life at the age of 86. Pastor Wayne Bottlinger conducted the funeral service on Wednesday, September 21.

Services for Gallaudet Students

Washington, D.C. Four worship services for Gallaudet students are conducted on Sunday mornings at the new chapel in the Student Union. The schedule provides for a service by the Roman Catholic Church at 7:30 A. M., Lutheran at 8:30 A. M., Episcopal at 9:30 A. M., and Baptist at 11:00 A. M. Services for the Methodist students are held at a church a short distance from the campus.

The administration of Gallaudet College has adopted a policy toward religious groups on campus paralleling that of the various Armed Forces toward their chaplaincy programs. The "neutral" chapel is provided by the school for its students. The schedule for the use of this and other chapel facilities is to be cleared with the Department of Religion.

Pastor Hoemann began to hold services for Lutheran students on campus on October 16. The registrar's office lists 43 students, including the preparatory division, as Lutheran.



Vicar Larry Harris consecrated for his service to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, N. J., by Pastor C. Roland Gerhold

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Omaha, Nebr. Mr. and Mrs. John Burlew of Lincoln, Nebr., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Y. M. C. A. in Havelock, Nebr. Nearly two hundred friends joined them in their celebration. On the following day, September 19, the Burlews visited Omaha, where they were married on September 19, 1910.

Interprets Televised Worship Service

Kansas City, Mo. Pastor A. E. Ferber was privileged to interpret the worship service of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Ninth and Delrose Sts., Wichita, Kans., on Sunday, November 13. Television Station KTVH, channel 12, in Wichita programmed the service from 11:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon.

This was the second interpreted worship service televised by KTVH, Wichita. The first was held on March 27 from Hutchinson, Kans., with Pastor A. E. Ferber serving as interpreter.



Vicar Larry Harris and Pastor C. Roland Gerhold conduct worship service at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, N. J.

Baptism

Omaha, Nebr. Kathleen Louise Graef was baptized into the Christian faith on September 4. Sponsors for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Agle and Miss Jean Bley of Eden, N. Y.

Camp for Deaf Young People in New Jersey

Newark, N. J. Sixteen boys and three girls from Bruce Street School, Newark, the New Jersey School for the Deaf, Trenton, and Mill Neck School for the Deaf, Long Island, attended the first camp for deaf young people sponsored by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, and the Protestant Guild for the Deaf, for which Rev. C. Roland Gerhold is pastoral adviser.

The two-week camp was held at Camp Dennis in Stillwater, N. J. One hundred girls with normal hearing were also at the camp at the time. Pastor Gerhold reports that the two groups, Deaf and hearing, mingled very well.

Camp honor awards went to Alan Bloom, Jeff Maronpot, Robert Ruscansky, Tod Tillotson, and Jeff Gerhold. Patsy Huff received a craft award. Swimming awards were presented to Donna Arble, Richard Emore, Betty Lou Brown, Dennis Ferrance, Jeff Maronpot, Robert Watts, and Jeff Gerhold.

In addition, Walter Caswell, Danny Arble, Larry Arble, Robert Ferrance, Ernest Huff, Moses Shoulders, Barri Snyder, and Norman Wenberg enjoyed nature study, horseback riding, cedar wood craft, speech and lip reading, archery, boating and canoeing, Bible study, arts and crafts, chores, and hiking. The boys went on an overnight hike; the girls went to a masquerade party and dance. One evening a magician was on hand for surprise entertainment. For the Deaf campers the magician himself was a surprise. It was Blackdini, also known as James Casey, of the New Jersey School for the Deaf.

A special feature of the camp program was the presence of a qualified speech therapist, Mr. Thomas Olsen, who not only conducted special sessions for the campers but also served as a full-time counselor.

The Protestant Guild for the Deaf has announced plans for another camp next summer.

Baptisms

Jacksonville, Ill. Kathy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Hannibal, Mo., was baptized by Pastor Delbert Thies on September 25. She was born August 4.

Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pope, Jr., of Burlington, Iowa, was baptized by Pastor Thies on August 28. She was born June 4.

Adult Confirmands

Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vieweg were received into fellowship with the Lutheran Church by making public confession of their faith at Decatur, Ill., on September 18. Rev. Delbert Thies is their pastor.

Workshop at Kendall School

Washington, D. C. A two-day workshop on principles of Deaf education was held September 30 and October 1 at Kendall School for the Deaf, Washington, for volunteer teachers in a religious education program for pupils of Kendall School.

The workshop was designed to provide an orientation to the school and its approach to Deaf education. The emphasis was on language and communication problems in Deaf education and the techniques which have been found to be successful in communicating with children handicapped by a loss of hearing. Protestant and Roman Catholic teachers were expected to apply the principles laid down to the teaching of religious concepts in their respective staff meetings held throughout the school year.

Speakers and leaders for the workshop were Miss Frances Phillips, principal of Kendall School; Mr. Louis Fant of the Department of Education, Gallaudet College; Mr. Edward Scouten, chairman of the Preparatory Department, and Miss Florence Waters of the staff of Gallaudet College; and Dr. Boyce Williams of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

A portion of the workshop was devoted to the observation of classes. Much of the observation

was accomplished with little or no disturbance to the class by means of closed-circuit television.

Teachers from several churches participated in the workshop: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, and Baptist. Pastor H. Hoemann and Mrs. Ralph Kruger attended the workshop as representatives from the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Kruger is participating in the interdenominational program by conducting a weekly class for one group of pupils. Pastor Hoemann, together with other clergymen serving the Deaf in the Washington area, is serving on the Pastoral Advisory Council to the volunteer teachers.

The workshop was planned in such a way that each denomination could participate without compromising any of its principles. The entire religious education program for the pupils is sufficiently flexible to provide the kind of religious instruction which would be compatible with the faith of the parents, whose consent is a prerequisite for any child included in the classes.

North Dakota Deaf Commemorate Founding of Lutheran Church Work

Fargo, N. Dak. On Sunday, September 25, the Deaf in the Fargo area arranged a special service to commemorate the founding of a mission to the Deaf in North Dakota by the Lutheran Church.

It was fifty years ago that Mr. Martin Engen left his home in Kindred, N. Dak., and moved to Minneapolis, Minn., to temporarily room and board with his pastor, Dr. J. L. Salvner, until he had completed his Catechism lessons and been confirmed.

Dr. Salvner was able to be present in person for the thanksgiving service last September to preach the 50th-anniversary sermon for the occasion. Pastor W. Ferber conducted the liturgy.

Mr. and Mrs. Engen now live in retirement. Their son, Harold, with whom they live, with the help of his sister, Mrs. Melvin Anderson, sees to it that all their needs are supplied in abundance.

Prince of Peace Holds Mission Festival

St. Paul, Minn. Rev. William A. Buege of Christ Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., served as guest speaker for the 2:00 P. M. Mission Festival service at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Saint Paul, on October 23. Pastor Buege is the past chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf.

Pastor Buege was prepared to illustrate his missions presentation with stories and pictures taken from firsthand experience. He and Mrs. Buege completed a globe-circling trip last summer, which included many of our mission fields in the Far East.

The Mission Festival program included the regular morning worship service, a dinner served by the ladies of Prince of Peace Congregation, and the afternoon festival service.

Synod Sets \$21 Million Budget for 1961

Valparaiso, Ind. The 2,400,000-member Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, whose Board for Missions to the Deaf sponsors the DEAF LUTHERAN and the synod's Deaf Mission Program, has accepted a 1961 budget of \$21,046,000 for its fiscal year 1961. The budget was adopted

at a conference of Circuit Counselors and District and Synodical officials held September 7 through 14 at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

The budget represents an increase of approximately 6.5% over the current budget for 1960.

Over \$8 million is projected for 1961 expenditures for mission operations. Over \$9 million will be allocated to operating expenses and capital expansion of the synod's 14 preparatory schools, colleges, and seminaries. Nearly \$400,000 was earmarked for the Deaf Mission Program for 1961.

† Dennis Anderson †

Fergus Falls, Minn. Dennis Anderson, 44 of Fergus Falls, Minn., departed this life on September 23. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor W. Ferber on September 29.

Dual Sunday School at Prince of Peace

St. Paul, Minn. A dual Sunday school, one for Deaf children, the other for hearing children of Deaf parents, is conducted each week at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Paul, Minn. Rev. A. L. Hauptman is pastor.

Twenty Deaf boys and girls are enrolled in the Sunday School for the Deaf directed by Mrs. L. Finke. Several mothers of Deaf children serve as teachers. A Volkswagen bus helps provide transportation.

Ten hearing children of Deaf members are enrolled in the second Sunday school conducted by Mr. Michael Drews, director, and Mrs. A. L. Hauptman. Mr. Drews is the son of Pastor Ernest Drews, Jehovah Lutheran Church, chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf.

Both Sunday schools meet from 11:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon.



Devotions

“Light for Your Way”

Daily Bible Readings for December

- December 1 — Acts 21:7-14
- December 2 — Acts 21:17-36
- December 3 — Acts 22:30—23:10
- December 4 — Acts 23:12-35
- December 5 — Acts 24:1-23
- December 6 — Acts 25:1-12
- December 7 — Acts 26:1-32
- December 8 — Acts 27:1-20
- December 9 — Acts 27:21-44
- December 10 — Acts 28:1-10
- December 11 — Acts 28:17-31
- December 12 — 2 Corinthians 11:21
to 33
- December 13 — Philippians 1:12-26
- December 14 — Philippians 3:2-16

- December 15 — 2 Timothy 4:6-18
- December 16 — Luke 1:1-4,
Acts 1:1-5
- December 17 — Acts 16:6-12
- December 18 — Colossians 4:10-17
- December 19 — 2 Timothy 4:9-13
- December 20 — Luke 10:38-42
- December 21 — John 11:17-44
- December 22 — John 12:1-8
- December 23 — Luke 1:26-38
- December 24 — Luke 2:1-7
- December 25 — Matthew 1:18-25
- December 26 — Luke 2:41-50
- December 27 — John 2:1-11
- December 28 — Mark 3:20-35
- December 29 — John 19:23-27
- December 30 — Psalm 103:1-22
- December 31 — Psalm 95:1-7

“Oh, come, let us worship and bow down.” (Psalm 95:6)

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