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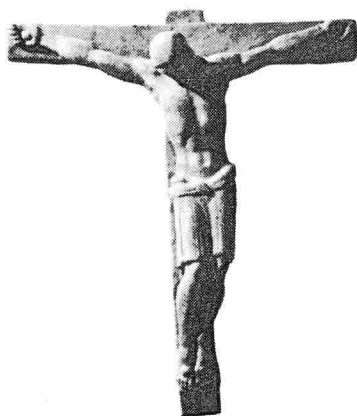
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Notes from the Executive

New Regional Counselors

Last month you read in this column of the new regions that have been established in our mission. However, at that time the counselor for the Midwest and the Central regions had not yet been chosen. The elections are now complete, and Rev. August Hauptman of St. Paul, Minn., has been chosen Counselor of the Midwest Region; Rev. George Kraus of St. Louis, Mo., has been chosen Counselor of the Central Region.

New Mission Field Established

In the January meeting of our Board of Missions to the Deaf it was decided to divide the Memphis field of our mission and to establish a new field in the South, with the headquarters station at Birmingham, Ala. The missionary, who will live in Birmingham, will take care of all preaching stations and schoolwork in Alabama, along with the work at the schools for the Deaf in Cave Springs, Ga., and preaching stations in Atlanta, Ga., and Pensacola, Fla.

The board has called Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City, Mo., as the first missionary in this new field. At the time of this writing Rev. Ferber has made no decision as to whether or not he will accept the call.

Deaf Mission in Japan Planned

In the budget request to Synod for 1962 the Board of Missions to the Deaf has included \$20,000 to cover the cost of sending two Deaf missionaries to Japan in the spring of 1962. These budget requests will be studied and reviewed very carefully before the fiscal conference of our Synod meets to decide the 1962

budget in July of this year. Your board and your missionaries ask your prayers for the Deaf in Japan. Pray that our church will see the great need and give the funds necessary to begin this program.

As soon as the 1962 budget has been decided, our board will begin considering the matter as to whom to call to begin this new and challenging work in Japan.

We hope next month to have several pictures in this magazine to help you become acquainted with the Deaf of Japan.

New Chapel for the Deaf in Memphis

When Trinity Congregation (hearing) in Memphis built a new parish hall 10 years ago, they included in it one room to be used as a chapel for the Deaf. At that time the room was large enough to take care of all the deaf who attended the services there. God has richly blessed the work of our missionaries in Memphis, so that now almost every Sunday morning the chapel is very crowded.

Trinity Church now plans to enlarge their parish hall, and in their plans again they will provide a larger chapel for our congregation, Grace Church for the Deaf. The building program has not yet begun, but it will start some time this year.

Colorado Springs Deaf Will Have New Chapel

Immanuel (hearing) in Colorado Springs has for many years allowed the Deaf to use their church for Sunday school and services. Immanuel Church is directly across the street from the Colorado State

School for the Deaf. Immanuel Congregation has decided to build a larger church and they will use part of their old church as a chapel for the Deaf. Plans for the new church are being drawn now, and Immanuel Congregation hopes to begin building later this year.

God bless you all during this season of Lent and lead you again on the path to Calvary to see the Son of God nailed to the cross to save all people from sin, also you and me. God willing, we will visit with you again next month.

W. F. REINKING

God's Protection

The news item on Pastor Thies's auto accident in this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN is a reminder of the many months that go by *without* an accident by one of the Lutheran ministers to the Deaf.

The editor of this paper has no idea how many miles your Lutheran ministers drive each year to provide worship services for the Deaf throughout the United States and southern Canada. But a rough guess of an average of 25,000 miles a year would probably be low. But using that as a hint at the actual mileage, multiplied by the 40 pastors and vicars who do the driving, we get an annual total of one million miles a year.

We owe God a great debt of gratitude that in the 60 years that Lutheran ministers have been bringing the Gospel of Christ to the Deaf, not one pastor has lost his life in an automobile accident. Even the ac-

cident rate is low for the number of miles driven by our missionaries to the Deaf.

Looking at these mileage figures and at the nation's crowded highways ought to make us do at least two things.

1. We ought to appreciate the risk our pastors take to carry out the work which God has called them to do, driving thousands of miles each year to bring the pastoral care and the message of salvation to hundreds of cities and schools across the country.

2. We ought to pray earnestly to God that He will continue to keep His protecting hand over our pastors as they travel, to lead them safely to their classes and their congregations, and to bring them safely home again.

Have you prayed for your pastor lately? Do it now.

The Deafness Research Foundation

New York, N. Y. Research in deafness, which now affects some 17 million Americans, is being further spurred by announcements recently made by Mrs. Hobart C. Ramsey, president of the Deafness Research Foundation. Mrs. Ramsey has announced the establishment of a tem-

poral bone banks program, an appeal to persons with loss of hearing to bequeath their temporal bones (inner ear structures) for research, and a national membership effort which will provide sustained support for this program.

The temporal bone banks program

has been established to make it possible for people to will their temporal bones to science upon their death. The middle and inner ear is so difficult to study that much of the information which is available on practically every other organ of the body is lacking on the ear. The temporal bone banks will supply information needed to fill this gap. As inner ear findings are compared with a patient's medical history, they will aid in showing the changes that take place in the ear because of an illness, such as Meniere's disease, otosclerosis, or labyrinthitis, or because of deafness due to other causes. A study of such temporal bones will also make it possible for doctors to learn what effect previous medical or surgical treatment may have had on the ear. Persons studying to become otolaryngologists will be permitted to use the material gathered in this research, and the program will be used to help train laboratory technicians in the handling and preparation of ear specimens.

Ear surgery is performed almost entirely with the operating microscope. Considerable skill and training are required to manipulate delicate instruments in the narrow confines of the middle ear even with magnification. Such skill can be acquired only by surgical practice on human ear structures. The temporal bones of persons with no hearing impairment are, therefore, also of extreme value in training physicians to perform ear surgery.

Unlike the eye bank, the materials secured by the temporal bone banks cannot be used for replacement. But they are essential if researchers are to learn the answers to hearing problems now impossible of solution.

Through the temporal bone banks program, for the first time in the history of deafness, two vital needs in otological research will be met on a nationwide scale: medically documented autopsy material will be available in sufficient quantity, and laboratories will be given the financial support needed to process and study the material obtained.

The Deafness Research Foundation, the first and only voluntary national lay organization devoted to sponsoring research in the field of hearing, has launched its appeal for temporal bones in co-operation with the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

The success of any research depends on long-range support. In order to encourage constantly increasing research in laboratories throughout the country, the Deafness Research Foundation has initiated an intensive membership effort. Cost of laboratory work alone in connection with processing one set of temporal bones for study usually amounts to at least \$200.

Persons electing to become annual members of the Deafness Research Foundation may enroll in any one of different categories ranging upward from \$5.00 a year. Members will receive news of the progress and development of the DRF as it is reported in the *Receiver* several times annually.

Support of the temporal bone banks program through the Deafness Research Foundation membership program means that research on deafness will be accelerated in major laboratories throughout the country.

For further information write to the Deafness Research Foundation, 310 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

"With Both Hands Earnestly"

Micah 7:3

With Both Hands Earnestly: Pray

Prayer should be the starting point of all our activities. Prayer is commanded by God for all His people. We are to let Him know all our requests through prayer. We should begin this and every day in prayer. Thank God for all of the blessings He gave us yesterday. Thank God for allowing us to begin a new day. Prayer keeps our evil Foe from us, because "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees." Prayer is a part of worship. We should attend worship services more often. "Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together." In church we can with both hands earnestly praise our Lord.

With Both Hands Earnestly: Work

Do the best possible work on your job. Respect your employer, and give him an honest day's work. Remember that God has placed you in your work so that you can be of benefit to others. Take pride in your work.

The Lord also has much work for us to do. His vineyard is large. The fields are white unto harvest. But only a few are found to work for the Lord. The pastor has been called by God to be the spiritual leader of the congregation. By himself he can do only a very small portion of the Lord's work. With the help of all in the congregation more of the Lord's work is accomplished. Our love for Christ must move us to work for His church so that His kingdom may extend and more souls may be won for Christ.

With Both Hands Earnestly: Give

We know that God has given us our most precious gift: Jesus Christ. That is not all God gives us. God daily gives us all we have: food, clothing, home, and friends. Everything we have belongs to God. What do we give God? If you would add up the money you spent for entertainment or for other luxuries last year and then add up what you gave to the church, to God, wouldn't you think God would feel a little left out? We can all afford to give more. Let us, with both hands, pledge to give more to God for the gifts He has given us.

"With Both Hands Earnestly"

Make the words of Micah 7:3 a personal motto for your faith. Use both hands earnestly in the kingdom of God. Pray, work, and give for the cause of Jesus Christ.

F. WAGENKNECHT

Lent

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who by His bitter suffering and death has atoned for your sin and mine and has reconciled the world to God, grant you a deep and abiding love for Him and for His Word, so that you may remain faithful to Him throughout your life on earth and finally obtain the perfect joy of everlasting life in heaven. Amen.

Are You Working for the Lord?

A short time ago one of the leaders of our church said that more things have happened in this 20th century than have happened in any other century in the history of the world and that the world seems to be rushing to its end. How much longer will you and I have to work for the Lord by spreading the good news of His salvation to other people? In January of this year there was a home missions conference of our Synod in St. Louis. One evening the delegates to the conference gathered on the 16th floor of a hotel in St. Louis for a banquet and to hear Rev. Wm. Buege, former chairman of our Board of Missions to the Deaf, speak on the topic "Where Our Church Should Be in A. D. 2,000." Before all the people had a chance to finish their dessert, a fire broke out in the elevator shaft of the hotel, and the 225 guests at the banquet had to leave the banquet room quickly and walk down 15 flights of steps to escape the heavy smoke which rapidly filled the banquet hall. As the guests walked down the steps, the thoughts of many were perhaps the same as those of one man who said, "We were going to hear about the church in A. D. 2,000, but perhaps we, and even the world, may not be here at that time. We must do His work now." Another speaker at the conference, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, the speaker of the Lutheran Hour, talked on the topic "Tomorrow Is Now." He said that we should lift up our eyes and see that the harvest is white, that millions of people are without the Gospel, and that it is the church's responsibility to bring them the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The work of the church in spreading the Gospel of Christ is not the work of the pastors and the teachers of the church alone. It is the work of every Christian, every member of a Christian church. Many of our members have given much of their time to work for the Lord. Last January Chester Correll of Memphis, Tenn., was called home to his eternal rest by our heavenly Father. Mr. Correll had been a member of our mission in Memphis for many years. On the Sundays when our missionaries could not be in Memphis for service, he taught the Bible class and assisted our missionaries in many ways to help enlarge the congregation in Memphis. There are many other fine members of our church who have given much of their time and of their abilities to the Lord in the service of His kingdom. But is every one of us doing everything he can for the Lord? I'm sure that each and every one of us can do more work for the Lord in the city in which we live. So many times the congregation must depend on a few people to carry the full load of the work in the church. But the work of the Lord is the responsibility of every Christian. What are you doing for the Lord? How much more time will you have in your life to save a soul for Christ?

Our congregations, our missionaries, and our board give thanks to the almighty God on high for the many faithful and loyal members who work to spread the good news of Jesus to the Deaf in their city. But in church work we must not say, "Let George do it." The great command of our Lord Jesus Christ "Go into all the world, and preach

the Gospel to every creature" was given not only to a group of ministers but also to each and every Christian. The unsaved souls of the Deaf are our responsibility. How wonderful it would be if during this season of Lent each one of us would bring one more Deaf person to Christ! Try it this year. You will never know such joy in your heart as when you have the privilege of

leading a lost soul to the joyful knowledge of Christ, his Savior.

The world might be rushing to its end, as one speaker said. We do not know how much time we have left. But we do know that in the times we live in we have a great job to do. May God give us all the strength, the zeal, the willingness, and the courage to go and seek the lost and bring Christ to them.

W. F. REINKING

I Need Thee Every Hour

A man once had a watch made on which he had the words CHRIST IS THE LORD written instead of the numbers. He did this, he said, to remind him of the fact that every hour of the day or night Christ was his Lord and Master. This helped him to dedicate his life more fully to his Savior.

Yes, may we always remember

that every hour of every day of every month of every year we are the Lord's. We need Him. Without Him our lives are empty, hopeless — failures. But with Him, as Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." May this and every year be one of close communion with your Savior.

H. ROHE

He Died for All

"He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:15).

As the verse above clearly shows, "He died for all" is only half of the verse. It is true enough as it stands. Jesus did die for all, and on that fact depends the salvation of all who believe in Him. The first part of the verse shows the *greatness* of God's love, that the death of His Son should be for all.

The second part of the verse shows the *purpose* of God's love. It tells us why Jesus died. It tells us why

He died for all: that those who live should live unto Him.

Unfortunately, many people for whom Christ died continue to live unto themselves. That is why "He died for all" does not mean "all will be saved."

Pray that Christ's death for you will accomplish its purpose for you, that you live not for yourself, not for selfish reasons, but for your Savior, Jesus, who died for you and rose again.

Then His death for all will become a personal confession of faith: "He died for me." And your faith will bear its fruit in action as you also confess: "I live unto Him."



New Officers at Rochester, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y. New Officers for 1961 at Alpha Lutheran Church, Rochester, are Mr. Ronald Hefferman, president, Mr. James Bull, vice-president, Mr. Robert Bahm, secretary, Mr. Herbert Altemoos, treasurer. Trustees elected for a three-year term are Mr. Chester Leary and Mr. Leonard Van Vechten. Officers and trustees were installed on Jan. 8.

Joint Mission Rally

Billings, Mont. A joint mission rally of hearing and deaf Lutherans was held on Sunday, Jan. 15, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Billings, Mont. Pastor Rodney Rynearson conducted the service in speech and sign language. The sermon, based on Mark 7:31-37, emphasized Christ's miracle in healing the deaf man and in doing all things well.

Nine deaf and over 80 hearing people participated in the joint service of worship and Holy Communion, with more than 40 persons receiving the Lord's Supper.

After the service Pastor Rynearson gave a short history of the Deaf Missions Program of the Lutheran Church, citing some statistics on the work in America. He also spoke briefly on Synod's desire to send a missionary to Japan. A thirty-minute question and answer session followed.

A fellowship hour took place after the meeting, in which the hearing and deaf participants conversed by pad and pencil. Rev. H. A. Wood, Pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, has a sister who is deaf, formerly a student at the South Dakota school, now a teacher in California.

Official Acts, Spokane Field

Spokane, Wash. Miss Flynda Renee Weese, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weese of Billings, Mont., was baptized on Nov. 20, 1960, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings, Mont. Flynda was born Oct. 4.

Mr. James Purvis was baptized and confirmed and Mrs. James Purvis was received through confession of faith at Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Spokane, Wash., on Jan. 8, 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Purvis' four sons, Ronald, Michael, William, and Gary were all baptized last Mother's Day, May 8, 1960.

View Far East Slides

Spokane, Wash. On Sunday, Jan. 22, members of Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Spokane, viewed a series of colored slides from photographs taken by Executive Secretary William F. Reinking on his survey of the Far East last year.

The survey was sponsored by the Deaf through contributions to the Deaf Mission Society.

A special collection was gathered at the meeting after the slides were shown. The offering was given to the Deaf Mission Society in memory of Dr. J. L. Salvner.

LWML Donates Bibles

Columbus, Ohio. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, presented 20 Bibles in the Revised Standard Version to the congregation. Since January 1961 these Bibles are being used in the Bible classes at Holy Cross every Sunday.

Pastor Ludwig Convention Chaplain

Columbus, Ohio. Rev. William Ludwig, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus, served as convention chaplain to the West Virginia Association of the Deaf at Charleston, W. Va., from August 19 to 21, 1960.

† John W. Hult †

Ishpeming, Mich. John W. Hult, a faithful member of the northern Michigan mission served by Rev. O. C. Schroeder, departed this life on Sunday, January 8, at the age of 71. His death occurred on Long Island, N. Y., where Mr. Hult was visiting his brother- and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Hult.

For many years Mr. Hult's home was the place of worship for the Deaf in northern Michigan.

Delavan Officers

Delavan, Wis. Elected to church offices at the Delavan, Wis., congregation for 1961 are: Marvin Goff, president (re-elected); Eugene Padon, vice-president; George Tscharnner, secretary (re-elected); William Kruckenber, treasurer

(re-elected). August Kastner was elected elder for a two-year term, and George Tscharnner was elected trustee for a three-year term. Russell James will continue to serve one more year as elder, while August Kastner will continue to serve one year, and Percy Goff two years, as trustees. The evangelism committee was re-elected, consisting of Percy Goff, George Tscharnner, and Russell James. The officers were installed on January 8.

Membership Additions

Oakland, Calif. Dr. G. W. Gaertner, pastor of Memorial Chapel, Oakland, Calif., announces the following additions to membership in the Lutheran congregation there:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hickerson by the rite of confirmation.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Corl by transfer from Oak Harbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rasmus by transfer from Wisconsin.

San Jose, Calif. Mrs. Deloreis Shelby was united in membership with the Lutheran congregation at San Jose by the rite of confirmation. Miss Leta Graham, Mrs. Laurance Dearborn, and L. Carlson were received into membership by transfer from their former congregations.

Mrs. Orlin Anderson

New York, N. Y. On October 9, 1960, Miss Delores Elaine Menezes became Mrs. Orlin Anderson in a ceremony conducted at Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Ill. She and Pastor Anderson reside at 51-69 74th St., Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Anderson was graduated from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill., and headed the Medical



Mrs. Orlin Anderson

Records Department at Passavant Memorial in Jacksonville prior to her marriage.

A native of Jacksonville, Mrs. Anderson held memberships in the American Association of University Women, the Altrusa Club, Business and Professional Women, and the American Association of Medical Record Librarians.

Action in the Supreme Court

Washington, D. C. The Supreme Court has acted recently on several cases involving religious issues:

1. The Bible reading in the public schools case has been returned to the state of Pennsylvania for rehearing in the light of a state amendment which now makes Bible reading permissive rather than mandatory and excuses conscientious objectors from participation.

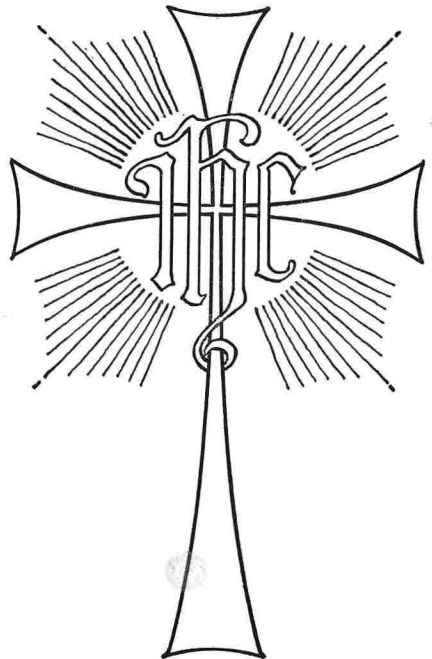
2. The case challenging the constitutionality of Connecticut's 81-year-old birth-control law, the most

restrictive of any state, has been postponed until later in 1961.

3. An appeal has been received from the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL—CIO, asking the Court to uphold previous decisions which acknowledge Sunday closing laws to be constitutional.

4. The Court has agreed to rule on the question whether a man must declare "belief" in God to be eligible to administer legal oaths. This appeal has been filed by Roy R. Torcaso of Silver Spring, Md., an avowed atheist, who was denied a notary public commission by his state because he would not swear that he believes in God.

5. The Court has agreed to hear at least one of half a dozen cases dealing with censorship of obscene books, magazines, and movies. The case to be studied involves the movie *Don Juan*.





J. P. Miller receives a Testimonial of Esteem and Appreciation from Rev. E. Schroeder, center, and Rev. E. Drews, right

Forty Years of Service

Minneapolis, Minn. Forty years of service on the Board for Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod were remembered on the 80th birthday (January 8) of J. P. Miller, 1104 Vincent Ave. South, Minneapolis. Rev. Ernest Drews, chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, and Rev. Erwin S. Schroeder, Secretary, presented a testimonial to Mr. Miller in recognition of his 40-year membership on the board.

The 40 years of service by Mr. Miller set a record for laymen in the 120-year history of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Mr. Miller was elected to the board in 1920.

Since June 1959 Mr. Miller has been serving as consultant to the

board. He represented the board as a member of the building committee of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 205 Otis Ave., St. Paul, Minn., dedicated in 1959. He also served as consultant in building projects at Delavan, Wis., and Los Angeles, Calif., in 1960.

Mr. Miller has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society, Minneapolis, for 43 years. He is a member of Trinity First Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Rockford Officers

Rockford, Ill. Since it had not been a full year since the Deaf congregation at Rockford, Ill., has been organized, it was decided that the officers who were elected at the time the congregation was organized

should continue to serve during 1961. Theron Lewis is president; Richard Nelson, vice-president; Russell Rains, secretary; Verle Suhr, treasurer. Paul Hoover is trustee for two years, and Nels Ackerson for one year. Elders are the president and vice-president. The evangelism committee consists of Richard Nelson, chairman; Roy Wendt, Paul Hoover, Theron Lewis, and Russell Rains.

Christmas Display Wins Award

Delavan, Wis. A third-place ribbon and a cash gift of \$10 were awarded a Christmas display prepared by the Lutheran Deaf Sunday school teachers at Delavan, Wis., in a contest sponsored by the Delavan Chamber of Commerce.

The display was titled "The Greatest Christmas Gifts." It showed the manger scene and featured a large

revolving wheel, on which small packages in Christmas wrappings were attached labeled Peace, Hope, Joy, Forgiveness, Salvation, Righteousness, Rest, and Heaven. Pupils who helped prepare the display were Ronald Byington, Dale Ross, Karen Banovez, Karen Crandall, Karen Huebner, Marilyn Reukauf, and Sharon Anderson.

Mortgage Burning Ceremony

Oakland, Calif. The members of Memorial Chapel, Oakland, Calif., burned their mortgage on Christmas morning 1960. One year ago the group set December 25 as their goal for the payment of the debt and doubled their efforts to make their final payment last year.

Leo White, treasurer, and two of the older members of the congregation took part in the ceremony.



L. to r., Miss Irene Lynch, Leo White, and Mrs. Lizzie Fiandt burn the mortgage of Memorial Chapel, Oakland, Calif.

Wedding

Columbus, Ohio. John Kelly and Mrs. Martha Coleman were united in marriage on December 17 in Columbus, Ohio. Pastor William Ludwig performed the wedding ceremony.

Northwest Deaf Laymen's Conference

Seattle, Wash. The 12th annual Northwest Deaf laymen's conference is scheduled to take place from June 29 to July 2, 1961, at Camp Luther on Lake Hatzig near Mission, British Columbia.

Baptism

Washington, D. C. Mary Ann Snyder, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snyder of Rockville, Md., was baptized into the Christian faith on Sunday, Jan. 8, 1961. Mr. and Mrs. D. Peterson witnessed the ceremony, serving as proxies for the sponsor, Mrs. Nina Davis. Pastor Hoemann officiated. Mary Ann was born October 21.

Atlantic Regional Retreat

Newark, N. J. The Lutheran Deaf retreat for the Atlantic Region is scheduled for the second weekend in June, June 9—11, at Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, N. J.

Pastor Thies in Auto Accident

Jacksonville, Ill. Pastor Delbert Thies of Jacksonville, Ill., was involved in an automobile accident on December 17 while traveling to Burlington for a worship service. His Corvair was badly damaged, and Mrs. Thies was hospitalized for two days for treatment of face and leg injuries.

Mylo Huffman and Charles Pope, Jr., met Pastor Thies in Carthage to take him and three boys who were not injured to Burlington for the worship service. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fleenor drove them home to Jacksonville.

Bethel Deaf Church Officers

Des Moines, Iowa. Officers for Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, were elected by the voters' assembly on Nov. 1. The election results are as follows: president, C. Schmidt; vice-president, Ronald Nester; secretary, George Dietz; treasurer, Ray Dietz; usher, Glenn Urie. Vice-president Ronald Nester will also be serving as financial secretary to the congregation.

Official Acts — Seattle Field

Seattle, Wash. Rev. John A. Beyer reports the following official acts and special services for the Seattle Field:

Golden Wedding Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. P. Stuard on Oct. 2 at Tacoma, Wash.

Funerals: Mrs. Roy Harris departed this life on September 11 in Yakima, Wash., and was laid to rest there on September 13.

Mrs. Alvin Matthews departed this life in Everett, Wash., on November 17, with funeral services on November 23.

Infant Baptisms: Sonia Arlene Acreys, Seattle, September 11; Patsy Lee Thompson, Yakima, September 27; Douglas Asquith Bains, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 6; Darlene Dorothy Koshelniks, Everett, November 13; Ricky Dockters, Tacoma, December 11.

Confirmation: Miss Grace Clark, Seattle, April 10.

Marriages: Georgina Couture and Ralph Baker, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 21; Mrs. Ruth Huffman and Don A. Redford, Jr., Tacoma, July 4; Walter I. Roberts and Lois L. Erickson, Seattle, Oct. 1.

Central Illinois Field

Jacksonville, Ill. The 1960 annual report on the Central Illinois Field, released by Rev. Delbert Thies, shows the following increases in membership in the various stations in the field:

Springfield: five new members, two deaths

Bloomington: one new member, one death

Peoria: three new members

Decatur: two new members

Mattoon: no change

Quincy-Hannibal: two new members, one death

Burlington: five new members

The total of new members for the seven stations during 1960 is 18; the total of deaths is 4, leaving a net gain of 14 members for the year.

The report also showed one marriage and three baptisms at the seven stations.

Wanted

Washington, D. C. Wanted: pictures, bulletins, old papers, etc., about Lutheran Deaf congregations from years past. If you have a box of old church papers, pictures of Deaf Lutherans and of former pastors, confirmation classes, or other old church materials, please do not throw them away. Give them to your minister to the Deaf, or write directly to the DEAF LUTHERAN, 1728

Varnum St. N.W., Washington 11, D. C. The papers you now have may be important for keeping a good history of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in America.

Baptisms

Pittsburgh, Pa. Paul Pitzer and Thomas Simich, Jr., both of Freedom, Pa., were brought into God's kingdom of grace by Holy Baptism on November 30 at Beaver Falls, Pa. On December 4 Mrs. Ruth Haldie received Holy Baptism in Warren, Ohio. Pastor Frank Wagenknecht officiated.

Pittsburgh Considers New Church Home

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa., held a meeting on January 15 to adopt a budget for 1961 and to consider the possibility of finding a new church home for the congregation. For several years the Deaf congregation has been worshipping at First Trinity Lutheran Church on North Neville St. in Oakland. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht is pastor of the Pittsburgh Deaf congregation.

† Lincoln Pidgeon †

Denver, Colo. Lincoln Pidgeon of Julesburg, Colo., departed this life on December 15 after an illness of about six weeks. Funeral services were held in the Julesburg Methodist Church on December 17. Mr. Pidgeon was graduated last year from the Nebraska School for the Deaf and had been confirmed as a member of the Lutheran Church by Rev. E. Mappes of Omaha, Nebr. He had attended services in Julesburg, Colo., conducted by Rev. William Lange of Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church in Denver.



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Daily Bible Readings for March

- March 1 — Mark 6:14-29
- March 2 — Mark 6:30-44
- March 3 — Mark 6:45—56
- March 4 — Mark 7:1-23
- March 5 — Mark 7:24-37
- March 6 — Mark 8:1-10
- March 7 — Mark 8:11-26
- March 8 — Mark 8:27—9:1
- March 9 — Mark 9:2-13
- March 10 — Mark 9:14-29
- March 11 — Mark 9:30-50
- March 12 — Mark 10:1-16
- March 13 — Mark 10:17-31
- March 14 — Mark 10:32-45

- March 15 — Mark 10:46-52
- March 16 — Mark 11:1-14
- March 17 — Mark 11:15-33
- March 18 — Mark 12:1-12
- March 19 — Mark 12:13-34
- March 20 — Mark 12:35-44
- March 21 — Mark 13:1-13
- March 22 — Mark 13:14-37
- March 23 — Mark 14:1-16
- March 24 — Mark 14:17-31
- March 25 — Mark 14:32-42
- March 26 — Mark 14:43-52
- March 27 — Mark 14:53-65
- March 28 — Mark 14:66-72
- March 29 — Mark 15:1-15
- March 30 — Mark 15:16-20
- March 31 — Mark 15:21-39




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