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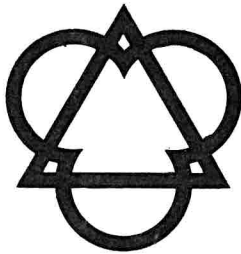
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and of the Son
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Lutheran Deaf Work Begun in Hong Kong

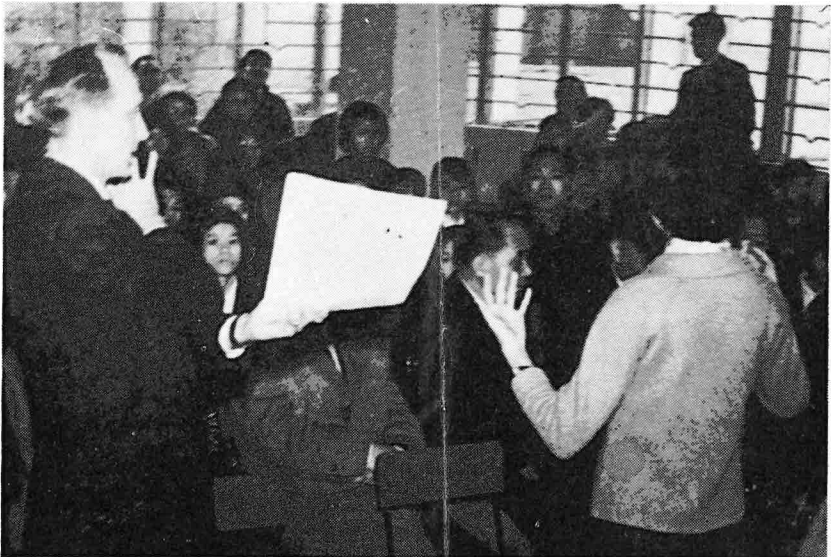
Miss Gertrude Simon, one of our mission workers in Hong Kong, has become very much interested in working with the Deaf and has written the following letter dated April 21 to tell us about the work being done for the Deaf in Hong Kong:

“DEAR PASTOR REINKING: Thank you for both your letters concerning the Deaf work in Hong Kong. Officially this work started in Kowloon on the 18th of February this year. The reason for starting work among the Deaf is that you came in summer of 1960 and created more urgent interest. Still we confess we were slow in starting. After two months' preparation and the consent of the Government we were happy to have the opening at the above given date, although Evangelist Titus Lee had contacts before this time.

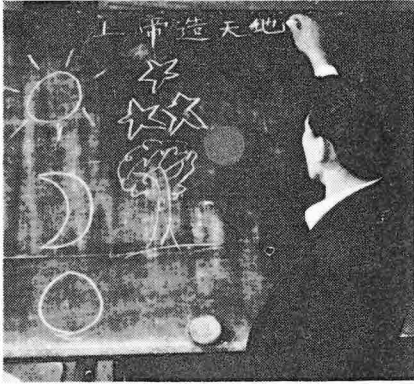
“The Government gave us the names and addresses of about 150

people to whom invitations were sent. On the day of the opening 60 deaf people and 3 Government representatives, besides 17 other people, including 4 missionaries, were present. Picture No. 1 shows Rev. Holt preaching and Miss Yip making the signs. *Some of the Deaf heard about Jesus that day for the first time.* The attention was fair. After the service, pop and cakes with candy were served. The Coca Cola Co. gave 200 bottles of pop, and the eats were supplied by Miss Boss from special funds. There were also games, papers, and magazines for the people's use. At 5 o'clock everyone went home seemingly pleased.

“The people were urged to come back on Wednesdays and Sundays. The first few times only a few attended class. These people are almost all very poor, and after money for fare was given them more and more are coming. After class they draw the lesson they just had



No. 1. Rev. Holt conducts worship service with Miss Yip interpreting



No. 2. Drawing the lesson

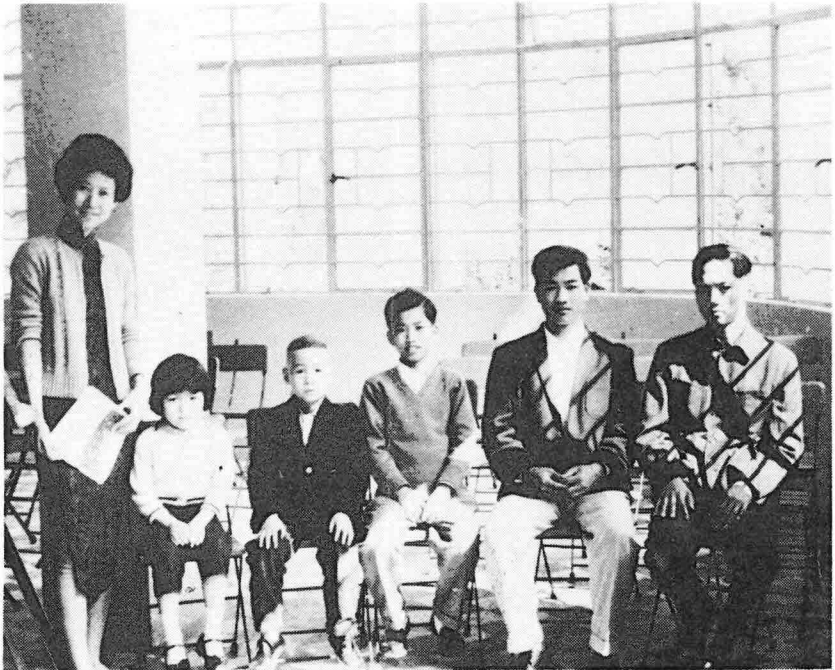
on the blackboard or on paper, Pictures 2 and 3. Picture 4 shows the small class before the money for fare was given. Last Sunday 26 were present.

"April third was vacation day so the Sung Eng and True Word Young People went with the Deaf on a picnic to North Point Chai Sai Wu,



No. 3. Drawing the lesson

where again all had a wonderful time. No. 5 shows us on the road. Picture No. 6 shows us at the meal, eating 40 lbs. of bread and other things. Next we had the devotion hour. Evangelist Philip Ho, who is in charge of the above-mentioned places, led the devotions and sing-



No. 4. Starting class



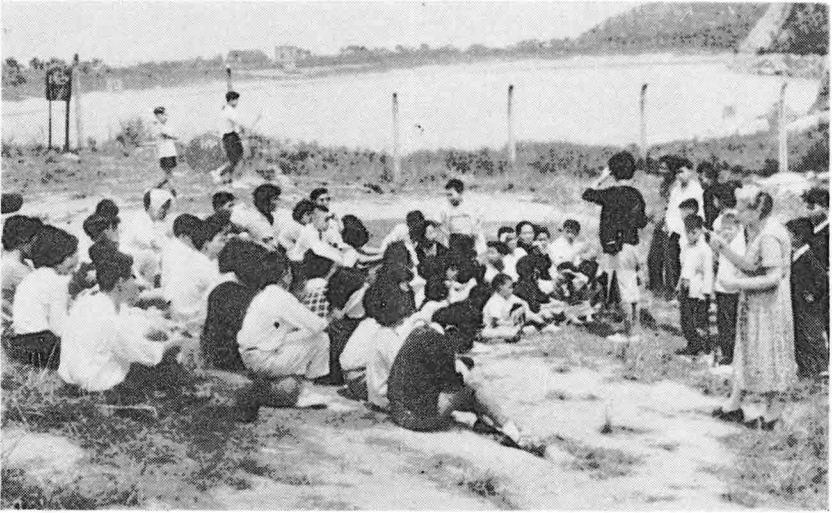
No. 5. On the way to a picnic

ing. We also learned a Bible passage song. Picture No. 7 shows us as we are trying to learn that song. Next came games—one was rope jumping, the other throwing the ring on

a post, and last, football. The first two games the young people won; the ball game the Deaf won—and they were proud! The score was 1 to 3.



No. 6. The picnic feast



No. 7. Learning a song

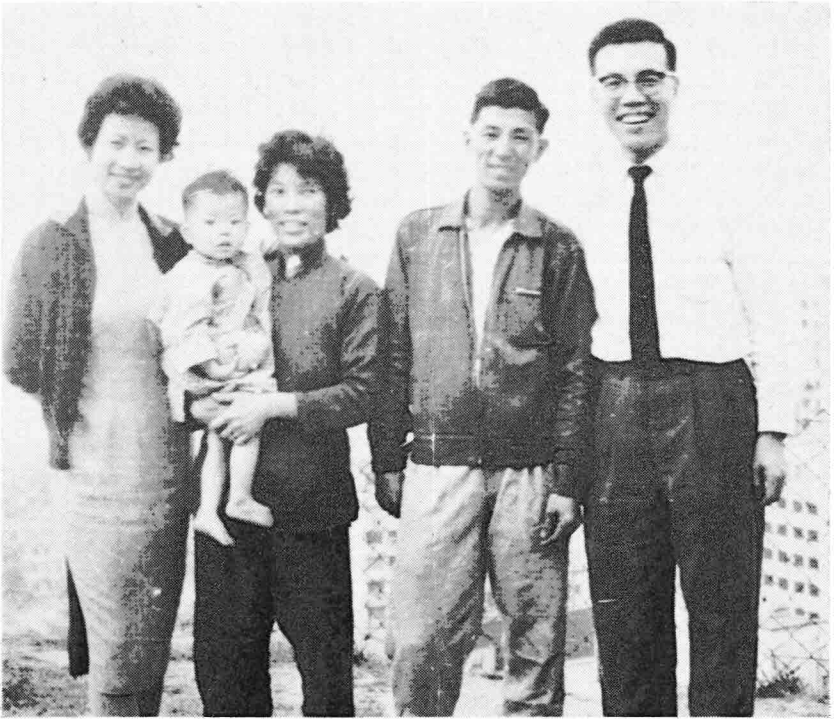
“Picture No. 8 shows a group of Deaf. Picture No. 9 shows a husband and wife, both deaf, perhaps attending a picnic for the first time in their life. They have a hearing child. This picture also shows Evangelist Ho and Miss Yip, the teacher

for the Deaf. One mother all the way from Chuan Wan brought her deaf child and was so glad that he had such a good time. The day started at 9:30, and we parted at 5 P. M. All had a good time.

“At the present time the chapel —



No. 8. A group of deaf people



No. 9. Miss Yip (left) and Evangelist Ho (right) pose with a deaf couple and their hearing child

True Word — is open to the Deaf each week twice on Wednesdays and Sundays, afternoons from 2:00 to 5 o'clock. On Wednesdays a son of one of the members, also a Christian, takes charge of that place. He is a deaf-mute. They can come to read or to play. On Sundays the people play until 3, when the Sunday service starts. Evangelist Ho preaches and Miss Yip translates. After their lessons they all get a piece of paper and a pencil and are asked to draw what they have learned. At this time the people may also present their questions and problems. One of the girls — a hard one to manage — got her teeth knocked out, four of them. She is getting new teeth now from the Lutheran World Federation, and she is very happy about it. We have also

put aside the last Tuesday in the month to visit the homes of these people.

“We thank the Lord for blessing this work. Each week so far one or two new people are coming. Last week, while we were looking for a couple whom we were to look up — so it was requested by letter — we found a 9-year-old deaf boy for whom we were not looking, but did not have time to find the couple we were to visit. Last Sunday the man was in church, and we are surprised how well he can lip-read and speak Chinese, and even can write and understand English, though he cannot speak it. After speaking to this man, we thought the deaf children should all learn to speak. They can express themselves so much better that way.

“The Deaf class in Kowloon has all ages, a few grownups, mostly young people, and quite a few children, of whom two come from Miss Yip’s school. A number of them come from the Government center, since they have no religious classes in the center. A few of those attending did not have schooling. In Hong Kong Evangelist Titus Lee has one study class two times a week. His students are probably from the Hwa Chao Lung Ya School.

“Thanking you sincerely for your interest and help, and may the Lord bless His work among the Deaf — for this we ask your earnest prayers! Sincerely in Him, Gertrude Simon.”

Rev. Holt is a missionary in Hong Kong who has been appointed by the Hong Kong Missionary Conference as chairman of the committee to work with the Deaf. He has been very helpful in getting the work started. Miss Yip Wai Ying is a member of Rev. Holt’s congregation and teaches in a small

private school. Rev. Reinking had an opportunity to meet Miss Yip while he was on his trip to Hong Kong and found that Miss Yip was deeply interested in establishing work among the Deaf in Hong Kong. She also has been very helpful in getting the Deaf work started. Evangelist Titus Lee and Evangelist Philip Ho are students at our seminary in Hong Kong who will graduate later this year. Evangelist Lee knows the sign language and has been able to conduct services for the Deaf by himself. Evangelist Ho is just now beginning to learn the sign language and depends on Miss Yip to interpret for him when he teaches the Deaf.

This work in Hong Kong is new and the people who are doing it need your sincere prayers that God will continue to bless the work and give them the understanding necessary to continue with the work. However, you see from Miss Simon’s



Sunday school class of deaf pupils with their teacher (second from right) and Miss Gertrude Simon (right)

letter that there is a need for funds to provide fare for the Deaf to bring them to and from the chapel. Many of the Deaf are very poor and have very little opportunity to earn any money. There is also a need for money to buy Christian books, magazines, and other materials necessary to teach the Bible classes. You may send your gifts and contributions for this work directly to the Deaf Mission Office at 210 N. Broad-

way, St. Louis 2, Mo. Make all checks and money orders payable to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

There are several Deaf in Hong Kong who can benefit from a hearing aid. If there is anyone who has a used aid and would like to donate it to some needy deaf person in Hong Kong, please send the hearing aid also to the Deaf Mission Office in St. Louis.

Notes from Executive Secretary Reinking

EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE

July 18—21

Seward, Nebr.

Rev. Drachenberg Leaves Mission

The previous issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN announced briefly that Rev. Herbert Drachenberg, pastor of Silent Lutheran Church in Madison, Wis., and missionary to the Deaf in central and northern Wis., had accepted a call to Monona Lutheran Church in Madison. The announcement was inserted after the type had been set, so that additional comments had to be postponed until this issue. Pastor Drachenberg served as a missionary to the Deaf for five years after his graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1956. He served for three years as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus and missionary to the Deaf in central Ohio. He had served the Madison field for the past two years. It is with deep regret that we see Pastor Drachenberg leave our mis-

sion, but we know that he will always remain a friend of the mission and a dear friend of the Deaf. May God richly bless him as he enters his new work.

Candidate Pokorny Called to Indianapolis

Candidate Daniel Pokorny, a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has been called as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Indianapolis and missionary to the Deaf in Indiana. Candidate Pokorny has already had considerable experience in the Deaf Mission. For three years he has assisted the missionary in St. Louis, and during his year of vicarage he worked with Pastor C. Roland Gerhold in Newark, N. J. During his last year at the seminary Mr. Pokorny also assisted our St. Louis missionary and made occasional trips out of Saint Louis to preach to Deaf congregations. Candidate Pokorny will be ordained and installed in Indianapolis on August 27. May God bless his labors among the Deaf in the Indiana area.

Evansville Congregation Changes Fields

At a congregational meeting in April of this year the Evansville congregation voted to leave the Indianapolis field and become part of the St. Louis field. Rev. George Kraus, missionary to the Deaf in St. Louis, now becomes pastor of the Evansville group and continues to have services for them twice a month. The preaching station in Vincennes, Ind., also came over to the St. Louis field, and services are now held in alternate months in Vincennes and Flora, Ill. These changes will allow the new pastor in Indianapolis to have weekly services at Peace Lutheran Congregation in Indianapolis, along with weekly Sunday morning Sunday school classes for students from Indiana State School for the Deaf.

Fort Wayne Congregation to Join Indiana Field

Another change in Indiana in recent months has been the transfer of the congregation at Fort Wayne from the South Chicago field, under the leadership of Rev. Leroy Mason, to the Indiana Field, which is to be served by Candidate Daniel Pokorny. Mr. Pokorny will continue to have regular services in Fort Wayne and will also assume the responsibility for teaching sign language to students at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne.

Four Vicars Assigned to Deaf Missions

The Board of Assignments, meeting in St. Louis on May 2 and 3, saw the need for workers in our Deaf Mission and assigned to our mission four vicars to assist our pastors.

Student Donald Leber, Concordia Seminary, Springfield, has been assigned to assist Rev. Gyle in the Florida field of Deaf Missions. Student George Heidenrich, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will work with Rev. Gerhold in the New Jersey field of Deaf Missions. Student David Houser, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will work in the Texas-Oklahoma field of Deaf Missions with whatever pastor accepts the call to Texas. Student Martin Hewitt, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will work in Vancouver, B. C., to serve the growing needs of the Deaf in that part of the country. Student Hewitt will be working under the supervision of Rev. John Beyer, Seattle, Wash. Vicar George Heidenrich will serve the vacant Indianapolis field during July and August prior to his internship at Newark, N. J.

Rev. Rohe Called to Texas

Since Rev. Theo. Frederking of Cleveland, Ohio, had declined the call to Texas, the Board for Missions to the Deaf called the Rev. Herbert Rohe as missionary to the Texas—Oklahoma field. Pastor Rohe accepted the call and will move to Houston after Aug. 1.

Rev. Erwin Schroeder Continues to Recover

Rev. Erwin Schroeder, Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, continues to recover from a heart attack. He was able to attend the Board meeting in May and announced at that time that he hoped to be able to resume his full responsibilities as hospital chaplain very soon.

Rev. Elmer Koberg Visits Holy Land

Board member Rev. Elmer Koberg is spending four weeks in the Holy Land. The trip is a gift to

Pastor and Mrs. Koberg from Trinity Congregation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in honor of the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

W. F. REINKING



Dedicate Chancel

Spokane, Wash. On Easter Sunday, April 2, Faith Lutheran Church in Spokane dedicated its beautiful new chancel to the glory of God.

Since moving to the chapel at Pilgrim Church, the Deaf have been working hard to make the church more beautiful and better suited for worship. The altar reredos, the pulpit, and the lectern were built by Art Anderson and were given in memory of A. Hauptman, father of Rev. August Hauptman, former pastor at Faith. White altar cloths were dedicated to the glory of God in memory of John Skoglund, a leader of the congregation for many years. Purple altar cloths were given in memory of Mrs. Arva Moore.

Honor Student at Gallaudet College

Washington, D. C. — Miss Edith Rikuris, a member of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington, D. C., and a May graduate of Gallaudet College, has been elected to Phi Alpha Pi, the scholastic honor society of Gallaudet College. She is the only student at the College to attain this honor during the current academic year (1960—61).

The Phi Alpha Pi Society was es-

tablished in 1957 by the faculty of Gallaudet College to encourage and recognize excellence in scholarship. Only seven other persons have been elected to membership in the society.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Nov. 29, 1939, Edith became a citizen of the United States on Dec. 13, 1960.

At the 1961 Annual Awards Day program at Gallaudet College, Miss Rikuris was one of two seniors who were given the Charles R. Ely Award for outstanding work in chemistry.

Edith plans to continue her studies as a graduate student at Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., with a major in botany.

Confirmed at Frederick, Md.

Washington D. C. Rose Ann Nickulas of Glen Burnie, Md., and Steve Gatton of Hollywood, Md., were baptized and Robert John Svehla was confirmed at Frederick, Md., on May 21. Students at the Maryland School for the Deaf, they have attended weekly instruction classes conducted by Pastor H. W. Hoemann of Washington, D. C.

Delivers Baccalaureate Address

Frederick, Md. Pastor H. W. Hoemann of Washington, D. C., was the speaker for the baccalaureate serv-

ice at the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick, Md., on May 28. The theme of his address was "The Fear of the Lord Is the Beginning of Wisdom."

Wet Basement Corrected

Jacksonville, Ill. A tiling job around Christ Chapel in Jacksonville, Ill., has eliminated the water in the basement which created problems for the Sunday school program there. A painting project was planned for the summer to make the basement a nicer meeting place for Sunday school and other meetings.

Ten Confirmed at Great Falls

Spokane, Wash. Ten young people were confirmed at Great Falls, Mont., on April 16. They are: Victor Adams, Alvin Birdhat, Jennie Emery, Thomas Harper, David Herbold, Lyle Johnson, Elizabeth Kanning, Joyce McSloy, Julie Miller, and Bette Wolfe. Rev. Rodney Rynearson is their pastor.

Northwest Lay Camp

Spokane, Wash. The annual lay camp and conference for parts of the Northwest will be held at Flathead Lake, July 29 and 30. The theme for the two-day meeting will be "God at Work. . . ." The theme is divided into several areas: God at work protecting us, God at work providing for us, God at work saving us, God at work through us (Missions), and God at work in us as we worship. Skits will be presented by participating Deaf groups to illustrate the various parts of the theme.

Baptism

Omaha, Nebr. Sharon Rae Wiegand, born May 16, 1960, was baptized at Lincoln, Nebr., on Sunday, April 16. Sponsors are Mrs. June Collamore and Mrs. Gladys Benzing.

Received into Membership

Omaha, Nebr. Miss Ruth Naomi Day of the Immanuel Invalid Home in Omaha was received into membership with Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf by confirmation on April 9.

Confirmation Service

Omaha, Nebr. A confirmation service for 20 pupils from the Omaha and Council Bluffs schools was held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 52d and Military, in Omaha, on Sunday, May 7, 3 P. M. Of the confirmands, 11 were from the Omaha school and 9 from Council Bluffs.

Camp for the Deaf

Rochester, N. Y. A weeklong camp for the Deaf is planned for Aug. 26 to Sept. 2 at Camp Pioneer, Angola, N. Y. Rev. H. Rohe of Rochester announced the proposed camp with rates ranging from \$17 a week for children under eight housed with their parents, to \$39 a week for adults over 21. Children 8—12 will be charged \$22; 13—16, \$28; and 17—20, \$33 a week.

Wedding

Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Jacqueline Crame and Cornelius Boehm were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh on April 14, Rev. Frank Wagenknecht officiating.

Confirmed

Pittsburgh, Pa. On Pentecost Day, May 21, a special service of confirmation was held at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, with three confirmands professing their faith. Linda Barwiolek, Jack Otterman, and Kay

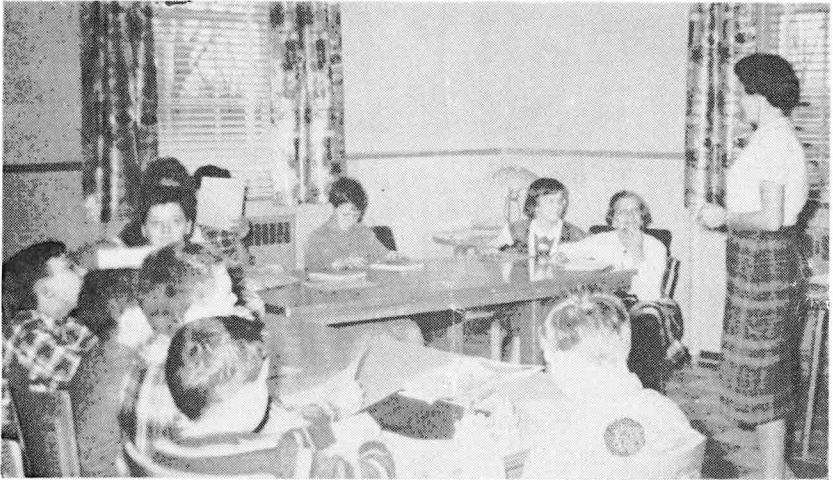
Johnson were received into membership at the service.

Daughter Born to the Jaspers

New York, N. Y. Joanne Lynn, 7 lbs., 7 oz., was born to Pastor and Mrs. Louis Jasper of New York on April 20.



Miss Elcinda Cochran, member of Bethany Lutheran Church, West Hartford, Conn., conducts a primary class in the religious instruction program at the American School for the Deaf



Mrs. G. Rinas, member of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Britain, Conn., conducts a second primary class at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford. Mrs. Rinas has two sons attending the American School



Crowds gather for morning worship on Easter Sunday in Pittsburgh

Easter Service in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pa. A record attendance of 75 marked the observance of Easter Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh on April 2 of this year.

Silver Communion service was used for the first time on Easter Sunday. The set was a gift to Trinity Congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkinson.



Rev. Frank Wagenknecht conducts worship service Easter Sunday morning at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh

Misses McCall and Walter

Detroit, Mich. Miss Judy McCall and Miss Elaine Walter, whose pic-

tures appeared in the May issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN, are studying at Central Institute in St. Louis through scholarships provided by the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, Dr. J. A. Klein, Executive Director of the Detroit school reports. Dr. Klein also stated in a letter to the DEAF LUTHERAN that the Lutheran School for the Deaf recruited them and that upon graduation from Central Institute they will accept teaching positions at the Lutheran school.

Baptized

Pittsburgh, Pa. Barbara Joan Fry and Violet Eleanor Fry, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Doyle Fry, were received into the kingdom of grace by Holy Baptism on April 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh.

Wedding

Omaha, Nebr. Jack Mason of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Barbara Gibson of Omaha were united in marriage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha on April 17.

New York Parsonage Improved

New York, N. Y. The parsonage of the New York field was given a "new look" recently by having it covered with aluminum siding. Funds from a legacy to the Atlantic District were partly used for the project. Besides improving the appearance of the building, the aluminum siding should also make possible a saving on fuel and maintenance costs in the future.

Wedding

Washington, D. C. Miss Ausma Smits of Hannibal, Mo., a member of the graduating class of 1961 at Gallaudet College, and Robert Herbold, an alumnus of Gallaudet, were united in marriage at Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., on May 29, Pastor H. W. Hoemann officiating. Ronald Sutcliffe was best man, and Miss Donna Roult was maid of honor.

Expression of Sympathy

Washington, D. C. The DEAF LUTHERAN extends to Pastor A. T. Jonas this expression of sincere sympathy upon the death of his father, Professor Herman Jonas, on March 23.

Confirmation Service

St. Paul, Minn. On May 7 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul celebrated a service of worship highlighted by the confirmation of the following: Sharon Cameron, Linda Lambert, Marion Ferry, Darlene Meier, Casper Skjordal, and Wayne Morse. A dinner for the parents of these newly received members and their guests was served by the ladies of the church.

Daughter Born to Pastor and Mrs. Graef

Omaha, Nebr. Karen Lynn Graef was born April 21, weighing 7 lbs., 6 oz. The ladies of Bethlehem congregation presented Mrs. Graef with a gift designated "For Baby Food."

Two Chapels Approved

St. Louis, Mo. The Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod approved construction of chapels for the Deaf in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and in Fulton, Mo., at its May meeting.

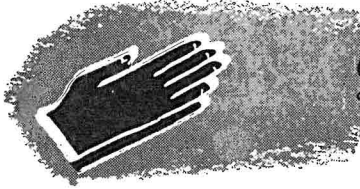
Rev. Robert Bauer is the missionary to the Deaf in the Edmonton field, and Rev. George Kraus, Saint Louis field, serves Fulton, with Rev. Philip Ernst participating in the Fulton program.

Baptism

Des Moines, Iowa. Jane Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harlan of Des Moines, was received into the kingdom of grace by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Feb. 23. Her sponsors are Mrs. Clark Bailey and Le Roy Rickabaugh.

Sunday School Outing

Jacksonville, Ill. Pastor Delbert Thies of Christ Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, sponsored a dinner and roller skating party for all Sunday school teachers, helpers, graduates of the Illinois School for the Deaf, and those who are leaving school and not returning in the fall. Thirty-two Deaf and hearing enjoyed the chicken dinner, and many more had fun roller skating. All the Sunday school boys and girls were invited to the afternoon party.



Devotions

“Light for Your Way”

Daily Bible Readings for July

July 1 — 2 Peter 2:1-10a	July 15 — Hosea 6:11—7:7
July 2 — 2 Peter 2:10b-22	July 16 — Hosea 7:8-16
July 3 — 2 Peter 3:1-10	July 17 — Hosea 8:1-10
July 4 — 2 Peter 3:11-18	July 18 — Hosea 8:11-14
July 5 — Hosea 1:1-11	July 19 — Hosea 9:1-9
July 6 — Hosea 2:1-9	July 20 — Hosea 9:10-17
July 7 — Hosea 2:10-15	July 21 — Hosea 10:1-10
July 8 — Hosea 2:16-23	July 22 — Hosea 10:11-15
July 9 — Hosea 3:1-5	July 23 — Hosea 11:1-12
July 10 — Hosea 4:1-10	July 24 — Hosea 12:1-14
July 11 — Hosea 4:11-19	July 25 — Hosea 13:1-11
July 12 — Hosea 5:1-7	July 26 — Hosea 13:12-16
July 13 — Hosea 5:8-14	July 27 — Hosea 14:1-9
July 14 — Hosea 5:15—6:10	July 28 — Daniel 1:1-16
	July 29 — Daniel 1:17-21
	July 30 — Daniel 2:1-11
	July 31 — Daniel 2:12-24

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