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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Ephphatha Conference

First Report

Thirty-four Lutheran missionaries to the Deaf from various states and from Canada attended their annual Ephphatha Conference at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., July 18—21.

Rev. Clark Bailey, chairman of the conference, called the first meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. July 18 in the name of the Triune God. A worship service of Holy Communion was celebrated with Rev. Herman Graef of Omaha, Nebr., officiating. Rev. William Drews of St. Paul, Minn., chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, delivered the sermon and assisted with the Communion service.

During the four-day conference the missionaries studied committee reports, discussed ways and means of expanding their ministry to the Deaf, and passed several resolutions to further the work of bringing Christ to the Deaf.

Rev. H. W. Hoemann, editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN, reported that a drop in paid subscriptions to the DEAF LUTHERAN called for the formation of a floor committee to discuss the form and purpose of the magazine. Circulation of the DEAF LUTHERAN now stands at about 2,100 copies. A proposal to convert the DEAF LUTHERAN into a supplement to the *Lutheran Witness*, official publication of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for all its congregations, was the major issue posed for the conference and discussed by the floor committee. Dr. G. W. Gaertner, chairman of the floor committee, and Pastors Robert Bauer and A. E. Ferber conducted a survey, polling members of the con-

ference for their opinions on the magazine. Twenty-seven missionaries filled out the questionnaire. None felt that the magazine should be replaced by a supplement to the *Lutheran Witness*, although most of them reported that a few members of their congregations do read the *Lutheran Witness*. All twenty-seven believed that the DEAF LUTHERAN was a valuable asset to the mission task of bringing Christ to the Deaf. On the basis of the committee's report the conference did not resolve to change the nature of the publication. However, two definite goals were set for the DEAF LUTHERAN: an increase in the number of paid subscriptions and an increase in the number of persons writing for the magazine. To accomplish the first objective a promotion manager will be appointed by the Board for Missions to the Deaf. The second objective is the responsibility of the editor.

A report by Rev. Ernest Drews, chairman of the Board, showed the annual cost of Synod's mission program to the Deaf to be approximately a half million dollars. About \$130,000 of this amount is contributed by members and friends of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in its organized congregations and preaching stations. Chairman Drews commended the missionaries for their co-operation with the Board during the past year and gave special recognition to Executive Secretary William F. Reinking for his work.

In the report by the Executive Secretary, Rev. Reinking showed that the number of Lutheran Deaf is steadily increasing. Total membership now stands at nearly 5,000

communicant members in the United States and Canada. Contributions in Deaf congregations are also improving.

Dr. G. W. Gaertner reported that a set of colored slides on all of our missionaries to the Deaf and chapels of Deaf congregations is now complete. The set is available for missionaries or Deaf congregations to show in their areas. The sets may

be borrowed from Deaf Mission Office, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis 2, Missouri. A resolution by Ephphatha Conference petitioned the Board to have additional prints made of these slides so that each of the six regions may have a set.

The 1962 Ephphatha Conference is tentatively scheduled for the third week of July at Bronxville, N. Y.

GEORGE C. RING

Proposed Constitution of the Deaf Mission Society

Article I — Name

The name of this Society shall be the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.

Article II — Objects

The objects of this Society shall be:

1. to promote the establishment and operation of foreign mission work among the Deaf and to support mission surveys and mission projects among the Deaf in foreign countries.
2. to support Lutheran missions to the Deaf with loans.

Article III — Incorporation

The Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of _____ [to be determined] as a non-profit religious organization. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all money and property belonging to the Society shall be given to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Article IV — Membership

1. Any Christian who is prompted by the love of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ to contribute toward the establishment or support of foreign mission work among the Deaf shall be eligible for membership in the Society.
2. There shall be two classes of members: a) Active members, and b) Honorary members.
3. Active members shall be those who have made a contribution to the Deaf Mission Society treasury during the calendar year.
4. Individuals who are members of Ephphatha Conference or of the Board for Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and who are not active members of the Society shall be deemed honorary members.
5. Memberships shall remain effective until the end of the calendar year and shall be renewable each year. A list of members for the previous year will be published by the Society at the close of the calendar year.

6. Organizations or societies making contributions to the Deaf Mission Society treasury shall be listed as contributing members in the name of the organization or society.

Article V — Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, an Executive Board, and a Council of Advisors.
2. The officers of the Society shall be selected by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall adopt a procedure for the election of officers and shall determine the length of their terms of office.
3. The College of Regional Counselors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod's Deaf Mission shall serve as the Executive Board of the Deaf Mission Society.
4. The Council of Advisors shall consist of Lutheran Deaf laymen, one from each Region, to be elected annually, where possible, at Regional Lay Conferences. In the event of a vacancy, the Regional Counselor shall appoint a successor for the balance of the term. Each Region shall adopt a procedure for the election of its member of the Council of Advisors. [*Regions which meet as circuits with no annual meeting for the entire Region may elect an advisor from each circuit, one of whom shall be chosen to represent the Region on the Council of Advisors.*]

Article VI — Duties of Officers

1. The President:
 - a. The President shall serve as liaison between the Council of Advisors and the Executive Board. All communications from members of the Council of Advisors relating to the Society shall be presented to the Executive Board. All proposals and resolutions of the Executive Board relating to the Society shall be sent to each member of the Council of Advisors. The President shall make quarterly and annual reports on the Society to the members of the Council of Advisors.
 - b. The President shall arrange for an annual audit of the books of the Society.
2. The Vice-President shall serve at the request of the President or when the President shall be unable to serve. He shall succeed to the office when the Presidency shall become vacant.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer:
 - a. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds contributed to the Deaf Mission Society treasury. All contributions shall be acknowledged by means of a receipt which shall serve as a membership card for contributing members.
 - b. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare for publication a list of the Society's members at the close of each calendar year.
 - c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make and record all disbursements authorized by the Executive Board.
 - d. A financial statement showing the previous balance on hand, receipts, disbursements, and the current balance on hand shall be

sent to the President each quarter for inclusion in his reports to the Council of Advisors. An annual report shall be prepared for publication in the DEAF LUTHERAN at the close of each calendar year.

4. The Executive Board shall serve the Deaf Mission Society in an administrative capacity. All decisions relating to the appropriation or expenditure of funds from the Society treasury shall be made by the Executive Board.
5. The Council of Advisors:
 - a. The members of the Council of Advisors shall serve as liaison between the President of the Society and the members of the Deaf Mission Society in their respective Regions. All resolutions pertaining to the Society passed at Regional Lay Conferences and all communications relating to the Society from local congregations or Deaf Mission Society chapters shall be forwarded to the President. Members of the Council of Advisors shall study carefully all reports and communications from the President and shall communicate to the President suggestions or recommendations they may have regarding the proposals or resolutions of the Executive Board.
 - b. Each member of the Council of Advisors shall prepare an annual report on the Society for presentation at his annual Regional Lay Conference.

Article VII — Chapters

Chapters of the Society may be formed on an area basis. Such chapters shall submit their constitution to the officers of the Society for approval. Upon granting of such approval, the chapter shall be awarded a charter.

Article VIII — Bylaws

The Society shall prepare such bylaws to this Constitution as may be deemed necessary. Such bylaws shall be proposed in writing in the same manner as amendments to the Constitution and shall be adopted or changed in the same manner as amendments to the Constitution.

Article IX — Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by Ephphatha Conference or by a Regional Lay Conference. The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board, which shall report its opinion to the Council of Advisors.
2. If there is no opposition to the amendment by the Executive Board or by the Council of Advisors, the amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of Ephphatha Conference. If the amendment is judged unsatisfactory by the Executive Board or if there is not unanimous approval of the amendment by the Council of Advisors, the proposed amendment shall become an item of business at each Regional Lay Conference. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Regions plus a two-thirds majority of the members of Ephphatha Conference shall then be required for passage.

Notes from Executive Secretary Reinking

In June of 1960 four candidates from our seminaries accepted calls into our mission to the Deaf, bringing our total full-time missionary staff to 38. Three of the candidates were placed as second missionaries in the metropolitan areas of New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, while the fourth candidate filled the vacancy at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Vicars Harris and Harnack have now returned to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, having completed their internships at Newark, N. J., and Portland, Oreg., respectively. Vicar Busby has been assisting in the Miami field, since the Memphis field, where he vicared, was divided — Pastor Oermann having been installed as missionary to the Deaf in Alabama on July 2. During the summer of 1960 student Martin Hewitt was a great help to Pastor W. Ferber in North Dakota, allowing Pastor Ferber to make numerous contacts with the Deaf in outlying areas. Students Harris and Harnack will continue to be of help to Pastor George Kraus in the St. Louis area as they complete their final year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Student Busby will assist Pastor Thies in Jacksonville, Ill., as he attends Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

Within a period of six weeks in the early spring of 1961, our mission staff was depleted by the loss of two missionaries: Rev. Gene Merrell accepted a call to Albany, Minn., and Rev. Herbert Drachenberg accepted a call to Monona Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis. The Indianapolis field, vacated by Pastor Merrell, has been filled by Candidate Daniel Pokorny, who is scheduled to be ordained on August 30 and installed in Indian-

apolis on Sept. 3. Rev. Theodore Kuehn of Wallingford, Conn., has declined a call to Madison, Wis., so that at the time of this writing the Madison field is vacant. A second vacancy exists at Rochester, N. Y., which was created when Pastor H. Rohe accepted a call to the Texas field. Thus a need exists for two additional missionaries. The call to Pastor Kuehn was the first call extended to a pastor of a hearing congregation since 1953. It appears evident that the Board cannot rely entirely on seminary graduates for the staffing of our mission. Deaf congregations have the assurance of the Board for Missions to the Deaf that every effort will be made to recruit missionaries to serve their spiritual needs this year and in the years ahead. Without the effective recruitment and placement of pastors trained to serve the Deaf no church can carry out a satisfactory ministry to the Deaf. It is the ability of a church to fill vacancies in Deaf congregations created by deaths, retirements, or the accepting of calls to other fields of work which is the hard test of the degree of dedication with which a church body approaches its ministry to the Deaf. The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has committed itself to an intensive training system for students at its seminaries to equip them for an effective ministry to the Deaf and at the same time is intensifying its search for interested and qualified pastors of hearing congregations to train them for a ministry to the Deaf.

In the early fall of 1960 Rev. Robert Corl, a pastor of the former American Lutheran Church who

served the Deaf in Toledo, Ohio, applied for a colloquy and was accepted by the Board as a training vicar under the supervision of Rev. G. W. Gaertner, Oakland, Calif. Pastor Corl has completed an eight-month vicarage and a five-week residency as a student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His final colloquy was scheduled for some time in August. Should he pass his colloquy successfully, he will be placed by the Board in a mission field, bringing the current mission staff back to 38, leaving a need for one additional missionary.

The Board this year will have in its employ four interns from our seminaries. George Heidenrich, who will vicar in Newark, N. J., has been taking care of the Indianapolis field until candidate Pokorny is installed in September. Vicar Donald Leber, who will vicar for Pastor Gyle in Miami, Fla., has been assisting Pastor Gerhold for two months in Newark, N. J. Pastor Rohe, who was scheduled to be installed in the Texas-Oklahoma field on Aug. 13, will have the help of Vicar David Houser. The final vicar, Martin Hewitt, has been assigned to work the Vancouver, B. C., area under the supervision of Pastor Beyer of Seattle, Wash.

For the present time the Oklahoma field will remain a part of the Texas field, served by Pastor Rohe. Eventually the Texas field may be divided with centers in Houston and Austin, with the Austin missionary assuming responsibility for the preaching stations in Oklahoma.

In the development of our mission during the preceding year a woman has been added to our staff. Mrs. Florence Finke, a mother of two deaf children in St. Paul, Minn., has

been hired as a full-time parish worker in the Twin City area. Reports show that she has been a considerable asset to our work in that area. Beginning in September another young lady will be placed on our mission staff. Carole Garwood, a deaconess intern, will devote one half of her time to the New York mission field. The need for her work was brought about by Pastor Jasper's work in Lexington School as a full-time student.

In addition to our staff mentioned above, three pastors in hearing parishes continue to serve our mission as part-time workers. They are Rev. Eugene Krug, a pastor at Boca Raton, Fla., who serves the Deaf in the Lake Worth, Fla., area; Rev. Allen Bruns, who continues to serve the Deaf in the Great Bend, Kans., area; and Rev. Warren Paulson, Newberry, Mich., who has taken over work among the Deaf in the northern Michigan area since Rev. O. C. Schroeder curtailed his activities. However, Rev. O. C. Schroeder also serves as a part-time worker in our mission, serving elderly Deaf and Deaf-blind in the Chicago area.

During 1960 we have had ample evidence of God's gracious blessing upon the work of our mission to the Deaf. When we look at the numerical and spiritual growth of our mission we have every reason to say with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things to us; whereof we are glad." When we realize what God has accomplished through us, His feeble and fallible instruments, we should take heart in this evidence of God's grace and mercy and rededicate ourselves to the task of bringing Christ to the Deaf so that the Deaf may be brought to Christ.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Sept. 24, 1961, marks the fiftieth anniversary of Lutheran worship services for the Deaf in the New York area. According to the records of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in New York, the first service was held by Rev. Arthur Boll on Sept. 24, 1911. Thirteen Deaf and four hearing people attended this first service. Pastor Boll spoke on the text: Luke 15:1-10. The title of his sermon was "The Value of a Soul." Because he himself felt that the soul of a deaf person was very valuable, Pastor Boll spent the rest of his life bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf.

During the pastorate of Rev. Floyd Possehl property was acquired, and the chapel which is now St. Matthew's was constructed. As the mission to the Deaf grew under the blessing of God, Pastor Possehl began services in New Jersey and other areas. When Pastor Possehl moved to New Jersey, Rev. George Kraus was installed as pastor to the Deaf in New York. He was installed on June 26, 1949.

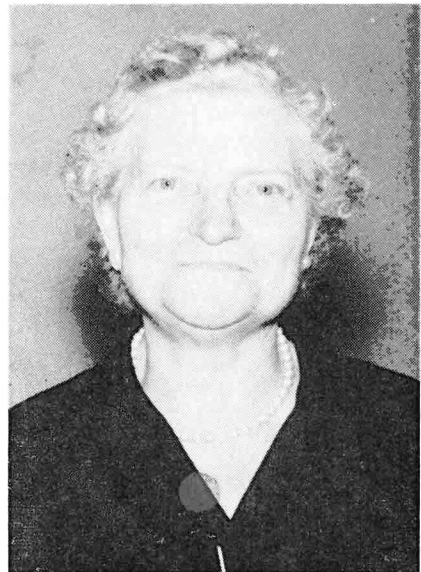
A second pastor to the New York area became a reality when Pastor William Hausmann served Manhattan, Westchester, and parts of New England.

When Pastor Kraus accepted a call to St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Donald Simon was called to New York and installed on Oct. 16, 1955. During Pastor Simon's pastorate Rev. William Hausmann accepted a call to a hearing congregation, and the New York field was again combined into one field. Pastor Simon accepted a call to a hearing congregation in Michigan in November 1958.

Rev. Louis R. Jasper accepted the call to St. Matthew's, succeeding Pastor Simon, and was installed on June 21, 1959. A second missionary to the Deaf in the New York area was added in 1960. Pastor Orlin Anderson was ordained and commissioned as missionary at large on June 26, 1960.

Of the thirteen Deaf who attended that first service in 1911, only one, Miss Catherine Christgau, is still a member of St. Matthew's. But during the fifty years since services were begun a great many persons have been baptized and confirmed into the Christian faith, and many have been laid to rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

The board of trustees of St. Matthew's Congregation has set a goal of \$3,000 as a special anniversary offering. The offering will be used to pay for alterations and improvements in the church plant and as a payment on the mortgage.



Miss Catherine Christgau

What Lutherans Believe

Lutherans believe what the Bible says:

1. About God — “The Lord is good, a Stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.” Nahum 1:7.

2. About Jesus Christ — “To this end Christ both died and rose and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.” Romans 14:9.

3. About Salvation — “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9.

4. About Eternal Life — “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.” John 3:36.

5. About the Word of God — “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16.

REV. W. LANGE

It's the Driver!

It isn't the car that begins to whine
When forced to stop for an old stop
sign —

IT'S THE DRIVER.

It isn't the car that takes a drink,
Then quickly loses its power to
think —

IT'S THE DRIVER.

It isn't the car that fails to heed
The dangers of reckless, discourte-
ous speed —

IT'S THE DRIVER.

It isn't the car that steps on the gas
And causes an accident, trying to
pass —

IT'S THE DRIVER.

A car may be bent and twisted awry,
But it isn't the car that will have to
die —

IT'S THE DRIVER.

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District of Columbia

Christian Symbols

Christian symbols are pictures that have a special meaning for Christian people. One such Christian symbol was described in the August issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN, the sacred monogram *IHS*, an abbreviation for the name Jesus. In this issue another sacred monogram will be explained, this one for the name Christ (see cover).

Just as the sacred monogram for the name Jesus uses the first three letters of the Greek name Jesus, so also the sacred monogram for the name Christ uses the first two Greek letters of the Greek name Christ. They are the Chi (*X*) and the Rho (*P*). The full name, Christ, in Greek letters is: *XPICTOC*.

The Chi Rho is among the most ancient of the abbreviations for the name of our Lord. It has been found by archaeologists on coins, lamps, and pottery of early Christians. It was also found in the catacombs, the caves where Christians gathered for worship during the first centuries of the Christian era.

As Pastor Ludwig pointed out in his April bulletin: *The name Christ is not just a title, nor only a proper name like George or Betty, for example. It is an exact description of the person of Jesus and His work.*

"Christ" is a Greek word which means "Anointed." Priests and kings were anointed into their offices when the oil was poured upon their heads. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His Baptism. He was anointed to be our Prophet, Priest, and King. The Hebrew word for "Christ" or "Anointed" is "Messiah." Thus the words "Christ" and "Messiah" have the same meaning.

When priests or kings were anointed in the Old Testament, this was to show that they had been chosen by God to the position and the work which they would undertake. In the same way the name "Christ" teaches us that Jesus was chosen by God to be the Savior of mankind by His death on the cross.

Actually, to speak the name Jesus Christ as if Jesus were His first name and Christ were His last name is very misleading. It would be more exact to say: Jesus, the Christ. That would clearly show that Jesus was His name and that the term "Christ" describes Jesus as the Chosen One of God.

In fact, the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian is that the Christian depends on Jesus as the Christ — the non-Christian does not. It would be a strange person, indeed, who would claim that Jesus of Nazareth never lived. But even during His own lifetime many people did not accept Him as the Christ. But we who commit ourselves to Him as our Savior and Lord thereby show that we believe that Jesus was what He claimed to be: Chosen by God for death.

The two names together, Jesus and Christ, tell us a great deal about Him. The name Christ tells us who He was: the Chosen One of God. The name Jesus tells us what He did: He saved His people from their sins.

When you see the Chi Rho in a church window, carved on a church altar, or engraved on a book, let the letters remind you that Jesus is the Christ, the Chosen One of God, chosen to suffer and die and rise again as your Savior.

Graduate Training Program

Rev. Louis Jasper, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, New York, has been accepted by the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City as a full-time teacher training student. Pastor Jasper has taken some courses during the past year but will devote the greater part of his time to work at Lexington School during the course of the 1961—62 school year. Pastor Jasper is taking a degree program with a course of study leading to a Master of Arts degree in Special Education.

The Board plans to make this type of program available to other Lutheran missionaries in future years. The Board is willing to consider training programs which are in the neighborhood of the missionary. The Board will also consider applications from missionaries to take courses of instruction at recognized schools and universities in their areas. Such courses need not be a degree program.

HE ENJOYS much who is thankful for a little.



Field Gleanings

Three Weddings on the Same Day

Omaha, Nebr. On June 4 three weddings took place in the Nebraska field. At Kearney, Nebr., Miss Darlene Anderson of Kearney and Mr. W. Smith of Kansas City, Mo., were united in marriage. At Nebraska City Mr. Marvin Rippe and Miss Lois June Smith were united in marriage in Christ Church. In Omaha Mr. Larry Engel and Miss Mary Ann Puls, both of Omaha, were married at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Baptisms

Omaha, Nebr. Donnie Marie Ullrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ullrich, born Nov. 1, 1958, was baptized in Sioux City, Iowa, on June 11. Sponsors were Mrs. Dorothea Ullrich and Mr. Edward J. Humphreys.

Michael Jay Rentschler, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rentschler, born May 22, 1961, was baptized at Columbus, Nebr., on June 18. Sponsors were Mr. Gary Olsen and Miss Ethel Rentschler.

Patti Lea Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gilbert, born Nov. 27, 1960, was baptized in Omaha, Nebr., on June 18. Sponsors were Wayne and Ella Sack.

Baptisms and Confirmation

Columbus, Ohio. At Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Betty Imes was baptized and Miss Roberta Riddlebaugh was confirmed on

Sunday, June 25. At Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Fred Moore was baptized on Sunday, July 9. Pastor William Ludwig officiated.

Baptisms

Portland, Oreg. Kathy Ann Buss, Michael Jerri Buss, and Susan Lynn Ellerman were baptized on Sunday, May 21, in Portland, Oreg.

Confirmed

Portland, Oreg. Melvin Poff was received into membership by the rite of confirmation on Sunday, May 7, in Portland, Oreg. Rev. George Ring is pastor.

Confirmation

Delavan, Wis. A class of 19 pupils was confirmed on Sunday, May 28, at Delavan, Wis. Members of the confirmation class of 1961 are: Ronald Arneson, Milwaukee; Michael Hoffmann, Milwaukee; Weslie Jagow, Johnson Creek; Harry Jascor, Withee; Richard Lunde, Milwaukee; James Luther, Wausau; Richard McCoy, Cudahy; Eugene Robbins, Janesville; Jerry Roby, Menomonee Falls; Michael Schwebke, West Allis; Cheryl Berthelson, Racine; Kathryn Binando, Waukesha; Carol Brewster, Beloit; Carol Calliari, Milwaukee; Nancy Mallat, Boscobel; Susan Newcomb, Hales Corners; Felice Nygaard, Verona; Lavonne Schulz, Fall River; and Ellen Wartinbee, La Crosse. Pastor Martin Kosche instructed the confirmands and performed the rite of confirmation.

Vacation Bible School

Memphis, Tenn. A vacation Bible school was held at Peace Lutheran Church, Memphis, during the first week of June. Pastor Wayne Bottlinger reports an attendance of 10 deaf children for each evening session, with about 15 adult deaf people attending a Bible class. The vacation Bible school and adult Bible class also had a number of hearing children and hearing adults present each evening.

Wyoming Services

Denver, Colo. Since June, services have been held for the Deaf in the Scottsbluff, Wyo., area by Rev. William Lange of Denver. Six Deaf attended the first service held there on Monday, June 12: Mr. and Mrs. Don Baumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson, Robert Brunner, and Robert Thayer.

Lutheran Deaf Retreat — Eastern Region

Ocean City, N. J. The eighth annual Lutheran Deaf Retreat of the Eastern Region was held June 9—11 at the Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, N. J. The theme of the retreat was "The Glory of God." Lectures delivered by deaf members of the New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D. C., fields portrayed the greatness of the glory of God and the life of a Christian person reflecting the glory of God to others. Rev. William Ludwig of Columbus, Ohio, was guest speaker for the Sunday morning worship service. 132 persons attended the retreat.

During the business meeting, with Mr. Clarence Broecker serving as chairman, considerable discussion was devoted to the desirability of a



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National Lutheran Lay Conference for the Deaf. A vote was called to show the feeling of the group. Forty favored a national conference, no one opposed a national conference, and the balance, about eighty, were undecided. Of the forty who supported the idea, many felt that an annual national conference was not necessary, but that a national conference every three to five years would be desirable.

Mr. James Casey, vice-president, was elected to the office of president for 1962, succeeding Mr. Broecker, who declined nomination. Mr. William Sillyman was elected vice-president. Miss Agnes Dunn was elected secretary, replacing Mr. Willard Madsen. Mrs. L. Brooke served as temporary secretary in the absence of Mr. Madsen.

The time and place of the 1962 retreat will be decided by the Executive Council, comprised of the officers and the pastoral advisers of the Eastern Region.

Midwest Lutheran Deaf Lay Conference

St. Paul, Minn. The Midwest Deaf Lay Conference will be held at the Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp at Story City, Iowa, Sept. 8—10. The cost for meals and lodging is \$7.00, with children under 12 half price.

Wedding

Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Glenn Montgomery and Miss Betty Lihner were united in marriage on June 3 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. Pastor A. Jonas officiated.

Wedding

Washington, D. C. Mr. James Casterline and Miss Dorothy Sueoka were united in marriage at the Wenchel Chapel of Christ Lutheran Church in Washington, D. C., on July 15, Pastor H. W. Hoemann officiating.

Protestant Guild Elects Officers

Newark, N. J. New officers for the Protestant Guild for the Deaf are, North New Jersey: Anthony Urciuoli, president; Dana Libby, vice-president; Viola Weisvogel, secretary; and Helen Libby, treasurer. In South New Jersey: Magdalena Roundey, president; James Liese, vice-president; Beverly Linthicum, secretary; and Elda Hoshauer, treasurer.

Official Acts — New Jersey Field

Newark, N. J. The following official acts were reported by the New Jersey field, Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, pastor:

Baptism: Geraldine Ann Rowland at Martin Luther Chapel, Pennsauken, N. J., on June 4, 1961.

Wedding: Antonio Munoz and Diane Libby at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, N. J., June 3, 1961.

Funeral: Jack Jay Hunter, from Nativity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Trenton, N. J., on June 1.

Official Acts — Spokane Field

Spokane, Wash. The following official acts were reported in the July *Silent Lutheran News*, edited by Rev. Rodney Rynearson:

Baptisms: May 12, 1961, Bonita Jo Craig and Bradley Tom Craig. June 11, 1961, Ronda Kay Lamping.

Confirmation: June 11, 1961, Mrs. Sabina Weese at Billings, Mont.

Funeral: May 23, 1961, Mr. Frank W. Lobaugh, 86.

P. T. R. Mission

Spokane, Wash. Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Montana, Rev. Rodney Rynearson, pastor, will participate with other Lutheran churches in Montana in a Preaching, Teaching, Reaching Mission Sept. 17 to 21.

Official Acts — Detroit, Mich.

Baptisms: Nelson Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Finks, Jan. 22. Sponsors: Mr. Paul and Miss Janet Finks.

Debbie Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wodarski, Feb. 1. Sponsors: Barney Schoenfeld and Mrs. Irene Takacs.

Richard Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery, March 19. Sponsors: Richard Avery, Richard and Linda Vanderkolk, and Mrs. Julia Ramberg.

Thomas Kinberlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil DeMeyere, March 26.

Sponsors: James DeMeyere and Mrs. Aleta Seabaugh.

Gary Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bachman, April 23. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey.

Barbara Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton, May 7. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mercer.

Ronald John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seabaugh, June 18. Sponsors: Leonard Salsbery and Linda and Nancy Seabaugh.

Confirmations: Adult class, Feb. 26, 1961: Mr. and Mrs. Vito Gianformaggio, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Labby, Mr. Bartalo Labby, Mr. Laverne Ottman, Miss Beth Waker.

Adult class, April 26, 1961: Mr. and Mrs. George Mathis, Miss Margaret Nardoni, Mrs. Robert Tatum.

Children's class in Flint, Mich., May 7, 1961: Linda Allen, William Green, Billy Ingham, Arnold Jones, Jr., Mildred Mathis, Anson Mitchell, Judy Plane, Rolf Sorum, Susan Southward, Diane Vincent, Ronnie Zuchegno, and William Arnold (adult).

Marriage: Gene R. Lauer and Linda Moore, April 15, 1961.

Funerals: Mr. Herman Goetzinger (77), d. March 30, 1961; Mr. Carl K. Frederick (67), d. April 7; Mrs. Sharon Groth (23), d. April 26; Mr. Otto Nickel (83), d. June 12.

Wedding

Delavan, Wis. Mr. William Kruckenberg of Delavan and Miss Dorothy Faber of Milwaukee were united in marriage at Holy Cross Church in Delavan, Wis., on May 20. Werner Hoewisch was best man, and Mrs. Grace Lager was matron of honor.

Official Acts — Kansas City Field

Kansas City, Mo. The following official acts are reported by Rev. A. E. Ferber, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Kansas City, Mo.:

Confirmations: Mrs. Lovella Fry and Mr. Emil Fryhofer of Topeka, Kans.; Mr. Caesar Rentie of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. E. Albrecht, Jr., of Herington, Kans.

Baptisms: Alvin Thompson of Olathe, Kans., and Ronald G. Haefner of Marysville, Kans.

Funerals: Mrs. Sallie Parker, Winchester, Kans.; Mrs. Pauline Haas, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. William Dillenschneider, Kansas City, Mo.; infant Sally Brock, Olathe, Kans.; and Miss Caroline Jespersen, Lawrence, Kans.

Baptism

Des Moines, Iowa. Cheryl Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Twachtmann, nee Stubbe, was baptized on May 21 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Twachtmann.

Wedding

Des Moines, Iowa. Christine Esther Johannsen of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Nelson Richard Van Wyk of Pella, Iowa, were united in marriage in Pella on June 15, Rev. Clark Bailey of Des Moines officiating. Marilou Van Wyk, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and Mrs. Carroll Van Wyk, sister-in-law of the groom, was bridesmaid. Dan Van Wyk was best man and Carroll Van Wyk was groomsman. Both are brothers of the groom. Flower girl was Carla Dieleman, and Kevin Van Wyk was ring bearer. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk are making their home in Pella.



Devotions

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Daily Bible Readings for September

September 1 — 3 John 1-14	September 14 — Judges 7: 1-14
September 2 — Judges 1: 1-10	September 15 — Judges 7: 15-25
September 3 — Judges 1: 27-36	September 16 — Judges 8: 22-35
September 4 — Judges 2: 1-10	September 17 — Judges 9: 1-21
September 5 — Judges 2: 11-23	September 18 — Judges 9: 22-41
September 6 — Judges 3: 7-14	September 19 — Judges 10: 1-18
September 7 — Judges 3: 15-31	September 20 — Judges 11: 1-11
September 8 — Judges 4: 1-10	September 21 — Judges 11: 29-40
September 9 — Judges 4: 12-24	September 22 — Judges 12: 1-7
September 10 — Judges 5: 1, 19-31	September 23 — Judges 13: 1-14
September 11 — Judges 6: 1-10	September 24 — Judges 13: 15-25
September 12 — Judges 6: 11-24	September 25 — Judges 14: 1-9
September 13 — Judges 6: 25-32	September 26 — Judges 14: 10-20
	September 27 — Judges 15: 1-8
	September 28 — Judges 15: 9-20
	September 29 — Judges 16: 1-14
	September 30 — Judges 16: 15-31

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