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Growth of Lutheran Missions to the Deaf

A new mission field in Greensboro, N. C., has developed well during the past year under the blessings of God. Work has been established at the Negro School for the Deaf in Raleigh, N. C., and services for the Deaf have been inaugurated at Greensboro and High Point, N. C. Pastor Westermann reaches over 2,000 Deaf and blind children with the precious Gospel each month. Pastor Hoemann has been able to devote more time to the students at Gallaudet College and now has services every Sunday morning for Lutheran students at the college chapel. The college also plans to provide facilities for the Lutheran students on campus during the course of the 1961—62 school year. This will make possible a more effective ministry to Lutheran students enrolled at Gallaudet.

In New York the proposed intensification and expansion of the work will be delayed by Pastor Jasper's status as a full-time student at the Lexington School for the Deaf. It will be resumed after the completion of his training program.

In South Chicago tremendous opportunities will present themselves for work among the Negro Deaf. As of Sept. 1 Pastor Mason will turn over his work at Fort Wayne to the Indianapolis missionary and will concentrate his activity in Chicago with preaching stations at Aurora and Elgin, Ill.

The work in the Southern California area continues to be blessed by the Lord. The congregation has grown considerably within the past year and greater activity has been noted among the Deaf in San Diego,

Orange County, and with the school children at Riverside.

In other areas, Rev. Lange has extended his work to the Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden, along with monthly services for the adults in Ogden, Utah, and Grand Junction, Colo. He has also inaugurated monthly services in Cheyenne, Wyo., to take advantage of any possibility for working with the children at the school which is now developing at that city.

Pastor Kraus has extended the St. Louis field into Southeast Missouri with services in Sikeston. The interest and enthusiasm of the Deaf there have been encouraging. Pastor Kraus also has assumed responsibility for the congregation at Evansville, Ind., and the preaching station at Vincennes, Ind., allowing the new Indianapolis missionary to conduct weekly services in Indianapolis and to strengthen the program at the Indiana School for the Deaf.

As a result of a survey by Rev. Rynearson, the Board has granted Pastor Rynearson permission to open preaching stations in Lewiston and Boise, Idaho. It is hoped that eventually work may be inaugurated at the State School for the Deaf in Gooding, Idaho.

The placement of a full-time missionary in Birmingham, Ala., may allow for the improvement of the ministry to children at state schools in Cave Spring, Ga., and Talladega, Ala., along with the development of stronger preaching stations in the entire area. Pastor Bottlinger of Memphis, Tenn., will assume responsibility for the work at Jackson, Miss., and Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La.

The 1962 budget calls for one new missionary to be added to the staff, but the actual area of expansion has not yet been determined by the Board. During the next year the Board will watch closely the developments both in Texas and in British Columbia, with the addition probably taking place in one of these two areas.

Other areas continue to present themselves as possible areas for expansion. There is no doubt that a second missionary is needed in New England, with probable headquarters in Boston. With opportunities presenting themselves in the Detroit area, it would seem feasible to place a second missionary into Michigan, probably in Flint, the home of the Michigan State School for the Deaf.

If work develops well in Idaho, the Spokane field eventually will have to be divided, since it would be impossible for any one missionary to adequately cover the area. California missionaries have made a survey of the Valley in California and feel that a missionary should be placed there. The Board has given thought to the development of work in Canada and feels that eventually a full-time missionary should be placed in Winnipeg.

The Lord continues to open doors to us. It is our prayer that the church will be bold enough and wise enough to take advantage of these opportunities to bring Christ's saving Gospel to the Deaf.

REV. W. F. REINKING



Bible Quiz

The Disciples of Jesus

By Rev. Louis Jasper

1. A disciple of Jesus is a person who _____ Jesus.
2. Jesus had _____ (how many?) disciples. The disciples of Jesus were men who were chosen by Jesus to follow Him, learn from Him, and serve Him.
3. In the Bible there are four lists of the disciples of Jesus: Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13. What are the names of Jesus' disciples?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____

10.
 11.
 12.
 4. In Matt. 28:19 Jesus gave a command to His disciples: "Go and make _____ of all _____" (RSV).
 5. From this verse I know that Jesus wants me to become a _____
 _____ Because of that I will

study the life of each one of Jesus' first disciples to learn how I can serve my Lord better.

6. Jesus called many of His disciples with the words: "_____
 _____" (Mark 2:14). Jesus calls us with those same words. He wants us to drop everything and stop everything that will not let us do the things He wants.

Answers on next page



Revolt!

In recent weeks we have read much about revolts and drives for independence in different nations in the world. These people want justice and liberty and good government. In our country we remember the American Revolution, when the American Colonies revolted. The Boston Tea Party sparked that revolution. Would you have joined in that revolt—to bring freedom and justice to this land?

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed ninety-five theses (sentences) to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He didn't plan to start a revolution, but that is what happened. The people of that time wanted freedom to worship God according to the Holy Scriptures; they wanted the peace that comes from the knowledge that sins are forgiven and salvation is complete through faith in Christ Jesus. The three great principles which

Luther supported in his 95 theses were: The Bible Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone. Today these are still the cornerstone of our Christian faith and worship and life.

The Bible Alone. Not human reason, not philosophy, not tradition, not the decisions of the church fathers or the opinions of church councils—but the clear words of the Bible, of God talking to men, and these ALONE are the final authority in all matters of Christian life and faith. God's Word still guides our church today.

Grace Alone. It had to happen that the church, basing its message only on the Bible, should discover again the meaning of "saving grace," that is, the love of God which we do not deserve, but which He shows us through Jesus Christ. And the church should teach salvation alone by such grace.

Faith Alone. Since salvation is a free gift of the undeserved love of God, purchased and won for us by the suffering of the Savior, we can accept it in no other way than by FAITH. Justification by faith alone — faith in the redemption purchased by Christ — has always been the chief doctrine of evangelical Christianity. It is the central theme of the whole Bible, and is very plainly expressed in the books of the New Testament.

The Bible Alone.

Grace Alone.

Faith Alone.

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1. follows
2. twelve
3. Matthew
Philip
Andrew
Thomas
Simon Peter
Simon the Canaanite
James the Less
Judas Iscariot
Bartholomew
James, the son of Zebedee
John, the son of Zebedee
Jude
4. disciples nations
5. disciple
6. Follow Me

Where Knowledge Comes From

Read Proverbs 1

By nature man leans in the wrong direction, even in earthly things. And in religious matters man is totally blind. He does not see and accept the things of God; he is against them. Without help man never can and never will accept God's truth.

Only one thing can help man, and that is the Gospel, the Good News about the forgiveness of sins through

Jesus. That opens man's eyes. That begins new life and makes man want to know the truth. Then fear and love of God begin in man's heart.

When we fear the Lord we begin to know things and see the wish of God in the problems we meet in life. Then we trust God's love and goodness in Christ Jesus. And we will use our knowledge in the service of God and of our neighbor.

REV. J. A. BEYER

Ephphatha Conference

Second Report

This second report on Ephphatha Conference will be devoted to an area which is receiving more and more attention these days. Clergymen, educators, and psychologists are all paying more attention to deaf people who are emotionally or mentally disturbed. Deaf persons in mental hospitals, long forgotten by

too many people and difficult to treat because of the communications handicap, are now viewed with interest rather than merely with pity, and are considered a challenge rather than a hopeless situation.

Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, whose efforts in the state of Tennessee have met with fine co-operation from hospital chaplains and officials, de-

livered a paper at Ephphatha Conference on the subject of the Deaf in mental hospitals. Emphasizing the need for close co-operation between the minister to the Deaf and the hospital staff — doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and chaplains — Pastor Bottlinger urged missionaries to make contact with mental hospitals in their areas in order to serve the needs of the institutionalized Deaf. A broad knowledge of the facilities of the hospital which are geared to assist each patient in his recovery plus the conviction that these people fall within our area of responsibility should combine to make for a major move in the right direction.

The discussion which followed the paper was as challenging as the paper itself. Pastors related their own experiences in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who had been virtually cut off from all pastoral care for more years than they could remember. They spoke of the enthusiastic reception which they had received from psychiatrists and social workers when they vol-

unteered their services for the Deaf who were patients in mental hospitals.

Throughout the entire paper and discussion, one message stood out clearly: "Let no one think that a deaf person in a mental institution is less important than a deaf person on the streets. The world may think they serve no useful purpose. But when Jesus chose His disciples, whom did He choose? The rich? The political figure? The socialite? Men with prestige and influence? Not at all. Galileans! Fishermen! A tax collector! And when Jesus visited the cities of Palestine, where did He eat? At the best restaurant? At the home of the civic leaders? Not at all. He ate with men like Zacchaeus. He ate with Marys and Marthas. And what of Jesus Himself? Was He not the 'Stone which the builders rejected'? Was He not 'despised and rejected of men'? Here is the point. It is precisely what the world discards as useless that is most precious in the sight of God: one sinner, whom God may call to repentance and faith."

Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf

Columbus, Ohio. Unlike some Lutheran deaf congregations in the Great Lakes area and Midwest cities, Holy Cross Lutheran Deaf Congregation in Columbus has a relatively short history. Only forty years ago, in 1921, Dr. O. C. Schroeder, then of Cleveland, Ohio, made Columbus one of his preaching stations and visited Columbus monthly for worship services until 1931. From 1931 to 1937 Rev. N. E. Borchardt, now pastor to the Deaf in Detroit, served Columbus from Cleveland. The next Cleveland pastor, Rev.

Theo. F. Frederking, ministered to the Columbus Deaf from 1937 to 1947. It was under his pastorate that the group of deaf Lutherans was organized into a congregation in 1946.

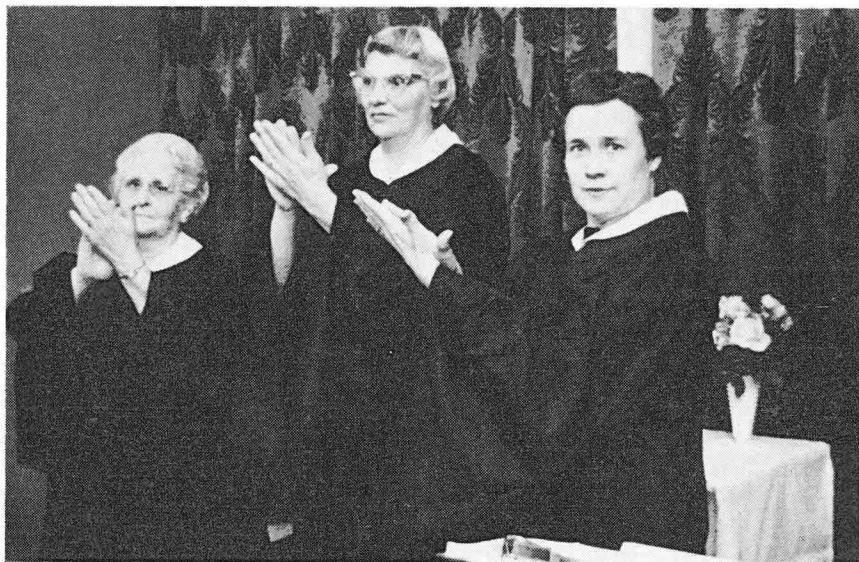
In 1947 the first resident pastor was called to the newly organized congregation: Pastor J. A. Beyer. After two years Pastor Beyer accepted a call to serve the Northwest Deaf in Seattle, Wash. In 1950 Rev. Donald E. Simon was installed as the second pastor to serve Columbus. During his brief but fruitful ministry the congregation was in-



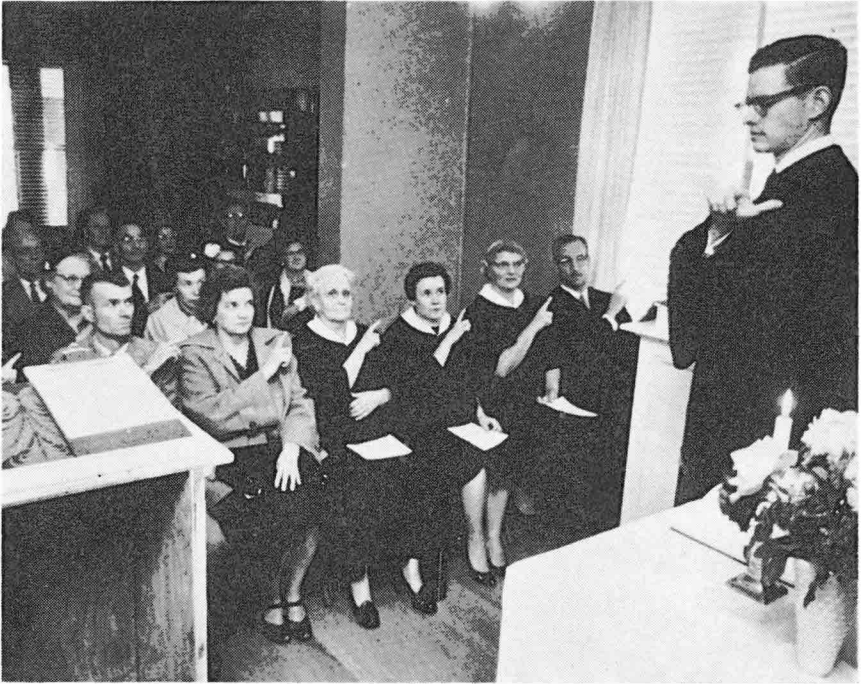
Rev. William Ludwig, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio

incorporated under the laws of Ohio and a residence at 153 East Lane

Ave. was purchased. After some months of remodeling, done entirely by the pastor and members of the congregation, the building was dedicated to the glory of God during the morning and afternoon services on Sunday, October 3, 1954. The first floor of the building served as a chapel and meeting rooms for the church; the upper floors served as living quarters for the pastor and his family. Also in 1954 the Ladies' Guild of Holy Cross Church passed a resolution to become affiliated with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and was granted a charter. Late in 1955 Pastor Simon accepted a call to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in New York. A year later Rev. Herbert Drachenberg became Columbus' next resident pastor and remained for three years. On July 5, 1959, the present pastor, Rev. William Ludwig, was ordained and installed as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf.



Three members of Holy Cross' eight-member choir. L. to r.: Mrs. Elizabeth Case, Mrs. Sarah Riddlebaugh, and Mrs. Glenna Case



Holy Cross Congregation worships at 153 East Lane Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Rev. William Ludwig, pastor

Holy Cross Congregation is the only Lutheran deaf congregation that enjoys the privilege of having a pastor in its midst who is deaf. Yet this congregation is not an "all deaf" assembly. There are four hearing members and two hard-of-hearing members. The total membership is forty-eight communicants. Pastor Ludwig also conducts services in six other Ohio cities: Cincinnati, Dayton, Defiance, Findlay, Lima, and Westerville, and two West Virginia cities: Parkersburg and Huntington. Huntington is the newest preaching station in the Columbus field. It was opened last November.

At Holy Cross Congregation in Columbus, Bible class and worship services are held every Sunday at 10:00 and 10:45 A. M. respectively.

Midweek Advent and Lenten services are held each Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. All services are conducted both orally and in signs, except when there are only deaf worshippers present. Then the pastor does not use his voice. The average attendance of all services in Columbus is about thirty.

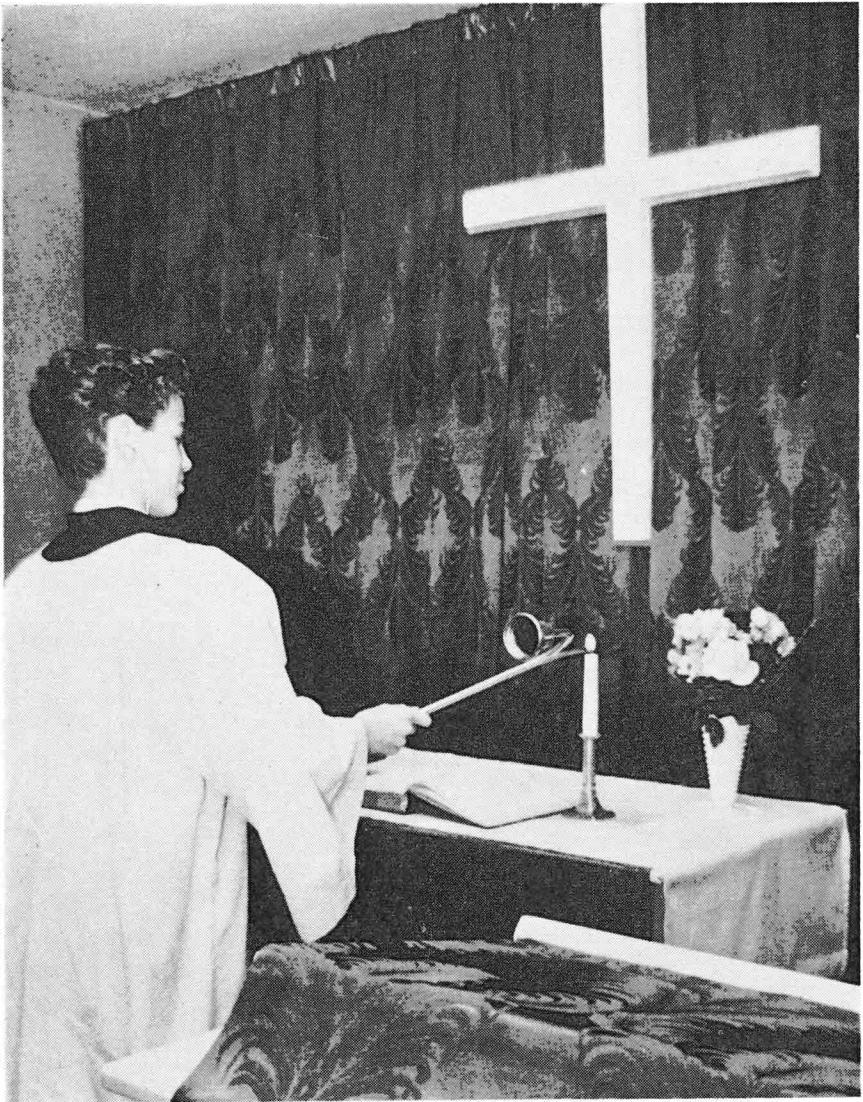
During the two years since Pastor Ludwig was ordained in Columbus there have been ten baptisms, seven children and three adults. Four adults and one teen-ager were confirmed. Five burial services were conducted and one wedding was performed.

A Lutheran Sunday school for the Deaf is held weekly at the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus. Approximately 45 pupils are enrolled. Four members of Holy Cross

Congregation assist the pastor in teaching the Lutheran children. The confirmation class receives instruction every Tuesday afternoon. Eleven catechumens were confirmed during 1960. Beginning in September 1961, Lutheran pupils are privileged to attend worship services at

the church on Saturday mornings.

Like most Lutheran congregations, Holy Cross is an active one. Regular voters' assemblies occur four times a year, but special voters' meetings may be held as often as needed. Two years ago many male members contributed their free



Acolyte Vernon Kline, deaf son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Kline, members of Holy Cross Congregation



Pastor Ludwig, left, and Mr. John Riddlebaugh, right, lead a service of worship at Holy Cross Congregation. Mr. Riddlebaugh and Mr. Harry Case also serve as lay readers when Pastor Ludwig is not in Columbus on Sunday mornings

hours to repair and paint the exterior lumber of the three-story brick dwelling on East Lane Ave. A professional maintenance man was able to paint the wood under the lower part of the roof, over 25 feet from the ground. During 1960 members of the church reconditioned and painted the garage.

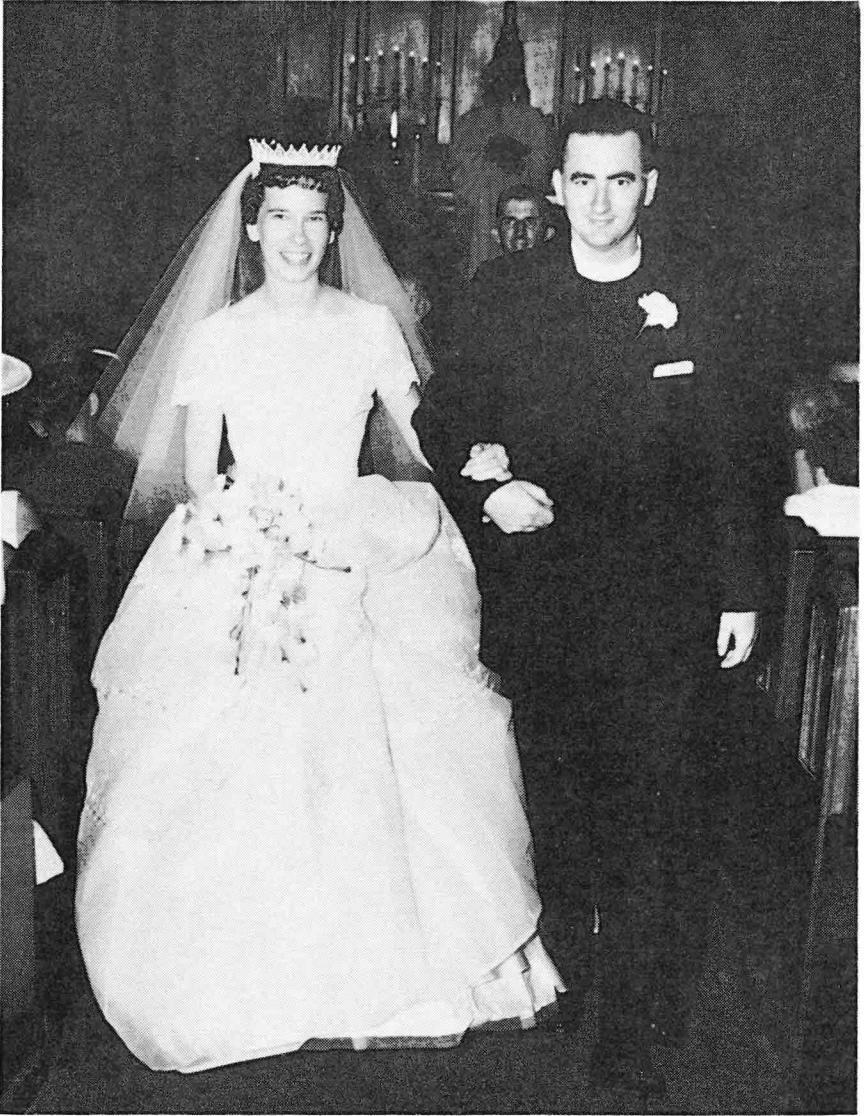
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Holy Cross meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month at the church. During 1960 their mite box contributions totaled \$42.50, and their fall clothing drive netted them 200 pounds of clothing for Lutheran World Relief. In addition to these projects the ladies have contributed their services to Holy Cross Church, the Ohio School for the Deaf, and the Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf at Central College, about 12 miles away. Mrs. Sarah Riddlebaugh represented the Central Ohio Zone at the recent in-

ternational LWML convention at Pittsburgh, Pa. Since she was the only deaf delegate to the 2,000 member delegation, she caused quite a sensation among the hearing delegates and visitors.

As the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Evangelism endeavor draws closer, the local committee, headed by Chairman John Riddlebaugh, is busy learning its duties. The endeavor will take place in Columbus from November 5 to 9, 1961. Holy Cross Congregation will join other Lutheran congregations in the Columbus area in an intensive effort to witness for Christ the Savior. Holy Cross Congregation invites the prayers of other Lutheran deaf congregations for its program for building Christ's kingdom.

The pictures accompanying this article are supplied through the courtesy of the *Columbus Dispatch*, G. A. Smallsreed, Jr., photographer.

Field Gleanings



Pastor and Mrs. Leroy Mason, July 2, 1961

Pastor Leroy Mason Weds Dorothy Mae Engebrecht

Chicago, Ill. Rev. Leroy Mason, Lutheran minister to the Deaf in the South Chicago field, was married on July 2, 1961, to Dorothy Mae Engebrecht of Jacksonville, Ill. Two hundred guests were in attendance at the wedding, including thirty-six Deaf. The wedding took place at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Ill., with Pastor Rose officiating and Pastor Thies interpreting for the Deaf.

For their honeymoon Pastor and Mrs. Mason visited the far West, viewing the Painted Desert of Arizona, the Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon, Disneyland, San Francisco's Chinatown, the giant redwoods of Northern California, Reno, and the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. Mason formerly worked as a medical secretary to a physician in Jacksonville. For the past four years she taught a Sunday school class at the Deaf Chapel in Jacksonville. It was here that she met Pastor Mason.

Funds Granted for Pittsburgh Chapel

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Board for Missions to the Deaf has approved the appropriation of \$25,000 from the capital expansion fund for a Pittsburgh chapel for Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf there.

Wedding

Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Christine Johannsen of Council Bluffs, Ia., and Mr. Nelson Van Wyk of Pella, Ia., were united in marriage on June 15



Mrs. Nelson Van Wyk signs the marriage certificate with her husband for Pastor Clark Bailey

—PHOTO BY SYBENGA

at Pella, Rev. Clark Bailey officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk are making their home in Pella.

LWML International Convention

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League held its international convention this year in Pittsburgh, July 26 and 27. About 2,000 ladies attended the convention, including a group of deaf members from Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh and a district delegate from Ohio, Mrs. Sarah Riddlebaugh, a member of the deaf congregation in Columbus, Ohio.

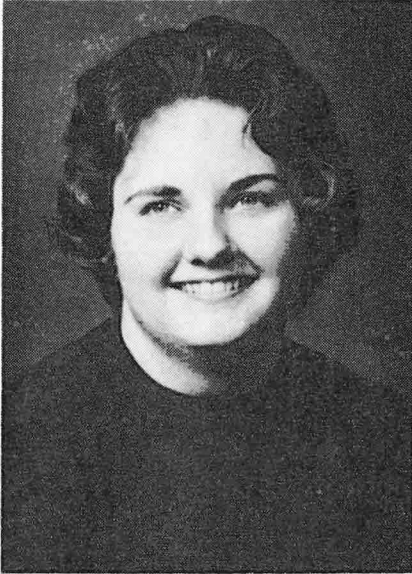
Pastor Frank Wagenknecht of Trinity Deaf Congregation in Pittsburgh interpreted for the Deaf who attended the sessions. Deaf persons from the Pittsburgh area attending the sessions were Mrs. James Paul, Mrs. Harry Ottermann, Mrs. Donald Mowl, and Mrs. Sol. Schwartzmann.

Mrs. T. Altheide, Mrs. John Welch, and Mrs. L. Palmer attended one day.

The deaf ladies were asked to stand during the convention and were given warm applause.

Deaconess Intern

New York, N. Y. Miss Carole Garwood, a student at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., is serving St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for



Miss Carole Garwood

the Deaf in New York and the New York Deaf mission field as a deaconess intern on a part-time basis this year.

Miss Garwood has been a student at Valparaiso U. since September 1958, with majors in religion and geography, and a minor in education. She is a member of three sororities: Pi Delta Chi, a social and professional sorority, Gamma Theta Upsilon, a professional honorary geography fraternity, and Gamma Sigma Sigma, a national service so-

rority. Miss Garwood has been secretary of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Although she is a native of Baltimore, Miss Garwood's home since early childhood has been in Wilmington, Del. Interested in the Deaf since graduation from high school, she hopes to be able to continue her studies as a graduate student at Columbia University in New York City to qualify as a teacher of the Deaf.

Nashville Wedding

Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Willie Nelson and Dorothy Akins were united in holy wedlock on Sunday, July 23, in Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Wayne Bottlinger officiated.

Daughter Born to Baileys

Des Moines, Iowa. Karen Ann Bailey, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Clark Bailey of Des Moines, was born July 24, 1961. She was baptized on August 27 with Mrs. Paul Janssen of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Richard Janssen of Park Forest, Ill., as sponsors. Karen has two brothers, Philip, 6, and Andrew, 4.

Son Born to Rynearsons

Spokane, Wash. Stephen Paul Rynearson, son of Pastor and Mrs. Rodney Rynearson, was born July 12, 1961, and baptized into the Christian faith July 23.

Montana Lutheran Deaf Organized

Spokane, Wash. A congregation uniting Montana Lutheran Deaf from five different preaching stations was organized on July 30 with the adoption of a constitution and election of officers. Known as Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in

Montana, the newly formed congregation numbers ninety members. Rev. Rodney Rynearson is its pastor. Mr. Victor Lyon was elected president for two years and Mr. Elmer Francisco was elected treasurer for one year. A vice-president from each preaching station elected during August complete the officers.

Circuit Conference at Delavan

Delavan, Wis. A two-day circuit conference for Lutheran Deaf was scheduled to be held Sept. 23 and 24, 1961, at Holy Cross Church in Delavan. The theme of the conference: "Pray and Work."

A special feature of the meeting was arranged for the Saturday evening fellowship banquet, for which time Rev. William F. Reinking, scheduled speaker, prepared an address based on colored slides which he took during his seven-week survey of the Deaf in the Orient.

Regional Counselor Rev. George Kraus of St. Louis was also scheduled to appear on the program.

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Summer Camp for Deaf

W. Hartford, Conn. Thirty-six deaf campers from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine attended a two-week summer camp



Winners of the costume party: front row, l. to r., Lee Curtis, Harold West, William Wheeler. Second row, l. to r., Wayne Betts, Danny Rinas, Betty York. Rear: "Paper Man" Paul Rinas

June 24 to July 8 in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains at New Preston, Conn.

The daily camp program included the raising of American and Christian flags, cabin clean-up, Bible study, crafts, sports, lowering of the flags, entertainment, and evening devotions.

Pastor Earl Thaler of W. Hartford, Conn., camp director, conducted a class in Bible study for an intermediate group.



Devotions

“Light for Your Way”

Daily Bible Readings for October

October 1 — Judges 17:1-13	October 15 — Hebrews 4:14—5:10
October 2 — Judges 18:1-13	October 16 — Hebrews 6:1-12
October 3 — Judges 18:14-31	October 17 — Hebrews 6:13-20
October 4 — Judges 19:1-15	October 18 — Hebrews 7:1-14
October 5 — Judges 19:16-30	October 19 — Hebrews 7:15-28
October 6 — Judges 20:1-23	October 20 — Hebrews 8:1-13
October 7 — Judges 20:24-48	October 21 — Hebrews 9:1-14
October 8 — Judges 21:1-15	October 22 — Hebrews 9:15-28
October 9 — Judges 21:16-25	October 23 — Hebrews 10:1-18
October 10 — Hebrews 1:1-14	October 24 — Hebrews 10:19-39
October 11 — Hebrews 2:1-9	October 25 — Hebrews 11:1-22
October 12 — Hebrews 2:10-18	October 26 — Hebrews 11:23-40
October 13 — Hebrews 3:1-15	October 27 — Hebrews 12:1-11
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