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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

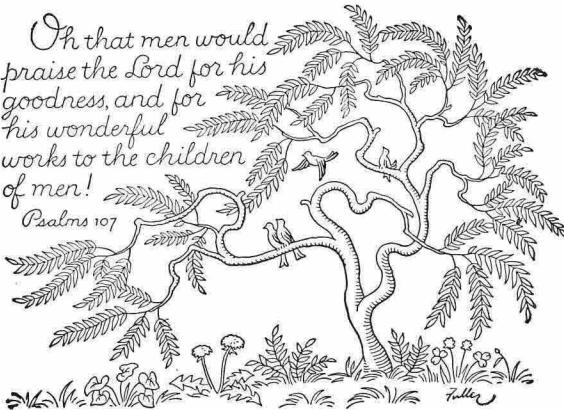
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*Oh that men would
praise the Lord for his
goodness, and for
his wonderful
works to the children
of men!*

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Pastor Daniel Pokorny



Pastor Daniel H. Pokorny

On Sunday, Sept. 3, Pastor Daniel H. Pokorny was installed as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Indianapolis, Ind. Rev. Daniel A. Brockhoff of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Indianapolis performed the rite of installation. Rev. William F. Reinking of St. Louis delivered the sermon and interpreted the service for the Deaf.

Rev. Pokorny was graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, last June and was ordained at St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, New York, on Aug. 30. Pastor Pokorny was awarded the degrees of bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity from Concordia Seminary. In addition to his seminary training Pastor Pokorny completed, in Minneapolis, Minn., a 12-week clinical training course with juvenile delinquents.

Pastor Pokorny's duties in the Indiana field will include his work as

Pastor of Peace Congregation, regular worship services in the preaching stations of the Indiana field, and regular visits to the State School for the Deaf, Central State Hospital, and Goodwill Industries.

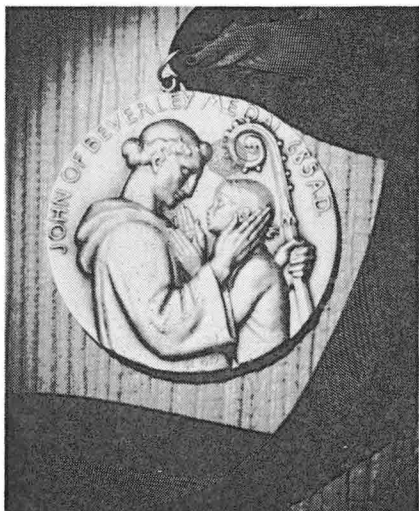
Pastor Pokorny began to study sign language at Concordia Seminary in the fall of 1956. He has assisted the Deaf congregation in St. Louis, Holy Cross, in the conduct of its worship services and educational program. During the 1959-60 school year Pastor Pokorny interned at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, N. J., under the supervision of Pastor C. Roland Gerhold.

Dr. John A. Klein Is Awarded John of Beverley Medal

New York, N. Y. Dr. John A. Klein, executive director of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., has been awarded the third John of Beverley Medal by Mill Neck Manor.

The beautiful medal, created in 1958 to honor an individual who has made significant contributions in the continuing efforts to alleviate the handicap of deafness, is awarded periodically to recipients deemed worthy by a special committee. Potential awardees may be from any walk of life or profession, and the award will be made without regard to race, color, or religious creed.

The medal was named after a clergyman of early Anglo-Saxon England. In A. D. 785 Bishop John Beverley became the first person in recorded history to teach a deaf person to speak and read.



The John of Beverley Medal

The award was presented to Dr. Klein at East Lansing, Mich., at the annual convention of the Michigan

District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. The presentation ceremony took place on Aug. 16, with District President W. Harry Krieger and Melvin Luebke, headmaster of Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, participating.

Dr. Klein, who is recognized as one of the ablest and most experienced deaf school educators in America, has served the Detroit school for nearly half a century. The school has a beautiful campus, with a maximum gift support assuring its continued success.

Dr. Klein becomes the third recipient of this unique award. The first award was made in 1959 to Dr. John A. Salvner at San Francisco, Calif. The second was awarded, posthumously, in 1960 to Miss Martha Bruhn of Boston, Mass.

Notes from Executive Secretary Reinking

Rochester Field Calls Pastor Graef

Pastor Herman Graef, Omaha, Nebr., has declined a call as pastor of Alpha Congregation, Rochester, N. Y., and missionary to the Deaf in the Rochester field.

Pastor Borchardt Declines Call to Madison

Pastor Norbert Borchardt, pastor of Our Savior Congregation in Detroit and missionary to the Deaf in the Detroit field, received a call to become pastor of Silent Lutheran Church in Madison and missionary in the Madison, Wis., field. After prayerful consideration Pastor Borchardt decided to remain in Detroit and returned the call to Madison. The Board for Missions to the Deaf and the Madison congregation have not yet called another missionary.

Pastor Kraus Receives Call to Chaplaincy

Pastor George Kraus, St. Louis, Mo., has declined a call from the Armed Service Commission to become a chaplain in the regular Army. Pastor Kraus has served as a chaplain in National Guard units in both Minnesota and Missouri for the past three years. He will continue to serve as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf in St. Louis.

Installations Held for Pastor Rohe and Pastor Pokorny

On Aug. 14 Pastor Herbert Rohe was installed as missionary to the Deaf in Texas and Oklahoma at Trinity Lutheran Church, Houston, Tex. Pastor Reinking preached the sermon and interpreted the service,

and Pastor Hobart Meyer of Houston, Tex., read the rite of installation. Pastor Daniel Pokorny was installed as pastor of Peace Lutheran Congregation and missionary to the Deaf in the Indianapolis field at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind., on Sept. 3. Pastor Reinking preached the sermon and interpreted the service, and Rev. Daniel Brockhoff read the rite of installation. Rev. Pokorny was ordained to the office of the holy ministry on Aug. 30 in his home church in New York City. May God richly bless these two men as they now begin their work in these new fields.

Southern California Field Divided

At Ephphatha Conference in Seward, Nebr., in July, the Board for Missions to the Deaf decided to divide the Southern California field. Rev. Arnold Jonas remains as pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Los Angeles and also serves the Deaf in the Long Beach area. Rev. Gerhard Gehrs now takes care of the School for the Deaf in Riverside and the preaching stations in Anaheim, San Diego, Riverside, and Phoenix, Ariz. He will also serve in the Bakersfield and Taft areas to see if Lutheran services can be begun in that area. Rev. and Mrs. Gehrs will make their new home in Riverside.

Services Begun in Idaho and Arizona

Lutheran services for the Deaf have now been begun in Phoenix, Ariz., and in Lewiston and Boise, Idaho. Rev. Gehrs of Riverside, Calif., serves the Deaf in Phoenix once every three months. There are now 12 Lutheran communicants in

Phoenix, and they continue to meet each week for their own Bible study. This work was originally begun by Pastor Frederking during his vacations spent in Phoenix. It is hoped that later more frequent services will be held for the Deaf of Phoenix. After surveying Idaho, the board has granted to Pastor Rynearson permission to begin monthly services in Lewiston and Boise. May God bless the preaching of His Word at these new cities.

Montana Lutheran Deaf Organize

The Lutheran Deaf of Montana have organized into Christ Lutheran Church of Montana. This is something new in our mission. Ordinarily, groups of people in one city organize into a congregation. However, the Deaf of Montana have decided that they will all belong to the same congregation no matter in which city they live. Their annual meeting to discuss the business of the church and to adopt the budget and elect officers is held each year at their Montana Lutheran Camp. We pray God's rich blessings on this new congregation.

Texas District Shows Interest in Deaf Mission

Pastor Reinking was invited to appear before the circuit welfare representatives of the Texas District at a recent District leaders' conference in Austin, Tex. He explained the program of deaf missions and showed how it was the responsibility of every Christian and every congregation to preach the Gospel to the Deaf. The circuit welfare representatives agreed to encourage the congregations in their circuit to see how many Deaf were

in their area and to see what can be done to expand the deaf mission program in Texas. They pledged their wholehearted co-operation to Pastor Rohe, the newly installed missionary to the Deaf in Texas.

Are You Living Your Thanksgiving?

This month is the celebration of the annual day of Thanksgiving. All Christians will want to meet in their churches on Thanksgiving Day to humbly give thanks to the Lord for His blessings for both body and soul. Too often, though, Thanksgiving is

limited to a prayer of thanksgiving in church. We should live our thanksgiving. Each day of our life we should show to the Lord our thanks for all His blessings. We do this as we live a Christian life, following Jesus' example. We do this as we work hard to bring the message of the salvation of Jesus to others who have not yet heard it. We can also do this by giving of our blessings to support the mission of the church. Are you living your thanksgiving? See you next month.

W. F. REINKING

The Omaha Field

The Omaha mission field, now reaching 675 souls and 400 communicants in three congregations, five preaching stations, and two schools, had its beginning in 1903 with occasional services by the Lutheran pastor from St. Louis. In 1904 Rev. N. F. Jensen moved to Omaha as the first called pastor,

but he soon went to Kansas City. From there he continued to serve Omaha. Two other men succeeded him, one being the Rev. O. C. Schroeder, recently retired from his ministry to the Deaf-Blind.

After Pastor Schroeder left in 1921, Rev. Ernest Mappes, then a candidate from the St. Louis Con-



Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Omaha, Nebr.

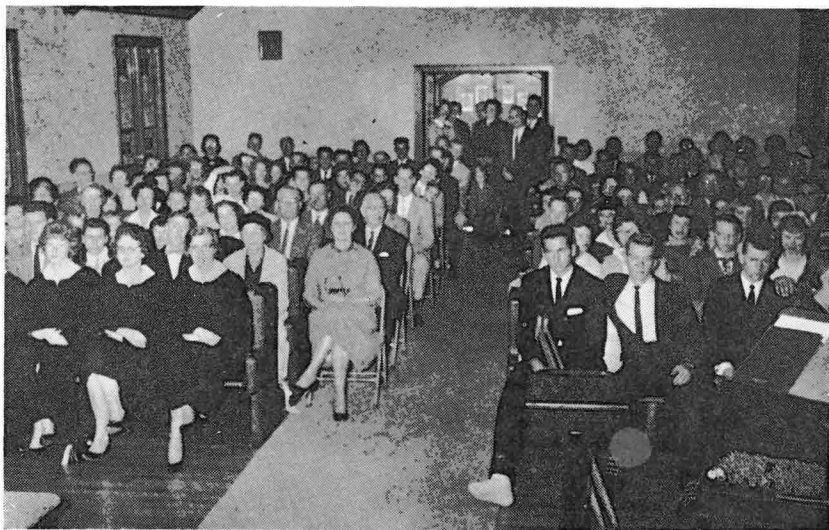


Rev. Mappes teaches a nursery class at the Nebraska School for the Deaf

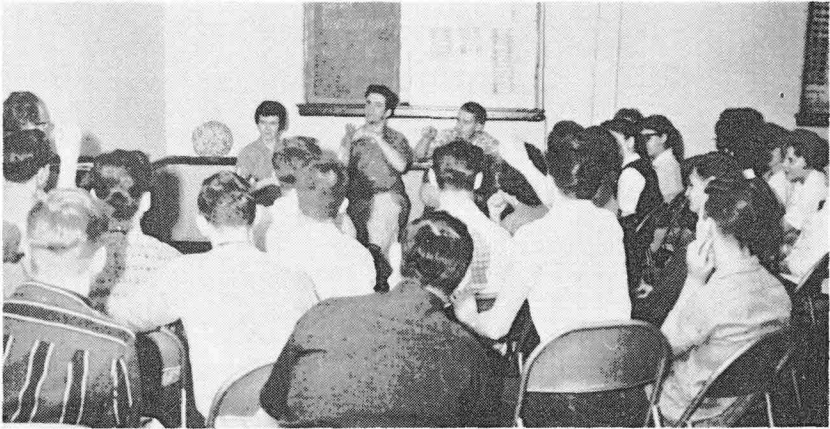
cordia Seminary, accepted a call to Omaha from the Mission Board and continued services in the Omaha and Kansas City areas. When the Kansas City Deaf called their own pastor in 1923, the Omaha field was enlarged to include Iowa and South Dakota. During the years since then, Rev. Mappes has served 16

places as parts of the Omaha field.

The congregations in three of the cities in the present field have been organized. Omaha in 1923, Sioux City, Iowa, in 1945, and Lincoln, Nebr., in 1947, were granted congregational charters. The stations now served from Omaha are Columbus, Kearney, Fremont, and Ne-



Bethlehem Congregation in Omaha, Nebr., with students from the Nebraska school



Rev. Graef's senior class at the Iowa School for the Deaf holds a panel discussion

braska City in Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The headquarters congregation in Omaha acquired property and erected the present church building and parsonage in 1938 with the help of a loan from the synodical Church Extension Board. The 110 members of Bethlehem Church have nearly

paid off the debt on their property and are able to provide for all their local needs and upkeep.

After Pastor Mappes' health curtailed his labors, Rev. Herman Graef was called from the seminary in 1958 to assume the responsibility of the field. Rev. Mappes continues to serve full time as assistant pastor.



The congregation assembles for worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Music is furnished by hearing children



Rev. Graef's primary class at the Iowa School for the Deaf

The Nebraska and Iowa schools for the Deaf are important areas of work in the Omaha field. Graded classes in religion are conducted weekly in each of the schools for 250 Protestant children. The pastors

conduct biweekly services in the Iowa school, including oral worship for primary children.

Such a broad school program could not be conducted without the assistance of faithful volunteer help-



First grade class at the Nebraska school. A hearing member of Bethlehem's Sunday School leads the class, using surplus vacation Bible school materials

ers. Three Lutheran members and teachers of the Iowa school, Mrs. Hazel McLaughlin, Mrs. Gerald Osborne, and Mrs. Norman Scarvie, give their time after school to teach the religion classes. In Omaha Miss Judi Degenhardt, daughter of a member of Bethlehem Church, assists the pastors with classes at the Nebraska school.

Each of the pastors teaches one year of the two-year confirmation course. About 20 new members are added to the church every year through the work of the Holy Spirit

in these two schools. We are grateful to the Lord and to the administrations of the institutions for the fine co-operation which exists between the church and the leaders of the Nebraska and Iowa schools.

Truly the Good Shepherd has blessed every phase of Kingdom work in the Omaha field. "So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11 RSV)



Editorials

The Sweetest Sound

Read Luke 10:1-20

"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me."

Acts 1:8.

A beautiful story is told of Dr. John A. Broadus, a scholar and theological professor. In his younger days he was converted to faith in Christ in the town in which he lived. He could not keep this wonderful news about his Savior to himself. He had to become a witness for Jesus and tell someone about it. He went to one of his schoolmates, Sandy Jones, a red-haired, awkward chap, and said to him, "I wish you would be a Christian — won't you?" And Sandy said: "Well, I don't know. Perhaps I will." And sure enough, one night in the little village church Sandy Jones accepted

Christ as his Savior and became a Christian. Immediately he walked across to John Broadus, held out his hand, and said, "I thank you, John; I thank you, John."

Dr. Broadus went away from that little town and became a great scholar. Every summer when he went home this awkward, red-haired old farmer, in his plain clothes, with red mud on his boots, would come up, stick out his big bony hand, and say, "Howdy, John. Thank you, John. Thank you, John. I never forget, John."

When Dr. Broadus lay dying and his family gathered about him, he said, "I think the sound sweetest to my ears in heaven, next to the wel-

come of Him whom I have loved and tried to serve, will be the welcome of Sandy Jones, as he will thrust out his great hand and say, 'Howdy, John. Thank you, John. Thank you, John.'

What little time and energy it takes just to invite someone to come along with you to God's house,

where Jesus, the Savior, is preached. Try it, and do it right away! And someday in heaven this same person may say, "Lord, next to Thee, I owe thanks to this friend for being here."

Lord, make me an earnest and willing witness for Thee. Amen.

REV. E. MAPPES



Bible Quiz

The Disciples of Jesus

St. Matthew

1. In Mark 2:14 we learn that Matthew has another name, _____.
2. Matthew was the son of _____.
3. Matthew was a tax collector. The Jews hated the tax collectors because they worked for the Roman Government and because many of them were dishonest. Another word for "tax collector" is _____ (Luke 19:2).
4. When Jesus called Matthew to be His disciple, Jesus spoke only two words to him: _____ (Luke 5:27-32).
5. In those same verses we read that Matthew _____ everything and followed _____.
6. In Luke 5:29 we read that Matthew prepared a large dinner for Jesus and invited his friends to meet Jesus. Many of Matthew's friends worked for the Roman Government as _____.
7. The Pharisees complained about Jesus when they saw Him eating with Matthew and the other tax

collectors. To the Pharisees, publicans were _____ (Luke 5:30).

8. Jesus told the Pharisees that He had not come to call the _____ to repentance (Luke 5:32).
9. Repentance means to _____ to the Lord (Joel 2:12, 13).

NOTE 1: When Matthew left everything and followed Jesus, he also left a good example for us to follow. We, too, should leave everything behind that might lead us away from Jesus. We, too, should follow Him all our life.

NOTE 2: Matthew gave us another good example when he invited his friends to a dinner where they could meet Jesus. Matthew wanted Jesus to change his friends as Jesus had changed him. We ought to think about our friends and the people with whom we live and work. We ought to invite them to church with us, where they can meet Jesus and learn that He loves them and forgives their sins.

Answers to quiz on next page.

REV. LOUIS JASPER



Field gleanings

Surprise Birthday Party

W. Hartford, Conn. A surprise birthday party was held for Miss Marion Huggare, 51, at the New England Home for the Deaf, where she resides. A member of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf at Worcester, Mass., Miss Huggare is greatly interested in the Word of God and reads whenever she is able. Handicapped also by a lack of perfect vision, she is able to read only such materials as are printed in "sight-saving" print. Pastor Earl Thaler, her minister, has subscribed to a number of such publications for her, including regular Bible lessons, a magazine, and reprints of sermons from the Lutheran Hour. Pastor Thaler visits Miss Huggare monthly



Miss Marion Huggare

at the home in Danvers, Mass., while on his way to the Baxter School for the Deaf in Portland, Maine.

Answers

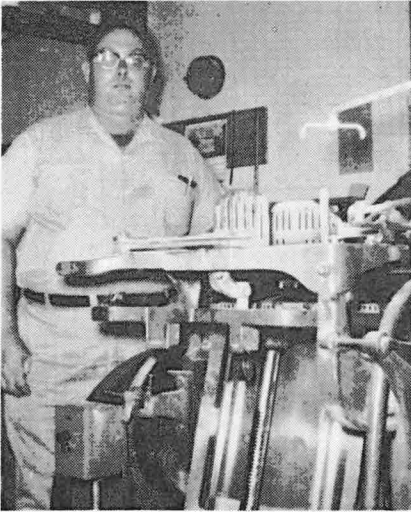
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| 1. Levi | 6. tax collectors |
| 2. Alphaeus | 7. sinners |
| 3. publican | 8. righteous |
| 4. "Follow Me" | 9. turn |
| 5. left Jesus | |

Confirmed in New York

New York, N. Y. Mr. Thomas Dixon and Mr. Ronald Giffin were received as members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., by the rite of confirmation on Sunday, July 9.

"The Grace Press"

W. Hartford, Conn. The printing press has long been a fine tool for the church to spread the message of salvation. One particular printing press in Falmouth, Me., has been working overtime to bring the message of salvation to the Deaf. "The Grace Press," operated by Fred Endicott of Falmouth, Me., has produced numerous publicity materials, greeting cards, record forms, certificates, and various forms of the manual alphabet for the New England field of Lutheran Deaf Missions. Rev. Earl Thaler, Lutheran pastor for the Deaf in New England, has repeatedly expressed his gratitude to Mr. Endicott for the wonderful



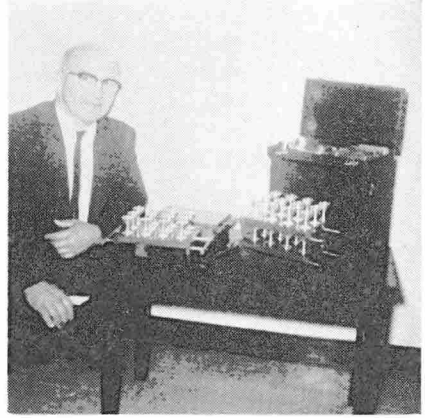
Fred Endicott

work which he is doing for the church and for the Deaf. Mr. Endicott is a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Falmouth.

Communion Ware Dedicated

Anaheim, Calif. A set of Communion ware for use in the newly formed Southern California field was dedicated to the glory of God on July 25 at Anaheim, Calif. The service includes 36 individual Communion cups, a paten, two host boxes, four containers for wine, three trays, a tray cover, and a carrying case. The silver pieces in the set were purchased by the Deaf.

The solid walnut trays and carrying case were made by Everett Hollenbeck of Buena Park, Calif. Mr. Hollenbeck lined the inside of the case with felt and covered it with leather. The time and materials for the case were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck. Rev. Gerhard Gehrs is pastor of the Southern California field.



Everett Hollenbeck with new Communion service

Vicar Don Leber

Newark, N. J. Vicar Don Leber, a student intern for 1961—62 of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., has completed a summer field work assignment at Newark, N. J., and since September 4 he has been serving the Florida-Georgia field under the supervision of Rev. Francis Gyle of Miami.

Student Leber attended Concordia College, Bronxville, N. Y., and Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, N. J., before entering Concordia Seminary in 1958. As a second-year student at Concordia Seminary, Mr. Leber studied sign language under Rev. Leroy Mason and assisted in the Sunday school for deaf children at Jacksonville, Ill.

Softball Team

St. Paul, Minn. Prince of Peace's first season in the young men's softball league ended July 25 with one win. What the team lacked in experience they made up in enthusiasm, and they are eagerly looking forward to a more successful season next year.

The softball league is a program

of the Church Athletic Association through the YMCA. Prince of Peace hopes to participate in the boys' league next summer.

Services Begun in Arizona

Los Angeles, Calif. Thirteen persons attended the first service conducted by Pastor Gerhard Gehrs of Los Angeles in Phoenix, Ariz., on July 23. Pastor Gehrs announced in September that a second service would be held in Phoenix in October. Pastor Gehrs' ministry to the Deaf in Arizona may also include pastoral care for deaf patients in the Arizona State Hospital.

Lutheran Open House in Ohio

Columbus, Ohio. Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus will participate in an area Lutheran open house November 5 to 9. Services will be conducted by a guest speaker each evening at 7:30 P. M. Each service will be followed by a question period and refreshments. Rev. William Ludwig is pastor of Holy Cross Congregation.

Official Acts

Columbus, Ohio. Baptism: De-wayne Kenneth Clark, Aug. 6. *Funerals:* Howard L. Weber, July 27, Mrs. Lide W. Laingor, Aug. 3.

Central Illinois. Wedding: William Ritchey of White Hall, Ill., and Miss Elaine Lantz of Monmouth, Ill., were united in holy matrimony on July 8, Pastor Delbert Thies officiating. *Funerals:* Miss Etta Marie Cahill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cahill of Springfield, Ill., departed this life on June 16. Pastor Delbert Thies conducted the funeral on June 19. William Ruby of Springfield departed this life on June 23.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Thies on June 28. William E. Kehr of Bloomington, Ill., departed this life on July 4. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Thies on July 6.

St. Paul, Minn. Baptism: Bonnie Sue Mooney, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mooney, was baptized at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul on July 23. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griefenhagen.

Christ Lutheran Church Elects Officers

Spokane, Wash. The recently organized Christ Lutheran Church uniting Lutheran Deaf in the state of Montana has elected the following officers: President, Victor Lyon, for a term of two years; first vice-president, Earnest Cundy of Billings; second vice-president, Newton Shular of Great Falls; third vice-president, Walter Herbold of Havre; fourth vice-president, Ed Lappin of Lewistown; fifth vice-president, John Hagerman of Missoula; secretary, Newton Shular; treasurer, Elmer Francisco.

Lutheran Open House in Montana

Spokane, Wash. Christ Lutheran Church of Montana participated with Lutheran congregations throughout the state in a special evangelism effort the week of Sept. 17 to 21. Pastor Robert Bauer of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, served as guest missionary for the project. Rev. Rodney Rynearson of Spokane, Wash., is pastor of Christ Congregation in Montana.

John of Beverley Workbooks

Mill Neck, N. Y. The second revision of Book I of the John of Bever-

ley Series of Workbooks in Religion for deaf pupils has been distributed to several hundred teachers for use during the 1961—62 school year.

Printing of the second revision had been delayed by a good response to Mill Neck's request for an evaluation of the book as it was used last year in classroom situations. More than 500 comments were considered. Revision of the text was authorized where the effectiveness of the workbook could be improved.

Book II, now being prepared, is being partially financed by a grant from the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Mill Neck School for the Deaf considers these Workbooks in Religion to be a means of the school serving pupils who may never see the campus at Mill Neck, but who share a need for religious instruction.

New Research Project at Gallaudet College

Washington, D. C. President Leonard M. Elstad has announced that a research project on "New Methods of Language Development in Deaf Children" is being undertaken by Gallaudet College this year. The two-year project has been made possible for the college under a contract with the U. S. Office of Education.

The purpose of the study is to find a method or methods by which deaf children can acquire language at an earlier age than they normally do. The project will first adapt visual aids which are being used with hearing children to the special needs of the deaf child. The typewriter will have an important role in the project; the deaf child's learning of language will center around his use of the typewriter.

The first year of the research will be devoted to finding the most effective of several variations of the proposed method. The second year will be devoted to a comparison of the experimental method with conventional methods of introducing language.

Deaf children participating will range from 3½ to eight years.

The project will be under the combined direction of three Gallaudet staff members: Dr. Robert Frisina, director of the hearing and speech center; Dr. Howard Roy, director of the counseling center; and Dr. Jerome Schein, director of the office of psycho-educational research.

Dictionary for Biblical Words

St. Louis, Mo. Work on a dictionary explaining the meaning of words found in the King James Bible is nearing completion at Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. The dictionary was prepared by Dr. George Gaertner and Rev. Theodore DeLaney to help the Deaf and others understand words in the King James Bible which are difficult because they are no longer in use today. Production schedules call for the completion of the dictionary during 1962. It will then be available for general distribution.

Work Among the Deaf in Hawaii

St. Louis, Mo. Executive Secretary William F. Reinking, in his report to Ephphatha Conference, announced that members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Honolulu have begun a Sunday morning school for deaf children. No recent figures are available, but the last report showed about ten children enrolled in the Sunday school.



Devotions

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Daily Bible Readings for November

Nov. 1 — Esther 1:1-12
Nov. 2 — Esther 1:13-22
Nov. 3 — Esther 2:1-11
Nov. 4 — Esther 2:12-23
Nov. 5 — Esther 3:1-15
Nov. 6 — Esther 4:1-17
Nov. 7 — Esther 5:1-14
Nov. 8 — Esther 6:1-14
Nov. 9 — Esther 7:1-10
Nov. 10 — Esther 8:1-17
Nov. 11 — Esther 9:1-19
Nov. 12 — Esther 9:20-32
Nov. 13 — Esther 10:1-3
Nov. 14 — Amos 1:1-10

Nov. 15 — Amos 2:4-16
Nov. 16 — Amos 3:1-8
Nov. 17 — Amos 4:1-13
Nov. 18 — Amos 5:1-9
Nov. 19 — Amos 5:18-24
Nov. 20 — Amos 7:1-9
Nov. 21 — Amos 8:4-12
Nov. 22 — Amos 9:1-8
Nov. 23 — Amos 9:9-15
Nov. 24 — Lamentations 1:1-11
Nov. 25 — Lamentations 1:12-22
Nov. 26 — Lamentations 2:1-12
Nov. 27 — Lamentations 2:13-22
Nov. 28 — Lamentations 3:1-39
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