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*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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**V:** This is the day the Lord hath made. Hallelujah!

**R:** We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!

**V:** The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

**R:** Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!

**V:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord. Hallelujah!

**R:** For His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah!



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## Editorials

### "Keep Christ in Easter"

Last Christmas we heard or read the slogan "Keep Christ in Christmas." If it is good to keep Christ in Christmas, then it is equally important to keep Christ in Easter. We know that there could be no Easter if Christ had not risen from the dead. The Bunny Rabbit may not steal the show on Easter as Santa Claus does so often at Christmas, but still we need to remember that the central theme of Easter is the risen Lord and Savior. Even the Easter hat may take away Christ from our Easter. We may give so much attention to the appearance of self that we forget Christ. We may go to church because we want others to see us, instead of going to see Jesus and to encourage others to know and love Him. Then also the Easter egg may take Christ out of our Easter. We may find so much joy in watching the little ones hunt for the beautiful eggs that we fail to remember the real theme of Easter — "Jesus, Our Risen Lord and Savior."

The egg, however, as an illustration of life from the dead, may be used to help us keep Christ in Easter. It can give us something to talk about to the little ones. Perhaps this story will help you. Little Mary was sad because the eggs in the nest of her favorite little bantam hen were broken one morning. She was crying until her brother showed her that they were not broken but hatched. When Mary saw the cute

little chicks which had come from those broken shells her tears turned to smiles.

The tears of the disciples also turned to joy when they saw Jesus after His resurrection. The empty tomb made them sad. The risen Christ made them glad. What they thought to be death turned out to be everlasting life.

For us also Easter must mean great joy. Thinking of death and the grave, we become sad. But the words of Jesus "Because I live, ye shall live also" fill our hearts with joy. Sin brings death. Christ brings forgiveness and life in heaven. Believing in Jesus, we can look forward to a wonderful resurrection from the grave. The day of our resurrection will be like the hatching of an egg. A new life will come forth that will never end.

The egg looks like a smooth round stone. The difference is that there is life in it. That was the difference in the grave of Jesus on Easter morning: There was LIFE in it, and THE LIFE came from it. Jesus says, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

*May the message of Easter fill your heart with joy that will never end.*

REV. GEORGE C. RING  
Portland, Oreg.

# New Welfare Policy

For the first time in its legislative history, Congress received a presidential message which was devoted entirely to public welfare.

In a special message President Kennedy unveiled proposals for a new welfare program stressing rehabilitation and services rather than relief.

Just before the message was sent to Congress, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Ribicoff met for three days with state administrators of public welfare to explain the new program.

The message called for revision of public assistance and child welfare laws, many of which were enacted during the depression days of the 1930s.

The estimated cost of the new programs is \$93 million, which was included in the administration's budget proposals. The basic cost of public assistance to the Federal Government is about \$2 billion, which is matched by a similar amount provided by the states.

Although the proposals will not

affect the Deaf as a group to any measurable degree, any emphasis on rehabilitation as an approach to problems resulting from unemployment should be welcome news to the Deaf. Since many deaf people have enjoyed and will enjoy the benefits of rehabilitation services offered by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, it is encouraging to note the confidence with which Secretary Ribicoff and President Kennedy support rehabilitation programs.

The fact is that rehabilitation is one of the best possible investments which United States citizens can collectively make with public funds. One person successfully rehabilitated will pay back much more to the government during his lifetime in income tax alone than it cost to rehabilitate him. This is in addition to the fact that he is then able to make a substantial and valuable contribution to the community by way of the service which he has learned to perform or the product which he has learned to help produce.

## Notes from Executive Secretary Reinking

The Lutheran Deaf in Finland have a monthly paper—the *Quiet Congregation*. A copy of this paper has been sent to the Deaf Mission office in St. Louis, but of course no one there can read the Finnish language. However, there are several Finnish students at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and one of them, Eric Vuorinen, has translated the December 1961 issue of this paper. We sincerely thank him for his

help in having us understand something about the Deaf in Finland. The December paper says nothing about how many Deaf there are in Finland, but it does list 4 pastors and 11 deaconesses who work with the Deaf. It seems that work among the Deaf in Finland is well organized. In this paper there was a very interesting story about work that the Swedish and Finnish Deaf have supported in Eritrea, East Africa,

next to Ethiopia. The article as translated by Mr. Vuorinen reads as follows:

### **What's New at Keren?**

The school at Keren, which originated from a small group in a garage, has grown so large now that they must have two teachers. Miss Elsie Roos now has a helper. She is Miss Febe Giselsso, a Swedish girl, who can remain in Eritrea only this year. Next year she must return once again to Sweden. In January of 1962 Miss Anni Kauppinen will travel to Keren. We believe God has chosen her for this work.

Therefore we send her on her way. The heavenly Father will care for His own. We send her on her long journey with prayers.

The Swedish Rector (pastor) Svennas, who with his wife was a substitute for Miss Roos for one year, relates that the school for the Deaf in Eritrea has over 100 children waiting to enroll. The children must wait many years, and still they can't get in. Last summer, during her vacation, Miss Roos experimented in teaching older deaf students. She had three girls who were too old to enroll in the established school. She taught them as we have in the past taught older deaf people by writing, finger spelling, and pointing. When the course was completed, the girls were sad because they wished to learn more. Miss Roos was also sad, because she wanted the girls to receive instruction for confirmation. In the established school there are a few older students who should be receiving confirmation instruction.

Miss Roos has written to Finland many times and asked the Deaf Mission to send a Finnish pastor to the Deaf so the children can receive confirmation instruction. The Board of the Association has checked their finances, and they do have a surplus. This surplus would take care of expenses one way. However, the board feels that this money should be used for the school's current expenses. Therefore the association has decided to wait concerning this matter. If

God wills that a confirmation instructor from Finland should be sent, God will arrange this. We remain waiting for God's will.

If anyone would like to write to Miss Roos to learn more about her school, he or she could write to her at the following address: Miss Elsie Roos, Swedish Mission, Keren, Eritrea, East Africa.

### **Rev. Floyd Possehl Installed in St. Louis**

Rev. Floyd Possehl was installed on Feb. 11 as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Saint Louis, Mo., Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Evansville, Ind., and missionary to the Deaf in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois. Photographs of the installation and reception will appear next month.

### **Rev. A. E. Ferber Declines Call to Rochester**

Rev. A. E. Ferber, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Kansas City, Mo., has declined the call he received to the Rochester deaf mission field.

### **Vicar Larry Harris Serves Rochester Field**

Vicar Larry Harris, a student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., is currently serving the vacancy in the Rochester field. Vicar Harris assisted Rev. C. Roland Gerhold last year in the New Jersey field. He will continue to serve Rochester until a full-time missionary is placed in the field.

### **Rev. C. Roland Gerhold Declines Call to Illinois**

Rev. C. Roland Gerhold of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark has declined a call

to the Central Illinois field and Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jacksonville.

**Rev. John Nickerson**  
**New Part-Time Worker**

When Rev. O. C. Schroeder, D. D., retired as missionary to the Deaf, services for the Deaf in Upper Michigan were conducted by Rev. Warren Paulson of Newberry, Mich.

Recently Rev. John Nickerson was installed as pastor in Kingsford, Mich., and the work among the Deaf has now been turned over to him.

Pastor Nickerson served for one year in the Indianapolis field as a vicar several years ago.

I know all the Deaf in Upper Michigan appreciated the services of Rev. Paulson and now welcome Pastor Nickerson as their new minister. Rev. Nickerson takes up his responsibilities as a part-time worker beginning April 1.

REV. W. F. REINKING  
St. Louis, Mo.

**EPHPHATHA  
CONFERENCE**

**July 17—20**

**St. Paul, Minnesota**



## The Disciples of Jesus

### Peter Part 2

1. With Jesus' power to uphold him, Peter once walked on \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 14:29).
2. Once, when Peter rebuked Jesus (Mark 8:31—33), Jesus called him \_\_\_\_\_ because he did not understand the things of God.
3. When Jesus warned His disciples that they would prove themselves weak in faith at His arrest, Peter bragged, "Although all shall be \_\_\_\_\_, yet will not I." (Mark 14:27-29).
4. Jesus answered Peter (Mark 14:30), "Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the \_\_\_\_\_ crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice."
5. Peter went with Jesus into the Garden of \_\_\_\_\_, where Jesus prayed to His Father, "Thy will be done." (Mark 14:32).
6. When Jesus returned from praying, He found Peter and the other two disciples, James and John, \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 14:37).
7. When the soldiers arrested Jesus, Peter \_\_\_\_\_ them from a distance to the palace of the High Priest. (Mark 14:54).
8. While Jesus was inside the palace facing His accusers, Peter remained outside with the \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 14:54).

9. One of the maids of the High Priest recognized Peter and said, "And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth." But he \_\_\_\_\_, saying, "I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest." (Mark 14: 67, 68).
10. Later others said to Peter, "Surely thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto." But he began to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_, saying, "I know not this man of whom you speak" (Mark 14: 70, 71).
11. Then the cock crew a second time, and Peter remembered the words of Jesus. And when he thought of this, he went out and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 14: 72).
12. In a letter that Peter wrote, he called himself a \_\_\_\_\_ of the sufferings of Christ. (1 Peter 5:1).

NOTE: Although Jesus called Peter a rock, Peter did not always seem as solid as a rock in his faith. The questions in this quiz show Peter eager to do the impossible, like walking on water, and then becoming afraid at the last minute and almost drowning—like a rock. But the human side of Peter should be a comfort to all of us men of little faith, who speak fine prayers in church and promise God our lifelong service and then fear even to speak His name in public lest we embarrass our friends. If it is wrong for us to sit in judgment on our friends or associates, certainly it is also wrong for us to sit in judgment on Peter, a great apostle and disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ, sinful though he was. Rather than judge him weak or rash, let us take to heart the advice Jesus gave him: "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation."

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## Conversion and Regeneration

These two words are names for God's deed of making faith in the heart of a sinner. Conversion or regeneration happens when God the Holy Spirit creates faith in the heart through the Word of God and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Holy Spirit first shows a person his sin through the Law of God and leads him to believe that he is a sinner. Then the Holy Spirit shows a person his Savior from sin through the Gospel, the good news about Jesus, and leads the person to accept Jesus and trust in Him for forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven. The moment that the person has faith in Jesus his Savior, in that moment he is con-

verted. Conversion or regeneration has happened to that person.

"Conversion" means "to be turned" and we can best understand the meaning by reading Acts 26:18. The Lord Jesus commanded Paul to preach about Him to the Gentiles in order to "open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. . . ." (RSV) Conversion means that the person turns away from his sinful way and turns to God. A person who has been converted lives by faith in Jesus and serves Him with his life.

The word "regeneration" means "being born again" and is found in Titus 3:5, where Baptism is called "the washing of regeneration and



renewal in the Holy Spirit." (RSV)  
A baptized person has been truly  
born again because he has a new  
faith, a new understanding of God,  
and a new life in Jesus.

REV. W. H. LANGE  
Denver, Colo.

## The Ant

Into the tiny head of the ant God placed the knowledge that during the summer he must store up food for the winter. He has no leader, no boss, no foreman. He doesn't need one.

We can and we should learn from the ant. There is a right time for work and for play and for sleep. We should not play and sleep so much that there is no time left for work.

This is also true in spiritual mat-

ters. In days of health and strength God's children should work diligently for Christ, our Savior, and His kingdom. When troubles and sorrows come, as they do, they cannot separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Lord, help us keep busy in Thy kingdom's work, using our time for Thy glory and the welfare of other people, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

REV. JOHN A. BEYER  
Seattle, Wash.

### ANSWERS

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. water      | 7. followed     |
| 2. Satan      | 8. servants     |
| 3. offended   | 9. denied       |
| 4. cock       | 10. curse swear |
| 5. Gethsemane | 11. wept        |
| 6. sleeping   | 12. witness     |



### Lending Library Established

West Hartford, Conn. A library of religious books has been established at West Hartford, Conn., by Rev. Earl Thaler. Three divisions are contemplated: Children's Books, Teenager's Department, and Adult Reading Materials. Pastor Thaler will welcome the donation of appropriate books and tracts for the library.

### Religion Class Begun for Aphasic Children

West Hartford, Conn. Rev. Earl Thaler has announced the beginning of a new class in the Lutheran re-

ligious program at the Boston School for the Deaf of Randolph, Mass. The class is for aphasic pupils. In most cases the pupils in the group are able to hear, but because of speech difficulties they require special educational techniques. Mrs. Edith Herbert of Brockton, Mass., serves as the teacher for the group. There are now four classes at the Boston School under the supervision of Rev. Thaler. They meet every Thursday morning.

### Eastern Regional Retreat

The annual Lutheran Deaf Retreat for the Eastern Region will



be held the second weekend in June, June 8—10, at the Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, N. J. The theme for the 1962 retreat is from 1 Corinthians 3:9, "We are laborers together with God." The topics will describe the relationship of pastor and members as they unite in one Christian congregation to work together for the cause of Christ. The program was tentatively drawn up to include three topics: "What I May Expect of My Pastor," "What My Pastor Expects of Me," and "What God Expects of Us." Vicar George Heidenrich is scheduled to deliver the address at the Sunday morning worship service, with Rev. Earl Thaler officiating at the celebration of Holy Communion.

### **West Hartford Deaf Offered More Liturgical Services**

*West Hartford, Conn.* Rev. Earl Thaler, Lutheran minister to the Deaf in the New England field, has announced the inauguration of a more formal worship service with an increased use of the historic liturgy and vestments of Western Christendom as part of a design for a more spiritual atmosphere for worship. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month. Services are held in a room at Bethany Lutheran Church other than the room formerly in use. Services begin at 11 A. M.

### **Plan to Beautify Church**

*Indianapolis, Ind.* The Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Indianapolis is proceeding with plans to make the chapel more beautiful. Pastor Pokorny has announced plans for new drapes, a new platform, and robes for the choir and acolytes.

### **Deaf Attend Lutheran Hour Rally**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, interpreted the Lutheran Hour rally service at Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh on February 25 for members of the congregation attending the special service. The address was delivered by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker for the Lutheran Hour.

### **Catechism**

*St. Louis, Mo.* About 400 copies of the Lutheran Catechism with notes for the Deaf edited by the late Dr. John Salvner are still available from the office of the Executive Secretary. The Board for Missions to the Deaf has not yet decided whether to order a reprint. If you would like to have a copy, order one now through your pastor before it is out of print and no longer available.

### **Adopt Fiscal Year Ending June 30**

*Jackson Heights, N. Y.* At a special meeting of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., the voters adopted a resolution changing the fiscal year from January 1 through December 31 to July 1 through June 30, beginning this year.

A budget was prepared for the first six months of 1962 with a new budget slated for presentation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963.

The present officers will remain in office until July 1, 1962. Election of officers for the coming fiscal year will be held in June.

The change was made to escape the rush of year-end activities, such as extra church services, meetings, parties, and programs. The new arrangement will make it easier to

give time to the consideration and discussion of important business matters and will also give the officers time to prepare for their new responsibilities during the summer months.

### **Mailing Committee**

*Jackson Heights, N. Y.* A mailing committee has been organized at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., for the monthly mailing of the parish paper, *My Church for the Deaf*. The paper is supported by advertising and individual subscriptions.

### **Baptisms in Cleveland, Ohio**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* Camilla Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson, on April 2, 1961.

Junita Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Swope, on April 2, 1961.

Velma Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Roberson, on April 9, 1961.

Howard Roberson, son of Mrs. V. Roberson, on April 9, 1961.

Dawn Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Watts, Jr., on June 18, 1961.

### **Planning Council for Lutheran Deaf in Washington**

*Washington, D. C.* The planning council of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Washington, D. C., met on February 11 at the home of Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Hoemann. Each member of the council reported on steps taken in his area of responsibility. Arrangements were made for Lenten services, and the balance of the meeting was given over to a discussion of evangelism.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that the purpose of the Christian's witness is not

merely to make a church member out of a person who has no church affiliation. A Christian should witness first to Jesus Christ as the Savior of men. Church membership should be the result of a communion of Christ's followers. A Christian should witness first to his own personal faith in a loving God. Church membership should follow as the way to put one's faith into action.

The planning council for the Lutheran Deaf congregation in the District of Columbia and adjacent areas comprises Donald Peterson, director of evangelism; James Casterline, director of education; G. Paul Snyder, director of stewardship; Miss Agnes Dunn, director of public relations; and Rev. H. W. Hoemann, pastor.

Two proposals in the area of evangelism were adopted at the meeting. The first divided the metropolitan area into four zones and expanded the evangelism department to a committee of four, each member accepting responsibility for one area. The second proposal adopted recommended the sponsor system of accepting new members into the congregation. One person or family, already a member of the congregation, would sponsor a prospective member or family not only until but also beyond confirmation. Mr. Peterson, director of evangelism, was given the authority to select three members of the congregation to serve on the evangelism committee and to promote the sponsor system for introducing new members to the congregation.

A third proposal was placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Offered by James Casterline, the third proposal suggested that a

packet of materials describing the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington be mailed to each deaf person who moves to the Washington area.

### **Transfer to Washington, D. C.**

*Washington, D. C.* Two persons transferred their membership to the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington during January 1962. James Casterline was transferred from South Carolina, and Robert Anderson was transferred from Long Island. Total membership of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Metropolitan Washington now stands at 28.

### **New Members in Toledo**

*Toledo, Ohio.* Deloris P. Theiss and Kenneth D. McVicker were received as members of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Toledo, Ohio, on August 13, 1961. Rev. Theodore Frederking is their pastor.

### **New Members in Cleveland**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* On June 18, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. David Watts, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Bankston, William A. Graham, Ruby Mae Norman, and Paul D. Myers became members of the Lutheran deaf congregation in Cleveland, Ohio. Because he was unable to be present on June 18 John Simsa was confirmed on July 16, 1961. Rev. Theodore Frederking is pastor.

### **Great Lakes Convention To Be Held in Cleveland**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* While The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod holds its international convention in Cleveland, churches of the Deaf in Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan will hold a two-day conference at Christ

Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cleveland. Pastors from other states who will be in Cleveland for the synodical Convention are invited to get in touch with Pastor Frederking.

### **Weekly Services by Lay Leaders In Toledo and Rochester**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* Beginning on January 7 in Toledo, Ohio, weekly Sunday services are held. When the pastor, Rev. Theodore Frederking, cannot be present, lay leaders conduct the worship services.

In Rochester, N. Y., during the vacancy there, lay leaders are also conducting weekly services.

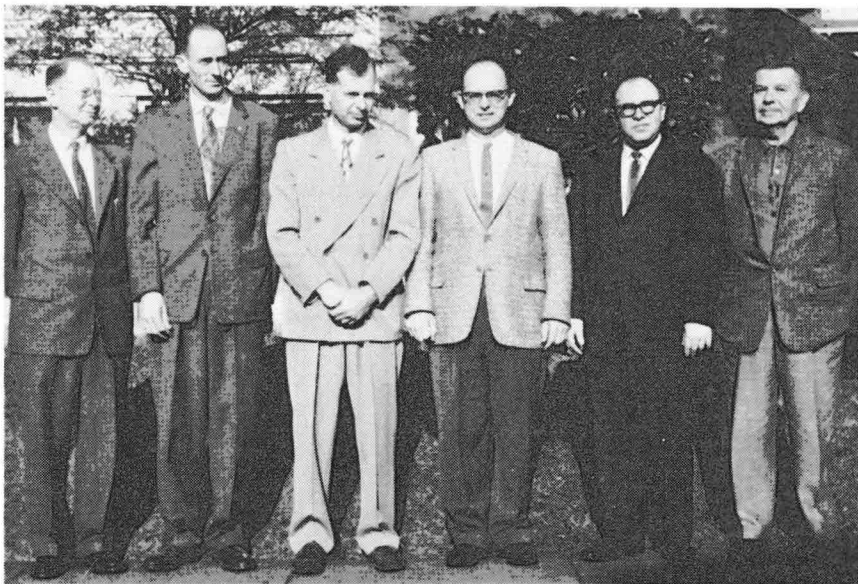
Pastor Frederking reports that although attendance at lay leader services is not as high as one would desire, yet they bring blessings to those who want to attend services regularly, and they strengthen a nucleus of members in a congregation.

Pastor Ferderking supports efforts to establish weekly services through the use of lay leaders also in other cities where pastors can visit only once each month.

### **Officers Elected in Memphis**

*Memphis, Tenn.* Officers of Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Memphis for 1962 are Kenneth Wallace, president; Houston Myers, vice-president; Louie Johnson, secretary; Charles Greer, treasurer; James Wardell and Louie Johnson, elders; and Houston Myers and Mrs. Glenn Johnson, ushers.

Officers of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf are Curtis Lanton, Jr., president; Oma K. Presley, vice-president; Tommy Wright, treasurer; Billy Fitzgerald and Lawrence Fields, elders, and James Allen and Willie Crittenden, ushers. Pastor Bottlinger agreed to serve as secretary.



L. to r.: Earl Hughes, Herbert Foss, Harold Rife, Richard Anderson, James Drake, Walter Lauer

### Officers Elected at Portland

*Portland, Oreg.* Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Portland, Oreg., has elected the following officers for 1962: President, Harold Rife; vice-president, Walter Lauer; secretary, James Drake; treasurer, Earl Hughes; elders, Richard Anderson and Herbert Foss.

### Officers Elected in Sioux City

*Sioux City, Iowa.* Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Sioux City, Iowa, has elected the following officers for 1962: President, August Mueller; secretary, Robert Dunnington; treasurer, Dean Kruger; elders, Floyd Good, Gordon Bayne; auditors, Jacob Oordt, Donald Haines.

### Pittsburgh Building Committee Meets with Architect

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* The building committee for Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, met on

Feb. 12 with Wallace Moll, a Lutheran architect from Niagara Falls, N. Y. Mr. Moll is the architect for a \$200,000 infirmary for Lutheran Welfare at Cabot, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

### Pittsburgh Installs New Officers

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* On January 21 a special service of installation was held at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf for the newly elected officers. John Saraka is president; Merwin Mowl, vice-president; Harry Otterman, secretary; Louis Kieffer, treasurer; James Paul, financial secretary; Donald Mowl, chief deacon; and David Kramer, Robert Wilkinson, and Stanley Barwiolik, deacons. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht is pastor of Trinity Congregation.

### Plan Education and Activity Building

*St. Paul, Minn.* Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul, Minn., has studied prelimi-

nary sketches of a proposed new educational-activity building submitted by Ralph Rapson, architect. The proposed building includes 15 Sunday school classrooms, a gymnasium, and a large kitchen.

A resolution by the Board for Missions to the Deaf in its January meeting provided for reactivating the building committee which supervised the erection of the house of worship. Members of the committee are J. P. Miller, chairman; Walter Schmalz, secretary; Walter F. Hinck, treasurer; Walter Schweppe, attorney; Pastor A. Hauptman; and two deaf members from the congregation.

The first meeting of the committee was held on January 28 at the home of J. P. Miller to organize those members of the committee who are not deaf.

#### † Mrs. Lola Bomhoff †

*Baltimore, Md.* Mrs. Lola Mae Bomhoff, nee Flair, of Baltimore, Md., departed this life on January 14. Born May 28, 1882, in Middletown, Md., Mrs. Bomhof became a member of the Lutheran deaf congregation in Baltimore when Pastor Boll served Baltimore from New York. A memorial service was held by Rev. H. W. Hoemann on January 16 for the deaf. Services for the family were conducted the following morning by the pastor of her son, Melvin Bomhoff.

#### † Roy Olaf Grimse †

*Riverside, Calif.* A special memorial service was held for Roy Olaf Grimse on February 17 at Grace Lutheran Church in San Diego, Calif.

#### Officers Elected in Lincoln

*Lincoln, Nebr.* The following officers for 1962 were elected by Hope

Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Lincoln, Nebr.: President, James Wiegand; vice-president, Don Collamore; secretary-treasurer, Berton Leavitt; elders, Richard Tager, Howard Kling, Don Stewart; auditors, Don Collamore, Richard Tager, Howard Kling.

#### “King of Kings” Interpreted

*Indianapolis, Ind.* Rev. Daniel Pokorny of Indianapolis, Ind., arranged to interpret *King of Kings* in sign language on February 28 at the Lyric Theater in Indianapolis. “Black light” is used to make the signs visible to the Deaf in the theater audience.

#### Confirmation Class from Indiana School

*Indianapolis, Ind.* On January 20 Rev. Daniel Pokorny of Indianapolis began a confirmation class for several students from the Indiana School for the Deaf. The classes are held at the church on Saturday mornings, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Enrolled in the class are Gil Boesenberg, Donald Brott, Everett Kay, Jr., John Mauntel, David Newman, Billy Pennell, and Henry Pennell.

#### Tragedy in Detroit

*Detroit, Mich.* Two young men, members of the Lutheran church of the Deaf in Detroit, Marvin Pierce and Carroll Wood, were fatally injured in an accident on Saturday, January 6. The accident took the lives of four persons. Two others, Gilbert Di Falco and Robert Thompson, were injured.

#### Chapel Dedication

*Colorado Springs, Colo.* The chapel of Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Colorado Springs, was dedicated to the glory of God on March 4. Festival speaker

was the Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, Rev. William F. Reinking.

The district Lutheran Women's Missionary League has donated \$1,300 for furnishings in the chapel. The deaf have contributed \$427 for chancel furniture.

### **Grant for Department of Religion at Gallaudet**

*Washington, D. C.* A \$13,500 grant to Gallaudet College from the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo., was made to support in part over a three-year period the establishment of a full department of religion at Gallaudet College. The grant began with the second semester of the current academic year.

President Leonard M. Elstad stated that this grant will do much to further the growth of the department of religion at Gallaudet College. "The Danforth Foundation has been a great force for good on college campuses throughout our nation," he said. "We are grateful that our college has been added to the impressive list."

The department of religion was recently established at Gallaudet College on a tentative basis through the personal financial support of the Hon. Edward Foss Wilson, former assistant secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Beginning with the current academic year, students will be able to acquire a major in religion and philosophy.

### **Officers Elected in Nashville**

*Nashville, Tenn.* The new officers of the newly organized congregation in Nashville, Tenn., are Mrs. Walter Berg, president; James Peach, vice-president and secretary-treasurer; Walter Berg and W. Stewart,

Jr., elders; and Herbert Buchanan and Rufus Johnson, ushers.

Organized informally as Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, the Nashville congregation numbers 20 communicant members. Sunday school is conducted every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock by Mrs. Walter Berg. Worship services are conducted by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger on the first and the third Sunday each month.

### **Services Begun at Mississippi State Hospital**

*Memphis, Tenn.* Rev. Wayne Bottlinger has announced the beginning of worship services for the Deaf at Mississippi State Hospital in Whitefield, Kans., near Jackson, on Monday, January 29. Eight Deaf patients attended this first service. There are other patients, Pastor Bottlinger reports, who have not yet been included in the program.

### **Baptisms in Toledo, Ohio**

*Toledo, Ohio.* Jack Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adison E. Morris, on March 26, 1961.

Debora Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Theiss, on March 26, 1961.

Keith Daniel and Darlene Kay, children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hetrick, on August 13, 1961.

Debbie Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jenkins, on July 28, 1961.

### **Baptism in Mansfield, Ohio**

*Mansfield, Ohio.* Benjamin Chancy, Linda Sue, Jeanie Alice, and Samuel Glen, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Heishman, were baptized on September 24.

Doloris Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hirtz, was baptized on November 26, 1961.

## **Wedding**

*Denver, Colo.* Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shaw of Dix, Nebr., were united in marriage at Scottsbluff in a ceremony at which Rev. William Lange of Denver officiated.

## **Deaf Population of D. C. Area Studied**

*Washington, D. C.* A new research project is to study how deafness affects the pattern of everyday living in the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., and in turn to determine how this pattern is related to vocational and social adjustment. This project is being undertaken this year at Gallaudet College. It is subsidized by a grant to the college from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The study will record the number and vital statistics of deaf persons in the area, family composition, occupation, population movement, relations between the Deaf and the hearing, social participation and interest in community affairs, and needs for counseling and other vocational rehabilitation services.

The project is under the direction of Dr. Jerome D. Schein, who heads the Office of Psycho-Educational Research.

## **Montana Deaf Camp**

*Spokane, Wash.* A two-day camp has been scheduled for the Deaf in Montana at Beaver Creek Camp near Havre, Mont., July 28 and 29.

## **Nassau Services at Garden City**

*Jackson Heights, N. Y.* Beginning on March 4, services for the Deaf in Nassau County on Long Island are being held at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 420 Stewart Ave., Garden City. The time of the service has been changed to 9:30 A. M.

## **Celebrates 91st Birthday**

*Denver, Colo.* Charles Gibson celebrated his 91st birthday on January 8. The members of Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church in Denver surprised him with a birthday party after the church service on January 7.

Mr. Gibson has been a member of the Lutheran Church since 1946, when he was confirmed by Rev. A. E. Ferber. He was born in Leavenworth, Kans., in 1871, and attended the Kansas School for the Deaf, where he is still remembered as an outstanding catcher on the school baseball team.

## **To Deaf Artists**

*Washington, D. C.* The United States International Games for the Deaf Committee has announced a poster contest for American Deaf artists for the official poster and emblem of the Tenth International Games for the Deaf to be held in Washington, D. C., in 1965.

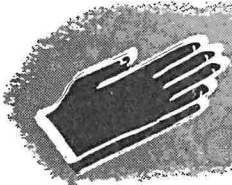
Prizes for the contest will be in cash, with \$150 for the winning entry and smaller amounts for second and third prizes.

Official forms which contain the rules and specifications for the contest are available from most schools and clubs for the Deaf and from Jerald Jordan, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.

## **Open House Week in Omaha**

*Omaha, Nebr.* Rev. A. L. Hauptman of Minneapolis served as guest speaker for Open House Week at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, Nebr., Febr. 18—22. The communitywide effort by Lutheran churches in Omaha was inaugurated with a rally service, with Dr. Oswald Hoffmann as speaker on Sunday, February 18.





## Devotions

### "Light for Your Way"

#### Daily Bible Readings for April

April 1 — Psalm 135	April 16 — Luke 22
April 2 — Hebrews 9	April 17 — Luke 23
April 3 — Hebrews 10	April 18 — John 17
April 4 — Zechariah 9: 9, 10	April 19 — John 18
April 5 — Philippians 1: 1-14	April 20 — John 19
April 6 — Philippians 1: 15-30	April 21 — John 11
April 7 — Philippians 2: 1-13	April 22 — John 20
April 8 — Isaiah 27: 2-6	April 23 — John 21
April 9 — Philippians 2: 14-30	April 24 — Luke 24
April 10 — Philippians 3	April 25 — Matthew 28: 1-15
April 11 — Philippians 4	April 26 — Mark 16: 1-13
April 12 — 2 Corinthians 4	April 27 — 1 Corinthians 15
April 13 — Matthew 21	April 28 — Psalm 107
April 14 — 1 Corinthians 13	April 29 — 2 Corinthians 5: 1-13
April 15 — Luke 19	April 30 — 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

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