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Be opened.*

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Notes from the Executive Secretary

St. Louis, Mo. The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod meets in official convention every three years. In 1959 the convention took place in San Francisco. This year the convention is in Cleveland. Every three years the Board for Missions to the Deaf prepares a report to Synod for the convention; it is printed in the book of *Reports and Memorials*. The report surveys events of the past three years in the deaf mission program of Synod and also takes a look into the future. Below are adapted excerpts from this year's report.

Introduction

Synod has been actively engaged in its mission program to the Deaf for 66 years. Again during the past triennium we see evidences of God's bountiful blessings on this mission as thousands of Deaf gathered in churches and chapels, not only in the United States and Canada but also now in foreign areas, to learn of the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The Board

The board as elected by the 1959 convention has served faithfully. The organization of the board is as follows: Rev. Ernest Drews, Saint Paul, Minn., chairman; Rev. Erwin Schroeder, Minneapolis, Minn., secretary; C. J. Jacobson, St. Paul, Minn., financial secretary; Rev. Elmer Koberg, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Dr. E. N. Mitchell, Grand Forks, N. Dak. Mr. J. P. Miller of Minneapolis has served as an honorary member of the board; in January 1960 he was honored for his 40 years of continuous service as a member of the board.

The Executive Secretary

Rev. William F. Reinking, Saint Louis, Mo., continues to serve as Executive Secretary. During the last three years he has visited each mission field at least once and has conducted a ten-week, four-country survey of the spiritual condition of the Deaf in the Orient.

Regional Counselors

The following men are currently serving as regional counselors as an extension of the office of the Executive Secretary: Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, Eastern Region; Rev. W. A. Westermann, Southern Region; Rev. Theodore Frederking, Great Lakes Region; Rev. Martin Kosche, Central Region; Rev. A. L. Hauptman, Midwest Region; Rev. G. W. Gaertner, Pacific Region.

Cost of Mission

The actual cost to the Synod during the past three years is as follows:

1959	\$ 316,388
1960	355,409
1961	383,767
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Total	\$1,055,564

Statistics

The communicant membership of Lutheran churches for the Deaf increased from 4,899 in 1959 to 4,949 in 1961. Contributions by deaf congregations and preaching stations for the three years, 1959 to 1961 inclusive, totaled \$397,503.

Mission Staff

When the report to the Cleveland Convention was prepared, the mission staff included 37 full-time mis-

sionaries, 5 part-time workers, 5 vicars, 1 parish worker, and 1 deaconess intern, in 36 fields.

The 1961 statistics show that while serving their congregations and preaching stations, the missionaries traveled a total of 530,000 miles by automobile, not considering the thousands of miles covered by bus, train, and plane. Again we must thank the Lord for graciously holding His protecting hand over our missionaries during the past three years.

The board has requested one candidate and four vicars for the year 1962. At the time this report was prepared there were three vacant fields in the mission. With only one candidate available, the board will find it necessary to call pastors from the parish ministry into the mission.

Mission Developments

A new development in the mission has been the inauguration of work among the Deaf in foreign areas. The Executive Secretary of the board thoroughly surveyed the needs of the Deaf in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Hawaii in the early part of 1960. He brought back estimates of 180,000 Deaf in Japan, 17,000 in Taiwan, 3,000 in Hong Kong, 40,000 in the Philippines, and 500 in Hawaii.

The only organized Christian work among the foreign Deaf was found in Japan.

The first to accept the challenge was the Hong Kong mission. Two pastors are now conducting weekly services for the Deaf; attendances have ranged as high as 80. Seven Deaf were confirmed in October 1961.

The China Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taiwan has recently ac-

cepted the challenge, and now five Chinese pastors are studying the sign language.

The Missionary Conference of Japan has requested two missionaries for the Deaf in Japan in its preliminary budget request for 1963.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Honolulu has begun a Sunday school for deaf children as the result of the Executive Secretary's visit.

No visit was made to New Guinea, but a committee has been appointed to look into the matter and to determine what can be done for the Deaf there.

Future Expansion

As the board looks ahead, it sees more opportunities to expand the mission. Additional men should be placed in New England, California, New Jersey, Montana, Michigan, Texas, Manitoba, and eastern Canada.

Our board is working closely with the Board for World Missions and is hopeful that sufficient funds will be granted to send two missionaries to Japan.

To carry out its expansion program, the board will need one new worker each year during the next triennium.

The report closes with the prayer that the Lord of the church will keep our Synod ever mindful of its responsibilities in this mission and continue to provide us with the men and resources required to carry on the program so that many more Deaf both here and abroad may learn to know the Savior who loves all — also the Deaf.

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

Riches Without Worry

Christians work to earn money and support their families. But they also realize that only the blessing of the Lord makes people rich. They therefore ask God to bless their labor while they work faithfully and trust the Lord to provide them with everything they really need.

Complete confidence in the loving care of our heavenly Father keeps the Christian heart free from worry. When He gives us what we need each day, we are really rich,

and our hearts should be filled with joy and thanksgiving.

When God blesses people with riches, they should not do a lot of worrying about how to keep it and invest it. Wealthy people can show their gratitude and love to God by investing large sums of money in God's work. They can also help to relieve much poverty and suffering all over the world.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

REV. J. A. BEYER
Seattle, Wash.



Bible Quiz

Nathanael

1. Matthew, Mark, and Luke do not mention Nathanael by name. But John mentions him in chapters 1 and 21. In John 21:2 we learn that Nathanael's home was _____ in Galilee.
2. This was the same town where Jesus attended a wedding and changed water into _____ (John 2:1-11).
3. From John 1:45 we learn that it was _____ who first found Nathanael and led him to Jesus.
4. He told Nathanael that Jesus was the person that _____ wrote about in the Law.
5. He told Nathanael that also the _____ wrote about Jesus.
6. When he told Nathanael that Jesus came from a certain town in Galilee, Nathanael was disappointed. He said, "Can any-

thing good come out of _____
_____?"

7. The answer he received was a simple invitation (John 1:46):
"_____."
8. Jesus called Nathanael an _____ in whom there is no guile (John 1:47).
9. Nathanael was surprised that Jesus knew him. Jesus replied: "When you were under the _____ tree, I saw you." (John 1:48).
10. Nathanael then addressed Jesus with three names of respect: _____, _____, _____, and _____ (John 1:49).

NOTE 1. Some scholars identify the Nathanael of the Gospel of John with the Bartholomew of the other Gospels. It is true that Philip and Nathanael are often associated with one another because of the story in John 1, and Philip and Bartholomew

are often named together in lists of apostles. But there are exceptions, for example, Acts 1:13. It is not possible to say for certain that Nathanael and Bartholomew are or are not the same person. However, they may be the same: in many instances a person had different names with different meanings. Bartholomew means "Son of Tolmai," a family name. Nathanael means "God has given," which may have been the name used by his friends and relatives.

NOTE 2. It is interesting to see how similar to ourselves were people who lived thousands of years ago and halfway around the globe. See how quickly Nathanael judged Jesus when he heard that He came from Nazareth. "What good can come from there?" was Nathanael's prompt reaction. How often doesn't that happen today! After someone has mentioned another person's home community, "Oh, is *that* where he is from?" is often heard, as if that would explain why the person wears odd shoes or parts his hair in the middle or does not measure up to the arbitrary "standards" thus set for him. Philip let the re-

mark pass; he invited Nathanael to come and see for himself and not let Jesus' hometown automatically rule Him out as someone important. This should caution us to be slow to judge any individual on the basis of general information about him. Before you judge a person, come and see what kind of person he actually is. Especially the Deaf should be sensitive about judgments made on the basis of generalizations, scant information, or misinformation.

NOTE 3. It surprised Nathanael to learn that Jesus knew he had been sitting under a fig tree when Philip came to him. But it shouldn't surprise us that Jesus knows where we are and much more than that about us. We know what Nathanael learned, that Jesus is the Son of God and the King of Israel. Let Jesus be also your King, your Savior.

- | Answers to Bible Quiz | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Cana | 7. Come and see |
| 2. Wine | 8. Israelite |
| 3. Philip | 9. fig |
| 4. Moses | 10. Rabbi |
| 5. Prophets | Son of God |
| 6. Nazareth | King of Israel |



Deaf Drivers and Automobile Insurance

Uriel C. Jones, vocational principal of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, has distributed a pamphlet on "Deaf Drivers and Automobile Insurance" to AAA offices, state highway safety officials, insurance com-

missioners, the home offices of some insurance companies, some local officials, organizations of the Deaf, and so on. The editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN was among those who received a copy.

The pamphlet includes articles by Uriel Jones, "Deaf Drivers: Automobile Liability Insurance: Some New Angles on an Old Subject"; Judge Sherman G. Finesilver, Municipal Court, Denver, "They Can't Hear, But They Get the Message"; Robert L. Heilbroner, "Don't Let Stereotypes Warp Your Judgment" from the *Reader's Digest* and "What Is the Best Driving Age—16 or 60?" from the 1962 Ford *Buyer's Guide*; Arthur H. Lewis, "The World's Safest Drivers," from the *Ford Times* (March 1948); and W. T. Griffing, editor, "Auto Insurance for Deaf Motorists," from the *Deaf Oklahoman*.

If the pamphlet actually reaches a sizable percentage of the people for whom it was prepared and at least a portion of them give the pamphlet the consideration it deserves, this one effort could go a long way toward creating a more favorable climate for the deaf motorist, one in which he may own, operate, and enjoy his motor vehicle and secure adequate insurance coverage without fear of misinformed or prejudiced officials depriving him

of the privilege or refusing to accept him as an insurance risk solely because he has a hearing loss.

Unfortunately, this writer strongly suspects that the people who will read this pamphlet with the most interest and the greatest satisfaction are those who do not need to read it—those who already share Mr. Jones's convictions.

The DEAF LUTHERAN commends Mr. Jones for his fine effort in behalf of deaf motorists. We sincerely hope that it will be read and respected by those who receive it. And we would encourage those who have read it and agree with its purposes to do more than nod in approval and satisfaction that Mr. Jones understands. We should pass the pamphlet along to others to read and learn the truth about deaf drivers. Mr. Jones reported on May 29 that many have said they were surprised, that they did not know these things and were happy to learn the facts. Let us continue to report the facts till it no longer surprises anyone that the Deaf can and do drive and drive well.

The Friend of Little Ones

Read Mark 10:13-16.

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." (Mark 10:16)

Who of us does not know the beautiful story in our Bible of Jesus receiving and blessing the little children? Parents brought their children to Jesus so that He could touch them and bless them. The disciples thought they were disturbing Jesus, but Jesus was not pleased when the disciples tried to stop them. He loved the little children

and showed Himself their true friend. "Let them come to Me," He said; and when they came near He put His hands on them and blessed them.

He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the Christ who tenderly loves all little ones. They serve Him well who still bring young children to Him to bless them. Parents do that when they take time at home to tell their children the Bible stories about Jesus and teach them to talk to Jesus in prayer. Sunday school

teachers and parish school teachers do that when they teach little children the precious Word of God. All of us do that when we give children and young people the example of faithful Christian lives.

In our schools for the Deaf our pastors instruct many deaf children in the love of Jesus. Through this instruction 1,708 children in state schools for the Deaf are taught the precious truths of Christ's Word by our Lutheran pastors to the Deaf. Also in our two Lutheran schools for the Deaf at least 200 more children are daily taught about the love of Jesus. And in our college for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., one of our pastors helps the students remember what they have learned in

the past and to remain faithful in love to their Lord and Savior. Thus, these children and young people are richly blessed by their loving Friend and Savior, just as those children were blessed whose parents brought them to Jesus.

Parents, do not neglect to bring *your* children to know their Savior. Your children deserve it. If you love them, you will make every effort to help them love Him who is the children's Friend. He will guide them and make them His children too.

O Jesus, our best Friend, make us good parents so that we will help our children love Thee who dost love and bless them. Amen.

REV. E. MAPPES,
Omaha, Nebr.

Sin

"Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4 RSV). "Lawlessness" means not only doing things that are against God's Law. It also means that mind, heart, and soul do not agree with God. God says (Matthew 22:37-40 RSV): "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself." God means that the mind and heart of every man is to agree with His wish and command in every moment of his life. If a person is not always in full agreement with God in heart and mind, then that person is sinning.

When a person neglects to do what God commands, or does the wrong thing, it is always a sin, even though that person may not know he is doing wrong. St. Paul says

about himself: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Romans 7:19 RSV). Paul, a most faithful and obedient Christian, noticed that he often did wrong though he did not want to. But the wrong he did was still sin. Paul does not excuse himself.

In the Lutheran church we speak of "original sin" and "actual sin." "Original sin" is the name for the Bible teaching that every person is born with (1) the guilt of Adam's sin and (2) a sinful human mind and heart — sinful at birth, even before the baby has done a thing.

The Bible teaches about "original sin" when it says that Adam's sin has brought guilt and God's punishment on all men: ". . . by one man's disobedience many were made sinners" (Romans 5:19 RSV). Also when the Bible says that every per-

son is born with a sinful mind and heart, received by birth from sinful parents all the way back to Adam and Eve: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6 RSV); "... and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." (Ephesians 2:3 RSV)

We can compare original sin to an impure spring from which flow the poisonous waters of "actual sin": acts, deeds, thoughts, and feelings that are against God's wish and command. Actual sins can be wrong deeds we do because we are ignorant of what is right. When we fail to do our duty or fail to accept our responsibilities, that is actual sin. Wrong things done on purpose, although we know they are against God's command, are very serious sins; they harden the heart and conscience and can finally destroy faith in Jesus, our Savior.

The picture of sin painted here is most depressing and saddening. Let

us turn the picture around and look at the more joyful side with St. Paul: "Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! . . . There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 7:24—8:1)

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Dr. G. W. Gaertner Awarded John of Beverley Medal

Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. G. W. Gaertner was awarded the fourth John of Beverley medal at the triennial delegate convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at Cleveland, Ohio. The convention met June 20—30, 1962.

Dr. Gaertner was chosen as recipient by the special award committee appointed by the board of the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, Long Island,

N. Y. The medal is a tribute for Dr. Gaertner's outstanding contributions to the Deaf in religious, social, and educational services. The medal is named after an Anglo-Saxon clergyman who, in A. D. 685, is reported to have taught a deaf boy to speak and read, the first recorded instance of a successful effort to educate the Deaf.

The delegates and pastors witnessing the presentation represented over two million members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Pastors Continue Education

St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Louis Jasper, New York City, has received a master's degree in special education from Columbia Teachers College with practice teaching at the Lexington School for the Deaf. Two other missionaries have enrolled in training programs in their local areas, according to the report of the Board for Missions to the Deaf to the Cleveland convention.

The Board for Missions to the Deaf has provided funds for missionaries to participate in such training programs so that they may become better equipped for their specialized field of service. The Board is convinced that not only the individual missionary but also the entire mission will benefit from this program of encouraging missionaries to secure advanced specialized training.

Pastor Borchardt Honored

Detroit, Mich. Rev. N. E. Borchardt, pastor to the Deaf in the Detroit area, was honored for 25 years of service to the Deaf in Michigan in a special service at Our Savior Church of the Deaf on May 20.

Participating in the services were H. R. Wacker as liturgist and Rev. Donald Simon as preacher. Rev. Wacker served on the board of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit for many years. Rev. Simon was formerly a missionary to the Deaf and now serves a congregation in Milford, Mich.

Mrs. W. Bellhorn helped beautify the services as organist. Hymns were signed by Mesdames Ralph and Robert Beaver, Tom Sisk, O. Rust, Barry Schultz, G. Klein, Gerald Adler, Kankula, E. Peard, G.

DiFalco, Nelson Finks, C. Schulz, Emil DeMeyere, W. Reiher, V. Rein, M. Schemanauer, and Miss Zanni Ziegler.

After the service a banquet was served to about 300 people. Rev. Simon was toastmaster. Rev. Borchardt received gifts of money and luggage from the congregation.

Two Confirmed in Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. On Palm Sunday, April 15, Shirley Hild and Germaine Long Soldier confessed their faith and became members of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Sioux Falls. Germaine was baptized during the service.

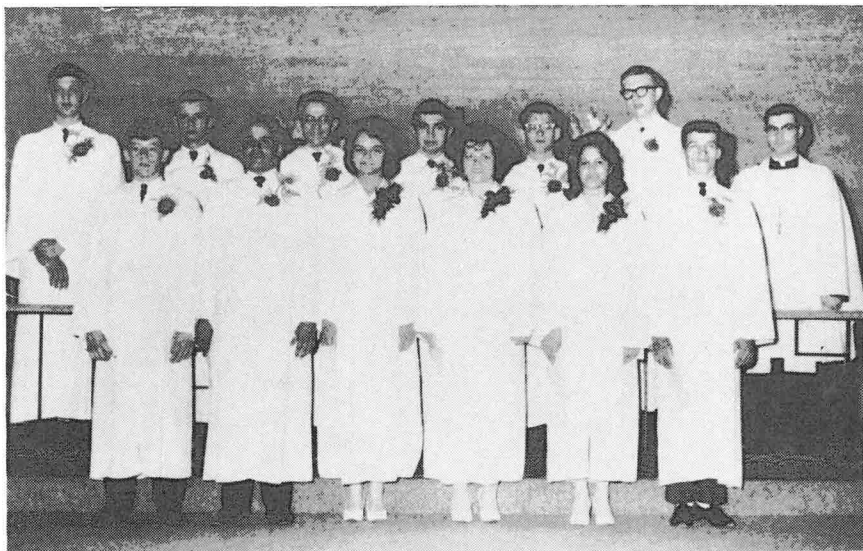
Rev. Robert Cordes, their pastor, reports that Germaine is the first American Indian to join the deaf congregation in Sioux Falls.

Eastern Regional Retreat

Washington, D. C. The ninth annual Lutheran Deaf Retreat for the Eastern Region was held at the Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, N. J., June 8—10. The theme for 1962 was "Working Together with God." Topics presented were "What We Expect of Our Pastor" by Donald Peterson of Washington, D. C.; "What the Pastor Expects of the Members," Rev. Louis Jasper, New York; and "What God Expects of Us," William Martini, Baltimore.

James Casey of Washington was reelected president for the coming year. Donald Peterson was elected vice-president to succeed William Sillyman of Newark, and Mrs. William Sillyman was elected secretary, succeeding Miss Agnes Dunn of Washington.

The Bible class on Sunday morning was conducted jointly by James Casey, who presented "Aids to Bible



1962 confirmands, W. Hartford, Conn. Front row, l. to r.: Stanley B. Ferris, Jr., Paul G. Rinas, Debbie J. Ludwig, Edeltraut I. Lecis, Betty Jane Kuzoian, Melvin E. Eaton, and Pastor Earl Thaler. Back row: William H. Pearson, Harold J. West, Thomas W. Kraft, Ronald W. Farris, Terry L. Gennett, and Bruce J. McNeish

Study," and Pastor H. Hoemann, who presented a study on Psalm 121. Rev. Earl Thaler of the New England Field officiated at the service of Holy Communion; Vicar George Heidenrich delivered the sermon. Eighty-seven registered for the weekend retreat from the four fields participating, with visitors from Philadelphia and North Carolina. Rev. C. Roland Gerhold is regional counselor for the Eastern Region.

Bentley and Kelly Wed

Memphis, Tenn. James Bentley and Miss Virginia Kelly were united in marriage in Memphis on May 3.

Sign Language Class at Central State Hospital

Memphis, Tenn. Rev. Wayne Bottlinger proposed a class in the manual alphabet and basic sign language for aids, nurses, social workers, and recreation leaders at Central State Hospital in Nashville,

Tenn. If the hospital approved the proposal, the class was to have been conducted daily June 11—15.

Finishes Cabinet for Church Office

Riverside, Calif. E. Hollenbeck continues to serve his Lord and church with his skill as a woodworker and cabinetmaker. His most recent project for Pastor Gehrs was a mimeograph cabinet with storage space for ink, stencils, cards, and paper.

† Ethel Mabel Hunter †

Portland, Oreg. Mrs. Ethel Mabel Hunter, widow of William Hunter, who passed away in March of this year, departed this life suddenly on May 26 at the age of 69. Mrs. Hunter was born in Walla Walla, Wash., and attended the Washington School for the Deaf. She became a member of the Lutheran church in 1926.

Surviving are two sons, William S. Hunter, Jr., of Vancouver, Wash.,

and Capt. Ronald E. Hunter of the U. S. Air Force at Smyrna, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Beatrice Covey of Union Gap, Wash.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Vancouver on May 31 with Rev. George Ring officiating.

Hope Lutheran Church, Portland, has established a Hunter Memorial Fund through the ladies' aid. Contributions toward the memorial for Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter may be mailed to the Hope Lutheran Ladies' Aid, c/o Mrs. Fern Rife, 10444 S. E. Long St., Portland 66, Oreg.

Lutheran Hour Rally

Great Falls, Mont. Approximately 25 Deaf attended the Lutheran Hour rally in Great Falls, Mont., on May 13. Pastor Rodney Rynearson interpreted the message delivered by Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, regular Lutheran Hour speaker.

The Deaf Choir, composed of Mesdames Foster, Lyon, Meier, Millar, and Mr. Shular, participated in the rally. Total attendance at the service was about 2,000 people.

Sutcliffe and Dunn Wed

Washington, D. C. Ronald E. Sutcliffe and Miss Agnes Dunn were united in marriage at Christ Lutheran Church in Washington, D. C., July 14, Pastor H. Hoemann officiating. Robert Herbold was best man; Mrs. Carol Dorsey, matron of honor.

Reports to Come

Washington, D. C. Readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN will receive reports from eyewitnesses of the Cleveland convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and of the Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Ministers to the Deaf. The reports

will be printed in future issues of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

Pastor Orlin Anderson Installed

Jacksonville, Ill. Rev. Orlin Anderson was installed as pastor of the Lutheran deaf congregation in Jacksonville, Ill., and missionary to the Deaf in the Southern Illinois field. Rev. Floyd Possehl acted as liturgist, and Executive Secretary William F. Reinking was the speaker.

Kansas City Group Aids Pittsburgh Deaf

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., has contributed \$100 to the building fund of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh.

Two Young Men Confirmed in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pa. On May 27 two young men joined Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh by the rite of confirmation. Harold Mowl, Jr., and Robert Davis made their promises of faithfulness before God and the congregation with Pastor Frank Wagenknecht extending them the hand of fellowship.

Four Riverside Students Confirmed

Riverside, Calif. Four students of the Riverside School for the Deaf were confirmed on May 13. They are Karl Herkelrath of Crestline, Bobby Skedsmo from Compton, Miss Wynona Stratemeyer of Whittier, and Miss Jerriann Welch of Los Angeles.

Pastor Thies to Conduct Special Service

Omaha, Nebr. Rev. Delbert Thies, former minister to the Deaf in Mem-



1962 confirmands, Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Omaha, Nebr.

phis, Tenn., and Jacksonville, Ill., has consented to conduct a special worship service at a picnic of the Deaf in Hastings, Nebr., on July 29. Pastor Thies lives in Juniata, Nebr.

First Project Succeeds at Lincoln

Lincoln, Nebr. The first project of the newly organized Mary & Martha Society was a mission festival dinner, with Mrs. Don Collamore as chairman of the committee. The dinner was a complete success; 60 persons enjoyed the fine meal prepared by the society.

Confirmations from Omaha And Council Bluffs

Omaha, Nebr. May 6 was a blessed day for 12 pupils from schools of the Deaf in Omaha and Council Bluffs, when the dozen young people

pledged allegiance to the Triune God at their confirmation in Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha. Those confirmed were Christine Carabalo and Gary Nash, from the Omaha school; Jerry Ahrens, Terry Baughman, Shirley Edwards, Jack Fall, Darrold Good, Craig Hanson, Ronald Herbold, Sharon Petersen, Michael Surber, and Tommy Witt, from the Council Bluffs school. Four of them also were baptized.

Midwest Regional Conference

St. Paul, Minn. The Midwest Regional Conference, scheduled for July 13—15 at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., was built around a program emphasizing the church's growth.

The topics presented and discussed included "How the Church

Grows," "Growing Through the Elders," "Growing Through the Board of Education," "Growing Through the Board of Evangelism," and "Growing Through the Board of Stewardship."

The executive board of the Midwest Region is composed of Roy Klein, president; William R. Bresley, vice president; and Rev. August L. Hauptman, regional counselor.

New Member in Lincoln

Lincoln, Nebr. Mrs. Otto Gross was received into membership with the Lutheran church in Lincoln, Nebr., May 20.

Records Wanted on Pittsburgh History

Pittsburgh, Pa. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Trinity Deaf Congregation in Pittsburgh. The congregation was established by Dr. O. C. Schroeder in 1922. Prior to 1945 Pittsburgh did not have a resident pastor, with the result that records from 1922 to 1945 are not on file locally. Pastor Wagenknecht has issued an appeal for any documents which might contain items of historical interest to the congregation, such as installation folders, minutes, constitutions, or parish papers. The appeal is directed particularly to those areas from which pastors traveled to serve Pittsburgh from a distance, such as Cleveland, Detroit, or Chicago. It is thought possible that information on the Pittsburgh congregation from 1922 to 1945 is contained in documents on file in these cities.

Baptisms

Cincinnati, Ohio. William and Douglas, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Bryant of Cincinnati, were

baptized on March 11 by Pastor William Ludwig.

Salem, Oreg. Lou Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, was baptized on Mother's Day in Saint John's Lutheran Church.

Great Falls, Mont. Jack Gonzales, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster of Great Falls, was baptized on April 15. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lyon served as godparents.

Denver, Colo. Richard Ray, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blankis, was baptized at Immanuel Deaf Chapel in Denver on April 15. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Van Tipton. Pastor William Lange officiated.

Sign Language Class Presents Play

Indianapolis, Ind. Members of the sign language class at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., presented the play "With Love" to members of deaf congregations in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. Rev. Daniel Pokorny serves as instructor in sign language at the college.

Parish Worker for Miami

St. Louis, Mo. Another parish worker has been added to the mission staff of the Lutheran church serving the Deaf. Mrs. Doris Myhre, volunteer worker for Pastor Gyle of Miami for the past two years, has been a full-time staff member since the first of July. She will continue to serve in Miami.

Pastor Walter Busby Installed

Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Walter Busby, who was graduated recently from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., was ordained and installed at Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Rochester, N. Y., on June 17. Rev. G. Karkau, President of the

Eastern District, performed the rites of ordination and installation. Rev. Theodore Frederking of Cleveland, Ohio, interpreted the service and delivered the sermon.

Busby and Cameron Wed

Jacksonville, Ill. Rev. Walter Busby and Miss Anne Cameron were united in marriage on June 3 in Barrington, Ill.

Vicars

St. Louis, Mo. Vicars George Heidenrich and Larry Harris have completed their contracts with the Board for Missions to the Deaf and are returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for further study.

Vicar Donald Leber of Florida is assisting Pastor C. Roland Gerhold during July and August.

Vicar Donald Haug began his work in New York on July 1, and Vicar Frederick Gehrs began his responsibilities in Winnepeg on July 15.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Kansas City, Mo. Many friends gathered in Pilgrim Lutheran Chapel on April 8 to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Spotts on their 50th wedding anniversary. The happy couple was united in marriage April 10, 1912, at Clay Center, Kans. In a preparatory conference with Rev. A. E. Ferber, their pastor, they agreed to repeat the original vows before the Lord's altar.

Pilgrim Welcomes New Members

Kansas City, Mo. The following new members were welcomed into fellowship with Pilgrim Deaf congregation in Kansas City: Mrs. I. Smoak, Leavenworth, Kans.; Mr. Wayne Albrecht, Herington, Kans.;

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gardenier, Salina, Kans.; and Mr. Pat Alvey and Mrs. Arthur Ackers of Kansas City. Mrs. Ackers' four children were baptized into Christ's kingdom.

After due instruction in the chief doctrines of the Bible during religion classes at the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe, six students made confession of their faith in the Savior on May 13. Four were baptized into Christ's kingdom. Two of the students found it possible to come to Kansas City for the service on May 13: Brenda J. Lockett was baptized and confirmed, and Helen Stutheit was confirmed. Helen's parents traveled 300 miles one way to be present.

Guest Speaker in Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio. Pastor A. E. Ferber of Kansas City, Mo., a delegate to the Cleveland convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, served as guest speaker for Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cleveland on June 16.

† Mr. Eugene Smoak †

Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Eugene Smoak of Leavenworth, Kans., departed this life on May 12 and was given Christian burial on May 15.

Summer Bible Study

Kansas City, Mo. Bible study for students and other interested friends is continuing through the summer in Kansas City and at all stations. In Topeka, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malm conduct classes at 11:00 A. M. each Sunday in St. John's Chapel. In Wichita Sunday school classes meet Sundays at 10:00 A. M. in Trinity Chapel, 601 S. Erie St. Mrs. Shirley Gouby and Miss Dorothy Jeffries are teachers in Kansas City.



Devotions

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Daily Bible Readings for August

August 1 — 1 John 1
 August 2 — 1 John 2
 August 3 — 1 John 3
 August 4 — 1 John 4
 August 5 — Psalm 85
 August 6 — 1 John 5
 August 7 — 2 John
 August 8 — 3 John
 August 9 — John 10
 August 10 — John 13
 August 11 — John 16: 7-15
 August 12 — 1 Corinthians 11: 17-34
 August 13 — 1 Corinthians 12
 August 14 — 1 Corinthians 13

August 15 — Romans 12
 August 16 — Romans 14
 August 17 — Romans 15
 August 18 — 1 Peter 3: 13-22
 August 19 — 1 Thessalonians 1
 August 20 — 1 Thessalonians 2
 August 21 — 1 Thessalonians 3
 August 22 — 1 Thessalonians 4
 August 23 — 2 Thessalonians 1
 August 24 — Philemon
 August 25 — Jeremiah 2: 1-13
 August 26 — Nehemiah 3
 August 27 — Isaiah 60
 August 28 — Ezekiel 33
 August 29 — Ezekiel 34
 August 30 — Psalms 26 and 133
 August 31 — Proverbs 2

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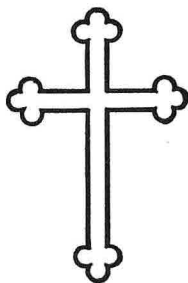
*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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V: I said, "I will confess my
transgressions unto the Lord."

R: And Thou forgavest the
iniquity of my sin.

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