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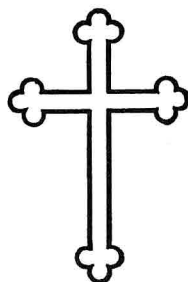
*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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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Editorials

The Cover

It does not sound like it during the worship service, but the verse quoted on the cover was an important decision in the life of the psalmist. "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.'"

Before that time the psalmist had not confessed his sin. He had not declared it. He had kept it to himself. And verses 3, 4 of Psalm 32 are his description of what happened. He said, "When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long" (RSV). Psychosomatic medicine is not a new discovery. The psalmist knew that it was his guilt that was making him ill. The King James Version offers an even more striking observation. "When I kept silent, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long." Although he did not utter a spoken word, his bones roared out their complaint in the knowledge of his guilt. It was impossible to hide it.

"For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer." The hand of God was so oppressive that he became dehydrated. He was really very ill, physically ill, not because he had caught some disease, but because his guilt was still closed up inside of him and because the hand of God was weighing heavily upon him.

Then comes the break. "I acknowledged my sin to Thee, and

I did not hide my iniquity." The psalmist quit trying to hide his sin from God. He admitted it. Notice the parallel between sin and iniquity here. They are almost the same, but not quite. Sin is an act, a violation of God's law, a lawbreaking. Iniquity is guilt, the guilt that remains even when the lawbreaking is past. This is why iniquity is so oppressive, because it never becomes a past event. Sins one can forget. Iniquity cannot be forgotten; it can only be forgiven.

And that is what happened. The psalmist says: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'; then Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin." Notice the last five words: "the guilt of my sin." It was the guilt that made him ill; it was the guilt which God took away.

This kind of paraphrase must be taken in the right spirit to be appropriate, but might not a man today say this in the same way the psalmist did? He might begin by describing how bad he felt. "When I stayed away from church and stopped praying to God, I was really sick. I don't mean just sick inside, I mean I was sick all over. I couldn't sleep; I lost weight; and all this time I felt guilty. I couldn't even tell why I felt guilty, I just did. And then a strange thing happened. I decided to pray to God again, not in the usual way, but to really pour out my heart to Him.

I told Him how I felt. I didn't hide anything from him. I said to myself, 'I'm going to confess my sins to God.' And right then it happened. I knew it happened because I could feel it. God took my guilt away."

It is probably difficult for many people to feel all this every Sunday when they begin the worship service with the pair of versicles and responses of which this is the second. Perhaps we are not even expected to feel the same way each Sunday when these words are spoken. But the invitation is there to do some serious thinking about our guilt before God. Then, when the time comes to confess our sins, we are ready to make a sincere confession just as the psalmist did, and to feel the forgiveness of God which is granted us through Jesus Christ. The cross on the cover with the pair of verses was not an accident or an

afterthought. The cross, or better, the Savior who died on the cross, is basic to the forgiveness of guilt. When God does forgive us, it is because Jesus took our guilt upon Himself on the cross. When God takes our guilt away, that is how it goes away; it goes to Jesus on the cross.

Christians may not feel the same sense of guilt or the same joy of forgiveness each and every Sunday. But there are surely times in the lives of people when this kind of experience is real, and not easily forgotten. And whether they describe the experience in the deep poetry of Psalm 32 or in the slangy prose of American English, it is still the same kind of event. A person may experience it once, or he may experience it many times. Pity the person who never experiences it at all!

Notes from the Executive Secretary Reinking

Report to Ephphatha Conference

(The following material is taken from Executive Secretary Reinking's report to the Ephphatha Conference July 17, 1962.)

The Board for Missions to the Deaf continues to be concerned about the spiritual needs of the Deaf in every Lutheran mission field. At the time of this conference there are two vacancies in our mission. A full staff would require 40 full-time missionaries, but 38 is the number of our mission now.

Since the last conference there has been an addition of three new men to our staff. They are Rev. Daniel Pokorney, Indianapolis, Ind., Rev. Robert Corl, Madison, Wis., and Rev.

Floyd Possehl, St. Louis, Mo. Two pastors, Rev. George Kraus and Rev. Delbert Thies, accepted calls to hearing churches during the past year.

The newest mission field, Vancouver, British Columbia, now has its first resident pastor. Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, formerly of Memphis, has accepted the call and is scheduled to be installed Aug. 19.

Four pastors in hearing parishes are currently serving the Deaf on a part-time basis. They are Rev. Eugene Krug of Boca Raton, Fla., who serves the Deaf in the Lake Worth, Fla., area; Rev. Arlin Bruns, who serves the Deaf in the Great Bend, Kans., area; Rev. Philip Ernst

of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulton, Mo., who assists our Saint Louis missionary with the work at the Missouri School for the Deaf, and Rev. John Nickerson of Kingsford, Mich., who serves the Deaf in the Marquette, Mich., area.

We would also like to mention the many lay people throughout the country who serve our church as volunteer workers. Some of them serve the mission as interpreters, others serve as Sunday school teachers, and still others provide transportation and make possible a social hour for the Deaf, especially at some of the outlying preaching stations.

The gain in communicant membership during 1961 leaves no doubt that our total communicant membership should push well over the 5,000 mark during 1962.

In contrast to the gain in communicant membership, there was a drop in contributions between 1960 and 1961. This would indicate a definite need for an intensive stewardship program among our deaf congregations.

The statistics for 1961 have been broken down into the 40 organized congregations and two stations which have the status of organized congregations for financial purposes. It is noteworthy that only 53% of our communicant membership is located in areas where there are organized congregations. This would indicate that our mission is still too scattered and that more concern and attention must be given to the development of strong congregations in deaf population centers.

The convention in Cleveland gave ample evidence that the Missouri Synod is moving forward on all fronts. This includes also our work

among the Deaf. The following resolution was passed at Cleveland:

"WHEREAS, God's bountiful blessings on the Mission to the Deaf are evident as thousands of Deaf gather in churches and chapels, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in foreign areas, learning of the love of God in Jesus Christ, and

"WHEREAS, There are great opportunities to expand this mission demanding both additional men and subsidy, be it therefore

"Resolved, That all congregations be alerted to their responsibility in the area of mission to the Deaf, and be it further

"Resolved, That the Synod intensify its training of workers and make available additional manpower and money to carry on this work both at home and abroad."

Under the blessing of Almighty God our mission will continue to expand and grow. The theme of the Cleveland convention should become the theme of all missionaries and lay members, "Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord." The church of the living Christ must not, cannot, dare not stand still. It must go forward to greater victories for Him who won the greatest victory of all for us. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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

*Go to Church
Regularly*

Bad Temper

Bad temper is all too common in homes where genuine Christian love should control all our words and actions. Husbands and wives, parents and children often say things that hurt and cut — things they would not even say to a stranger.

Such people are very foolish. They hurt themselves and those who should be dearest to them.

Bad temper is a disgrace. It shows that the person's love is so thin that

it is transparent and lets the ugly face of sin peer through.

What can we do about a bad temper? How can we control it? It will not be easy. It will cause a great struggle. But God is willing to help us. God wants to help us overcome all sin, also the sin of a bad temper. When we pray for His mercy in Christ Jesus, He will lead us to become cheerful, loving, and kind.

J. A. BEYER, Seattle, Wash.

The Cleveland Convention

A highly important meeting of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod took place in Cleveland, Ohio, June 20 to 30. The 45th regular convention was opened with a Communion service on Wednesday morning, June 20. A procession of 34 banners representing each of the Synod's 34 Districts in North and South America marked the beginning of the service. The confessional address was delivered by Rev. Edwin T. Bernthal of Detroit, a member of Synod's Board of Directors. An estimated 6,000 worshipers attended. The Holy Sacrament was served at seven altars to about 2,500 persons.

Dr. Roland P. Wiederaenders of Corpus Christi, Tex., First Vice-President of the 2,500-member church body, delivered the opening sermon on the convention theme: "Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Pointing to the tensions and conflicts in our world today, which no person can ignore, the speaker pleaded with the delegates and visitors to "stand fast in the faith which is securely

anchored in the bedrock of God's Word. . . . Let us stand fast, but," he added, "let us not stand still."

Dr. Oliver R. Harms, St. Louis, former First Vice-President, was elected as the new President of Synod. Dr. John W. Behnken, leader for the past 27 years, requested the convention not to reelect him.

Vice-Presidents elected were Dr. Roland P. Wiederaenders of Corpus Christi, Tex., Dr. Theodore F. Nickel of Chicago, Ill., Dr. George W. Wittmer of St. Louis, Mo., and Dr. Arthur C. Nitz of San Francisco, Calif.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Dr. Edwin T. Bernthal, Detroit, Mich., Rev. William Kohn, Hyattsville, Md., Dr. William Buege, Minneapolis, Minn., William F. Fenske, Milwaukee, Wis., Paul Friedrich, St. Louis, Mo., Walter Hinck, Minneapolis, Minn., Walter Koch, Denver, Colo., and Jay Pfothner, San Francisco, Calif.

In the first session it was reported that 598 voting delegates had registered, in addition to 394 advisory delegates and over 200 guests.

Lutheran ministers to the Deaf

attending were Pastors Clark Bailey, John Beyer, Wayne Bottlinger, Robert Corl, Jr., Theodore DeLaney, Alvin E. Ferber, Waldemar Ferber, Theodore Frederking, George Gaertner, A. T. Jonas, William Ludwig, and William F. Reinking (Executive Secretary). This writer, A. E. Ferber, was the delegate for 23

Missouri Lutheran churches with a total communicant membership of 6,300.

A. E. FERBER
Kansas City, Mo.

(You are also cordially invited to read "Remarks on the Cleveland Convention," also written by Pastor Ferber. Ed.)



Bible Quiz

Disciples of Jesus

James

1. James is the older brother of _____ (Matthew 4:21)
2. His father's name was _____ (Matthew 4:21)
3. From Matthew 4:18-22 we learn that James and his brother were fishermen on the Sea of _____.
4. When Jesus called James and his brother, they left their nets and their father and _____ Him.
5. In Matthew 17:1-8 we learn that Jesus took _____ and James and _____ up a high mountain.
6. On this mountain Jesus was _____ before them. (verse 2)
7. In Mark 5:22-24 and 35-43 we learn that James was one of the three disciples that Jesus took with Him into the home of _____.
8. James watched Jesus raise the man's daughter from the _____.
9. In Mark 3:17 we learn that Jesus called James and his brother _____, which means _____.
10. On the night Jesus was betrayed, James was one of the three disciples Jesus took with Him to pray in the Garden of _____ (Mark 14:32-42)
11. In Acts 12:1,2 we learn that King _____ laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.
12. He killed James with the _____.

NOTE 1. Many Lutheran churches are named St. James Lutheran Church in honor of this disciple. Many parents name their children James. The name Jacob is really the same name, but with the Hebrew spelling. James is the English spelling. People do well to preserve the memory of this disciple in the names of their children and their churches.

NOTE 2. James was killed by King Herod. He was killed, not because he broke the law, but because he was a Christian. Herod found that he could please the unbelieving Jews by putting the Christian Jews in prison or killing them. James could have saved his life by leaving the Christian church and forgetting about Jesus. But James knew that his faith in Jesus was more important than his life.

NOTE 3. When Jesus called James to follow Him, James was working with his father and brother on some nets. But he did not excuse himself. He did not say, "Wait until I finish these nets" or, "Wait until we have

found someone to buy our fishing equipment." He and his brother left their nets and their home in Galilee and followed Jesus. A sad contrast are people who will not even leave their homes or their beds on Sunday morning to follow the call of Jesus to worship.

L. JASPER
New York, N. Y.

Answers to Bible Quiz

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| 1. John | 8. dead |
| 2. Zebedee | 9. Boanerges |
| 3. Galilee | Sons of |
| 4. followed | Thunder |
| 5. Peter | 10. Gethsemane |
| John | |
| 6. transfigured | 11. Herod |
| 7. Jairus | 12. sword |

Remarks on the Cleveland Convention

The Cleveland convention, dear members of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf and DEAF LUTHERAN readers, was your convention. Our Lord is now calling to you and to all of us by His Holy Word (1 Corinthians 15:58) to bring the Gospel to others round about us and to be very active in the building of His kingdom. One of the first major resolutions of the convention on June 21 was:

1) to encourage congregations to **strengthen** their **evangelism** programs in the home churches and neighborhoods. (Please ask your pastor to discuss with you pages 104 and 105 of the green *Reports and Memorials* book.)

2) Later resolutions encourage congregations in trying to recruit young men to study for the ministry. (See pages 44—47)

3) Consider the importance of being well established in Bible study and Bible knowledge and actively

increase our testimonials of faith in Jesus, and resist Communism. (See p. 307)

4) It was decided to build a new Lutheran college in Southern California, and later another one in the Southeast (possibly in Georgia).

5) To carry forward the Gospel program of our Savior the followers of Jesus give of their time and possessions. We give this the name "**Forward Faith Effort**" and "**Stewardship**." Our Lutheran Church, therefore, is laying upon the hearts of all our Christian membership the challenge in a consecrated spirit to increase offerings during the next year for the overall world program in the amount of 10 million dollars (green book, pages 313, 349, 350). **Our Deaf Mission expansion program is included in this** (p. 113). Please see also THE DEAF LUTHERAN, June 1962, No. 6, p. 83.

Herewith, then, deaf friends, we have tried to give a condensed view

of the Cleveland convention. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to carry out these plans for the glory of our heavenly Father and the salvation of precious souls.

May we ask all our friends to remember our church and President Oliver Harms often in their prayers.

A. E. FERBER
Kansas City, Mo.

Book Review

Schmidt, O. H. *Globe-Trotting for the Gospel*. New York: Vantage Press, 1962. 92 pages.

Dr. O. H. Schmidt was Executive Secretary for Foreign Missions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. His book is the story of a man and a message. He himself is the man; and the message is the Word of God, the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Globe-Trotting for the Gospel is a record of this message of salvation as it is shared with people in many parts of the world. Dr. Schmidt describes the countries and the people of the Far East. But the chief impact of the book is not its description of the role of the Christian church in preaching the Gospel in these countries, nor is it the descriptions of lands and people, interesting as these may be. The chief impact of the book is the account of what happens when the Gospel confronts these people in such a way that they must make some response to it. "What happens when the Gospel suddenly confronts people who have been living under the most primitive conditions?" is the opening sentence of the chapter on New Guinea.

Globe-Trotting for the Gospel is not likely to make the best-seller lists published by newspapers and magazines. It will not sell a million copies. But it would make excellent reading for a Sunday afternoon. The reader should find it relaxing, and interesting. An hour or so spent reading the book will permit the reader to share the travels and the thoughts of Dr. Schmidt on his fascinating tour of the Far East.

Ephphatha Conference — First Report

The 1962 Ephphatha Conference was held July 17—21 at St. Paul, Minn., with 37 missionaries attending. At the opening service of Holy Communion Pastor Koberg preached the sermon on the work of a consecrated Gospel minister — basing his thoughts on John 17:17-19.

Committees appointed for 1962 were resolutions: Pastors Frederking, Kosche, and Mason; excuses: Possehl, and Jonas; nominations: Graef, Bauer, and Jasper; and auditing: A. Ferber and Pokorny. Reporters assigned were Pastor Bottlinger to the *Silent Worker*, Pastor Rynearson to the DEAF LUTHERAN, and Pastor Ring to the *Lutheran Witness* and the *Lutheraner*.

Officers elected were Rev. Clark Bailey, chairman, Rev. W. Lange, vice-chairman, and Rev. Theodore DeLaney, secretary. The program committee will be comprised of Rev. Bauer (two years), Rev. Wayne Bottlinger (three years) and Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, chairman.

Rev. A. E. Ferber presented a study of Romans 8:22-30 in sign language.

In the report by the chairman of the board, Rev. Ernest Drews expressed the board's appreciation for the work, cooperation, and consecration of Executive Secretary William F. Reinking. He stated that the board likes the arrangement of regional counselors and wants to expand the use of these men.

Theodore Sophie Speaks at Conference

Theodore Sophie, doctor of audiometrics, was guest speaker at the annual conference of missionaries to the Deaf in St. Paul, Minn., July 18. The topic of his lecture was "The Ear-Pathway to Sound." Dr. Sophie is sales promotion manager for Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Sophie is preparing a syllabus by the same title for possible inclusion in the curriculum for preparing seminary students for a ministry to the Deaf. The book covers the anatomy and physiology of the ear, acoustics and the physics of sound, and audiometrics.

He worked for nine months at Bethesda Lutheran Home for the mentally retarded at Watertown, Wis., conducting research work in hearing evaluation of the mentally retarded.

He began his lecture with a description of the outer, middle, and inner ear, describing the effects of otosclerosis and the surgical techniques, such as fenestration, which may be employed.

With a tape recorder Dr. Sophie demonstrated the effects of hearing loss at certain frequencies, illustrating the way in which a person hears a sound when he is hard-of-hearing.

He showed a movie depicting the procedure of testing residual hearing with an audiometer. He also demonstrated the use of an otoscope. He warned the members of the Ephphatha Conference of abuses which may take place in the fitting and sale of hearing aids. A filmstrip illustrated the anatomy of the ear.

Confirmation Goals for Deaf Adults

(An outline of a presentation by Rev. E. Mappes at the Ephphatha Conference.)

Main Idea: The goal of confirmation instruction for Deaf adults is to lead them to heaven through the truth of God's Word, His Word about our salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Supporting Idea: The classes should be organized to permit the most efficient teaching and learning situations and to make the members of the class happy and satisfied with the arrangements and anxious to come and learn.

Time: The number of sessions and their length should not be fixed but should be adjusted to meet the needs and the wishes of the participants.

Place: Instruction may take place in the church, the pastor's study, or the homes of the participants.

Subordinate Ideas: A. The pastor should prepare well for the class he is about to lead. B. The pastor should know the people well. C. In general small groups are better than large groups.

Conclusion: Specific goals also apply to each lesson. In the doctrine of God, for example, the aim is to guide the individual (1) to under-

stand who this one true God is by using the various Bible verses which describe God, (2) to accept the one true God into their hearts, (3) to instill in their hearts and minds true faith and trust in this one true God.

Confirmation Goals for Young People

(A portion of a presentation by Rev. Herman Graef at the Ephphatha Conference.)

All versions of the Catechism begin with a lesson on the source of doctrine, explaining the origin, nature, purpose, and makeup of the Bible. Since this is basic for a proper appreciation of all subsequent studies, the deaf pupil should be required to meet at least minimal goals of knowledge and attitude.

Knowledge: Clear and correct

ideas about the nature and purpose of the Bible, that it is God's Word and the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and that there is a proper distinction between God's Word and man's writings. This is the minimum. As the student becomes more able, he may be led to know the origin and makeup of the Bible. It is helpful if he knows the general location of the largest or most important books of the Old and New Testaments.

Attitude: A feeling of awe and gratitude for the written revelation of God's will and mercy, faith in the Word, and a desire to become better acquainted with it.

Habits: An ability to find references in the Bible; ability to use the Catechism and devotional materials as helpful aids to exercise in the Scriptures.

World of Silence No Handicap to Pastor

Cleveland, Ohio. When he was introduced to the 45th convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in Cleveland, Rev. William A. Ludwig, pastor of the 54-member Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Columbus, Ohio, received a hearty ovation which he did not hear. Pastor Ludwig is deaf. He is the first deaf pastor of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Speaking in Sign Language, he said: "It gives me great pleasure to speak a few words to so many of you who are doing different phases of work, all for one God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord saw fit to deprive me of the sense of hearing so that I could serve Him in one phase — the ministry among the

Deaf. Your help made it possible for me, for which I am grateful. The Spirit of God rest upon you all."

Born of Lutheran parents in Colorado, Rev. Ludwig attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit and obtained his B. A. from Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. At college he came into contact with Rev. Walter Westermann, Lutheran campus pastor, who encouraged him to enter the ministry and gave him some pretheological training.

"It was rugged," said Pastor Ludwig in describing his schooling at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. "There was no one in the class to sign the lectures, so I read lips and sought out students who took good class notes," he said.



Pastor Ludwig (left) talks with the Executive Secretary of Deaf Missions, Rev. William F. Reinking, at the Cleveland convention

Four years ago he married a deaf refugee girl from Estonia and they now have two children who hear. The Columbus church is his first parish; he has served it for three years. In addition to serving Holy Cross Congregation, Pastor Ludwig travels to other preaching stations in Ohio and West Virginia.

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Dr. Gaertner Awarded "John of Beverly" Medal

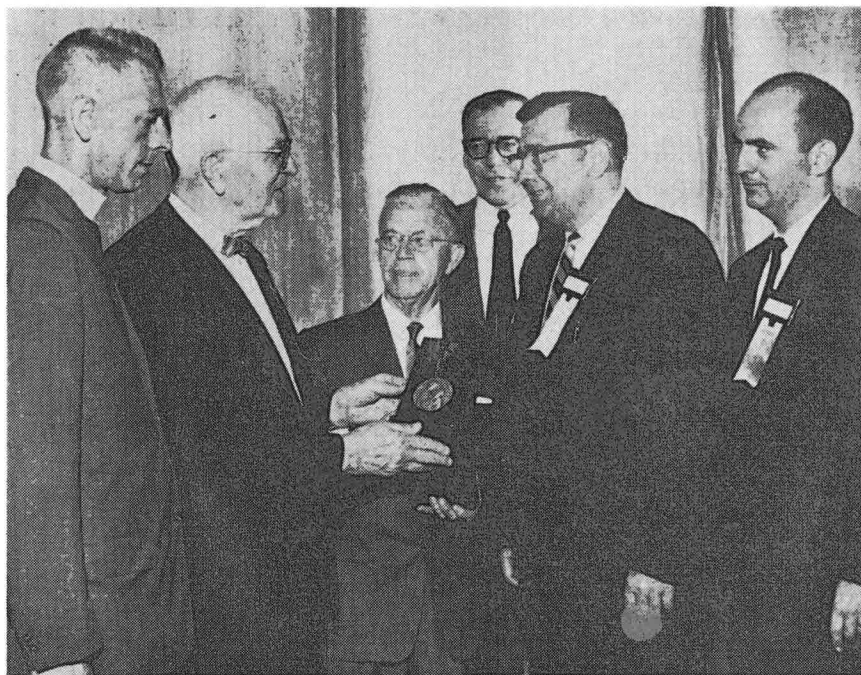
Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. George Gaertner, Lutheran minister to the Deaf in Oakland, Calif., was recipient of the John of Beverly award for outstanding work in providing spiritual help for the Deaf. The award was made by Mr. Melvin Luebke, headmaster of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf on Long Island, during sessions of the Cleveland convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

John of Beverly was the first clergyman known to have been vitally concerned with the spiritual needs of deaf children. It is in his honor and in appreciation of his efforts

that the Long Island school for the Deaf has named its award.

Dr. Gaertner serves Memorial Chapel for the Deaf at Oakland, with additional congregations at Berkeley and San Jose. He is regional counselor for the Pacific Region. Seven Lutheran pastors serve congregations and preaching stations in 34 cities on the Pacific Coast.

Among his literary contributions to the Deaf and to the Lutheran Deaf Mission program are a sign language manual for training missionaries and a dictionary of Bible terms which will appear in print soon.



L. to r.: Rev. Howard Schoenfeldt, Dr. J. W. Behnken, Dr. G. W. Gaertner, Rev. Ernest Drews, Mr. Melvin Luebke, and Rev. William R. Reinking



Field Gleanings

Nassif and Elliott Wed

Minneapolis, Minn. Thomas Nassif and Elizabeth Elliott of Rochester, Minn., were united in marriage in a service conducted by Rev. A. L. Hauptman of Minneapolis.

Surprise Housewarming

Riverside, Calif. The Deaf gave a surprise housewarming party for Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Gehrs on Sunday, June 24. There were about 50 Deaf at the new parsonage. They came over to the house after attending the combined Riverside-Anaheim church service and Holy Communion at 11:00 A. M. Five Deaf from San Diego made the 100-mile trip to Riverside for the occasion. Unfortunately, Mrs. Gehrs was unable to be present. She was still in Miami, where her mother passed away recently. The Deaf gave Pastor and Mrs. Gehrs a gift of \$43 to help toward furnishing the house.

Baptisms

Donald Lee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Merriman of Rockford, Ill., was baptized at Christ Church in Jacksonville, Ill., on June 17. Sponsors were Leland L. Ruh of Jacksonville and Barbara Billips of Rockford. Donald was born May 14.

Timothy Alan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunnington, was baptized in Sioux City, Iowa, on June 10. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. William Hahle, Jr., of Aurora, Nebr. Timothy was born Dec. 25, 1961.

Stuart Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brower, nee Buhner, was baptized on Dec. 28, 1961. Shirley Brower and Kathryn Buhner were sponsors.

Deanna Kay and Susan Lisa, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Taylor, nee Housman, were baptized on March 11 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa. Sponsors were Linda Sue Kracht, Cheryl Rogers, and Mrs. Nina Dracht.

John Verl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harlan, nee Dundon, was baptized on March 18, 1962, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones were sponsors.

Foster Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Elliott, Jr., nee Larkin, was baptized on April 22 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Des Moines. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langenberg.

Mark Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Van Manen, nee Sperring, was baptized on May 6 at Oskaloosa, Iowa. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Van Manen.

Peggy Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Masters, nee Brooks, was baptized on May 6 at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Van Wyk were sponsors.

Terry and Jeffery, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. Aspenes, and Barry Lester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Judd, were baptized at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Minneapolis, Minn., during the month of June.

Arthur Chappell

Omaha, Nebr. Arthur Chappell, member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, was laid to rest in Mount Hope Cemetery with funeral services conducted by Rev. E. Mappes on June 13. Mr. Chappell was 75 at the time of his death. He is survived by five brothers and one sister.

Pittsburgh Deaf Receive \$4,000 Grant from LWML

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Eastern District, authorized a \$4,000 grant to Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh at its June convention in Buffalo, N. Y. The grant was made to provide funds for furnishing the chapel and chancel. Three other churches also received the same amount.

Belsky and Dunnington Wed

Sioux City, Iowa. Martin Belsky, a teacher of the Deaf in Flint, Mich., and Miss Marilyn Dunnington, formerly of Sioux City, were united in marriage at Sioux City on June 16; the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Herman Graef of Omaha.

Received into Membership

Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Velva Myers of Humboldt was received into membership with Faith Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Feb. 11 by the rite of confirmation.

Wilt and Thompson Wed

Des Moines, Iowa. George Eugene Wilt and Marilyn Sue Thompson of Ottumwa, Iowa, were united in holy matrimony on March 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ottumwa. Patricia J. Meierotto was maid of honor and Clifford J. Meierotto was best man.

Mission Offerings

Indianapolis, Ind. The Indianapolis field, Rev. Daniel H. Pokorny, pastor, has gathered \$60 to contribute to the work among the Deaf in Hong Kong.

Severson and Uman Wed

Omaha, Nebr. In a private ceremony on June 7, conducted by Rev. E. Mappes at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, James Severson and Miss Myrtle Uman were united in holy wedlock.

† Clem Thompson †

Des Moines, Iowa. It pleased Almighty God to call from this life the soul of Mr. Clem Thompson, Des Moines, on Feb. 11. He was given Christian burial on Feb. 14.

† Theodore Hanson †

Des Moines, Iowa. On March 8 God called home the soul of Mr. Theodore Hanson of Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was given Christian burial on March 10.

Seven Confirmed from Indiana School

Indianapolis, Ind. Seven students from the Indiana School for the Deaf were confirmed on May 20 at Peace Church in Indianapolis, Rev. Daniel Pokorny officiating. Confirmands were Gil Ellis Boesenberg, Indianapolis; Donald Ray Brott, Fort Wayne; Everett Kay, Jr., Cedar Lake; John August Mauntel, Jasper; David LeRoy Newman, Bristol; Billy J. Pennell, Jr., and Henry Jefry Pennell, Evansville.

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Daily Bible Readings for September

September 1 — Jeremiah 3:19-25	September 15 — John 14
September 2 — 1 Corinthians 4:8-12	September 16 — 1 Timothy 1
September 3 — Jeremiah 9:17-24	September 17 — 1 Timothy 3
September 4 — Jeremiah 10:1-16	September 18 — 1 Timothy 4
September 5 — Jeremiah 30:1-11	September 19 — 1 Timothy 5
September 6 — Jeremiah 30:12-22	September 20 — 1 Timothy 6
September 7 — Jeremiah 31:1-6	September 21 — 2 Timothy 1
September 8 — Ezekiel 37:1-14	September 22 — Joshua 1
September 9 — Luke 4:16-44	September 23 — Titus 1
September 10 — Luke 5:1-26	September 24 — Titus 2
September 11 — Luke 11:1-13	September 25 — Titus 3
September 12 — John 7	September 26 — 2 Samuel 18
September 13 — John 8	September 27 — 1 Samuel 3
September 14 — Acts 18:18-28	September 28 — Acts 17:1-15
	September 29 — Psalm 46
	September 30 — Matthew 13:1-23

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