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Notes from the Executive Secretary

Rev. Eugene Krug declines call to Memphis, Tenn.

The Rev. Eugene Krug, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Boca Raton, Fla., who also preaches to the Deaf in the Lake Worth area, has declined the call to become pastor of Peace and Grace congregations in Memphis and missionary to the Deaf in the Memphis field. During the time of the vacancy Rev. W. A. Westermann, Greensboro, N. C., will serve as vacancy pastor. The Rev. Floyd Possehl, St. Louis, Mo., with the assistance of seminary students, especially the returned vicars, George Heidenrich and Martin Hewitt, is taking care of service for the Deaf in Arkansas and Tennessee. The Rev. Ervin Oermann of Birmingham, Ala., is serving the Deaf in Mississippi and Louisiana. It is our prayer that the Lord will soon send us a pastor for the Memphis field.

J. P. Miller, veteran board member, dies

All of us who knew Mr. J. P. Miller, a man who had worked with our Board for Missions to the Deaf for almost 42 years, were saddened by his death. Our Deaf mission will sorely miss this good friend. Be sure to read the story about Mr. Miller on another page in this issue. May God give our mission more men with such interest and zeal for the work as Mr. Miller had.

Executive Secretary to visit several congregations this fall

It will be my pleasure to see many of my old friends and to make new friends as I begin visits throughout the country this fall. During the

first part of October, I shall be in the Pacific Northwest and Canada, and in November I hope to spend several days in Texas and Oklahoma. The early part of December will take me to the Far West. The purpose of these visits is to talk over the work with our missionaries and to meet with the members of our churches to discuss with them their share of responsibility in the great work of expanding God's kingdom among the Deaf.

What are you thankful for?

In a few weeks will be the celebration of Thanksgiving. What will you be thankful for this year, and how will you show your thanks? I imagine many of you will quickly say that you are thankful for a year of health for you and your family, for a year of safety from accidents, for a year of blessings of food, shelter, and all the necessities of life that you have received from your almighty Father. Some of you will be thankful for recovery from a serious illness or for the blessing of an additional child in your home. But can we honestly and completely list everything for which we should be thankful? The air we breathe, the lungs we breathe with, the nerves that control our lungs, all these are God's gifts to us. Our prayer should be a prayer of thanks to God for all things: the joys and the sorrows, the vacations and the sicknesses, the pay check and the layoffs. Whatever has happened to us Christians during the past year has been good for us even though we may not have been able to understand it. We join with St. Paul in saying "All things work together

for good to those who love God." And yet we must also say with Jacob, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies which Thou hast shown unto thy servant." Have we done anything to deserve what we have received during this past year? Each day in many ways we have broken the Law of God, each day we have sinned against the God who continues to bless us. With Luther we must say that all that we have has been received from fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness on our part.

Yes, we should thank God for all the earthly things that He has given us, but more than this, we should thank God for having given us His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to save us from our sins. We thank God for having sent us pastors and teachers who have taught us the way of salvation in a language that we can understand. We thank God for leading The Lutheran

Church—Missouri Synod to see the need for an active and expanded Deaf mission program.

And how can we show our thanks? First of all we can gather in our churches on Thanksgiving eve or Thanksgiving day to join with fellow Christians in giving thanks to our God.

But Thanksgiving is more than just one day. We show our thanks by living as Christ would have us live each day. We show our thanks by sharing the Good News of Jesus with others who do not yet know Him. We show our thanks by giving to the Lord through His church part of the blessings that He has given us. This money makes it possible for our church to reach people, both the Deaf and the hearing, in all parts of the world, to tell them that Christ also loves them. What are you thankful for this year and how will you show your thanks?

W. F. REINKING
St. Louis, Mo.

Seattle Church Celebrates Anniversaries

Aug. 19, 1962, was an important day for the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Seattle. On that date they celebrated the 40th anniversary of the dedication of their church building located at 15th Ave. and E. Spring St. and observed the 50th anniversary of Lutheran missionary work among the Deaf in the Seattle area. A large group of members and friends of the congregation gathered in their church to give thanks to Almighty God for many years of grace and blessings.

Rev. J. A. Beyer, present pastor of Redeemer Church, led the con-

gregation in their worship of thanks and praise. Forty years ago he was missionary to the Deaf in Portland, Oreg., and was guest speaker in Seattle at the dedication of their church building. Rev. Ernest J. Scheibert, who is pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill., was invited to give the anniversary sermon. He was ordained the same year the Seattle church was dedicated, and this year marks his 40th anniversary in the ministry. Mr. William E. Martin led the congregation in singing "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices." Mr. and Mrs. Duane E. Florence led in sing-

ing "Abide, O Dearest Jesus." The hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," was led by Mrs. David Krause.

Honored guests at the celebration included Roy Harris and Pauline Gustin. Roy, who now lives in Yakima, is the only surviving member of the building committee. Others who served on the committee were Robert Patterson, Arthur Martin, Sherman Ceder, and Charles Downeg. At the celebration a birthday cake was cut in honor of Roy's 82nd birthday. Pauline Gustin is the oldest member of the congregation. On Sept. 15 she was 97. She is among the few surviving and active members of the 1922 congregation. She still attends services regularly and is active in the ladies' aid.

The following were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Aug. 13, 1922, when the church building was dedicated: Mr. and Mrs. George Axt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, Miss S. Carlson, Miss S. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dortero, Mrs. E. B. Eaton, Mr. A. Fischer, Mr. G. Fawker, Mrs. L. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gustin, Mr. and Mrs. B. Haire, Mrs. J. Haley, Miss M. Holstrom, Mr. and Mrs. A. Koberstein, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. L. Rasmussen, Mrs. J. West, Mrs. B. Wildfang.

The first services for the Deaf were held in Seattle in 1912 at Trinity Lutheran Church, located on 22nd and Union Streets. Rev. Oscar Fedder took an interest in the Deaf and served them from 1912 to 1914. The Mission Board had sent Rev. A. L. Reinke to make a survey along the Pacific Coast. He found 10 deaf people, one of them a printer, who gave him the names and addresses of other Deaf. In 1914 the Mission Board sent Rev. T. M. Wangerin to make another survey. He found an

increase of the Deaf attending Rev. Fedder's services. He met several of the Deaf who wanted a full-time missionary. A report was given the Mission Board that the Deaf were very anxious to have a church and a pastor.

Rev. N. F. Jensen, who was serving in California, was asked to make monthly trips to the Northwest. He served the entire West Coast from 1914 to 1917. In 1916 he sent an SOS (Save Our Souls) call to the Mission Board requesting another missionary to help him. Rev. George W. Gaertner was sent to serve the Northwest. He arrived in Spokane on Jan. 7, 1917. Rev. Jensen met him. They visited Portland before going to Seattle, where he was to establish headquarters.

In 1921 at the Ephphatha Conference the plans were presented for a chapel-parsonage combination. It was built in 1922 at a total cost of \$8,800. The Deaf did all the work except the concrete, plumbing, and plastering.

In 1952 it was decided to renovate the building, which was well constructed and sound. David Krause, Glen Clark, Leroy Hays and other Seattle Deaf donated many hours of labor to improve the property. The ladies' aid also helped in many ways. Deaf members in Tacoma, Everett, Yakima, Bremerton, Wenatchee, and Vancouver, B. C., also contributed generously, as did the ladies' aid of Hope Church for the Deaf in Portland, Oreg. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Mission Board provided the largest amounts of the renovation cost, which was approximately twice the original cost of the entire project.

Through the years the Deaf con-

gregation in Seattle has passed through some severe trials. The Lord has been with His faithful members to comfort and guide them. May they continue to trust and depend on Him who is ever faithful and who forgives us all our iniquities.

NARCISSA EDEN
REV. GEORGE RING

Contentment

"Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith," writes the wise King Solomon. Yet millions of people seem to have but one wish, to get rich.

Agur prayed: "Give me neither poverty nor riches." And an old Latin proverb says the middle of the road is the safest place to walk.

Truly wise men pray: "Teach me, O Lord, in whatever state [condition or position] I am, therewith to be content."

The Christian religion does not forbid us to work hard and become prosperous, or even rich. But there is great temptation in riches.

Let us not set our hearts upon getting rich. Riches alone cannot bring happiness. True happiness is possible without riches; true happiness is impossible without contentment. REV. J. A. BEYER

✠ John P. Miller ✠

Washington, D. C. The death of John P. Miller leaves us with mixed emotions. On the one hand we mourn the loss of his friendly interest in the Deaf and his wise counsel as a member of the board. On the other hand we rejoice with the angels in heaven over his redemption, as we long to share with him and all of God's children the glory of heaven.

Mr. Miller's service to the church was not confined to one area of interest. Besides his active membership in his own congregation, he not only served on the Board for Missions to the Deaf but was also a charter member of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society in Minneapolis, and he served for many years as a member of the Twin Cities Chaplaincy Board.

Those who knew Mr. Miller personally met a man in whom there is

much to admire and imitate. Those who did not, have good reason to thank God for the many blessings which the church has received from His servant.

† John P. Miller †

St. Louis, Mo. John P. Miller, for forty years an elected member of the Board for Missions to the Deaf and an honorary member of the board since 1959, departed this life on Aug. 28 at the age of 81 years.

He was born Jan. 8, 1881 in Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Funeral services were held at Trinity First Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Friday, Aug. 31, Rev. C. H. Pauling officiating. Mr. Karl Peterson served as soloist and Mrs. Verna Hinck as organist.

He is survived by his son, Chester I., his daughter, Miss Florence E.; sisters: Miss Emma D., Mrs. Brook

Jones, and Mrs. Clifford G. Gilbert; eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery.

Brief Address at the Funeral of Mr. J. P. Miller Delivered by the Chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, Rev. Ernest R. Drews

"It is my privilege to be the spokesman on this occasion for the President of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Dr. Oliver Harms, the members and former members of the Board of Missions to the Deaf, the 39 missionaries to the Deaf, and many former missionaries to the Deaf and uncounted Deaf throughout the United States and Canada who knew Mr. Miller personally.

"Among the many services the deceased rendered to the church was also his membership on the Board of Missions to the Deaf. He was elected to this Board in the year 1920 and reelected at Synod's triennial conventions until 1959. This means that he served in this capacity through the years of the 'roaring twenties,' the depression years of the thirties, the war years of the forties, the post-war and cold war years of the fifties. The 40 years of service as an elected member of a synodical board is a record for laymen. No other layman in the 123-year history of Synod has served for so long a period on any elected board of Synod. His service was not that of a silent member of the board, but of a calm, dedicated, and wise counselor.

"During the last two years Mr. Miller served as honorary member and consultant to the board. In asking him to serve in this capacity, the

board was not merely recognizing his past service but making use of a valuable resource still available to the church.

"On the occasion of his 80th birthday in 1961 the Board of Missions to the Deaf presented to him a testimonial of esteem. The words of this testimonial are apt today:

In grateful recognition:

Of forty years of faithful service as a member of the Board of Missions to the Deaf, 1920—1960;

Of continued service as advisor to the Board of Missions to the Deaf;

Of unswerving devotion to the cause of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf;

Of faithful and exemplary application of time and talents in the service of the Savior;

Of steadfast adherence to the Word of God and good Lutheran practice;

Of humble readiness to serve;

Of clearness of insight and good counsel in problematical situations;

Of warmth of friendship toward fellow members of the Board;

We offer sincere thanks to God.

"We realize that it is not this testimonial nor anything that we might say of J. P. Miller that brings us real comfort today. We are comforted by the fact that God in His grace called him to be His child of faith in Christ Jesus our Savior and we are grateful that our God led him to use his gifts in such large measure in the service of the church.

"We thank God for having given him to the church, for keeping him in humble childlike faith in Christ, his Savior, and we pray that God may continue to raise up men to follow the example of John P. Miller.

"May God, who by His grace has received Mr. Miller to Himself, bestow His comfort and strength especially upon the members of his family."

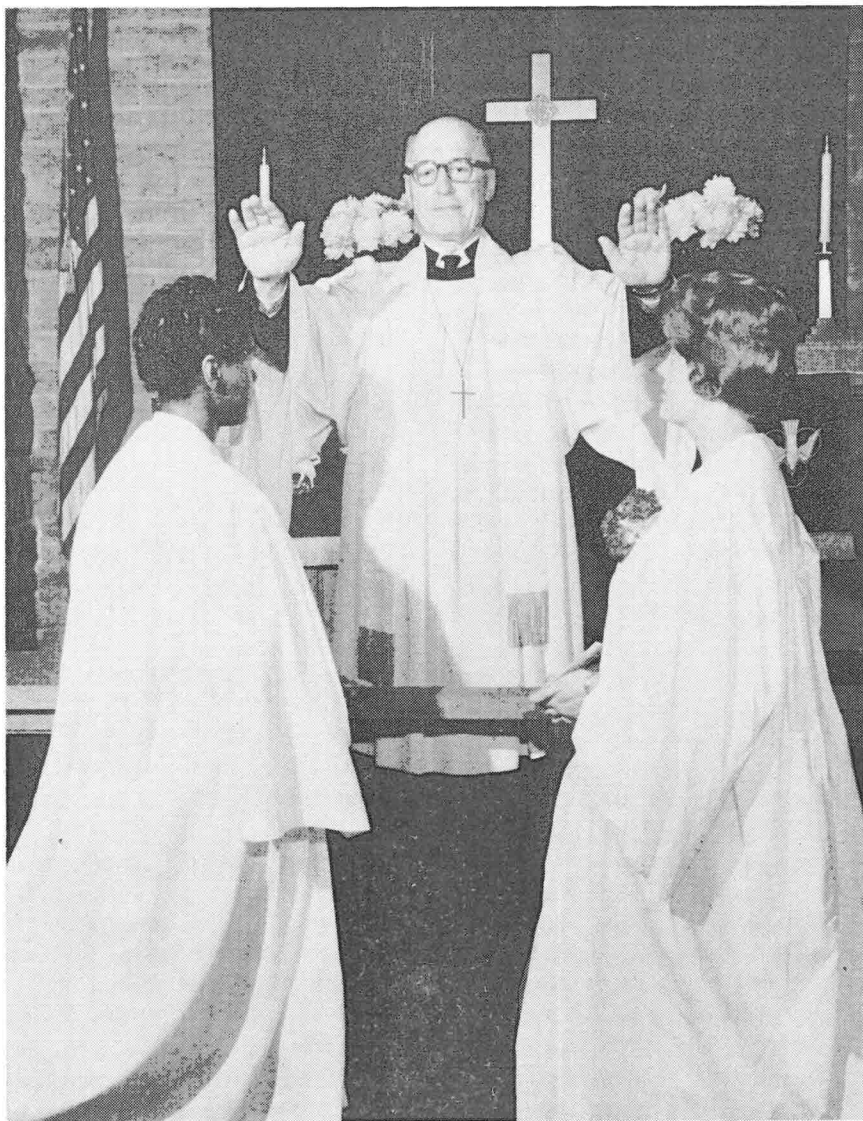
Confirmation

What is confirmation?

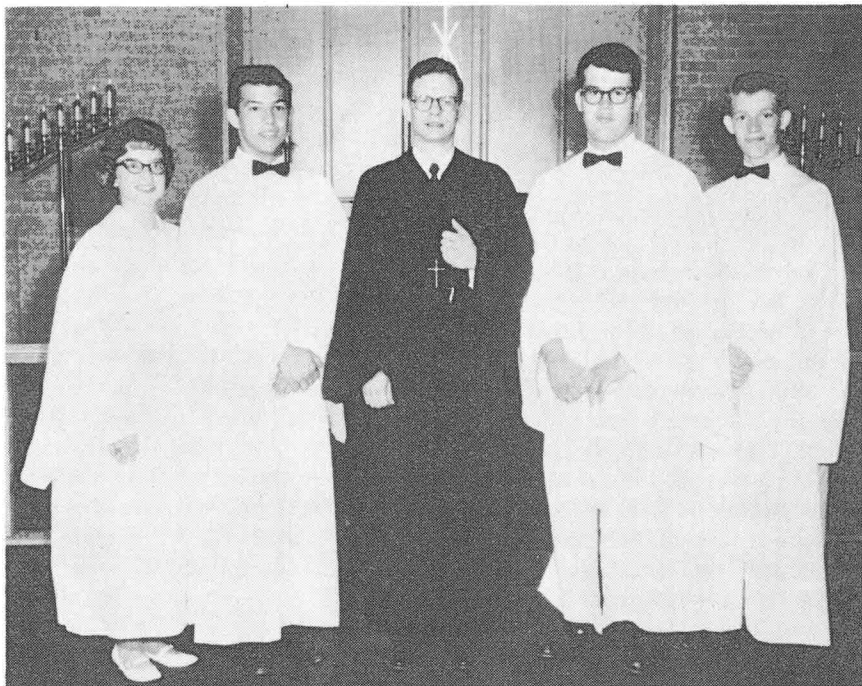
Confirmation is a program of instruction in Christian doctrine and practice leading to communicant membership in the church.

Why do we have confirmation?

We have confirmation because the Lord commanded parents through the apostle Paul, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admoni-



Rev. A. E. Ferber confirms Brenda Lockett, left, and Helen Stutheit, right, on May 13, 1962. Brenda and Helen were two of a group of six students from the Kansas School for the Deaf confirmed last spring



The confirmation class of Columbus, Ohio, for 1962. L. to r., Claudia Joan Payne, Springfield, Ohio, Philip Oliver Cassese, Cleveland, Ohio, Pastor Ludwig of Columbus, Laron Lee Baker of Findlay, Ohio, and Ralph Mark Steiner, Lima, Ohio

tion of the Lord," and because the church wants to share this responsibility with parents and follow the words of Jesus to Simon Peter, "Feed My Lambs."

What is the purpose of confirmation?

The purpose of confirmation is to encourage growth in Christian knowledge and faith.

How is this growth encouraged?

The church encourages growth in Christian knowledge and faith as the pastor and members call attention to the Word of God, where the love of God is revealed through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through His Word God draws people to Himself, moves them to repent of their sins, and strengthens them for a godly life.

What does confirmation do for the Christian?

Confirmation gives the Christian the opportunity to publicly confess his faith before God and before a Christian congregation. Through confirmation the congregation also teaches the Christian how to examine himself and so prepare himself for receiving the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion. And by explaining to the Christian what the Bible teaches and by discussing how to apply this teaching to his life, the congregation through its pastors and teachers prepares him for full and active membership in the congregation. Confirmation is a program of instruction designed to make the individual an informed member of the congregation so that he may share its life and work. It should

also train him to witness to those who are not members of the church; he will be able to explain what he believes and why he believes it.

What does confirmation do for the congregation?

Confirmation reminds the congregation of its duty to teach the Word of God to its members. It also reminds the members of the congregation of the value of Bible study throughout their lives. And when the congregation receives new members into its midst through the rite of confirmation, it is reminded that this is its purpose on earth, to include in its fellowship those who have been brought to faith in Jesus Christ and to join with them in Christian faith and service.

What promises does the Christian make when he is confirmed?

The Christian promises to live according to the Word of God, to study God's Word and receive Holy Communion regularly, to live as a Christian should live, and to remain faithful to God in what he believes, says, and does. But since no person can do these things with his own strength, the Christian makes this promise by saying, "I do so intend, by the grace of God." The Christian also promises to remain faithful to the teachings of his church and never fall away from the true faith. This, too, he cannot do by his own strength. Therefore, he says, "I do so intend, with the help of God."

Sanctification, Sanctify

"Sanctification" and "sanctify" mean God's work of making holy. The words are used in two ways in the Bible. Most of the time they mean what God does to make holy the heart and life of a person **who is already a Christian**. The Christian has already been justified by God through faith in Jesus. He becomes justified as soon as he is sorry for his sin and has faith in Jesus his Savior. The Christian is forgiven and is justified immediately, and is immediately holy before God because God has said to him, "Not guilty by reason of Jesus' death on the cross."

But, although the Christian is holy and perfect before God because his sins are washed away in the blood of Jesus, he is not yet perfected in his daily life. Every Christian must say with St. Paul: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh)

dwelleth no good thing." (Romans 7:18) Therefore the Christian must still fight against the sinful thoughts of his mind, the sinful wishes of his heart, and the sinful habits and deeds of his body. The Christian fights his sins with the Word of God, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and with the power of the Holy Spirit. The life of the Christian changes for the better. He becomes more strong in his faith and serves his Lord better with his life. This is sanctification in the life of a Christian.

The Christian does not sanctify himself. Sanctification is the work of God only. God the Holy Spirit works in the Christian so that he wants to fight his sin and improve his life in service to God and for the glory of God. God the Holy Spirit works in the Christian through His Word, through Bap-

tism, and the Lord's Supper. God's work of sanctification in every Christian will not be finished until that Christian is in heaven. Therefore the Bible says that the Christian *grows* in sanctification: "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

Sometimes *sanctification* and *sanctify* in the Bible mean everything God the Holy Spirit does to make holy a person **who is not yet a Christian**. Then the words mean God the Holy Spirit's work of calling a person by the Gospel, making faith in Jesus in his heart, justifying him, and finally leading him to serve his Lord with all he has until death.

REV. W. LANGE

The Christian Worker

"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." (Ephesians 6:5-8)

The Christian worker should be different in his thinking about his work and also in the way he works. The Christian should be an *obedient* worker. Perhaps only the Christian can be truly obedient, because he has learned the obedient life, the life of a follower of Jesus.

In his job also, the Christian is obedient to Christ first of all and

serves Him from the heart. He has one purpose: to show his love and his honor for his Lord Jesus in everything that he does. The Christian will work with a good will, as to the Lord. This means that he will do the best job he is able to do every day and will do it cheerfully.

Many companies judge their workers by the following things: How many times absent from work? How many accidents at work? How willing or able to change jobs in the company? How often late for work? How good is the work done? Does the worker follow safety rules? Does the worker know how to use his tools? Does the worker waste materials? How fast does he work? How steady does he work?

A Christian should have a good score on most of these things. Confess your faith and love for Jesus in the way you work, because Jesus says, "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32)

REV. W. LANGE

Baptisms

Omaha, Nebr. Mary Lou, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Payne of Cozad, Nebr., born July 25, was baptized Aug. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Doral Owens of Kearney served as sponsors.

Miami, Fla. Judy Marie Horne was baptized on July 22 and John Donald Anderson and John Michael Shockey were baptized on Aug. 26 at Deaf Zion Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Miami, Fla., by Pastor Gyle.

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Regional Conference

Jacksonville, Ill. Members and friends of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in St. Louis, Central Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Chicago met in Milwaukee for a two-day regional conference Sept. 22 and 23. The theme for the conference was "Go . . . Teach . . . Preach." Topics discussed were "Who is a Christian?" "The Church—A Congregation of Do-ers," "The Sacrament of the Altar," and others. A fellowship banquet was held on Saturday evening. Pastor Floyd Possehl of St. Louis was the speaker for the Sunday morning worship service.

Pastor Bottlinger Installed

Vancouver, B. C. Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Vancouver, B. C., Can., on Sept. 2, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Rev. John Beyer of Seattle conducted the service.

The installation of a resident pastor to the Deaf in British Columbia is the result of an accidental meeting between Rev. Victor L. Meyer of Concordia Lutheran Church and two deaf men 33 years ago. As a result of that meeting Rev. George Gaertner, then of Seattle, surveyed the area and a deaf group was or-

ganized. One of the two men who talked to Pastor Meyer 33 years ago is now chairman of Trinity Congregation, Mr. Alex Brodie.

Pastor Bottlinger became interested in a ministry to the Deaf while he was a student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Mrs. Bottlinger is a graduate of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. Their daughter, Theresa, is four.

Services for the Deaf are held in Vancouver each Sunday at 2:30 P. M. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. There are 32 communicant members in the Vancouver area.

The Vancouver congregation, originally served by Pastor Gaertner for 1929—1931, was also served by Pastors W. A. Westerman, Arnold T. Jonas, Walter J. Hintz, and John A. Beyer. Trinity became an organized congregation in December 1957. A student intern, Martin Hewitt, served Vancouver during the 1961—62 school year.

Special services were also held at Victoria to introduce the Deaf there to the new Lutheran pastor. These services were held Sept. 9.

Lutheran Students Establish Center at Gallaudet

Washington, D. C. In September 1962 Gallaudet College granted a request from Lutheran students on campus for facilities which could serve as a center for Lutheran students and their activities. A room in the Student Union has been allocated to Gamma Delta, Lutheran student association, for their exclusive use.

The immediate effect of such quarters will be the availability of campus Pastor H. Hoemann for counseling and spiritual guidance. Regular office hours will be in ef-

fect throughout the school year. A bulletin board will provide space for posting bulletins from the various mission fields, news releases from public relations departments, and posters and announcements of interest to the students. Eventually a library of devotional material and Bible-study guides will be assembled. A filing system will be established, and regular meetings, socials, and Bible study will either take place in the room assigned or be planned from there for another location.

The facilities will meet a real need on campus, and the Lutheran student group has expressed its sincere gratitude to Dr. Elstad and to Gallaudet College for providing a room for a program of Lutheran activities. Approximately 15% of the student body is Lutheran.

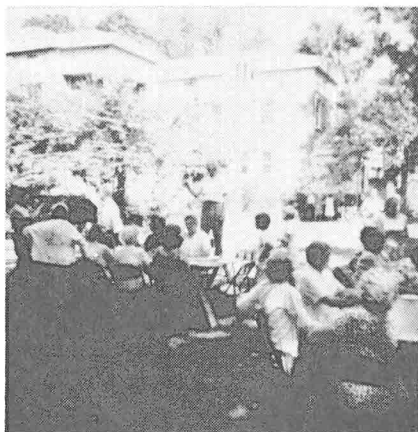
Confirmed at Rochester

Rochester, N. Y. Miss Catherine Bliss and her brother, Mr. Ralph Bliss of Victor, N. Y., were confirmed on Aug. 12 by Rev. Walter Busby at Alpha Lutheran Church.

Rochester Picnic

Rochester, N. Y. Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Rochester, held its 10th annual picnic Sunday, August 12. At noon the ladies served a smorgasbord to more than fifty members and friends of Alpha. In the afternoon the group moved outside, where a number of games had been set up. There was badminton, horseshoes, an egg-blowing contest, and a "horse race" in which it was almost as hard to pick a winner as it is at a real one.

At supper time the men took their turn at serving. They set up their barbeque grills and everyone was



Alpha picnic

served hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, and cold drinks.

Guests of honor for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hewitt, who had stopped off on their way home from their honeymoon. Last year Mr. Hewitt was vicar to the Deaf in Vancouver, B. C., and this year, while a student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he will help serve Memphis, Tenn., during the vacancy there.

New Students at Gallaudet College

Washington, D. C. About 11 percent of the new students enrolling at Gallaudet College for the 1962 to 1963 school year cited a preference for the Lutheran Church at registration. Of the 204 new students registered, 23 are Lutheran or of Lutheran preference.

A record number of new students are entering Gallaudet College as freshmen instead of preps this fall. Forty-three passed the entrance examination with a sufficient margin to warrant entrance as members of the freshman class. One hundred and sixty will form the preparatory class.

A reception for members of the faculty, staff, and student body was held on Saturday evening, Sept. 15. Classes began Monday, Sept. 17. The entire student body gathered at 11 A. M. for the annual convocation. Dr. Leonard Elstad, president of the college, and Albert Atwood, chairman of the board of directors, spoke to the students.

Among the foreign students enrolling at Gallaudet this year are the first students to attend Gallaudet from South Africa and from Pakistan. A student from Hong Kong is a refugee from communist China.

Lawn Picnic

Jacksonville, Ill. A group of 46 deaf adults, 14 hearing friends, plus a number of children attended a lawn picnic on the grounds of Christ Chapel in Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 10. Hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled over charcoal, and after a few lawn games, the group toured the parsonage. The evening events included a series of colored slides of various places, including the churches where the Deaf worship in New York and Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf. A short devotion, hymn, and prayer concluded the program. Rev. Orlin Anderson, missionary to the Deaf in the Central Illinois field, led the evening events.

International Games for the Deaf

Washington, D. C. President John F. Kennedy has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the 10th International Games for the Deaf which will be held in Washington, D. C., from June 27 through July 3, 1965. About 800 deaf athletes from 33 countries are expected to take

part in the games. They will be housed at Gallaudet College for the duration of the event.

At the White House at 10 A. M., Aug. 30, '62 — to receive President Kennedy's acceptance as honorary chairman of the games — were six U. S. International Games committee members, a Gallaudet College board member, and four U. S. athletes in the 1961 games.

Present were Jerald M. Jordan, Leon Auerbach, Richard M. Phillips, Thomas O. Berg, S. Robey Burns, Alexander Fleischman, Congressman Homer Thornberry, Nancy Mahoney, Mary Lynch, William Ramborger, and John Miller, Jr.

After telling President Kennedy about the games, the group presented him with a copy of the *American Manual Alphabet*, photographs of the last games, and a copy of the official emblem for the 10th International Games for the Deaf.

The 1965 event will mark the first time that these competitions have been held on American soil. The 9th International Games were held in Helsinki, Finland, in August 1961.

† Joseph McGrew †

Indianapolis, Ind. *The Lutheran Beacon*, newsletter for the Indianapolis field, published by Rev. Daniel Pokorny, reports in September that Pastor Pokorny flew to Evansville for the funeral of Mr. Joseph McGrew, who died on July 21. He was buried in Locust Hill cemetery.

Rocky Graziano Visits Gallaudet Campus

Washington, D. C. New students at Gallaudet College interrupted a two-week period of orientation and testing to meet Rocky Graziano,

former middleweight boxing champion of the world, when he visited the Gallaudet campus Sept. 11.

Mr. Graziano's interest in the Deaf stems from an incident in his own life. When he was eleven years old he was struck by an automobile and subsequently developed a hearing problem. He attended P. S. No. 47 in New York for approximately two years. He is especially interested in the captioned films for the Deaf.

This is the second year that the new students at Gallaudet College have had a two-week period of orientation preceding classes. It is the first time that the new students have had an opportunity to meet such a prominent person from the sports world during the orientation period.

Hill and Rice Wed

St. Paul, Minn. LaVern Hill and Helen Rice were united in marriage in Bemidji on July 28.

Anderson and Hauge Wed

St. Paul, Minn. Robert Anderson and Annah Marie Hauge were united in marriage at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Pequot Lakes, Sept. 1.

Announce New Plan for Worship and Bible Study

Omaha, Nebr. The Omaha field has announced plans for a new approach to worship and Bible study at all congregations and preaching stations within the field except for Bethlehem Congregation in Omaha. The plans call for a forty-minute worship service, ten minutes of rest and conversation, and forty minutes of Bible study with discussion.

The Silent Visitor of the Omaha field states that the change is being

made because "we learn best when we can read for ourselves, ask questions, and discuss the lesson with each other." Therefore the worship service is being shortened to forty minutes by means of a shorter liturgy and a shorter sermon, but a Bible study of forty minutes will be held each time after a ten-minute conversation break.

Bible study topics will be announced in advance in *The Silent Visitor*. Questions for discussion may be contributed by its readers or by those who attend services in the Omaha field.

Haptonstall and Rigler Wed

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Donald Haptonstall and Mary Jo Rigler were united in marriage at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Aug. 19. Joyce Craig was maid of honor, and Melvin Haptonstall was best man. Attendants were Kathleen Potestio, Diana Lawson, John Haptonstall, Jack Clair, Vicky Haptonstall, flower girl, and Gregory Litell, ring bearer.

Parish Worker in Miami

Miami, Fla. Mrs. Harold (Doris) Myhre was inducted as parish worker for Deaf Zion Lutheran Church, Miami, Fla., by Pastor Frank Gyle. The sermon was given by her pastor, Rev. Helmuth Weichmann of Faith Church, Hialeah: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

Vacation Bible Schools

Miami, Fla. Vacation Bible schools were conducted at Savannah, Ga., and at Lakeland, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Hialeah, Daytona Beach, and Orlando, Fla., by Pastor Frank Gyle. Total number of pupils enrolled was 76.



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Daily Bible Readings for November

November 1 — 2 Corinthians 9	November 15 — James 2
November 2 — 2 Corinthians 7	November 16 — James 3
November 3 — 2 Corinthians 8	November 17 — James 4
November 4 — Deuteronomy 5	November 18 — Malachi 2:14-16
November 5 — 1 Corinthians 16	November 19 — James 5
November 6 — Galatians 6	November 20 — Nehemiah 4
November 7 — Ephesians 2	November 21 — Nehemiah 5
November 8 — Ephesians 3	November 22 — 1 Samuel 19
November 9 — Jeremiah 4:11-22	November 23 — 1 Chronicles 17
November 10 — Colossians 1	November 24 — 1 Chronicles 29
November 11 — Colossians 2	November 25 — 2 Chronicles 4
November 12 — Colossians 3	November 26 — 2 Chronicles 5
November 13 — Colossians 4	November 27 — 2 Samuel 22
November 14 — James 1	November 28 — 2 Chronicles 6
	November 29 — 2 Chronicles 7
	November 30 — Psalm 24

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