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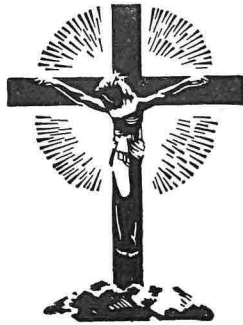
*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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O Lord, whose head in death did bow
Upon the cross, I pray Thee now
Forgive my debts and let me be
Forever faithful, Lord, to Thee.

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Notes From the Executive Secretary

Pastor Beyer and Wife Undergo Surgery

Both Rev. and Mrs. John A. Beyer of Seattle, Wash., underwent surgery last January. Arrangements were made by their doctor son to have this done in San Antonio, Tex. Both have recovered well under the blessings of the heavenly Physician and have since returned to Seattle.

Memphis Field Calls Candidate

At a meeting of the voters of Grace and Peace congregation in Memphis it was decided to request a candidate for the Memphis field from the 1963 graduating class. Thus the Memphis field will remain vacant until midsummer of this year. Rev. Possehl and seminarians Martin Hewitt and George Heidenrich continue to have regular preaching services in Arkansas and Tennessee, while Rev. Oermann from Birmingham, Ala., takes care of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Rev. Cordes Accepts Call to Iowa

After serving as missionary to the Deaf for approximately 27 years Rev. Robert F. Cordes of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has accepted a call to the hearing parish of Zion Lutheran Church, Shellsburg, Iowa. Rev. Cordes became interested in the Deaf while he was pastor of St. Paul's Church in Park City, Iowa. In 1936 he accepted a call to be our first resident missionary in Canada, with headquarters in Saskatoon. Later the headquarters were moved to Winnipeg but from 1936 to 1942 he served the Deaf stations in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. From 1942 to 1952 he served as pastor of Calvary Lutheran

Church for the Deaf in St. Paul, Minnesota, and missionary in the Minnesota field. In 1952 he became pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., serving the Deaf in South Dakota and Southeastern Minnesota. During these 27 years in the deaf mission Pastor Cordes has served faithfully and his labors have been blessed by the Lord. Through his work many Deaf have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We wish Pastor Cordes well as he reenters the hearing ministry and ask God to continue to pour out upon him His blessings in rich measure.

Dr. O. C. Schroeder

Retires from Deaf Mission

Doctor O. C. Schroeder, pioneer missionary among the Deaf-Blind in Chicago, went on semiretirement in January of 1961 after serving 52 years in the active ministry. During 1961 and 1962 Doctor Schroeder continued to serve the deaf mission by working with elderly and shut-in Deaf in the Greater Chicago area plus keeping his contacts with numerous Deaf-Blind. However, for reasons of health Doctor Schroeder has found it impossible to continue in this capacity and has gone on full retirement as of Jan. 15 of this year. Our church owes a great debt of gratitude to Doctor Schroeder for all his efforts in working with the Deaf, the Blind, and the work closest to his heart, the Deaf-Blind. His braille letters and his moving fingers have been the means of communicating the wonderful comfort of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to thousands of Deaf-Blind in Chicago, the United States,

and throughout the world. We ask Almighty God to grant Doctor Schroeder health and happiness as he begins his well-earned rest.

Hong Kong Deaf Work Continues to Grow

Word has been received from Hong Kong that there are now 56 baptized members in our mission and 15 communicants. Pastor Philip Ho and Evangelist Titus Lee carry on with the work with the aid of several lay people who assist as teachers and helpers. If you have not yet seen the Hong Kong deaf slides, have your pastor arrange for a showing. You will want to meet in this way your deaf Christian brethren in Hong Kong. Miss Gertrude Simon, who has been so helpful in our deaf mission in Hong Kong, writes in her letter of Nov. 23, "Harold Lao is my 'youngest.' He is 10 and looks like a six-year-old child. His mother, a widow, who has been here two years with her five children (Harold being the second oldest), came to our need clinic. She was carrying Harold on her back; he could not walk and looked as though he would pass out. He was very, very thin and had big bleeding sores on one knee and both feet. I took him to the emergency clinic at Kowloon Hospital. They bandaged him up and he went home with his mother, but I was sorry that I did not keep him here. The next time I saw him, I kept him. He ate and ate and ate — could not get enough. Harold is a deaf-mute, so the only way the mother seemed to be able to convey her meaning to him was by hitting him with the knuckle of her finger. Poor Harold almost starved to death, but God saved him. Now Harold is studying and boarding in a school for the

Deaf. Tomorrow I must get him and take him to the Deaf services. Monday morning he goes back to school. We pray that Harold will be a tool for good, and powerful in his Master's use.

"The deaf-mute work is growing, and the devil is also working hard. Please, my dear friends, all pray sincerely that the evil foe have no power to harm. It is so distressing when the Deaf have to face problems which should not happen among Christians. The deaf people are very happy in their church home. We praise God that He has saved quite a few of them already."

Let us continue to remember this mission in our prayers and with our gifts.

News from New Guinea

The local committee on deaf work in New Guinea continues to work slowly to develop a sign language since there is no sign language among the Deaf on the island. Mr. Don Yarrell, a teacher on the committee who did some work among the Deaf both in Cleveland and in Chicago, writes in his Christmas letter of 1962, "So far 112 signs have been collected from the local sign language of the Deaf. We hope that this vocabulary may be increased soon so that the Enga Deaf may also and more efficiently be given the Gospel of our Lord." Rev. James Mayer, Area Counselor for the Board for World Missions, is currently visiting New Guinea and should return in April with a more complete account of the development in deaf work in New Guinea.

What Does Lent Mean to You?

Many people during Lent will be giving up something like smoking or candy or something else that they

enjoy doing. Some of these people will do it just as a habit. Others will do it because they think in this way they show their love for Christ who gave up His life for us. The one who really loves the Lord Jesus shows his love not only by giving up something for six weeks, but by giving himself to Christ for all his life. A believer in Christ is really a slave of his Lord. All that such a person does and thinks and says should be controlled by the love of Jesus Christ. During the season of Lent we are reminded once again of the meaning of love. For here we see how God gave His own Son to death

to pay for the sins of all people. This love is much more than we can ever hope to understand. We thank God for this love, for by it we have the promise of life eternal which is for all those who accept Christ as their Savior. It is my prayer that as you study the suffering and death of Jesus again this Lent, your love for Christ will become strengthened and deeper, and you will learn to live more fully as a slave of Christ your Lord.

God willing, we will visit again next month.

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



Editorials

Lent

L-E-N-T. Each letter suggests an important part of the Lenten season and its message.

L is for LOVE. It was **love** that moved God to send His Son into the world to be its Savior and Redeemer. It was **love** that led Jesus to the cross to suffer and die on Calvary for our sins. It was **love** that moved Jesus' disciples to carry the message of Jesus' saving work to all corners of the world. It was **love** that entered our lives and changed them from a meaningless and perplexing wandering to a purposeful goal. And it is the **love** that we have for Jesus that guides us to the foot of the cross to worship Him during Lent.

E is for EVERYONE. God's love

does not favor any nation or race or sex. Before God all people are the same. All are equally in need of forgiveness. All are equally precious. Therefore God's love makes no difference between rich and poor, between Jew or Greek, between male or female, between child and adult, between slave or master. Jesus died for all people, for **every-one**. God wants **everyone** to have the hope of everlasting life.

N is for NOW. It is the present moment that is made especially important by the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Although Jesus died many, many years ago, His death **then** makes a difference **now**. What Paul wrote almost 2,000 years ago for his readers is equally true today: "**Now** is the accepted time; **now** is the day of salvation. . . .

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed." And the love of God which extends to everyone extends also to you and makes it very important what you are doing and thinking and believing **now**. And the story of Jesus' suffering and death, all for us, should lead us to ask during Lent, "What should we do **now**?"

T is for TELL. This is what we should do now. We should **tell** others what Lent means. We should **tell** others about the *love* which Lent unfolds for our view. We should **tell** others that Lent is for *everyone*, for them too; they should let the love of God cover them so that their love may grow and give

purpose to their life. We should **tell** them that they must do this *now*, not put it off for another day; let them make this moment count for God and for themselves. **Tell** people as Paul did what others first told you: how Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scripture, and that His disciples saw Him alive from the grave, and that He lives and rules even now in our hearts by faith and in all the world with His almighty power.

Lent is for love. Lent is for everyone. Lent is for now. Lent is for telling. L-E-N-T. Let Lent have its full meaning in your life.

The Bread of Life

During the month of March we enter the season of Lent. Beginning with this issue is a series of articles on some of the "I am" sayings of Jesus prepared by Rev. William Ludwig of Columbus, Ohio, for *The Messenger of Christ*, parish paper for the Columbus field, and revised for publication in THE DEAF LUTHERAN. The title of this first article is "The Bread of Life."

Bread is one of the foods that we need to satisfy the daily needs of our body. Without it, our stomach would make us restless. We need it every day.

In the same way our soul needs something to satisfy its hunger. The cause of this terrible hunger of our soul is sin. Our conscience scolds us. The guilt of our sins robs us of inner peace. This guilt tells us again and again and again that we are not right before God. Our soul becomes restless.

God knows about our restless

soul, and He has done something to provide for our needs. He has given us a spiritual **bread**, a "bread from heaven," to meet our spiritual hunger. **Jesus is that Bread!** Jesus gave Himself. He sacrificed His body on the cross for all of our sins. He died to save us for eternal life.

Jesus says, "He that comes to Me shall never hunger." Believe on Jesus, whose body was crucified on the cross. Accept in faith the complete redemption that Jesus obtained for you, and yours is the hope for eternal life with God in heaven. What a precious food!

Let us especially during Lent go to church and read the Bible at home, so that our souls may be properly nourished with God-given food. Lord, give us always the faith to trust in Jesus, the Bread of Life.

(Please read John 6:22-59 in your Bible, today.)

REV. WILLIAM LUDWIG
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Why We Go to Church

Part 1. What is the church?

The word "church" can mean different things.

1. Sometimes it is a building.
2. Sometimes it is a worship service.
3. Sometimes it is the congregation.
4. Sometimes it is the denomination.
5. Sometimes it is all true believers in Christ.

An example of No. 1 is going up in Pittsburgh right now. The Lutheran Deaf in Pittsburgh are building a new *church*. Their *church* will be near the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. They will thank God for their new *church*. In each of these sentences, the word church means the building that is used for worship.

An example of No. 2 is what happens in churches (No. 1) all over the world on Sundays. When you go to *church*, you are going to the building, yes. But do you "go to church" on Tuesday afternoons at 1:45? If you did, you wouldn't say it that way. You would say, "I am going to the church." When we say, "I am going to *church*," we mean we are going to worship.

An example of No. 3 is the name of your congregation. It may be Trinity Lutheran *Church* or Faith Lutheran *Church* or St. Matthew's Lutheran *Church*. But this can sometimes mean the building, too, can't it? If we say, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church is in Jackson Heights, we do not mean that the whole congregation is in Jackson Heights. But if we say St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has a choir and a

Sunday school, then we are talking about the congregation. Or if a person says, "I belong to Christ Lutheran Church," he doesn't mean the building. He means the congregation. A church meeting, a church choir, the church officers, the church members — all refer to the congregation's members, officers, and choir.

When congregations join with each other in a common faith to work together for God, then they may become a denomination (No. 4). The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is a denomination.

If you find the word "church" in the Bible, it probably means No. 5, all true believers, although sometimes it may mean a particular group of believers in a certain area, such as the church at Rome or the churches in Galatia. When we speak of the *church* as all believers, this is not something we can see, like a building, or count, like a congregation. But unlike a building, which can get old and finally have to be torn down, the church (meaning all believers) endures forever. It will continue its existence in heaven. And unlike a congregation, some of whose members may have drifted away and not come to church anymore or believe in Jesus, the church (meaning all believers) is composed only of those whom God has called and kept in faith.

And now comes an important point. People can build a church (No. 1). People can arrange a church service (No. 2). People can organize congregations (No. 3) and denominations (No. 4). But only God can make the church (No. 5). This is His work.

Below is a list of sentences

which use the word "church." See if you can decide which meaning (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) the word has in each sentence. Then compare your choice with the answers elsewhere.

1. Church begins at 11:00 A. M.
2. How many churches are there on 16th Street?
3. What does the Lutheran Church teach about Baptism?
4. The church will have a special meeting at 8:00 P. M.

5. Jesus is the head of the church.
6. A brick church can be very beautiful.
7. Do you enjoy going to church?
8. The church revised its constitution last year.
9. I believe in the Holy Christian Church.
10. What is your church preference?

It Pays to Put God First

Robert G. LeTourneau once said: "Our young people were going regularly to a mission to hold a Gospel service. I was operating a small factory at the time. One night I had to make a special design for machinery that had to be built the next day. The design had to be finished that night. How could I do my work and attend the meeting at the mission? The Lord and I had quite a struggle while I was trying to decide what to do. I went with the young people, and we had a very profitable time. I returned home about ten o'clock. Up to that time I had been unable to make a single plan. I sat down at the drafting board, and in about five minutes the outline and plan was as plain as it could be. What is more, the little piece of machinery designed that night has been the key machine in all that I have been building since. IT PAYS TO PUT GOD FIRST."

We sincerely believe this to be a true story. We have heard similar things of other successful and happy people in business and other walks of life who gave God and His busi-

ness first place in their lives. We have also seen and talked with people who complained constantly that they have so much work or so much worry that they simply cannot give any time to God — simply no time for church — no time to read God's Book — no money left for the Lords' work — and they are always broke. Lots of work, always busy, good pay, and yet they do not get ahead in life. Something is wrong somewhere. What do you think is wrong?

Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," Matthew 6:33. What if Jesus had said, "Seek ye *last* the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be *taken away* from you"?

Lord, let me not foolishly think I can ever succeed in life without giving Thee the first and highest place. Help me to keep Thee constantly before my eyes. Amen.

REV. E. MAPPES
Omaha, Nebr.

The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Explain that. There is only one true God. We should love Him and honor Him and trust in Him more than anything in the world.

The Second Commandment. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

Explain that. God's name is holy. We should love God so much that we will never speak His name in anger or use His name to tell a lie. We will pray to God and use His name for praise and thanksgiving.

The Third Commandment. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Explain that. The Bible is God's Word. We should love God so much that we will gladly study His Word and go to church every time we can.

The Fourth Commandment. Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will also love and honor our parents and obey them. We will respect and obey our teachers in church and school. We will respect and obey everyone that God places over us.

The Fifth Commandment. Thou shalt not kill.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will not kill anyone or hurt people in any way. We will be kind to birds and animals and help people who are in trouble or pain.

The Sixth Commandment. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will keep our mind

and body pure and free from unclean thoughts and acts. We will respect marriage as God's will and never break our marriage promise. Husbands and wives should love and respect each other.

The Seventh Commandment. Thou shalt not steal.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will not take things that do not belong to us or destroy things that belong to someone else. We will help other people protect their property and improve it.

The Eighth Commandment. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will not gossip about other people or tell lies about them. We will respect other people and try to say good things about them.

The Ninth Commandment. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will not be jealous of other people or try to cheat them. We will share the happiness of other people in their house and home.

The Tenth Commandment. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Explain that. We should love God so much that we will not try to steal another person's husband or wife or turn his friends against him. We will help other people keep their workers and their pets and animals and everything that belongs to them.

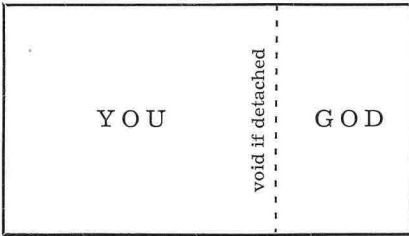
Conclusion to the Commandments. This is what God says about all these commandments: "I, the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting

the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

Explain that. God will punish those who break these commandments. Many times wicked parents

will bring suffering to their children and grandchildren. We should be afraid of God's anger and not sin against Him. But God does not want to punish people. He promises good and kind blessings to all who keep His commandments. We should love and trust Him and gladly do what He says.

Void if Detached



Occasionally you will find the words "void if detached" printed on a ticket or a license. If the paper is torn in half or if one part of it gets separated from the other, it becomes worthless. "Void" means that it no longer has any value.

These same words, "void if detached," could well be written over our lives with God. If we become detached or separated from God, our lives become worthless.

In order for our lives to have their full value, we must be joined with God by faith in Jesus Christ. One purpose for special meditations and prayers during Lent is to make stronger this bond of faith which joins us to God. May God's great love in Christ be clear to us during this Lenten season so that we will never be detached from God but be bound to Him by faith forever.

Mental Health Program for the Deaf

New York, N. Y. Rev. Louis Jasper, missionary to the Deaf in the New York field, reports in the December-January issue of the parish paper for St. Matthew's congregation that money is now available for a ward for deaf patients at Rockland State Hospital. This announcement came from the Psychiatric Institute, where for several years Pastor Donald Simon and then Pastor Jasper have been teaching sign language to members of the staff.

The Psychiatric Institute will be

working very hard to find a well-trained staff for this ward for deaf patients. This may take time, but a beginning has been made. As Pastor Jasper notes, "The deaf patients who are now in the state hospitals are often placed in a ward with all hearing patients. This may mean there is no one to talk with them. Many of the Deaf have doctors who do not understand the Deaf. . . . We look forward to the day when no deaf person will be left and lost in any mental hospital."

Cheerfulness

A cheerful heart and spirit is a precious gift of God. Some people think a Christian should have a sad and serious look on his face at all times. This is not true.

No one has a better right to be cheerful and gay than the man who has found peace in the knowledge that his sins have all been forgiven, that God is his friend, and that Jesus is his Savior.

A sad, gloomy, and pessimistic Christian is a freak of nature. The Christian religion is one of joy and peace and hope. No one has a right to throw a dark shadow upon the path of a child of God.

Paul and Silas, beaten and bruised in jail at Philippi, still sang praises to God. They knew everything was in His hands and He would not forget or forsake His servants.

God is in His heaven. Look up; cheer up; smile!

REV. J. A. BEYER
Seattle, Wash.

Answers to Quiz

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| 1. worship service | 6. building |
| 2. building | 7. worship service |
| 3. denomination | 8. congregation |
| 4. congregation | 9. all believers |
| 5. all believers | 10. denomination |



Field gleanings

*Go to Church
Regularly*

Temporal Bone Bank

Washington, D. C. The Temporal Bone Banks Center at the University of Chicago is interested in people who have a hearing loss. In order to learn more about deafness and vertigo (problems connected with hearing or with balance) doctors and scientists need the bones of the human ear for study and research.

The Temporal Bone Banks Center

works with the doctors who are studying the human ear and with people with hearing losses who want to help. The center has an arrangement by which a person with a hearing loss can upon his death donate the bones of his ear with no charge to his estate.

Individuals with hearing problems who are interested in this work are encouraged to write to the Temporal Bone Banks Center, Box 146, Faculty Exchange, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Ill.

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Sign Contract with D. C. Club for the Deaf

Washington, D. C. Acting for the planning council of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington, D. C., Pastor Hoemann signed a contract with the D. C. C. D. for the publication of editorial and news material in the Club paper, *Dee Cee Eyes*, for 1963.

The *Dee Cee Eyes* continues to carry news of local, national, and international importance to the Deaf. Paid subscriptions number about 500 at the \$2 annual rate. Because of the high regard which the members of both the church and the club have for their monthly publication, the congregation chose to continue the policy begun in 1962 with the D. C. C. D. Full-page articles submitted by the congregation will appear every other month, or in six of the 12 issues during 1963. The January article was devoted to a report on the congregation for 1962.

Lutheran Workshop on Vocational Rehabilitation

Washington, D. C. There is a possibility that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, will be interested in making a grant to Gallaudet College for a workshop for Lutheran workers for the Deaf. Similar workshops have already been held for Roman Catholic and Episcopal workers. Lutheran church workers whose interest lies with the Deaf would be invited from the three major Lutheran bodies in the United States, the Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and, the American Lutheran Church.

The first step in such a workshop

is a steering committee meeting to determine the membership of the workshop and discuss the program.

New Members in Iowa Field

Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa Lutheran deaf mission field welcomed as new members Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parkin (by transfer from St. Mark Lutheran Church in Dav- enport, Iowa) and Mr. Louis Her- bold, Marion, who was confirmed at Cedar Rapids in November.

New Members in Spokane

Spokane, Wash. On Sunday, Jan. 27, Ronald Mervyn Wyene and Da- vid James Campbell became mem- bers of Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Spokane, Mr. Wyene by baptism and Mr. Campbell by con- fession of faith.

Weddings in Iowa Field

Des Moines, Iowa. On Nov. 24 Dora Bourne, Creston, and Stanley McHugh of Boone were united in marraige at Trinity Lutheran Church, Creston, by Pastor Clark Bailey. Witnesses were Francis Bourne and Janet Bourne.

The marriage of Karen Mirs, Sumner, and Michael Whaley, Ames, took place at St. John's Lu- theran Church, Sumner, on Dec. 8, Pastor Bailey officiating. Diane Mirs and James Dallmann were witnesses.

Officers in Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa. The following officers were installed at Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Moines, on Jan. 6: J. Hendricks, president; D. Kissel, vice-president; N. Mayberry, secretary; M. Neu- schwanger, treasurer; V. Jones, C. Kintz, and R. Nelson, elders; D. Van Hemert and N. Mayberry, au-

ditors. Calvary ladies' aid officers are Mrs. J. Hendricks, president; Mrs. V. Jones, vice-president; Mrs. C. Bailey, treasurer; Mrs. M. Neuschwanger and Mrs. E. Langenberg, auditors; and Mrs. William Kautzky and Miss Janice Brekke, visiting committee.

At Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Fort Dodge and Webster City, officers installed on Jan. 13 in Fort Dodge were: R. Shannon, president; M. Hansen, vice-president; K. Millard, treasurer; R. Larson and R. Myers, elders for Fort Dodge; H. Busing and D. Ginger, elders for Webster City; and H. Locke, E. Miller, and J. Sorensen, auditors.

Officers Elected in Spokane

Spokane, Wash. On Dec. 2 the following were elected as officers of Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Spokane: Norman Barney, president; Clyde Catron, vice-president; Luther Sandberg, secretary; James Purvis, treasurer; Art Anderson and Charles Raymond, elders; and Rufus Edens and Charles Howell, trustees.

Faith Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Spokane, Wash. At their December meeting members of Faith Lutheran Women's Missionary League held a small Christmas party to which they brought gifts for the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home of the West in Terra Bella, Calif. Good Shepherd is a home for retarded children.

Officers elected for 1963 were Mrs. Art Anderson, president; Mrs. Charles Raymond, vice-president; Mrs. James Purvis, secretary; and Mrs. Norman Barney, treasurer.

North Teen Club Holds Year's End Party

Newark, N. J. On Dec. 29 the North Teen Club held a "Year's End" party at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 510 Parker St., Newark. After an eventful evening of games, dances, prizes, and surprises the 85 young adults (115 total attendance) were the first to ring in the New Year of progress for the North Teen Club.

Pittsburgh Dart Ball Team

Pittsburgh, Pa. The January *Trinity Parish Paper* edited by Rev. Frank Wagenknecht reports that the dart ball team of Trinity deaf congregation, in its second year of league play, is in first place in the league with 10 wins and two losses. The losses were the first two games of the season, leaving the team with a string of 10 consecutive wins. Regular players on the team are James Paul, captain, Louis Kieffer, Harry Otterman, John Welch, Donald Mowl, Stanley Barwiolek, and Pastor Wagenknecht.

Officers Installed at Rockford

Delavan, Wis. Officers for the Lutheran deaf congregation at Rockford, Ill., were installed during the Sunday services Jan. 6.

Officers at Rockford are Richard Nelson, president; Verle Suhr, vice-president; Russel Rains, secretary; Darwin Kirchner, treasurer; Charles Schmidt, Verle Suhr, and Roy Wendt, trustees. The elders are the president and vice-president. The evangelism committee consists of Richard Nelson, Charles Schmidt, Roy Wendt, and Russell Rains. Auditors are Russell Rains and Paul Hoover. Delegate to the

1963 Regional Conference is Charles Schmidt with Richard Nelson as alternate.

Organize Graded Sunday School for N. S. D. Pupils

Omaha, Nebr. Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha began a new venture Jan. 13 with the inauguration of a graded Sunday school for pupils of the Nebraska School for the Deaf who do not go home on weekends. The classes are conducted by members of the congregation, and bus transportation will be provided by the Board for Missions to the Deaf until local support can be secured. Charles Doering is superintendent; teachers are Elsa Philips, Earl and Cathy Petersen, Ruby Doering, Florence Petersen, J. Cornett, June Stafford, E. Dobson, M. Stinger, and E. Mappes.

Gift of Filmstrips

Delavan, Wis. The Martin Club, a club for Lutheran men in Milwaukee, has donated \$150 worth of filmstrips on the Old Testament to the Delavan field, Rev. Martin Kosche, pastor. The filmstrips will be used initially as aids to the instruction of older pupils in the Sunday morning Bible class.

Officers for Hope and Salem Congregations

Portland, Oreg. Officers for Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, for 1963 are Harold Rife, president; James Drake, vice-president; Walter Lauer, secretary; Earl Hughes, treasurer; Herbert Foss, first elder; and James Ogle, second elder.

At Salem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Salem, Oreg., officers for 1963 are James Jackson, president;

William Toll, vice-president; George Hill, secretary-treasurer; Chester Lafave, assistant secretary-treasurer; Thure Lindstrom, first elder; and Arthur Rebitzke, second elder.

† Pearl E. Loy †

Portland, Oreg. Pearl E. Loy, nee Rath, of Beaverton, Oreg., departed this life on Dec. 9. She is survived by her husband, Vernon, two children, William and Lilyan, five sisters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

College Students Assist Deaf Sunday School

Houston, Tex. Randy Ledbetter, Marianne Hentsch, Betty Grimm, and Dick Reinapp, students at Concordia College, Austin, Tex., assist regularly at the Sunday school for the Deaf children supervised by Rev. Herbert Rohe. The students will also add their zeal and enthusiasm to the program of a newly formed youth league. The services of such college students are deeply appreciated by missionaries to the Deaf and are of great value to the church.

Confirmed at Austin

Austin, Tex. Mrs. George Neill and her daughter, Kristina Neill, were confirmed at Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Austin, on Sunday, Dec. 23.

Youth League in Austin

Austin, Tex. Beginning in 1963 a youth league was organized at Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Austin with meetings scheduled twice monthly. The organizational meeting took place Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13.

Bethlehem Ladies Guild

Omaha, Nebr. Officers for 1963 were elected in the December meeting. They are: Florence Petersen, president; Dora Miller, vice-president; June Stafford, secretary; Mina Stinger, treasurer; Emma Mappes, buyer; Catherine Petersen and Josephine Arnold, auditors; Evelyn Dobson, social chairman; Elizabeth Maier and Florence Petersen, choir leaders; Evelyn Dobson and Margaret Petersen, visitors; Elsa Philips, Minnie Engel, and Arlene Meyer, altar committee.

Lincoln Christmas Party

Lincoln, Nebr. The first known locally sponsored Christmas party for deaf children in the Lincoln area was given by the Mary-Martha Guild of Hope Lutheran Church on Dec. 22. A program of singing and storytelling set a proper mood for the celebration of the Savior's birth with recreation, gifts, and refreshments. The members of the guild donated gifts, food, and a great deal of time to the preparation of this event; it helped the pupils of the Nebraska School for the Deaf keep Christ in their home-town Christmas observance. Mrs. Berton Leavitt and Mrs. James Wiegand were chairmen of the project.

† Mrs. George Broekemeier †

Omaha, Nebr. Following a brief illness Mrs. George Broekemeier of Wisner, Nebr., died on Dec. 10 in a Norfolk hospital. Mrs. Broekemeier had returned to Nebraska about a year earlier after spending several years in California. She and her husband attended services in Fremont. Rev. E. Mappes conducted the funeral in Wisner on Dec. 15.

Officers Elected in Vancouver

Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The following were elected to office on Dec. 17 for Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Vancouver: Alex Brodie, president; William Bain, vice-president; John Fletcher, secretary; Alfred Schindell, treasurer; Alex Brodie and William Reid, elders.

At this meeting Mr. William Reid signed the constitution and became a voting member of the congregation. Mr. Reid had previously served the congregation as reporter to THE DEAF LUTHERAN. Rev. Wayne Bottlinger is pastor of the congregation.

Officers elected for the Dorcas circle were Mrs. Ron Gray, president; Mrs. James Bain, vice-president; Mrs. Myra Tribe, secretary; and Mrs. Alex Brodie, treasurer.

Youth fellowship officers for 1963 are Gorden Jenkins, president; Ron Edgar, vice-president; Ruth Wren, secretary; Norma Charlton, treasurer; and Deanna Charlton and Pastor Bottlinger, arrangements committee.

Daniel Milton Baptized

Vancouver, B.C., Can. Daniel Curtis Milton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Milton, was baptized Sunday, Dec. 30, by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger.

Great Lakes Regional Conference

June 28, 29, 30
Columbus, Ohio

Eastern Regional Retreat

June 7, 8, 9
Pocono Pines, Pa.



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Daily Bible Readings for March

- March 1 — 1 Timothy 5
- March 2 — 1 Timothy 6
- March 3 — 2 Timothy 1
- March 4 — 2 Timothy 2
- March 5 — 2 Timothy 3
- March 6 — 2 Timothy 4
- March 7 — Luke 1:1-25
- March 8 — Luke 1:26-56
- March 9 — Luke 1:57-80
- March 10 — Luke 2:1-20
- March 11 — Luke 2:21-52
- March 12 — Luke 3
- March 13 — Luke 4:1-15
- March 14 — Luke 4:16-44
- March 15 — Luke 5

- March 16 — Luke 6
- March 17 — Luke 7:1-30
- March 18 — Luke 7:31-50
- March 19 — Luke 8:1-25
- March 20 — Luke 8:26-56
- March 21 — Luke 9:1-27
- March 22 — Luke 9:28-62
- March 23 — Luke 10
- March 24 — Luke 11:1-13
- March 25 — Luke 11:14-28
- March 26 — Luke 11:29-54
- March 27 — Luke 12:1-21
- March 28 — Luke 12:22-48
- March 29 — Luke 12:49-59
- March 30 — Luke 13
- March 31 — Luke 14:1-14

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