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The Good Shepherd

Few verses of the Bible are more beautiful and more comforting to the heart of the Christian than those in which Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." Let our Savior tell us *three important things* about Himself as the Good Shepherd.

First, Jesus says, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The sheep are sinners like us who in faith accept Jesus as our personal Savior. As sheep we like to do things ourselves. The prophet Isaiah writes: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the sins of us all." Loving us and seeing how hopelessly sinful we were, our Shepherd gladly let God punish Him on the cross for our sins. He gave His life on Calvary for His sheep. Wonderful proof of love Jesus has for His flock!

Second, Jesus declares: "I know My sheep and am known of Mine." Much unlike the sheep that completely trust their shepherd, we sometimes have our doubts whether

Jesus knows us. We doubt often because we do not rest our minds and hearts always in Jesus. But Jesus seeks to provide and feed us with spiritual food: the Word of God (the Bible) and the sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper). He guides us by His Holy Spirit. He defends us against the dangers of sin and the devil. He keeps us together as the flock in His church. By faith we grow to know Jesus and follow Him in daily life.

And *third*, Jesus addresses us: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold (flock); I must bring them also." Jesus died for all men. These "other sheep" mean the unchurched people — maybe some members of our family or deaf friends. Jesus seeks the unsaved. He asks us to bring them to the church. We must give them the Gospel of the Shepherd's love for them. May we show our thanks by doing all we can to bring others to Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Please read John 10:1-18 in your Bible today.

REV. W. LUDWIG

Notes from the Executive Secretary

Rev. Mappes Declines Call to Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Rev. Ernest Mappes, assistant pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, Nebr., and assistant in the Omaha field of deaf missions, has declined the call to Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the South Dakota mission field. Rev. August Hauptman, Pastor of Prince of Peace Church, St. Paul, Minn., and Regional Counselor for the Mid-

west region, has been appointed vacancy pastor for the Sioux Falls field. He will be assisted by other missionaries to the Deaf in the nearby area. No further call has been sent.

Board Asks for Candidates and Vicars

Our Board of Missions to the Deaf has requested three candidates and three vicars from the Board of Assignments. The Board of Assign-

ments will meet the first days of May to decide on the calls to be assigned to the young men graduating from the seminaries and also to decide on the place of assignment for those who will be going out on their vicarage. Our board is requesting candidates for Christ Church, Cleveland, and the Northern Ohio field, Grace and Peace churches and Memphis and the Memphis field, and the new field of Northern Texas and Oklahoma with headquarters in Dallas. The three vicars will be assigned to New York, New Jersey, and Winnipeg, Man., Can. If a fourth vicar is available, he will be assigned to assist in the Montana area of our mission. May God lead the Board of Assignments to see the need in our mission and grant us the men requested.

Doctor Gaertner Suffers Light Stroke

Doctor George Gaertner, pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church in Oakland, Calif., and veteran of 46 years in the deaf mission on the West coast suffered a light stroke in the latter part of February. God was merciful to him and is granting him health and strength once again. It is our fervent prayer that he will soon be restored to full strength and health, if it is not already so. These lines are being written a few weeks prior to the printing of the magazine.

Bible Help Now Available

The new dictionary of Bible terms defined for the Deaf entitled *Which Is, Being Interpreted . . .* prepared by Missionaries Gaertner and DeLaney is available from Concordia Publishing House at a cost of \$1.50. You can write directly to Concordia

Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson, St. Louis 18, Mo., to order your copy. Only a limited number of copies have been printed, so be sure to get your order in right away. This dictionary is of help to you not only in your Bible classes at church, but also a big help in conducting your own private Bible study and family devotions at home. Bible study becomes much more enjoyable when you can readily understand some of these more difficult words. Be sure to order your copy right away.

Missionary Conference to Meet in Washington, D. C.

Ephphatha Conference for missionaries to the Deaf this year will meet on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D. C., from Tuesday, June 25, until Sunday, June 30. During that same week the International Congress on Education of the Deaf will be meeting at Gallaudet. Thus it will be possible for the members of Ephphatha Conference to spend some of their time sitting in on the sessions of the international congress. The writer of this column has accepted an invitation from the congress to be one of three speakers in the section on religion. The topic of the presentation will be "The Church's Responsibility to the Deaf Child." The days spent in Washington should be very worthwhile days for our missionaries and staff.

Lutheran Workshop to Be Held in Washington, D. C.

Following the Ephphatha Conference from July 1 to 3, 75 Lutherans will meet under the auspices of the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration with representatives of re-

habilitation to discuss the role of the clergy in the rehabilitation of the Deaf. Similar meetings have been held already for the Catholic clergy and the clergy of the Episcopal Church. Watch the DEAF LUTHERAN for more information regarding this workshop.

Vacation Season Approaches

All of us are beginning to get vacation fever now. For quite a while some of us have been planning our vacation trips and plans for this summer. Vacation is good for the individual and the family, for it gives a person the time to rest from his regular work and to go back to it with renewed interest and en-

thusiasm. However, our vacation time should not include vacation from God. Our faith needs renewed strength each week, and we receive that strength as we receive the Word of God in our Sunday morning service and Bible class. Be sure to plan your vacation so that you will not miss your Sunday services. If you are planning to visit another part of the country, be sure to check with your pastor to find out where and when the services in that part of the country are conducted for the Deaf. God grant you all a restful and relaxing vacation, and may His holy angels watch over you.

See you next month.

REV. W. F. REINKING

Deaf Communicant Membership Tops 5,000

For the first time in the history of the Deaf Mission the number of deaf communicant members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod went above the 5,000 mark with a total of 5,022 members as of Dec. 31, 1962. This is an increase of 73 members or 1.4% over the 1961 membership.

The number of the Deaf for whom our pastors assume responsibility, although in some cases they are not formally members of the Missouri Synod, comes to 11,053. Included in this number are the 2,818 children in residential and day schools who are now enrolled in religion classes conducted by our Lutheran missionaries.

During 1962 the Lord poured out His blessings in great abundance upon the work of our people and missionaries. A total of 263 children and adults were baptized, and 248 children and adults were confirmed.

Other adults joined our Lutheran Church by profession of faith, making a total of 204 adults gained during 1962.

Our missionaries conducted 5,321 services during the year and a total of 173,277 Deaf attended these services. At the present time our Church is working with the Deaf in 44 states and 5 Canadian provinces. At the end of 1962 there were reported 40 congregations for the Deaf and preaching stations in 189 other cities.

The Deaf contributed a total of \$111,099 for home purposes, which was an increase of 1.4% over the \$109,616 contributed during 1961. For missions the Deaf contributed last year \$23,128, which is approximately a 5% increase over the \$22,046 contributed in 1961. The cost for the Deaf Mission program of Synod during 1962 was \$393,334. To this must be added the \$111,099 the Deaf contributed for home purposes, bringing

the total cost of the Deaf Mission during 1962 to \$504,433. This is the first time in the history of the mission where the total cost of the mission exceeded one-half million dollars. The Deaf contributed 22% of this total cost, with Synod being responsible for the other 78%. However, it must be remembered that besides paying 22% of the overall cost of the Deaf Mission the Deaf also contributed over \$23,000 for the general work of missions in Synod

and District, which is the highest contribution from the Deaf for Synod and District in the history of the mission.

All missionaries to the Deaf, all members of the Deaf Mission, and all friends of the mission have much cause to rejoice over these statistics for 1962. God continues to work in the hearts and the lives of the Deaf. God be praised for His blessings and may He continue to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the Mission to the Deaf.

When Pleasures Are Dangerous

“Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. . .” 2 Timothy 3:4.

A son of Robert Bruce was captured and ordered by his captors to do a dishonest thing. Proudly he said, “I cannot do it; my name is Bruce.”

We love our God most. If we do not, we should. Do our life and behavior show that we love God most of all? Are we worshiping a good time? What do we spend each week in cold cash for a good time? How much time do we give each week to pleasure? When we have answered these questions, we may ask ourselves how much money, time, and talents we have put into Christian worship and service. The answer will suggest whether we care more for pleasure than for God.

Have we been strong enough to avoid sinful pleasures? Need we mention what sinful pleasures are? Your Christian knowledge and your own conscience tell you that. The lie, the dishonest act, the shameful deed done out of holy wedlock, the wish to satisfy wicked desires and lusts—these are not for us, who have the name Christian. Can we

do those things willingly and carelessly and still belong to God’s family, His dear children?

In a pleasure-mad age like today, we are tempted on all sides to join in these things, to love pleasure more than God. Let us pause a moment and think, and not deliberately open ourselves to those temptations. That is very dangerous, dangerous to our soul. If we follow sinful pleasures, we may lose our soul in hell.

Christians delight themselves in the Lord and find joy in obeying His will. They honor and glorify God by a life of Christian devotion and service; and God will honor them on the last day.

Help us, O Lord, to flee the sinful pleasures of the world and to find our joy in Thee. Amen.

REV. E. MAPPES

**Go to Church
Regularly**

Faith for the Dark Days

Delavan, Wis. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." Russell and Ingibjorg Rains of Rockford, Ill., have learned the truth of this Bible passage from Hebrews, Chapter 12.

All seemed to be going so well for Russell and his young bride, a native of Iceland. They were eager and happy to set up their new home; they rejoiced in the gift of their first son, Danny; there was additional joy when a second child was to come.

Then it began to seem that the chastening hand of the Lord lay heavy on this home.

Severe coughing led to the premature birth of the second child. Before the tiny baby could be released from the incubator, Ingibjorg was found to have miliary tuberculosis, a form of TB in which the disease is carried throughout the

body through the blood. It is a very serious form of TB, and doctors described her case as acute. She was frankly told that she had a 50-50 chance of recovery.

When it seemed that she was winning the battle against the disease, a case of influenza set in to bring her again to the valley of the shadow of death. Again she improved slowly, and again a serious complication developed. An internal obstruction required immediate surgery, and once more her name was placed on the critical list. Anxious days of watching and praying passed as again she slowly improved.

Then came a happy day. On March 4, 1962, the doctor gave Ingibjorg a few hours leave from the hospital to spend at home. But rather than go to their home, her



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rains and family

husband and Danny took her to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson, also deaf members of the Rockford congregation. The Nelsons had volunteered to take Ronald, the new baby, into their home upon his release from the maternity ward on Jan. 8, 1962. This, then, was Ingibjorg's first chance to hold her new baby since his birth four months before. It was truly a joyous occasion. And to add to the joy, the pastor called during her short leave and brought the faith-strengthening gift of the Lord's Supper.

A month later release from the sanatorium was granted. The picture accompanying this article was taken a short time after. At last the family was united again under their own roof.

Russell and his wife have learned that giving their lives to Christ doesn't mean freedom from all trouble and suffering. But they have learned also that it does mean peace and strength in suffering.

Russell has been secretary of the Rockford Lutheran Church of the Deaf since its organization in March 1960.

Like the Raineses, the Nelsons also have experienced the strength and support of their heavenly Father to lead them through difficult times. It was no small responsibility to take tiny Ronald into their home and care for him until his mother was well.

"We are glad to take the baby into our home," Richard Nelson said to the pastor before the Jan. 7 worship service, "but we feel it is a heavy responsibility. Will you please have a prayer for us in the service, asking God's blessing on the child and His help to us?" St. Paul said something very similar in Philippians 10:13 when he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." The Nelsons have three children of their own.

REV. MARTIN KOSCHE

Our Truest Friend

From time to time all of us feel lonesome and forsaken, especially when other people pass us by and forget us or neglect us.

At such times let us remember that we have one Friend, Jesus, who has promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." He knows where we are, and He is there. He knows our needs, our fears, our hopes, our desires. He is our God, our Savior, our Advocate (He takes our side and pleads our case for us with the Father) — and He is our Friend.

We did not choose Him for our Friend; He chose us. The eternal Son of God has honored us with

His friendship. And He is very understanding, very patient, very forgiving.

Remember with what friendliness He spoke to the woman of Samaria? Remember how tenderly He dealt with Peter? Remember how His heart went out in pity toward the sick and the sorrowful?

Do you think that He could ever forget YOU?

REV. J. A. BEYER

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Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School



Chartered bus unloads children from Nebraska School for the Deaf for Sunday school at Bethlehem Church in Omaha, Nebr.

A new Sunday school program was established in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 13. The congregation now offers spiritual instruction to all the Deaf, from the earliest school age through adult.

In December 10 members of the congregation began a teacher training course which is to continue for the duration of the Sunday school. Pastor Graef says that the enthusiasm of the teachers is largely responsible for pupils' pleasure with



Superintendent Charles Doering officiates in opening worship of Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School in Omaha



A graded class at Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School, Omaha

the Sunday school. The dedication and faithfulness of teachers in their tasks make them fine examples of Christian service.

Each Sunday morning an Omaha city bus delivers the pupils from the Nebraska School for the Deaf. After an opening worship service for all, the 66 children are divided into eight groups for instruction. Superintendent Charles Doering says that the graded class program is a great improvement over the Sunday morning assembly program at the deaf school at which attempts were made to appeal to children of all ages in one group.

The greatest financial burden is the cost of weekly transportation. Until local sponsorship can be arranged, the congregation is deeply grateful to the Board for Missions to the Deaf for its financial aid in initiating this most worthwhile spiritual service.

Ephphatha Conference

June 25—30

Washington, D. C.

Prayer

What is prayer?

Prayer is talking with God.

How many kinds of prayer are there?

There are four kinds of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, petition, and confession.

What is praise?

Praise is the believer's way of telling God that he loves Him more than anything in the world. The believer will remember that God is good and kind and merciful, and he will honor God with his love and respect.

What is thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is the believer's way of telling God that all good things come from Him, and that he is grateful for them. The believer will remember the good things which God has given him, and he will say "thank you" for them.

What is petition?

Petition is the believer's way of asking God for something. God wants us to ask for the things we want or need. The believer will ask God for things which support his life and for things which support his faith.

What is confession?

Confession is the believer's way of telling God that he is sorry for the things he has done wrong and for the good things he has left undone. The believer will remember his sins and weaknesses and will say, "I am truly sorry."

Does God hear and answer prayer?

God hears and answers every prayer. But when people pray for the wrong things, God will answer, "No." When people pray for things that God wants them to have, God will give these things to them for the sake of Jesus.

How do we show that we expect God to say "No," when we ask for the wrong things?

We always pray, "Thy will be done." This shows that if we are asking for something foolishly or ignorantly and for what is against the will of God, we want Him to do what is best for us.

Why do we pray in the name of Jesus?

We pray in Jesus' name because it is Jesus who makes it possible for us to pray as children do to their father. God has adopted us as His children through the merit of Jesus, our brother. We are now part of God's family, the church. Jesus is the head of the church, and that is why the church and its members pray in His name.

What is the church's favorite prayer?

The church's favorite prayer is the Lord's Prayer.

Why do we call it the Lord's Prayer?

We call it the Lord's Prayer because our Lord Jesus Himself taught it to His disciples.

What are the words of the Lord's Prayer?

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive

those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Is this the way it is written in the Bible?

That depends on which translation we use. The words above are the way in which the Bible was translated into English by Tyndale. Later, after 1600, the King James Version translated it a little differently. But by that time the Tyndale Version was used and loved by English-speaking people and remained in use.

Do all Christians pray the Lord's Prayer the same way?

No, some people use a different translation in English than this one. They may say "debts" instead of "trespasses" or say "forever, Amen" instead of "forever and ever, Amen." Roman Catholics do not use the closing words of praise: "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever."

Which way is the right way to pray the Lord's Prayer?

The believer prays the Lord's Prayer the right way when he prays it with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his strength, and with all his mind, and when he means what he says, regardless of which translation he happens to use.

25 Years of Ministry to the Deaf

All praise and glory to God for bringing the Word to the Deaf.

On Feb. 10 Pilgrim Lutheran Deaf congregation in Los Angeles, Calif., gave a surprise party and dinner, prepared by the young people's group, for Rev. Arnold T. Jonas in honor of his 25 years of service to the Lord. The members presented him and his wife with a gift of money and the committee gave them a beautiful picture of the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Jonas was born in Oakland, Calif., Jan. 4, 1912. His father was Professor Herman Jonas, who taught at Concordia College, Oakland, and his mother was Ethel Clausen Jonas, a fine Christian woman. He has a brother, Dr. Herman Jonas, Jr., Walnut Creek, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Boechme, Port Chicago, Calif.

He attended Trinity Lutheran Parochial School and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak-

land. He attended Concordia College there and was graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1935.

In January 1936 Pastor Jonas was assigned to Salida and Canon City, Colo., where he preached to a hearing congregation. On July 18, 1936, he and Alberta M. Staton of Napa, Calif., were united in marriage by his father. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Mrs. Julie Ann Dalby, Houston, Tex., Christine, Theodore, and Thomas, all of whom are still at home.

In September 1937 Rev. Jonas received a call from the Board of Missions to the Deaf to preach for the Deaf at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He had studied sign language under Rev. George W. Gaertner, Ph. D., of Oakland. He was installed Jan. 10, 1938, by Rev. Gustav Steffen of Sioux Falls, now deceased.

On March 1, 1941, he accepted a call to Seattle, Wash., where he min-

istered to the Deaf for seven years. In August 1948 he and his family moved to Los Angeles, where he was installed as pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in October.

Not only does he preach the sweet Gospel to the Deaf, but he also serves as go-between for many members of Pilgrim congregation because of their hearing loss or speech impediment. Pilgrim congre-

gation is devoted to him and to his wife, who also does her Christian duty to stand with her husband in every obstacle that confronts them. May God bless these two fine Christian people and allow them to continue their mission work among the Deaf for many years to come. In Jesus' name.

ESTHER B. KINGSLEY
North Hollywood, Calif.



† Annie Goff †

Delavan, Wis. Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Goff, 88, were held Feb. 2 by Rev. Martin Kosche, pastor. This was the first funeral service conducted in the new chapel for the Deaf in Delavan. About 150 persons attended — more than filling the chapel. Pastor Kosche based his sermon on a text from Luke 2, the story of the aged Simeon and Anna, who on that same day many years ago (the fortieth day after Jesus' birth) saw the Christ Child in the temple and accepted Him in faith.

Mrs. Hertha Dederich sang the *Twenty-Third Psalm* and *Nearer My God to Thee*. Miss Lorraine Szablewsky signed the selections. Mrs. Virginia Foreman was organist.

Mrs. Goff was the oldest member of the congregation. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, and three sisters.

Anniversary of Bethlehem Congregation

Omaha, Nebr. The 25th anniversary of the dedication of Bethle-

hem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Feb. 25, was a joyous occasion according to the *Silent Visitor*, newsletter for the Omaha field. More than 100 members and friends of the congregation attended the luncheon and afternoon service. Rev. Lawrence Acker of First Lutheran Church in Omaha spoke on the text, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good."

A special anniversary offering was sufficient to retire the church debt and also cover alterations in the church to conform to city fire regulations.

Prepares Mission Lecture

Jackson Heights, N. Y. Rev. Louis Jasper, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jackson Heights, has prepared a lecture on the work of the Lutheran Church among the Deaf. Slides, pictures, and tape recordings illustrate the story of the way in which Christ opens the ears of the Deaf to His message of salvation today.

Pastor Jasper states, "It is im-

portant for us to tell our story to the people in hearing churches and other hearing groups because many of them know nothing about the Deaf and the problems of deafness. Also, they do not know how to offer any help when they meet a deaf person who needs to find Christ."

During the first quarter of 1963 Pastor Jasper spoke before three different groups. A presentation is also planned for a large group of deaf people from the Lutheran Church and their friends.

Toys for Deaf Children

W. Hartford, Conn. Mrs. F. Kiefer and Mrs. F. Krampitz of Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Mass., presented many boxes of toys to Pastor Earl Thaler, missionary to the Deaf of the New England states, for distribution among deaf children. A special drive had been sponsored by the congregation for this purpose before Christmas. The toys presented by Trinity Church and others were distributed by Pastor Thaler in various schools for the Deaf in the East.



Mrs. F. Kiefer and Mrs. F. Krampitz present one of many boxes of new toys to Pastor Earl Thaler

Eastern Regional Retreat

Newark, N. J. The Lutheran Deaf Retreat, Eastern, Region, will be held June 7, 8, and 9 at Pocono Crest Lodge, Pocono Pines, Pa. The cost for adults is \$19.00 for room, meals, and tips, plus \$1.00 registration. Children are \$7.50 under six and \$10.50 ages six to twelve. The rates for children do not include tax and tips.

The theme for the 1963 retreat is "Prayer."

New Members in New York

Jackson Heights, N. Y. Mrs. Don Haug and Miss Sonja Vorbeck were received as members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jackson Heights by transfer from other Lutheran congregations. Mrs. Haug is the wife of Seminarian Don Haug, who is serving as intern with the St. Matthew's congregation. Miss Vorbeck, who taught Sunday School for a time, now resides in St. Louis, where she is teaching school. She plans to return to New York early this summer.

Official Acts — New York Field

Jackson Heights, N. Y. Joseph O'Bryant, son of Joseph and Beulah O'Bryant, was baptized on Feb. 17 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, New York, N. Y.

Cheryl Pipp was confirmed in faith and received as a communicant member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., on March 3.

Summer Camps on the East Coast

Washington, D. C. The number of camping opportunities offered by the Lutheran Church for deaf children is growing rapidly on the East Coast.

Camps have been held for several seasons in the New England, New Jersey, and Miami fields. Last year the Washington, D. C., field added a camping program to area activities. This summer the Lutheran camp at Pinecrest Dunes on Long Island will accept deaf children for a 12-day period.

Information on these summer camps may be obtained from Pastors Thaler, Jasper, Gerhold, Hoemann, and Gyle. Their addresses are on the inside of the cover of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

Judson Baker Baptized

Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Judson Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker, was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver Sunday, Feb. 24. Ron Edgar and Eileen Buchanan served as sponsors.

Jesus Youth League

Austin, Tex. Officers elected on Feb. 24 for the Jesus Youth League, Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, in Austin are Melvin Rueffer, president, Kristina Neill, secretary-treasurer, Ann Daily, program leader, Tommy Tabor, social leader, and James Bronson, game leader.

The Jesus Youth League has a five-point program of (1) worship, (2) education, (3) fellowship, (4) service, and (5) recreation.

Duluth Ladies' Guild

Duluth, Minn. New officers for the Ladies' Guild are Mrs. Greta Gulbranson, president; Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Srur, secretary; Mrs. Betty Hastings, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Gruwell, news reporter; Mrs. Agnes Nettleton, visitor for the sick; and Mrs. Johnson, kitchen work and songs.

Texas Retreat

Houston, Tex. A weekend retreat for the Deaf has been arranged for the Houston-Austin field by Rev. H. Rohe for May 31 to June 2. It will be held at Camp Lone Star at LaGrange, Tex. The cost for the weekend for two nights' lodging, five meals, and registration will be less than \$10 per person.

† John B. L. Gustafson †

Eau Claire, Wis. Mr. John B. L. Gustafson, for 30 years an employee of a dry-cleaning establishment in Eau Claire, departed this life last Oct. 20 from injuries resulting from a car accident. He is survived by his wife, Florence Gustafson, and two children.

Tom Landrum Received into Membership

Denver, Colo. On Jan. 13 Tom Landrum was received into membership with the Lutheran Church, Denver field, by confirmation.

† Elsie Lowe †

Miami, Fla. Mrs. Elsie Lowe, nee Dorst, 62, departed this life Dec. 13. Funeral services were conducted on Dec. 19 by Rev. Henry Wolter with Mrs. Eugene Elkes serving as interpreter. She is survived by Lyle L. Lowe, also formerly of Fort Dodge, Iowa, three daughters, and 12 grandchildren.

Additions to Family

St. Louis, Mo. Seminarian George Heidenrich and Pastor Walter Busby were blessed with children during March. John George Heidenrich was born on Sunday, March 3, and Katherine Ann Busby was born on Monday, March 4.



Devotions

“Light for Your Way” Daily Bible Readings for May

May 1 — Acts 10: 24-48
May 2 — Acts 11: 1-18
May 3 — Acts 11: 19-30
May 4 — Acts 12
May 5 — Acts 13: 1-12
May 6 — Acts 13: 13-52
May 7 — Acts 14
May 8 — Acts 15
May 9 — Acts 16: 1-15
May 10 — Acts 16: 16-40
May 11 — Acts 17: 1-15
May 12 — Acts 17: 16-34
May 13 — Acts 18: 1-17
May 14 — Acts 18: 18-28
May 15 — Acts 19: 1-20

May 16 — Acts 19: 21-41
May 17 — Acts 20: 1-16
May 18 — Acts 20: 17-38
May 19 — Acts 21: 1-39
May 20 — Acts 21: 40—22: 29
May 21 — Acts 22: 30—23: 35
May 22 — Acts 24
May 23 — Acts 25
May 24 — Acts 26
May 25 — Acts 27
May 26 — Acts 28
May 27 — 1 Corinthians 1
May 28 — 1 Corinthians 2
May 29 — 1 Corinthians 3
May 30 — 1 Corinthians 4
May 31 — 1 Corinthians 5

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