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# Thanksgiving

The drawing on the cover of this issue of *THE DEAF LUTHERAN* by Buford Smith is a fine reminder of the many blessings that we have received from God.

The horn of plenty is truly filled with every kind of food to support our body and life. Our tables are weighted down by fruit, produce, seasoning, meat, fish, poultry, pastry, dairy products, and baked goods — from our own little garden in the back yard and from every corner of the world.

Churches and schools are everywhere in our community, and wherever we might travel on business or vacation we can find a place to worship God. Ministers to the Deaf are placed across the country from north to south and east to west so that every deaf person can receive spiritual counsel and guidance and so that congregations of the Deaf can have a pastor who is trained to meet their specific needs. Deaf schools are available everywhere in our country for deaf children to receive an education. Deaf parents of hearing children have no problem in finding a school where their children may learn to read and write and think.

God's Word as it is recorded in the Holy Bible is available to us in several good translations in the English language. Bible dictionaries, commentaries, and devotional materials are printed in great numbers to help people apply the Word of God to themselves and to understand it more fully. The Word of God is preached and explained regularly by clergy and laymen in churches everywhere.

God supplies all of these things to us simply because He is our heavenly Father, and a father knows how to give good gifts to his children.

Thanksgiving was set aside as a national holiday to remind us to be grateful for all of the blessings which we have received.

It is a sign of our own sinful weakness that we need a Thanksgiving Day at all. We should need no reminder to say "thank You" to God for all He has given us and done for us. But we do need a reminder. Really we need a reminder more often than once a year.

But how often we remember to thank God for His blessings is not the most important part of our gratitude. It is not just how often, but how. Many words might come to mind to suggest how we ought to give thanks to God: sincerely, fervently, regularly, humbly, joyfully, and many more. Words are easy. Putting words into action is the hard part.

One way to make thanksgiving a regular, fervent, and joyful experience is to think of it as part of our worship. Every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper we pray "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." And the congregation answers, "And His mercy endureth forever." Near the close of the service the pastor announces, "Bless we the Lord." The congregation answers, "Thanks be to God." Thinking of thanksgiving as part of our worship might not only add something to our thanksgiving; it might add something to our worship, too.

One way to make thanksgiving a

sincere and humble experience is to remember that we deserve none of the gifts that God showers upon us. When we think of ourselves as wretched, sinful creatures whom it is difficult even to pity, then we can give proper thanks to God for inviting us to become members of His holy family, part of the household of faith, fellow heirs of heaven with His own Son, Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving certainly is not a day, except perhaps on the calendar. Thanksgiving is an attitude of the mind, a disposition of the heart, an outlook on life, a result of faith. Thanksgiving is a vibrant, active,

living thing — something to be done with zest and conviction.

Don't let Thanksgiving Day become just an excuse for another little holiday before cold weather sets in. Don't let it slip by on the calendar without also slipping into your heart and life. Grasp it as an opportunity to remember.

1. Remember how little we deserve the goodness of God.
2. Remember how many and great gifts God has given us.
3. Remember to shout your response of faith: "Thanks be to God."

## Good Government and National Safety

When the rulers of this world meet, God is always present. He guides their thoughts and actions so that nothing can permanently harm His children. Russian rulers may plan to destroy the Christian church, but the Lord will keep His promise: the gates of hell shall not overthrow the church.

Because God controls the hearts of rulers, Christian citizens should pray for them every day so that we can live in peace, godliness, and honesty.

Nations usually depend for safety upon their armed forces. But they should not depend upon them alone. Safety comes from the Lord, who directs all things as He wishes.

When men asked Lincoln, "Are you sure God is on our side?" he answered, "I am much more concerned that we should be on the Lord's side." That was a wise answer.

Lord, bless our native land, and lead us on paths of peace, justice, and safety.

REV. JOHN A. BEYER

## Training Program for Professional Personnel

*Knoxville, Tenn.* The University of Tennessee has received a grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration to set up a new orientation program for professional personnel who work with the Deaf and the hard of hearing. Designed particularly for rehabilitation counselors, psychologists, social workers, ministers, and others whose pro-

fessional activities bring them into contact with deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, the program will be cooperatively sponsored by the University of Tennessee, the Tennessee School for the Deaf, and the V. R. A.

The 12-week orientation program will offer opportunity for study, demonstration, and practice in five phases: audiology and the nature of

deafness, communication with the Deaf and the hard of hearing with emphasis on the language of signs, the nature of instructional programs for the Deaf, vocational assessment techniques with the Deaf, and applied counseling.

Mr. Norman L. Tully, formerly assistant principal of the New Mexico School for the Deaf, has been appointed to direct this new project.

Ten qualified applicants will be selected to receive the traineeships available for each 12-week session. Places currently exist for sessions beginning in January and March as well as during the school year 1964 to 1965, beginning with September. Traineeship funds are available to

qualified applicants to cover tuition, transportation, and \$200 a month for living expenses. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university and/or certified professional experience in an appropriate service area. They must also be recommended by persons representing their professional field and be selected by a screening committee. Fifteen quarter hours of credit may be earned — graduate or undergraduate, depending upon the admission status of the individual.

For further information write Delmas N. Young, University of Tennessee, College of Education, Knoxville, Tenn.

## The Church's Responsibility to the Deaf Child

*An abstract of a paper delivered to the International Congress on the Education of the Deaf by Rev. W. F. Rein-king, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf.*

The recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling outlawing the reading of the Bible and the reciting of the Lord's Prayer in public schools brings into sharper focus than ever before the responsibility of the church to the deaf child.

The commission of God regarding the Christian education of children, as in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, is inclusive of the deaf child, no matter how difficult the task may be. The responsibility begins by assisting and undergirding the family in its crucial hour when deafness is discovered. The parents must be led to see that this child is a special blessing of God. As the child develops, the sacred truths of Scripture are taught in simple step-by-step fashion with language and concepts geared to the level of the child. To

fulfil this responsibility the church must use all methods of communication along with specially prepared materials.

Even though church-related persons played a great part in the development of education of the Deaf, the church as a church did not often see its responsibility to the deaf child, much less fulfill it. In America the church began to become aware of this responsibility in the mid-19th century with the establishment of the first Roman Catholic school for the Deaf in the U. S. The Protestant Episcopal Church began work in 1850, followed by the Lutheran Church in 1873. Other Protestant churches have since become active in working with the Deaf.

To fulfil its responsibility to the deaf child, the church must provide full-time trained workers, such as clergymen, teachers, and parish workers. Funds should be provided so that these workers may have the

very best of training for this difficult task. Adequate religious materials to meet the deaf child's level of language and concepts must be produced by the church. An example of these materials is the *John of Beverly Workbook Series* published by the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf. Adequate facilities for worship and teaching must also be provided. Since many more community deaf classes are being established, it will be necessary for the church to train lay volunteers from local congregations to take over deaf Sunday school classes in the local congregations.

There are thousands of deaf children in special schools throughout the world. Unless the church fulfils its responsibility in bringing the word of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus to these children, they can have no hope for security in this life and eternal life in heaven. The task of Christian education for deaf children is properly the task of the church. The church should not ask God to make its task easy, but the church should ask God to make it adequate to the task. Then let the church do all it can with what it has to fulfil its responsibility to the deaf child.

## Why We Go to Church

### The Story of Worship

People have always worshiped God. But they did not always have a church building where they could go to worship.

In the very beginning people worshiped God under the open sky. They built an altar and made a sacrifice. An altar was built of big rocks. When it was finished it looked like a large table. A gift was placed on the altar. The gift was a sacrifice to God.

The children of Israel first became a nation while they lived in Egypt as slaves. There they worshiped God in their homes.

When they left Egypt, they spent 40 years in the wilderness of the Arabian peninsula. While they were in the wilderness they began to use a tent for a house of worship. They could take it with them when they moved to another place. They called the tent their tabernacle.

Later the children of Israel entered the land of Canaan and lived there. At first they were ruled by warriors whom God picked to govern them. But after many years the children of Israel wanted a king. God permitted them to have a king, and a king had to have a palace. A big, beautiful palace for the king was built in Jerusalem.

David, Israel's second king, decided that it was not right for the king to have a big, beautiful home when Israel had no big, beautiful house for God. David wanted to build a temple. But God did not let David build the temple. David had been a soldier all his life, and God did not want His temple to be built by a soldier-king. God let David's son, King Solomon, build the first Hebrew temple.

Solomon's temple in Jerusalem was very beautiful. For many years the children of Israel worshiped

there. But this temple is not standing today. It was destroyed by Babylon long before Jesus was born. The children of Israel were taken captive and brought to Babylon to live. Since they had no temple in Babylon, they began to meet in a special place for prayers and reading of the Scriptures. They called their meeting place a synagogue.

A second Hebrew temple was built in Jerusalem by Zerubbabel. It was not as beautiful as the first one. As time went on and repairs were needed, this second temple was gradually rebuilt. By the time Jesus lived almost nothing of the original second temple remained. The temple in Jerusalem which was there when Jesus lived is the third Hebrew temple. It was here that sacrifices were made. But synagogues were still used for prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. Jesus visited both the temple and the synagogues during His ministry on earth.

This third temple was destroyed by an order from the Roman Emperor in 70 A. D. Then the Jews had no temple. They could only worship God in synagogues. The Jews have never built another temple since the one that was destroyed shortly after Jesus lived.

Christians met at first in the temple and in synagogues. Almost all of the first Christians were Jews. But the Jews who did not accept Jesus as the Christ did not want the Christians to use their synagogues. The Christians had to do what the Jews had done in Egypt. They began to worship in each other's homes.

About 300 years after Jesus rose from the dead, the Roman Emperor,

Constantine, became a Christian. He let Christians practice their religion openly. He let them own property and build special places where they could meet and worship. That is when Christians first began to build churches.

We worship God in churches today. But God still wants us to worship Him in our homes. God still wants us to worship Him under the open sky. God wants us to worship Him in many different places and in many different ways.

Questions to ask your minister:

1. What is the difference between a temple and a synagogue?
2. What is the difference between a church and a cathedral?
3. What is the difference between a Hebrew temple and a Buddhist temple?
4. What is the difference between a Christian church and a Jewish synagogue?

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The editorial office of THE DEAF LUTHERAN will be moved to 1103 Lambertson Drive, Silver Spring, Md., some time in the not too distant future. Since the exact date is unknown, we suggest that you use the following address, which the editor uses as campus pastor for Lutheran students at Gallaudet College:

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## "I Am the Truth"

The Roman governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, asked Jesus, "What is truth?" Perhaps Pilate was not satisfied with the philosophies of his day. Perhaps he was looking hard for the absolute and perfect truth.

There are many modern Pontius Pilates. Many people today are searching for truth. They are searching for truth in science, in philosophy, and in man-made religions. But they will never find the absolute truth.

This does not mean that there is no such thing as truth on our earth. The Bible is truth, and it points to Christ as the Truth. If we are hungry for the truth of our existence (What is the purpose of our life?), the truth of our condition (How do we stand before the holy God?), the truth of our future (What will happen to us after we die?) we should seek Jesus and His sincere Word. The search for the truth is a search

for Jesus Christ, because Jesus Himself said, "I am the Truth." (John 14:6)

Every word that Jesus said is true. Every prophecy of Jesus has come true or will come true. But the most basic teaching of Jesus, the Truth, is that He was sent from God, His Father, to free all mankind from sin, death, and damnation, that He has accomplished His mission by His sinless life, His death on the cross, and His wonderful resurrection, and that anyone who believes in Him will have everlasting life.

Jesus also said, "If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). Dear readers, may God grant you the grace to act on our Savior's suggestion: continue in His Word. Learn it, believe it, and live according to it.

REV. WILLIAM LUDWIG

## The Faith of St. Paul

"I can do all things through Christ, who makes me able." These words are the confession of a man who had to do many things which seemed impossible. He had been an enemy of Jesus' church for many years. He had traveled many miles to find and arrest Christians. He had sworn to get rid of all of Jesus' friends. This man was St. Paul.

At one time St. Paul was a bitter enemy of the church. When he was later converted (changed) to be a Christian, he was very sorry for the many evil things he had done against the friends of Jesus. He wrote about this often in his letters.

St. Paul was in jail when he wrote

the words at the beginning of this article. He had been sent there because he loved Jesus. This was a real change for him. Earlier in his life he had tried to arrest Christians and put them in jail. Now he himself was in jail because he had become a Christian.

But jail did not frighten him. He did not worry and pace back and forth and cry out in fear. He was calm, quiet, and very sure of himself. This was because he was sure of the promises of God, his Father in heaven. He shows us this trust when he writes in another letter written from prison: "I know the one [God] whom I have trusted and



am confident [sure] of His power to keep safe what He has put into my charge. . . ." Paul was sure that God would keep him safe and that the faith in Jesus that had been given to him would be kept strong by God during this hard time in his life.

We can learn a great deal from this man of God. When we are faced with personal problems there is always much worry and fear. When our lives are filled with troubles we sometimes "go to pieces" and say we don't know where to turn for help. However, a child of God cannot say this in truth. He has the same help which was the help of St. Paul. He has the faith which comes from above and can help him stand against all problems.

This faith is in Jesus. Jesus has won the victory over the devil. Jesus can and does defeat those who would try to destroy our faith.

When it seems that we have no place to turn, we can look to the cross. There we can see Jesus, who died for us, and who calls to us and says, "Come to Me with all your cares and sorrows, and I will take care of you."

We cannot buy this help. It comes free to us from Him who cares. He paid for it already with His blood, with His life, with His tears. Why should we wait longer? Let us go to Him now! Let us tell Him all our problems and believe His promises. Then we will find comfort.

REV. M. BUSBY

## Reformation – Halloween

October 31 is Halloween to most people in the United States. "Trick or treat" will be the cry of thousands of children as they go from door to door begging for candy, fruit, or other goodies.

October 31 is also Reformation Day to Protestants in the United States. But the competition for attention which Halloween offers is almost overwhelming. Lutherans may remember that it is Reformation Day, but it is Halloween that their children are celebrating.

Looking back, perhaps Luther picked the wrong day to nail his Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. Or perhaps Protestants picked the wrong event to name as "The Day" on which the Reformation should be recalled, rehearsed, and celebrated with rally services.

But we can't blame Luther. He wasn't picking a day for posterity

to remember. He was merely running a small errand which his conscience required of him. He had thought through many of the ideas on which church practices in Germany at that time were based, and he believed that some of them were not what Jesus had intended. He drew up some statements and offered to debate them in public. It was these statements that rocked Europe and shook its northern half free from Vatican control.

Other events could be cited as equally important. Other people than Luther were involved in the effort to cleanse the church of the errors which had accumulated during the previous centuries. But, for better or for worse, October 31 is the date we have to work with, Halloween or no Halloween.

Students of history know that Halloween itself was originally con-

nected with the church. October 31 is the night before All Saints' Day, the day on which the church chose to remember the army of apostles, martyrs, disciples, and believers who have died in the faith and await their resurrection. Superstitious people many, many years ago believed that demons and evil spirits had a kind of celebration on the night before All Saints' Day, and it is from this superstitious belief that we get our black cats and spooks and witches on Halloween.

It is strange, isn't it, that in an age when people are supposed to be scientific and factual and realistic about the world around them that a superstitious bit of nonsense like Halloween should become a big day in the life of the people, while a day which honors religious liberty and the value of each Christian individual in the sight of God should take second place!

One reason Halloween displaced the Reformation is that we are a child-centered culture. Children would rather play trick or treat than go to church. Halloween parties are nonsectarian, and schools can have them with all the trimmings. Again, someone should think it strange that religious exercises should be barred from public schools while superstitious beliefs are at least tolerated if not encouraged. But life is full of contradictions.

There are several things that Protestant churches might do at this point. They might decide to drop Reformation Day entirely, perhaps celebrating Ecumenical Movement Day instead, and this time pick a day which is not likely to become something else. But that would be

wishful thinking. A world that has already turned All Saints' Eve into Halloween and is rapidly turning Christmas and Easter into Santa Claus Day and Easter Bunny Day would not be overcome by more red paint on the church calendar.

Protestants might decide to try the tactics which the world has found so effective. If you can't beat them, join them. Adopt Halloween as a church festival, give a lot of publicity to collecting money for UNICEF, and use the symbols of Halloween (black cat, witches, jack-o'-lanterns, etc.) as visual aids for religious education. At least when Christmas is deleted from the school calendar, Halloween will have to go with it, and then perhaps we can try Reformation Day again.

But it is more than likely that we shall continue as we are. Major cities will have a Reformation Festival on some other day than Reformation Day, and children will continue to govern the outcome of Halloween. UNICEF, for example, will have to collect its pennies on some other night so that the children can still have their crack at the goodies. It has come to the point in some areas that children do not wait until Halloween to begin making the rounds. Unless adults show a bit of courage and tell them to come back on Halloween, this practice will undoubtedly spread. All in all, it looks like Halloween will become more hollow and less hallowed, and Reformation Day will have to struggle along in rented auditoriums on other days than its own for quite some time to come.

*So grieve for the ghosts and sigh for the spooks  
And mourn for the souls of the dead,  
For All Saints' Eve has been seized by the kids,  
And the zeal for reform has fled.*

*So grab a black cat and a pumpkin face  
And wear a black hat for a crown.  
We can all be the king of the goblins tonight  
As we cry "trick or treat" through the town.*

*But grieve for the ghosts and sigh for the spooks  
And mourn for the souls of the dead,  
For our pockets are filled with candy and gum,  
But our pantry is low on bread.*

*We didn't do any tricks tonight,  
In fact, we've forgotten how.  
But apples we've got, and cookies we've got,  
And the make-believe ghosts can bow.*

*But grieve for the ghosts and sigh for the spooks  
And mourn for the souls of the dead,  
For it's midnight now, the witching hour,  
And the children, we hope, are in bed.*

*We can all breathe a sigh and a prayer or two  
For All Saints' Eve bereft  
And welcome the ghost of the Christmas to come —  
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### **Officers Hold Retreat**

Pittsburgh, Pa. Church council members James Paul, Harry Otterman, Bob Wilkinson, John Saraka, Donald Mowl, Louis Kieffer and Pastor Frank Wagenknecht of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf held a retreat in a cabin near Latrobe, Pa., in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. At this retreat they planned the coming year's program for the church.

### **† Albert Parrish †**

St. Paul, Minn. Albert Parrish, a resident at the Weldwood Nursing Home, departed this life on Aug. 25 at the age of 85. Mr. Parrish attended worship services regularly at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul.

### **Murphy and Bird Wed**

Omaha, Nebr. On June 22 Miss Betty Jean Murphy and Harry Bird were united in marriage by Pastor E. Mappes in Omaha. Witnesses were Leroy Murphy and Janis Valish.

### **Ashley Hollup and Linda Johnson Baptized**

Pittsburgh, Pa. Ashley Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hollup, was baptized on June 9. Linda Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson, was baptized on July 7. Both baptisms were performed by Rev. Frank Wagenknecht of Pittsburgh.

### **Ruth Shaw Baptized**

Denver, Colo. Ruth Ann, infant daughter of Wayne and Marcella Shaw, was baptized on June 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, Wyo. Witnesses were the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw.

### **Brenda Kay Dorsey Baptized**

Washington, D. C., Brenda Kay, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Dorsey, nee Carol Rush, was baptized at Wenchel Memorial Chapel in Washington on Sept. 29. Brenda was exactly four months old at the time of her baptism.

### **† Mrs. Eddie Brinkman †**

Anaheim, Calif. Mrs. Eddie Brinkman was called to her eternal home on Thursday, June 20, after a brief illness. Funeral services

were held on Sunday afternoon, June 23, with interment at Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji, Minn.

### **Official Acts — Detroit Field**

*Detroit, Mich.* The following official acts were reported to THE DEAF LUTHERAN from the Detroit field:

**Wedding:** Joseph Mocerri and Marcie Calles were united in marriage in Gloria Dei chapel on July 27.

**Burials:** Frank Allera, one of the first pupils in the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, departed this life on March 3 at the age of 90.

Carl Feet departed this life on April 2 at the age of 64.

Mrs. Ida Engelbrecht departed this life on June 16 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Mamie Whitehead departed this life on Aug. 10 at the age of 85.

**Baptisms:** Mark Jason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Worrell, Jan. 6. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Griffin.

Aileen Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mackey, on April 28. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Collins.

Deborah Jacqueline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schulz, June 2. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert DiFalco and Mrs. Marjory Lewis.

Susan and Nancy, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Simpson. Sponsors were Grant MacClellan and Mrs. Ed. Worrell for Susan and Oscar Rossow and Ann MacClellan for Nancy.

Kristine Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ames, on June 9 in Lansing, Mich. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoxie.

Daniel Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beaver, on July 7. Spon-

sors were Thomas Sisk and Rosa Kranek.

Coleen Amy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Finks, on July 28. Sponsors were Larry and Janet Finks and Mrs. Dianne Papos.

Pamela Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lukas, on Aug. 4. Sponsors were Nelson Finks, Estelle Provow, Walter Samborski, and Grace Kirjawa.

### **Casey and St. Clair Wed**

*Washington, D. C.* James E. Casey and Marylin St. Clair of Washington, D. C., were united in marriage at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, on Sept. 14. Rev. S. Lewis Morgan, Jr., of Silver Spring, Md., officiated. Rev. C. Roland Gerhold of Newark, N. J., interpreted. Mr. Casey is a member of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington.

### **Grace, Memphis, Elects Officers**

*Memphis, Tenn.* On Aug. 4 at a meeting of Grace Lutheran Deaf Congregation in Memphis the following were elected: president, James Hamner; vice-president, Glenn Johnson; secretary, Rev. Donald Leber; and treasurer, Charles Greer.

The midsummer election was occasioned by vacancies created among the church officers when two of the officers moved to another part of the United States.

### **Keim and Harper Wed**

*Omaha, Nebr.* August 11 Miss Opal Keim of Walton, Nebr., and Arthur Harper of Arlington, Calif., exchanged marriage vows at the altar of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lincoln before a group of more than 200 relatives and friends. Witnesses were William Harper and Miss Waunita Hansen.



Staff and children at the Winnepeg summer Bible class. Pastor Ferber is at the extreme left in the second row. Behind him is Mrs. Robert Leonhardt, and at the top of the back row is Vicar Leonhardt. Mrs. W. Ferber is fourth from the right in the top row

### Vacation Bible Class

*Winnepeg, Canada.* A summer vacation Bible class was conducted Aug. 20 and 21 by Pastor and Mrs. W. Ferber and Vicar and Mrs. Roger Leonhardt.

The group met from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Bible stories, memory work, film strips, movies, and projects kept the children occupied. The group continues to meet on a weekly schedule beginning with the opening of the school year. A shortage of qualified teachers requires holding classes on different days of the week to cut down on the number of children in any one group.

### Cheryl Hanson Baptized

*St. Paul, Minn.* Cheryl Marie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson, was brought to Jesus through Holy Baptism Sunday, Aug. 18.

### Eight Confirmed in Pittsburgh

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Eight adults were confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, on Aug. 25. The new members are Mrs. Bernice Clark, George Connors, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hollup, Mrs. Mady Scharschu, and Miss Thelma Seik. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht is their pastor.

### † Lyle Hansen †

*St. Paul, Minn.* Lyle E. Hansen, secretary of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Saint Paul, Minn., age 51, departed this life on Aug. 22 at Swedish Hospital.

### Lots Purchased in Columbus

*Columbus, Ohio.* Three fine lots on Morse Road have been purchased for a Lutheran Deaf Center in Columbus. The property is 205×150 feet and two blocks from the Ohio School for the Deaf. *The Messenger*

of *Christ*, parish paper for the Columbus field, announces the hope that a chapel can be erected on this property in about two years.

### **Transfer Membership to Anaheim**

*Anaheim, Calif.* On June 9 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stottler joined Mount Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf by transfer of membership from Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Los Angeles.

### **Baptisms in Southern California Field**

*Riverside, Calif.* Jay Stuart, born March 12, was baptized on May 19 at San Diego, Calif.

Tracy Lynn Gehrs, born July 15, was baptized on July 21 at Immanuel Church in Riverside, Calif.

### **Advisory Building Committee**

*Spokane, Wash.* Saturday, Sept. 14, the first meeting of an advisory building committee was held to discuss the needs of the Montana Deaf. A report on the study will be considered by the Board for Missions to the Deaf. A major question on the agenda was the advisability of building a chapel for the Deaf in the Great Falls area.

### **Northwest Lutheran Camp for the Deaf**

*Everett, Wash.* The Northwest Lutheran Camp for the Deaf, sponsored by Bethany Church for the Deaf of Everett, Wash., was held Aug. 16—18 at the Seabeck Christian Conference grounds on Hood Canal near the Olympic mountains.

The motto for the conference was "Faith Forward." Topics presented were "Faith is Needed" by the Everett field, "Forward with Bible

Classes" by the Vancouver field, "Forward with Synod" by the Spokane field, and "Forward with Work in the Home Church" by the Portland field.

Approximately 55 deaf people and their families participated in the fun and fellowship at the camp. Next year the Northwest camp will be held in Portland, Oreg.

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### **† Mrs. Jacob Rentschler †**

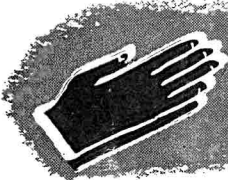
*Omaha, Nebr.* After a lingering illness Mrs. Jacob Rentschler of Fairbury, Nebr., departed this life on Aug. 7 to be with her Savior Jesus Christ in whom she believed and whom she served. *The Silent Visitor*, parish paper for the Omaha field, extended sympathy to her five deaf children, members of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf: John and Fred Rentschler, Mrs. Minnie Engle, Mrs. Margaret Petersen, and Mrs. Emma Goodin. Funeral services were held on August 10 at Fairbury.

### **Omaha Baptisms**

*Omaha, Nebr.* In the service in Omaha Aug. 18 the following received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Fred Allen Beery, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaWayne Beery, and Robert Lester Borgaila, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Borgaila. Sponsors for Fred Allen were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Von Soelen, and Robert Lester's sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. LaWayne Beery.

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*The Lord is good, a Stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him. Nahum 1:7.*



# Devotions

## “Light for Your Way”

### Daily Bible Readings for November

- November 1 — Mark 14:32-72
- November 2 — Mark 15:1-15
- November 3 — Mark 15:16-47
- November 4 — Mark 16
- November 5 — 1 Peter 1
- November 6 — 1 Peter 2
- November 7 — 1 Peter 3
- November 8 — 1 Peter 4
- November 9 — 1 Peter 5
- November 10 — 2 Peter 1
- November 11 — 2 Peter 2
- November 12 — 2 Peter 3
- November 13 — Ephesians 1
- November 14 — Ephesians 2

- November 15 — Ephesians 3
- November 16 — Ephesians 4
- November 17 — Ephesians 5:1-20
- November 18 — Ephesians 5:21-6:10
- November 19 — Ephesians 6:11-24
- November 20 — Philippians 1
- November 21 — Philippians 2
- November 22 — Philippians 3
- November 23 — Philippians 4
- November 24 — Colossians 1:1-20
- November 25 — Colossians 1:21-29
- November 26 — Colossians 2
- November 27 — Colossians 3:1-17
- November 28 — Colossians 3:18-4:1
- November 29 — Colossians 4:2-18
- November 30 — Romans 1

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