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*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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**And He shall come again with glory  
To judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

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## A Most Important Year

The year 1964 could be a most significant and important year for the Lutheran Church and for the Deaf. This is the year in which the Lutheran Church is sending a missionary to the Far East to counsel churches and individuals as they bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf.

As is often the case with great events in history, no one is setting off skyrocket, shouting from the housetops, or jumping up and down, while pointing to the event and calling a great deal of attention to it. It is only when we look back over the events of the past that we begin to single out those that were a major advance of policy or a change in outlook of great magnitude. It may well be that the full significance of this particular event, the sending of a missionary to lead a deaf mission program in the Far East, will not be realized for many years.

On the surface it appears to be a small change in the scheme of things. An Executive Secretary has resigned his position to accept a call to another area of work. A family, one family, will move from the United States to Hong Kong. Another person will fill the post of Executive Secretary. Another family will occupy the house vacated by this family. People have a way of adjusting to change. Just as surely as Pastor Reinking and his family will adjust to living in Hong Kong, so surely also will his friends and colleagues in the United States learn to continue their life and work without him.

But the major effects of this event are not expected to take place at 210 North Broadway or at 1615 Trot-

ter Way. This even will have its importance for individuals who live on streets whose names we probably could not pronounce, in villages whose names we have never heard, among people whose languages we cannot understand.

There will also, we trust, be an effect somewhere else. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." If we are too shortsighted to fire a salute to a departing missionary, perhaps the angels in heaven will proclaim the event with a blast of trumpets that will shake the gates of hell.

Man will never have at his disposal a force more powerful than the Word of God. This is the power that can change a void without shape into a vast array of rivers and oceans, of forests and plains, or mountains and valleys and teeming swamps. This is the power that can defeat the Tempter and his efforts to destroy the hope of men. This is the power that can change a man's whole outlook on life. The same power that divided the light from the darkness and flung a million stars into the reaches of space can also bring into being a spark of faith in the darkness of a man's soul. This is the power which Pastor Reinking will carry with him to Hong Kong, to the Deaf in the Far East, to streets whose names we can't pronounce, to villages whose names we've never heard.

Great things can happen when the Word of God is applied to the hearts of men. Angels will rejoice. Names will be added to the Book of Life. And the church will have fulfilled its function as a church. This is why the routine events in the life of a

single person and his family — resigning from a position of Executive Secretary, selling a house, packing belongings, getting passports, moving to Hong Kong — could be a most

significant and important event for the Deaf. This is why the year 1964 might be a most significant and important year for the Lutheran Church.

## The Death of a President

The nation's capital was stunned and dismayed on that sad November day, Nov. 22, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Traffic moved at half speed, people walked as if to no purpose, and conversations were hushed and somber. Those who were able to watch television kept their eyes glued to the screen trying to convince themselves that what they simply could not believe was indeed a fact. The President was dead. He had been shot.

The event was at the very least a national tragedy. The loss to the country of the dedication and the abilities of the late President is as impossible to measure as it is great. Among the Presidents who have served their country as President within the lifetime of existing generations, John Fitzgerald Kennedy had shown exceptional mental ability and a deep insight into the needs of the nation and the problems of the world. Because of his short term of office, however, history will probably judge him the most tragic figure among American Presidents rather than the most brilliant.

His eloquence was a quality which many will miss. Press conferences that are actually interesting to listen to and speeches that are in the tradition of great American oratory are rare in the White House. These are items which a deaf populace might appreciate less than those who can hear, but anyone who subscribes to a good newspaper which includes in its copy the major documents and

speeches which emerge from the White House will certainly observe that the quality of the late President's verbal statements of policy and purpose was exceptional.

On the American scene, much of President Kennedy's proposed legislation was meeting considerable opposition in Congress. But whether his proposals or not, one thing was clear, and that was the concern of President Kennedy for the welfare of people. Medical care for the aged, tax reduction to stimulate employment, support for education, resistance to inflation, these are all the marks of a deep concern for the needs of the American people.

In foreign affairs, where the judgment of the President is of critical importance, the presence in the White House of a President whose intellectual abilities were unquestioned was a source of comfort to his fellow citizens of the nation's capital.

Now that earnest face, which at any moment seemed ready to break out in a grin, will be seen no more except in retrospect. That assured voice, which spoke with grace and with conviction of the perilous times and the uncertain world in which we live, will not be heard except from a recording. His sense of humor, which may well be the greatest asset of anyone whose responsibilities are beyond the scope of imagination, will remain a part of our memory of his greatness.

Christians of every denomination must surely have wondered why

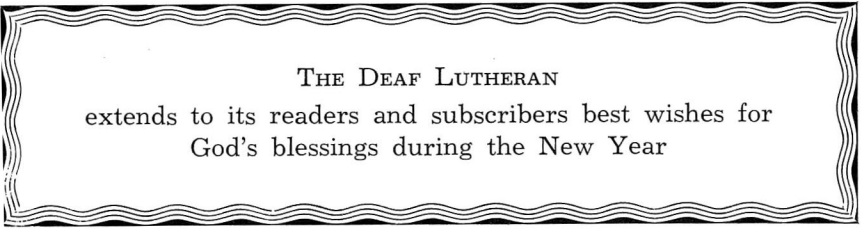
God would permit such a man as this to be felled in the prime of life by an assassin. As we recall that the society within which this event took place was one which we ourselves have produced, we cannot but wonder whether the judgment of God in this catastrophe was on our- one agreed with specific aspects of selves. Perhaps America does not deserve so fine a President.

We might do well, too, to wonder whether we might not learn a lesson from this experience which would temper all of our existence. There are many assassins among us which would wound and kill what we hold dear. The hatred and bitterness which mars our public life, the petty love of comfort and security which saps our vigor, the dishonesty, immorality, greed, selfishness, and godlessness of our land and of our time, these are the assassins which stalk among us, weapon in hand, to destroy our freedom as Americans and our integrity as Christians. Just as President Kennedy was struck down in his prime by the malice of a killer, so also our country in its prime and its religious institutions can be undermined by these evil forces in our midst. We must know who our assassins are and know them for what they are. The hatred that separates man from man, the greed that leads men to be something less than men, and the sloth

which saps our vitality must be identified as the evils which they are and opposed with all the energy at our disposal.

One such source of energy is the love for our country which has led many to give their lives for it in many wars. To what purpose is their sacrifice if we allow our country to wither and decay and mould from within as we blindly seek the softest chair, the plushiest carpet, and the greenest lawn? How can the nation's leaders preserve our freedom and our stature as a nation if we are interested in preserving only our own selfish interests? We need to love our country more, and we need to respect more those public officials who must accept great responsibilities, meet tremendous demands, and often face grave dangers.

Another and even greater source of power for good lies in the Word of God and its power to change the hearts and lives of people. We must pray more earnestly that God's Word, as becometh it, may not be bound but have free course, and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people. We must pray "Thy will be done," and mean by that the good and gracious will of God that evil be removed from the hearts of men and that grace and mercy will prevail.



THE DEAF LUTHERAN

extends to its readers and subscribers best wishes for  
God's blessings during the New Year

# Warning: Chain Letters Illegal

It is against the law to send chain letters through the mail. Anyone who does so may be arrested and prosecuted.

There is good reason why chain letters are illegal. The longer the "chain" is in operation, the more the Post Office is swamped with mail that serves no useful purpose. Secondly, and more important, chain letters are a device by which a few people get a lot of money at the expense of many people who lose money.

The simplest form of a chain letter is simply a list of names, usually 10. When you receive the letter, you are instructed to mail a sum of money to the top name on the list, make 10 new lists omitting the top name and adding your name to the bottom. Then mail the 10 lists to 10 other people. If each of the 10 to whom you mail the list obeys the instructions, and if no one breaks the chain until your name reaches the top, you will receive by return mail a fantastic amount of money.

A little thought will quickly lead to the conclusion that someone is going to get stung. The longer the chain letter is circulating, the harder it will be to keep it from being broken. A few people who were in on the deal right at the beginning *may* get money back. A lot of people who got involved late will get nothing back and will be out of the money that they sent on. The only ones who will be certain to get a lot of money are those who started the scheme in the first place.

## A New Twist

A chain scheme with a new twist has been concocted recently, and some deaf people have become in-

involved in it. Instead of money, savings bonds are used as bait. One name by which this scheme is known is the Savings Bonds Pyramid Club.

## Evading the Law — Maybe

To get around the law which makes chain letters illegal, the lists are not sent through the mails. The person who receives the list is instructed to pass it on in person rather than sending it by mail. The accompanying instructions warn, "Do not send the list in the mails! It is illegal to do so."

But the mails are used. A savings bond comes with each list made out in the name of the person whose name is at the top. This bond is supposed to be mailed to the person whose name and address appears on it. State's Attorney Charles J. Ryan of Illinois questions the legality of this portion of the operation. Also states which have laws on gambling may be in a position to prosecute those who participate in this kind of scheme. It would depend on how the gambling laws are worded.

## The Bait

The only people who get hooked on a "con game" such as this are those who expect to get something for nothing. That is the psychology here. The person who buys the list pays \$37.50 for the list. He also buys two savings bonds for \$18.75 each in the name of the person at the head of the list. Then he makes two new lists, dropping the top name and adding his own to the bottom. He sells the new lists for \$37.50 each, and, as the instructions say, he has his money back. Then he waits until his name reaches the top of the

lists, and he might get back \$38,000 in savings bonds worth \$51,000 at maturity.

### **Don't Bite**

If someone offers you such a list of names with a bond attached, don't be a sucker. Even if you would play the game figuring "there's always another sucker," it wouldn't be honest. Somewhere, someday, someone is going to get stuck, and you will have to live with

the fact that you are definitely responsible. And it may not be legal. This leaves three very good reasons not to get involved:

1. It may be against the law.
2. You may be the one who gets stuck with the list.
3. It just isn't honest to try to get something for nothing at the expense of someone else.

We sincerely hope that the number of deaf people who are victimized by this scheme will be small.

## **The Cover**

No one knows what Jesus looked like. The popularity of portraits of the Head of Christ by Sallman have molded popular opinion of His appearance to a considerable degree. But the fact is that there is no way at all of painting a portrait of Jesus which would be a likeness.

The picture on the cover is not a likeness of Jesus. Rather it is a likeness of a Christian conviction, a conviction which is shared by all who believe in the risen and reigning Christ, whose power is without limit and whose kingdom is without end.

### **He shall come again with glory**

These words of the Nicene Creed present that conviction of the church in verbal form. He who was born of a virgin in a stable of Bethlehem will come again. His first coming was made with His glory hidden from the eyes of men. As Isaiah prophesied, those who looked on Him saw no beauty in Him that they should desire Him. But His second coming will be different. His second coming will be made with His glory revealed. Before His name every knee will bow in heaven and

on earth and under the earth. Then every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is God to the glory of God the Father.

### **He will judge both the quick and the dead**

The first coming of Christ was as Savior of the world. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." His first coming was in the form of a servant, "made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem those that were under the Law."

Now His saving work is done. "It is finished." His body, broken in death, has been raised from the dead. His blood, shed on the cross, has cleansed and sanctified the people of God.

The second coming of Christ will be as Judge. "He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead." When He will come no one knows. "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven." His second coming will mark the end of this present world and the establishment of the new heaven and the

new earth, the opening of the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem, and the gathering of His elect from one end of heaven to the other.

### **His kingdom shall have no end**

The kingdoms of this world are not eternal. Kings die and kingdoms fall. But Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords, and He shall reign forever and ever. His is

the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. "He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end." The eternal Son of God will reign eternally. Those who enter His kingdom now will remain under His rule for all eternity.

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

## Notes from the Executive for "The Deaf Lutheran"

### **Rev. G. A. Gehrs, Jr., Declines Call to Portland**

Rev. G. A. Gehrs, Jr., missionary to the Deaf in Southern California, with headquarters in Riverside, has declined the call to become pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Portland, Oreg., and Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, Oreg. Pastor Erich Eichmann, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Portland, Oreg., continues to serve the congregation on a temporary leave of absence from his own congregation.

### **Sertoma Clubs Endorse Projects with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing**

The October-November 1963 issue of the *Sertomen* has a fine article explaining the interest of the Sertoma Clubs in working with the deaf and hard-of-hearing. The Sertoma Club is a service club similar to the Lions and others. The article says in part, "Sertoma wants to help persons having impairment in hearing or speech. A new sponsorship, approved by the International Board of Directors, is being recommended to Sertomens as projects of Sertoma Clubs. Sertoma Clubs can participate in many activities which can help those having impairment in

hearing and speech. Some clubs already own and operate clinics or schools. Others assist specialized organizations to help these handicapped children and adults." One Sertomen who has been very active in the development of these projects within Sertoma has been Dr. Keith W. Sehnert of Lincoln, Nebr., who is a member of one of our Missouri Synod Lutheran churches. Dr. Sehnert has a deaf daughter and so has a very personal interest in the problems of deafness and hearing loss. At the meeting of the International Board of Directors of Sertoma Clubs last June it was decided to undertake this very important project of working with those who have hearing and speech problems. "In launching this endeavor we hope that hundreds — indeed thousands — of Sertomens will devote their energies and time to this service to mankind," said President Gysel in announcing the new program. "We realize that much remains to be done. Our study is in no way complete. The participation of clubs must be carefully evaluated as we go along." We of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod who have been working with the Deaf are in-



deed very pleased to see the interest of the Sertoma Clubs in the problems of deafness and hearing loss. We wish success to the Sertomans and will be looking for good reports as these projects develop throughout the country.

### **New Saturday School Program for Deaf Children in Chicago**

In October of 1963 a Saturday school program for deaf children was established by Rev. Leroy Mason, pastor of Ephphatha Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Chicago, Ill. The children who attend the Saturday school live scattered throughout the south part of Chicago, and each Saturday Pastor Mason drives 175 miles in picking up these children and returning them to their homes. At the present time approximately 25 children are enrolled in the Saturday class. For many of the children it is the first time they've had the opportunity to learn of the love of Jesus. Just think what meaning Christmas had for them this year as they celebrated the birthday of the Christ Child, who was born on earth to redeem them from their sins.

### **Spiritual Program Inaugurated for Deaf at Milledgeville State Hospital**

In mid-October of 1963 Pastor W. A. Westermann of Greensboro, N. C., with the help of Rev. Ervin Oermann from Birmingham, Ala., and Rev. F. G. Gyle of Miami, Fla., conducted a 10-day survey of the spiritual needs of the Deaf in the extremely large mental hospital at Milledgeville, Ga. In this hospital are 12,000 patients and 5,000 other patients who receive the services of the hospital as outpatients. Pastor

Westermann reports that the survey team found over 100 totally deaf, many of whom will require individual care. A service was conducted on one day for the white Deaf, where 22 Deaf attended. Later in the survey a service was conducted for 60 Negro Deaf. It was the first time in the history of the hospital that such services had ever been held. As a result of this survey there was great interest on the part of the administration in working with the deaf patients. It has been decided that Pastor Ervin Oermann of Birmingham, Ala., will visit the state hospital once a month to serve as chaplain. He also has inaugurated a class in the sign language with members of the staff.

### **Two Months to Go**

In approximately two months from the time that you receive this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN my family and I will be leaving the shores of the United States for our new home in Hong Kong. Since it takes about two months for our belongings to be sent to Hong Kong via ship, the month of December was spent in carefully weighing out our various belongings to determine which ones we could take and which ones would have to be left behind. Sometime within the first two weeks of January the moving van will pick up all the items that we wish to take with us so that they can be freighted for overseas shipment. As the day for departure comes near, we become all the more excited about the new work that awaits us in Hong Kong. We are indeed grateful to our church for recognizing the spiritual and physical needs of the Deaf in foreign areas and with the

help of God will do everything we possibly can to meet these needs. Just recently I read an article in which it was stated that there are approximately 36 million Deaf throughout the world and that only four million of them have any kind of education. If this is true, there is certainly a great need for the church to work very diligently in

reaching these people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A blessed new year to all of you wherever you may be. May God grant each one of you a rich measure of His mercy as you begin this new year with its unknown challenges before you. Be with you again next month.

REV. W. F. REINKING

## Gift to Beirut Deaf

A grant from the Board of World Relief of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod made possible a \$2,000 gift by our Board for Missions to the Deaf to the Institute for the Deaf in Beirut, Lebanon. With this \$2,000 the institute has been able to establish a watchmaking workshop so that students at the school may prepare for a brighter future after they leave the school.

The Institute for the Deaf in Beirut, Lebanon, was established in 1959 by Father A. G. Andeweg, a missionary to the Deaf of the Dutch Reformed Church. Now he is affiliated with the Arab Episcopal Church in Lebanon. Father Andeweg came to Beirut in 1957 to begin working among the Deaf, and after working two years with the adult Deaf he found a great need for the establishment of a school.

Shortly after founding the school in 1959 the building that was used became too small, and in 1960 the school was moved to a larger place a little outside the city of Beirut, where they presently have an enrollment of 55 children. Father Andeweg sees to it that these children have the opportunity to learn not only subjects such as reading, language, and arithmetic, but also the love of Jesus Christ, their Savior.

Connected with the school is Saint Luke's Chapel, where the deaf children assemble for worship service regularly each Sunday. At least one half of the children come from Moslem homes, and in this Christian mission school they have the opportunity to learn the great love of Jesus, their only Savior.

This summer Father Andeweg attended the International Congress on Education of the Deaf and was kind enough to address the Ephphatha Conference, the conference of Lutheran missionaries to the Deaf, meeting in Washington, D. C., at the same time. He presented such an interesting story of his work with the Deaf in Beirut, and was so graceful in his example of Arabic signs, that the missionaries sat spellbound listening to him. It was evident to all that Father Andeweg is a very dedicated man of God, who is using his God-given talents in wonderful ways to help the Deaf of the Middle East.

As a result of correspondence that the mission office has had with Father Andeweg, a request came in June for \$2,000 to provide a watchmaking workshop. The letter from the institute stated this request in the following terms: "In October 1963 we are planning to open a trade

school for deaf boys, in which we will train a group of deaf students the profession of watchmaking. We feel that we can secure a future for them in this way. We have a trained teacher who will be able to train them. We only lack the proper equipment to be able to begin. In order to realize this program, a proper setup for a watchmaking workshop, we need an amount of \$2,000. We would appreciate it very much if the Lutheran Church can sponsor this program of 'The Watchmaking Workshop' for our deaf boys, so that with their normal studies they will also learn this profession, which is so essential for their future lives."

This request was discussed with the Board of World Relief, and in June of 1963 it was possible for our Rev. Edwin Neger, the chairman of this board, to personally visit the school in Beirut. Rev. Neger was favorably impressed with the school, and after further discussion in September the Board of World Relief provided this grant.

Shortly thereafter the check for \$2,000 was sent to Rev. Andeweg, and in reply the Deaf Mission office received this thrilling letter of Oct. 18 from him. He writes: "It was so nice to hear from you through your letter of Oct. 8, but especially your wonderful check for \$2,000, which was enclosed, made our hearts thrill with joy and happiness.

"Through this aid for our watchmaking workshop we have seen that our Lord and Master is a living God. Your donation is a testimony of love and charity throughout the whole Middle East. Thanks to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Board for Missions to the Deaf, and thanks to you, Pastor Reinking, for

your goodwill and deep concern for the welfare of the Deaf.

"We have started out now with four boys in the watchmaking workshop in the center of the city of Beirut, not on the premises of our institution. First I wanted the workshop to be in the school, but I feel that the Deaf are living too much in a deaf community, and therefore I decided to make the workshop right in the city. Now my youngsters have to travel every day by local transportation to the workshop, and other boys who are deaf and no more in our school have a chance to come in the afternoon and learn watchmaking as well.

"This week pictures are going to be taken of the workshop, so that soon you will have some materials to look at and to rejoice in. Through your generosity our Deaf are going to have a good future because there is a real demand for watchmakers throughout the Middle East. The boys in the training program are: (1) George Kreide from Beirut, (2) Marwan Anis from Homs in Syria, (3) Gaby Kahale from Aleppo, Syria, and (4) Zuheir Jawhan from Ramalla, Jordan. Zuheir is not a Christian but a Moslem boy. The other three boys are Orthodox.

"Soon I will be able to send you more details about the work done with our boys. Again thank you very much for the goodwill, your generosity to our deaf neighbors in the Middle East. Thankfully and respectfully, Father A. J. Andeweg."

More information regarding this project and pictures of the project will be sent as soon as they are available. May God continue to richly bless the work of the Institute for the Deaf in Beirut, Lebanon.



### **You Have an Appointment**

We don't like to miss an appointment, do we? We don't like to be late either. When we have an appointment with a doctor or a dentist, we write it down somewhere or mark it on the calendar so that we will be sure to remember it.

You have an appointment with God. You have an appointment to be in church when it is time for public worship. Most churches worship on Sundays, and most calendars already have Sundays marked with red ink.

Remember your appointment and keep it.

### **Alpha Congregation Celebrates Twelfth Anniversary**

*Rochester, N. Y.* "Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." (Rev. 3:11)

These words were the text for the sermon preached by Pastor Walter Busby on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of Alpha Congregation. Over 50 attended the worship service, which was highlighted by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At the close of the service those present received a small wood cross as a gift in remembrance of the anniversary celebration. Before the crosses were distributed, Pastor Busby announced, "This church is built on Jesus Christ as Savior. The cross will help you remember that Christ died on the cross and His death was in payment for your sins.

This is what is preached in this church. This is why we exist, to spread this Gospel message."

After the service those present were treated to a delicious beef dinner. The Ladies' Guild was responsible for serving the dinner. Mrs. Larry Grimes, wife of Alpha's president, was chairman of the dinner arrangements. As a surprise dessert Mrs. Walter Busby presented a lovely "birthday cake" to the congregation. It was decorated with a large cross and the words "Alpha Lutheran Church 12 years." The cake was prepared by Mrs. Busby and Mrs. Delbert Tiemann and decorated by Mrs. Tiemann.

### **Thomas and Schumm Wed**

*Columbus, Ohio.* To the surprise of many friends, Mrs. Delores Thomas of Dayton and Herbert Schumm of Rockford were united in marriage by Rev. Paul Single at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio, on Sept. 28.

### **Proposed Chapel for Columbus**

*Columbus, Ohio.* On Oct. 2 the voters' assembly at Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Columbus drew up the building program for their future chapel. A poster has been erected on the building site.

### **Bliss and Peffers Wed**

*Rochester, N. Y.* On Oct. 5 Catharine Bliss and Grover Peffers were united in marriage in Victor, N. Y.

### **Larry Schmidt Baptized**

*St. Paul, Minn.* Larry Arthur, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmidt of Norwood, Minn., was baptized on Sunday, Oct. 13.

### **Sign Language Class at Seward**

*Omaha, Nebr.* Pastor Herman Graef of Omaha has begun classes in sign language at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., for interested students. The class is held twice a month on the first and third Sundays at 6:00 p. m. Thirty-five attended the first meeting on Oct. 10. Prof. Walter Uhlig, formerly a missionary to the Deaf in Los Angeles, Calif., is the faculty sponsor for the group.

### **New Members**

*Columbus, Ohio.* On Sunday, Oct. 6, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Seidowski and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Willis publicly confessed their faith in the true God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Then the Seidowski couple was baptized, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis were confirmed into membership with Holy Cross Congregation.

### **Rex Mitchell Baptized**

*Delavan, Wis.* Rex Alexander, son of Gerald L. Mitchell and JoAnn nee Wilcox of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, born May 23, was baptized on Sept. 22 at Holy Cross Church in Delavan, Wis. Sponsors were Allen and Geraldine Jacobson.

### **Jeffrey Riegert Baptized**

*Delavan, Wis.* Jeffrey Allan, son of Charles E. Riegert and Mary Ann nee Badenna of Janesville, born Aug. 24, was baptized on Sept. 22 at Holy Cross Church in Delavan. Ervin Riegert served as sponsor, with Darlene Anich as witness.

### **Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary**

*Delavan, Wis.* Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Hanson of Hartford, Wis., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sept. 29. The celebration was planned by their children and took place at the Hartford Country Club.

### **† Mrs. Catherine Ferguson †**

*Newark, N. J.* Mrs. Catherine Ferguson, mother of Elaine Starkey and James Ferguson, was called to her Lord on Sept. 28. She was born in Caldwell, N. J., 72 years ago. Pastor Gerhold conducted services at Dancy's Funeral Home in Caldwell on Oct. 1. Interment was at the Restland Memorial Park in Hanover.

### **Caslows Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary**

*Baltimore, Md.* Mr. and Mrs. John Caslow of Catonsville, Md., a suburb of Baltimore, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary early in November. They were married 50 years on Nov. 4. A buffet luncheon and open house was held for Mr. and Mrs. Caslow by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Caslow, on Nov. 10.

### **KDPS-TV in Des Moines Presents Program for the Deaf**

*Des Moines, Iowa.* KDPS-TV, the educational television station of the Des Moines public schools, presented a special program for deaf viewers last fall. A film, *Salute to the United Nations*, and two interviews, one with Ernst Theiler, consul-general of Switzerland, and the other with V. Vukovic, consul-general of Yugoslavia, were interpreted for deaf viewers by Rev. Clark Bailey of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Des Moines.

## Corrections

*Washington, D. C.* In the October issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN two errors appeared in the report on official acts in the Des Moines field. The report should have mentioned Mr. Charles Taylor instead of Mrs. Taylor, and in the last paragraph the name should have been Krejci instead of Drejci.

## Montana to Have Chapel

*Spokane, Wash.* The Board for Missions to the Deaf has approved plans to build a chapel near the school for the Deaf in Great Falls, Mont. The building committee for the project met on Oct. 16. It is composed of five deaf men, five hearing men, one board member, and three pastors.

The committee divided into two subcommittees to supervise the choice of a site and to plan the building-fund drive.

## News Report from Pilgrim Congregation

*Los Angeles, Calif.* Funeral services for Archie Kerr were held on Oct. 21 (Monday) at 10:00 a. m. in Valhalla Cemetery Church in North Hollywood.

Pilgrim Congregation extends sympathy to Mrs. Sophia Sylliassen on the death of her brother, Ole Lakson. The funeral was held Thursday, Oct. 31, in South Dakota.

Tsurko and Curtis Van Denburg were blessed with a third baby, a girl. She was born Oct. 5.

Dr. Stanley Behrends has been accepted as a student at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., to meet the requirements of a colloquy to enter the ministry of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Dr. Behrends hopes to become a minis-

ter to the Deaf. His internship will be spent in Los Angeles.

"Swiss Steak Dinner" sponsored by the ladies' aid for their annual fall dinner was a huge success. About 170 people enjoyed the dinner.

Clarence Ross is the proud owner of his own shoe-repair shop. Pilgrim Congregation rejoices with Mr. Ross over the good fortune with which God has blessed him and extends to him best wishes for every success in his new business.

## Blake and Isch Wed

*W. Hartford, Conn.* Miss Brenda Blake and William Isch were united in holy matrimony in the chapel of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf of West Hartford in an afternoon ceremony on Sept. 21.

## New Members in Newark

*Newark, N. J.* Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Rosenholz were received into membership with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark on Oct. 13.

## Officers Elected at St. Matthew's

*Newark, N. J.* During the voters' meeting on Oct. 17 the following were elected to office in St. Matthew's Deaf Congregation for 1964: Jack Suta, president; Frank Spock, vice-president; Wainwright Pearsall, secretary; Halstead De Moyné, treasurer; Ruth Kievit, financial secretary; Norman Swain, trustee for three years; Robert Sabo, trustee for two years; and Clarence Schaumberg, trustee for one year.

## Youth Club Banquet

*Newark, N. J.* The annual North-South Youth Club Banquet was held on Oct. 19 at Old First Church

in Newark. About 140 people enjoyed the delicious roast beef dinner. The main speaker was Mr. Tuma, a teacher at the New Jersey School for the Deaf and adviser to the Junior National Association of the Deaf. Mr. Tuma explained the aims and goals of the Junior N. A. D. and showed how it will help deaf individuals to become leaders.

The North Youth Club presented Pastor Gerhold with \$25 for the Basement Fund, a special fund to improve the basement at 510 Parker St. in Newark for a meeting and recreation room.

### **Lutheran Open House at Pittsburgh**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* During the week of Oct. 21 to 24, Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh held an Open House Week. Rev. A. L. Hauptman of St. Paul, Minn., served as guest speaker for the special series of services. Total attendance at the four services was 350, for an average of 87.5 per service.

Thirteen lay visitors made 88 visits, making contact with 137 persons. Twenty-five individuals expressed a desire to join the congregation as a result of the evangelism effort.

#### **† Miss Minnie Luethe †**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Miss Minnie Luethe of Erie, Pa., was called to her eternal home on Oct. 3.

#### **† Mrs. Pauline Warne †**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Mrs. Pauline Warne, mother of Mrs. Mary Schar-schu, passed away Nov. 1 at her home in Brownsville, Pa. Pastor Wagenknecht interpreted the funeral services, which were held on Nov. 5.

### **Pitzers Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Mr. and Mrs. Audley Pitzer of Freedom, Pa., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last October. On Oct. 19 a party was held for them in Beaver Falls, with over 200 people attending.

### **Linda Caudill Baptized**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Linda Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caudill, was baptized in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Nov. 3.

### **Form LWML Chapter**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* The members of Christ Lutheran Ladies' Guild of Cleveland, Ohio, passed a resolution to join the Lutheran Women's Missionary League on Oct. 6. The voters' assembly of the congregation approved the plans of the Ladies' Guild.

The Ladies' Guild resolution came after hearing a lecture by Mrs. Walter Hoppe, past president of the international LWML.

The threefold goal of the LWML is missionary education, missionary inspiration, and missionary service.

### **Donald Peterson Awarded Degree**

*Washington, D. C.* Donald O. Peterson, associate professor of chemistry at Gallaudet College and chairman of evangelism for the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington, has been awarded a Master of Science degree in chemistry by the University of Maryland.

Mr. Peterson holds two other degrees: a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Buffalo and a Master of Arts degree from Gallaudet College.



# Devotions

## “Light for Your Way”

### Daily Bible Readings for January

January 1 — John 17:1-10	January 16 — Psalm 107
January 2 — 1 Corinthians 2:6-16	January 17 — Ezekiel 20:32-44
January 3 — 1 Corinthians 13:9-12	January 18 — Isaiah 41:8-20
January 4 — Hosea 5:15—6:6	January 19 — Matthew 17:1-9
January 5 — John 20:30, 31	January 20 — John 4:1-26
January 6 — John 1:1-18	January 21 — Lsaiah 55:6-11
January 7 — John 14:8-11	January 22 — Isaiah 40:12-31
January 8 — John 8:31-47	January 23 — Psalm 90:1-12
January 9 — 1 John 4:7-21	January 24 — Psalm 139:1-12
January 10 — Colossians 1:15-23	January 25 — Romans 11:33-36
January 11 — Romans 9:30—10:4	January 26 — Exodus 34:1-7
January 12 — Psalms 105	January 27 — Matthew 6:25-34
January 13 — Exodus 20:1-20	January 28 — 1 John 1
January 14 — Deuteronomy 4:1-14	January 29 — Romans 8:31-39
January 15 — Numbers 14:10-25	January 30 — Psalm 121
	January 31 — Exodus 3:1-6

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