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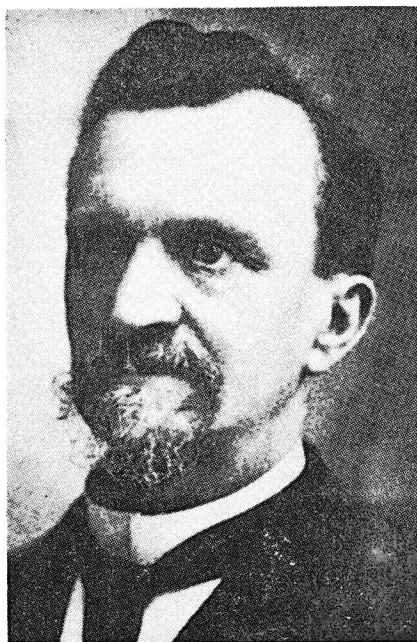
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Rev. Herbert Rohe Called as Executive Secretary for Missions to the Deaf

Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, missionary to the Deaf in Houston, Tex., was called by the Board for Missions to the Deaf, in its meeting held in late January, to be its new executive secretary.

At the present time Pastor Rohe, with headquarters in Houston, is responsible for the development of Deaf work throughout Texas and Oklahoma. He has served in this capacity since August 1961. Under his leadership and guidance the field has developed to the point where a division will be made and a new resident missionary placed in Dallas, Tex., in a few months. New chapel facilities are in planning for Dallas, new facilities are now being provided in Houston, and additional facilities are being developed in Austin.

Pastor Rohe is a 19-year veteran in Deaf Missions, having begun his ministry in 1945 as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa., and as missionary to the Deaf in western Pennsylvania and western New York. The Lord bountifully blessed his labors in this field.

During Pastor Rohe's ministry in Rochester, Alpha Congregation for the Deaf was formed, and a large home at 1360 East Ave. was purchased to serve as a combination parsonage and chapel for Alpha.

From 1953 to 1961 Pastor Rohe served as a representative of the Eastern District to the board of trustees of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf. When he moved to Houston, he was appointed member of the board of trustees of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and still

serves in this capacity. He is also currently serving as representative of Mill Neck Manor School on the literature committee responsible for the production of the John of Beverly Series of religious workbooks for Deaf children. In 1962 he was appointed by the Board for Missions to the Deaf as chairman of the committee laboring to develop a new catechism and workbook for the Deaf.

Pastor Rohe was born Sept. 15, 1919, in Verndale, Minn., the son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Rohe. He was graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., in 1939 and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1945. From 1940 to 1941 he served as school teacher at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albany, Minn.; he vicared in Deaf Missions at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1943 and 1944.

In June 1945 Pastor Rohe married Effie Albertson of Cloquet, Minn. They have one son, David.

The responsibility of the Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf is to direct Synod's work among the Deaf in the United States and Canada and to work closely with the Board for World Missions in the development of Deaf work in foreign areas.

It is estimated that there are at least 200,000 Deaf in the U. S. and Canada, so that great opportunities for expansion present themselves to the church. To seize these opportunities and to meet the challenges the board has called Rev. Herbert Rohe to be its executive secretary.

Pastor Rohe has not yet made his decision on the call at the time of this writing.

Laetare Sunday, March 8, has been officially designated as the Sunday upon which Lutheran deaf congregations will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the first worship service conducted for the Deaf by a pastor of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. All Lutheran deaf congregations are urged to mark this date for special commemorative services.

Christian Discipline

Part I. The Tasks of the Church

Individuals in Fellowship: When God calls people to repentance and works faith in their hearts, God deals with them as *individuals*. Each person must accept his own guilt and give an account of his own sins. People are brought to faith one by one as each is moved by the Law to grieve over his sins and by the Gospel to rejoice in God's forgiveness.

Those whom God has called, He also gathers. They are called individually, but they are gathered into a *fellowship* of believers called a congregation. This is the holy Christian church, the communion of saints.

Christian congregations carry on two important tasks or functions. Because they are Christian, they make a *public proclamation* of the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. Because they are a congregation, they gather for *public worship* of the one true God.

The Public Proclamation of the Gospel: It is the public preaching of the Gospel which marks a congregation as truly Christian. But public preaching is not exactly the same thing as preaching publicly. Every Christian should *preach publicly* by his words and by his actions that he is a child of God and a disciple of Jesus. It is through this

kind of public witness that the congregation can reach out beyond the walls of its own house of worship and into the community. It is through this kind of courageous testimony that members are added to the holy Christian church and to individual Christian congregations. Every Christian should preach publicly and proclaim openly the Word and will of God. But *public preaching* requires a spokesman, an official representative, one who speaks in the name of the congregation. It is for this that God instituted the office of the holy ministry, to act in the name of the congregation in the public preaching of the Word of God and in the administration of the sacraments.

The Public Worship of the One True God: Worship, like preaching, is something that Christians do privately as individuals as well as publicly as a congregation. Members of a congregation worship privately because they are Christian. Christians worship publicly because they are members of a congregation.

Members of a body always do what the body does. When a body walks through a door, its arms and legs, its members, go with it. A member that does not go with its body has been amputated, and this is always a painful experience both

for the body and for the member. A congregation is a body of Christians. When the body gathers for worship, its members are there.

The real call to worship, however, goes back to the beginning, to the First Commandment: "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." The Second and Third Commandments are not separate and different commands. These first three Commandments ask for a chain of faithful responses to God's call to let Him be God. The Second Commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain," requires a love for God which extends also to a proper respect for His name. The Third Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," requires a love for God which extends also to a proper use of His day. Our attitude toward God's holy Word, God's holy day, and God's holy name are a good measure of our attitude toward God Himself. Jesus put it bluntly but plainly when He said, "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God." Anything that stands between us and church on Sabbath day is likely to stand between us and God on Judgment Day.

Christian congregations therefore take their public worship services very seriously. But they observe the Lord's Sabbath willingly and joyfully. On the Lord's day Christians want to be where God's people are, in church, and on the Lord's day they wish to hear the Word which the Lord wants to have proclaimed and heard. Each member rejoices in his privilege each Sunday to make a public witness of the love that he

has for God, the respect that he has for God's Word, and the joy that he shares with God's people. Each public worship service is another opportunity for the Christian to honor God as an individual and to carry on the function of the congregation.

The support of the church: Members of a Christian congregation support the public proclamation of the Gospel and the public worship of God in three ways:

First, they faithfully attend divine worship services where the Word of God is preached and where God Himself is worshiped. Their presence is a witness to their own faith in God and love for His Word. Their presence is also a witness to their concern for the spiritual welfare of every other member.

Second, they contribute to the financial needs of the congregation so that the Word of God can be preached and taught effectively and so that the house of God may be furnished and maintained properly.

Third, they contribute their heart, strength, soul, and mind to the tasks of the congregation and to the private practice of their faith in God and the virtues of Christianity. As an individual, each member represents the congregation where he lives and works and travels, extending the reach of the congregation into the community and throughout the world. As a congregation all the members unite their skills and interests in the planning and execution of an effective program of proclaiming the Word of God and in a God-pleasing program of worship.

Confession and Mercy

To try to cover up our sins is natural. But no greater mistake can be made. The sinner carries with him an evil conscience, and he is in constant fear of being found out.

The first thing necessary to get rid of our sins is to confess them to God and to the person whom we have wronged.

The confession, however, must come from a sincere heart, which shows its sincerity by forsaking sin. A person must not think, "I have

sinned. I have repented. I have confessed. Now I will do the same thing over again."

If we confess our sins, God will show mercy to us because of Jesus' suffering and death. We will not cover up our sins; Jesus will cover them up for us with His grace. And the Holy Spirit will provide strength to abandon the old ways and to walk in newness of life.

REV. J. A. BEYER

70th Anniversary of First Lutheran Deaf Service

March 4 of this year marks the 70th anniversary of the first Lutheran worship service in the sign language. Before that date in 1894 deaf communicant members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod attended church with their hearing fellow Christians. Or else they had to be content with occasional special lipreading services, which were usually conducted in a schoolroom, in order to have better light. Eighty-nine of these deaf Lutherans were products of the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich. They had been prepared there for confirmation along with their regular schoolwork, and had been declared prepared for participation in the full life of a Christian congregation. But could they enjoy this privilege to the fullest?

No congregation in the Missouri Synod was equipped to care for these souls properly. To be sure, they could lip-read the German language in church when the pastor faced the congregation. They might even be able to read hymns, provided they were aware that it was

hymn time. But what about the times during the liturgy when the pastor faced the altar, or when he chanted parts of the liturgy when facing the congregation, or when he turned his face away from the deaf individuals to look at another part of the audience during his sermon? In all these cases the deaf person would be "lost," for he would be unable to read the pastor's lips.

What about the other deaf people that had not had opportunity to learn of their Savior's love at the Detroit school? What was being done for them by the church that prided itself on the pure Word of God? This was a problem that weighed upon the heart of Edward J. Pahl, a graduate of the Detroit school.

Mr. Pahl decided the time had come to do something about furthering his own religious training, and that of other deaf people as well. He sent his *Alma Mater* a letter (now a lost document) which said, in part: "Jesus says, 'Preach the Gospel to all creatures; teach all peoples.' Who preaches though, to

the Deaf? Should they remain without God's Word? Should they be dependent only upon the Methodists, Baptists, in order to have preaching in sectarian churches? Could not a pastor be found, at least in the larger cities, who might also serve the poor Deaf with God's Word?"

At the suggestion of the Detroit school's board of directors, Superintendent Daniel Uhlig sent Mr. Pahl's letter to Rev. Augustus Reinke of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago — largest Lutheran congregation in that city — since he had several deaf members who had graduated from the Detroit school. Pastor Reinke did a bit of investigating and found that the "falling away" of the Deaf to the various non-Lutheran churches (implied by Pahl's letter) was a fact. He felt the obligation laid upon him as being from the Lord. With the assistance of two deaf persons, he managed to learn sufficient sign language to be able to conduct the first service for the Deaf in a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 4, 1894. Sixteen deaf persons attended. The text he chose was 1 John 4:8, "God is love." Another service was scheduled for April 15 at 2:30 p. m. Pastor Reinke soon began to expand his field of labors among the Deaf. By June 3 he had started services in Fort Wayne, Ind. One notes two very striking statements in the report of this service: "Rev. A. Reinke, of Chicago, came here to preach a sermon in the sign language to a number of deaf and dumb persons. . . . Rev. Reinke preached to them in English. . . . As the text was not announced to the large audience, nor any explanation given, the services

were very tedious." The fact that sign language services were not interpreted orally, nor explained for the benefit of the hearing audience, put the hearing in the very same position that the Deaf occupied in the worship services of hearing congregations. The correspondent in the *Lutheran Witness*, however, failed to appreciate this situation, and so termed the service as being "very tedious." But it was scarcely tedious to the deaf audience, who now could worship the Lord in their own language. The second striking statement in the report is that the sign-language service was based on the English language. When one realizes that the overwhelming majority of Missouri Synod pastors and congregations at this time operated solely with the German language, this is indeed a remarkable situation. Pastor Reinke is here pictured as having trilingual ability. In his work among the hearing, he operated with German; with the deaf world, he used English and sign language.

By Sept. 2, 1894, Pastor Reinke had expanded his work to include Elkhart, Ind. His Chicago deaf group now had 30 members. While continuing to serve the Synod's largest congregation, Pastor Reinke found time to pursue his labor of love among the Deaf, including visits and services for the Deaf in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Louisville, and other cities. The *Lutheran Witness* in December 1896 wrote, "Promising openings for mission-work showed themselves in several cities, but who should utilize these openings?" Pastor Reinke felt his own inability to carry on the work. He began serving the Deaf during his 53rd year of life, and the

30th year of his ministry. By the general standards of the time, Pastor Reinke was an "old" man when he began his journeyings in the interest of deaf missions. Who should now shoulder the burden and gather the harvest in the Lord's silent vineyard?

How Rev. Augustus Reinke got the Missouri Synod to take over the

work of bringing the Gospel to the Deaf is another story — one which should be retold at the proper time. Suffice it to say here that for more than two full years this "father of the Lutheran deaf mission" carried on the work as a private venture and a personal responsibility. And it all began 70 years ago this month.

REV. THEO. DELANEY

Mission Congregation Serves Deaf and Hearing



Photo by Paul Ockrassa, St. Louis

Carl Schaeffer of Kansas City, Mo., is baptized into membership with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fulton, Mo., on Dec. 8. Rev. Floyd Possehl (left) interpreted, and Mr. Russell Johnson, student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, assisted. Rev. Phil Ernst (right) is pastor of St. Paul's Church

Fulton, Mo. St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Fulton, Mo., a comparatively new mission congregation, ministers to a variety of individuals with a variety of needs. Among those served by the congregation and its pastor, Rev. Phil Ernst, are approximately 40 pupils of the Mis-

souri School for the Deaf. Other institutions served by St. Paul's are Westminster College, William Woods College, and Missouri State Hospital No. 1.

The 40 pupils from the Missouri School are instructed weekly in released-time classes by Rev. Floyd

Possehl of St. Louis, Rev. Phil Ernst, and seminary students from Concordia, St. Louis, who are training for work among the Deaf. During the past year the following students have made the trip from St. Louis at weekly intervals: Russell Johnson, Detroit, Mich.; Charles Jones, Detroit, Mich.; Donald Zuhn, Texas; Daniel Hodgson, Cleveland, Ohio; and Peter Franzmann, St. Louis.

Services are conducted twice each Sunday, once in the language of signs. Pastor Ernst signs the Sunday worship services.

The ministry of St. Paul's Congregation to the students of the Missouri School was blessed last Dec. 8 by a special service in which 9 students were confirmed and 12 baptized. Those who were accepted

into membership at St. Paul's that day are: Tommy Dietrich and Eddie Smith (House Springs), Sandra Dunn (Benton), Shirley Head (Olean), Judy Heise and Wayne Holloway (Cape Girardeau), Linda Howard (Marshall), Charles Jones and Terry West (St. Louis), Charlie Linzie (Columbia), Reggie Ratliffe, Carl Schaeffer, and Barbara Stevens (Kansas City), Danny Siler (Duenweg), Eloise Skepeneit (Washington), Cheryl Smith (Enon), and James Winchester (Bloomfield).

[EDITOR'S NOTE: *We extend special congratulations to one of the students whom the editor had the privilege of meeting last summer and who happens to come from his home town in Missouri — Eloise Skepeneit. May the Lord's blessings rest upon you and upon all the members of this confirmation class.*]



Singing the Hymn. Front row (l. to r.): James Winchester (Bloomfield, Mo.), Eddie Smith (House Springs, Mo.), Carl Schaeffer (Kansas City, Mo.), Charlie Linzie (Columbia, Mo.), Charles Jones (St. Louis, Mo., partly hidden), Linda Howard (Marshall, Mo.), Sandra Dunn (Bolton, Mo.). Second row (l. to r.): Judy Heise (Cape Girardeau, Mo.), Cheryl Smith (Enon, Mo.), Reggie Ratliffe (Kansas City, Mo.), Terry West (St. Louis, Mo.), Wayne Holloway (Cape Girardeau, Mo.), and Shirley Head (Olean, Mo.). Students in the first row were baptized, and those in the second row were confirmed during the worship service on Dec. 8 at St. Paul's Church, Fulton, Mo.

Notes from the Executive for the "Deaf Lutheran"

Rev. William Lange Declines Call to Portland

Rev. William Lange, pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Denver, Colo., has declined the call as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Portland, Oreg., and missionary to the Deaf in the Oregon Field. Pastor Erich Eichmann continues to serve the Portland Field on a leave of absence from Trinity Lutheran Church in Portland. May the merciful Lord hear the plea of these people and soon send a permanent pastor for the Portland Field.

Hong Kong Bound

By the time you receive this paper the time will be very short until my family and I leave O'Hare International Airport in Chicago on Monday evening, March 2, for our departure to the Orient. God willing, we shall arrive at our new place of residence, Hong Kong, in early afternoon on Saturday, March 7. There is much work awaiting us in the Far East, and it is our fervent prayer that we will be equal to the tasks that have been set before us. We earnestly seek your prayers also for us in this new venture.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the editor of this magazine, Rev. Harry Hoemann, for the article entitled "A Most Important Year," which appeared in the January 1964 issue of this magazine. It is our prayer that the gracious Lord will make 1964 a significant year for the Deaf in the Lutheran Church both here in the United States and in the Orient. While I'm speaking about the editor, I would like to give him a pat on the

back for the fine job that he continues to do as editor of this magazine. No editor has an easy job. There are deadlines to meet, and blank pages to fill with words. Pastor Hoemann continues to come up with a fine issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN each month. Let's all, missionaries and members alike, show our appreciation by sending in news articles, stories, features, and pictures that Pastor Hoemann can use to continue to make this an interesting magazine. No editor can do the job alone. He needs the help of many people. Keep up the good work, Pastor Hoemann; we'll be looking forward to getting these issues each month in Hong Kong.

Quite often in this column that I have written each month I have mentioned our Board for Missions to the Deaf. Too often though we forget that this board is comprised of five men, who willingly give generously of their time to administer the mission of our church to the Deaf. All of these men have great responsibilities to carry, either as pastors or laymen. But yet they regularly find time to attend board meetings so that the work of the mission may go on. It is not unusual for individual board members to make trips in between board meetings to take care of various matters for the mission. This they continue to do cheerfully and willingly, thankful for the opportunity that they have to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Deaf. I shall always consider it a great privilege to have had the opportunity to work closely with these men. They have been a constant source of inspiration to me. Their task in the changeover

of Executive Secretaries, and the possible vacancy that might occur in this changeover, is not an easy one. May the Lord of the church pour out upon these men His Spirit in abundant measure, that they may continue to give the leadership to this mission that they have given in the past. These are the unsung men of the mission. Remember them daily in your prayers.

One of the greatest personal joys that I have had while serving as Executive Secretary of the mission has been visiting the fields and meeting with our fine pastors and their loyal members. God has blessed our church richly with a dedicated, consecrated staff of pastors, part-time workers, vicars, and parish workers. I have seen these people at work. I have seen the blessings of God upon their labors, and I must say that all of us should thank God each day for this group of talented, able, and faithful men and women whom God has chosen to be His ambassadors to the Deaf. But the mission is made up not only of professional workers. The mission could not be what it is today, humanly speaking, if it were without the labors and witnessing of the Deaf themselves. There is many a deaf soul in heaven today because a deaf friend brought him to know his Savior. May the spirit of evangelism continue to dwell in our deaf members and burn ever more fiercely so that more Deaf may be brought into contact with their Lord and Savior. How many churches could have been built without the faithful help of many skilled deaf craftsmen? How many regional conferences could have been held successfully without the planning and programming of the Deaf? How

many congregations would we have among the Deaf today if it were not for the leadership abilities of the Deaf that were put to work? Thanks be to God for all these willing workers. May God's abundant blessing continue to be poured out in rich measure upon labors of pastors and people as together they work towards the goal of bringing Christ to the Deaf. A personal note of thanks to all of you for making my task as Executive Secretary a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Last, but certainly not least, a note of thanks to my collective right arm, the regional counselors. These six men assume many responsibilities that lighten the load on this office. I have found the counselors always willing to assume any task that was turned over to them, despite the heavy load that all of them carry in their own mission field. It is a source of real comfort to know that burdens and problems can be shared. Thanks to each of you for a job well done.

Having worked in the capacity of overseeing the mission within these last five and a half years, and having seen the abundant blessings of our Lord upon this mission, what does one now see for the future of the mission to the Deaf? The staff will continue to expand, not only with full-time missionaries to the Deaf, but also in the area of part-time workers and lay workers. Mission fields will continue to grow smaller and more concentration will be had in the areas of deaf population centers. More church buildings for the Deaf will be erected. Several of these will be built close to residential schools for the Deaf, where either a large program is now in

effect or great potential remains. With more concentration in deaf population centers there will be larger congregations, with a possibility of some coming very close to the self-support state. More teaching aids and materials for the Deaf will be produced. Closer relationships will come between the deaf congregations and the Districts. Just when and how all of these things will come to pass is something that only God knows at this time. But God works through men, and the more work that you are willing to do as pastor and people, the more you are willing to give of the gifts that God has given you, the more faithful you are in the study and hearing of the Word, and the more diligent you are in your prayers, the sooner will God bring these things to pass.

As I come to the end of this phase of my ministry, I thank God for having given me the privilege these past five and a half years to work with all of you in the extension of His

blessed kingdom among the Deaf in the United States and Canada. For my errors, shortcomings, and failures I ask forgiveness of a merciful God. Whatever has been accomplished during these years has been by the grace of a loving God. We serve for each other, I for you in the Orient, and you for me in your respective communities. Together we shall work for the Lord to extend His kingdom, to include many more Deaf who yet live in a world of spiritual deafness. As I now close off my final column as Executive Secretary, I can think of no better word of Scripture to close with than a verse from Paul's farewell charge to the Ephesian elders as recorded in Acts 20:32: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." God be with us until we meet again.

REV. W. F. REINKING



New Members in Newark

Newark, N. J. Last November Carl Droste, Joseph and Sophie Frederickson, Harry and Ruth Rowe, and Anthony and Julia Urciuoli were accepted as members of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf by profession of faith and confirmation. Mr. and Mrs. Urciuoli are hearing parents of a deaf child, Bettie Ann, who is enrolled in the St. Matthew's Sunday School program.

The Northern Texas-Oklahoma Field

Dallas, Tex. Worship services for the Deaf are held at the following locations in Oklahoma and Texas:

Dallas: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6018 Luther Lane, at Douglas.

Fort Worth: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1800 West Freeway, near Summit.

Amarillo: Y. M. C. A. Chapel, 816 Van Buren.



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Ladies of Bethany Lutheran Church of West Hartford, Conn., make and stuff toys for needy deaf children in schools for the Deaf of New England. Gifts are distributed by Rev. Earl Thaler

Oklahoma City: Zion Lutheran Church, N. W. 8th and Robinson.

Guthrie: Zion Lutheran Church, 424 East Warner.

Enid: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cherokee and Cleveland.

For additional information on these services, write Seminarian James C. Bengelsdorf, 6018 Luther Lane, Dallas, Tex.

Organize Planning Council

Baltimore, Md. The Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Baltimore, an unorganized preaching station, elected officers to serve an a planning council for the congregation during the current year. Mr. Galen Adams was elected chairman of the congregation and director of evan-

gelism. Mr. William Martini was elected financial secretary and director of stewardship. Mrs. Victor Krohn was elected chairman of social activities and director of public relations. The officers will also serve as elders and trustees.

Mr. Victor Krohn will assist Mr. Martini in the care of church funds. Mrs. John McKenney was appointed to investigate the possibilities of a choir for Sunday worship services.

By general agreement, officers on the planning council will not succeed themselves. The congregation will meet at least annually for the election of new officers.

The first decision of the planning council was made at the Jan. 12 meeting. The time of the service

will be changed from 3:00 p. m. to 2:30 p. m. Services are held on the first and third Sundays of each month at Martini Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

Open House at Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C. Pastor and Mrs. Hoemann held an open house for members of Lutheran deaf congregations in Washington and Baltimore at the new parsonage, 1103 Lambertson Drive, on Dec. 27. Mrs. Hoemann served a buffet to guests as they arrived. The Washington congregation presented her with a delayed Christmas gift, a carousel rotisserie broiler.

Following the social activities and the buffet the congregation assembled for a meeting in the recreation room. Pastor Hoemann opened the meeting with a service of consecration for the parsonage. Two offices were opened for election on the Washington planning council. Mrs. M. Kleberg was elected as director of evangelism, replacing Donald Peterson. Mrs. Ruth Peterson was elected director of public relations, replacing Mrs. Agnes Sutcliffe. Messrs. G. Paul Snyder (stewardship) and Mr. James Castlerline (education) continue to serve on the council.

The major portion of the evening was devoted to a study document on the church's responsibility toward delinquent members prepared by Pastor Hoemann and distributed to the members of the planning council prior to the meeting. This document will appear in the DEAF LUTHERAN under the title "Christian Discipline." The first installment is scheduled for this issue. Rev. C.

Gerhold participated in the revision of the study for publication.

The planning council decided to continue publication of articles in the *Dee Cee Eyes* every two months during 1964.

Party for Deaf Children

Columbus, Ohio. The Gamma Delta chapter at Ohio State University gave a Christmas party for Lutheran pupils at the Ohio School for the Deaf on Dec. 14. Rev. Kenneth Frerking is campus pastor for Lutheran students at Ohio State.

Great Lakes Regional Conference

Columbus, Ohio. The postponed Great Lakes Regional Conference will be held at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, June 5-7, 1964.

Columbus Building Fund

Columbus, Ohio. The January *Messenger of Christ*, newsletter for the Columbus Field, announced that \$2,431.28 had been gathered for the building fund during 1963, making a grand total of \$5,200 now in the fund. During 1964 Pastor William Ludwig and Holy Cross Congregation are approaching hearing congregations in Ohio and West Virginia for contributions toward a chapel for the Deaf to be built at 366 East Morse Road.

Election Results at Holy Cross

Columbus, Ohio. For the voters' assembly, officers elected for 1964 at Holy Cross Congregation in Columbus, Ohio, are: Charles Wolford, president; Richard Crossen, vice-president; Harry D. Case, secretary; George F. Hurd, treasurer; J. Offenburger, C. Wolford, and O. Seidowski, trustees; John Riddlebaugh and Paul Walker, auditors.

The first four officers listed will serve as elders.

For the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, officers are Mrs. Phyllis Crossen, president; Mrs. Betty Wolford, vice-president; Mrs. Sara Riddlebaugh, secretary; Mrs. Lillian Burris, treasurer; Miss Pauline Case, choir director; Mrs. Glenna Case, auditor; Mrs. Io Baker, custodian; Rev. William Ludwig, Christian Growth chairman.

1963 Baptisms in Jacksonville Field

Jacksonville, Ill. Jan. 13, Kelvin Dale, son of James and Gloria Hall, born Nov. 26, 1962, in Jacksonville.

Feb. 3, Kimberly Rae, daughter of Kenneth and Anne Anderson, born Dec. 15, 1962, in Chicago.

Sept. 15, Gary Dale and Steven Glenn, twin sons of Robert and Caroline Cowan, born June 16, 1963, in Jacksonville.

Bloomington, Ill. Oct. 6, Judith Carol, daughter of James and Joyce Morrison, born June 29, 1963.

Trinity Congregation Elects Officers

Pittsburgh, Pa. At a voters' assembly on Sunday, Dec. 22, the following were chosen to serve their Lord and their church as officers for 1964. They were installed on Jan. 5. Louis Kieffer, president; Harry Otterman, vice-president; John Saraka, secretary; James Paul, treasurer; Merwin Mowl, financial secretary; Donald Mowl (chief deacon), Edwin Cupps, Stanley Barwiolek, and Michael Hollup, deacons; John Welch, Ralph Frank, and Peter Lotinsky, board of trustees.

The men's club and ladies' aid also elected new officers for 1964. For the ladies' aid they are Mrs. James Paul,

president; Mrs. Donald Mowl, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Otterman, secretary; Mrs. Robert Wilkinson, treasurer; Mrs. Stanley Barwiolek, trustee. The altar guild is Mrs. R. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. Welch, Mrs. M. Hollup, Mrs. L. Kieffer, Mrs. R. Scharschu, and Mrs. E. Ludovico. The visitation committee is Mrs. J. Clark and Mrs. Thelma Seik. The special projects committee is Mrs. E. Cupps, Mrs. R. Scharschuh, Mrs. G. Lawther, and Mrs. P. Lotinsky.

Officers for the men's club are Robert Scharschu, Merwin Mowl, Harry Otterman, and Peter Lotinsky. The monthly bulletin committee is J. Paul, L. Cope, J. Welch, M. Hollup, and W. Brown.

New Communicant Members in Jacksonville Field

Jacksonville, Ill. Stephen Howe, Charlene Unser, and Jean Erbstoesser, students at the Illinois School for the Deaf, were confirmed on May 19. Mrs. Harold Matthews became a communicant member on July 14 by baptism.

Quincy, Ill. Kenneth Courney and Mrs. Harold Griffin were received by confession of faith on March 24. On Dec. 22 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boren were likewise received.

Church Administration Reorganized

Pittsburgh, Pa. For more effective work in administering church policy, the following meetings of organizations have been scheduled: church council, the third Wednesday of each month; voters' assembly, fourth Sunday after church; men's club and ladies' aid, fourth Sunday after church. After the meetings of the men's club and ladies' aid there will be a captioned film.



Devotions

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Daily Bible Readings for March

March 1 — Luke 18:9-14	March 16 — Mark 3:20-35
March 2 — Romans 12:1-13	March 17 — John 8:48-59
March 3 — 1 Corinthians 4:6-10	March 18 — Mark 14:43-52
March 4 — Revelation 3:14-22	March 19 — John 15:18-27
March 5 — Romans 3:9-26	March 20 — Matthew 26:57-78
March 6 — Galatians 4:1-7	March 21 — Mark 15:1-20
March 7 — 2 Corinthians 5:6-21	March 22 — Matthew 21:1-11
March 8 — John 10:11-18	March 23 — Mark 15:21-39
March 9 — Romans 5:1-11	March 24 — Acts 2:14-24
March 10 — John 3:1-21	March 25 — Matthew 20:20-28
March 11 — John 4:31-38	March 26 — John 1:29-36
March 12 — John 6:1-14	March 27 — Revelation 5:6-14
March 13 — Matthew 9:1-8	March 28 — 1 Peter 1:13-21
March 14 — Matthew 11:25-30	March 29 — Matthew 28:1-10
March 15 — John 6:60-71	March 30 — 1 Corinthians 15:1-19
	March 31 — Acts 2:22-36

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