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*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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# Official Announcements



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Executive Secretary Herbert Rohe

## Rev. Rohe Accepts Appointment

Rev. Herbert Rohe has accepted the appointment of the Board for Missions to the Deaf and has become the third missionary to the deaf to serve the board as its executive secretary.

Dr. John Salvner was the first executive secretary of the board and continued to serve in that capacity until his retirement. Rev. William F. Reinking resigned as executive secretary last year to accept a call as Counselor for Work Among the Deaf in the Far East.

Executive Secretary Rohe brings to the office experience gained in four mission fields as vicar and minister to the deaf. His early ministry was confined to the area of Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Rochester; more recently he has served the deaf in Texas and Oklahoma.

## Ephphatha Conference

The annual Ephphatha Conference of ministers to the deaf will be held July 7—10 at the YMCA Camp in Estes Park, Colo.

## Pastor Bailey Accepts Call

Rev. Clark Bailey has accepted the call as pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Oakland, Calif., and missionary of the Oakland Field. Pastor Bailey will move to Oakland during the month of May.

## Pastor Schroeder Accepts Call to New Post

Rev. Erwin Schroeder, secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, has accepted a call as chaplain—administrator of the Crestview Lutheran Home in Minneapolis, Minn. He assumed his new duties on March 1.

## Dedicate Chapel and Center

*Houston, Tex.* On Sunday, March 15, the new Chapel and Deaf Center at 4411 Labbranch St. were dedicated in Houston, Tex. The speaker for the morning dedicatory service was Rev. Walter Westermann of Greensboro, N. C., Counselor for the Dixie Region. Rev. George Fickenschner, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Houston, was the speaker for the afternoon festival service.

Rev. Herbert Rohe, recently appointed executive secretary to the Board for Missions to the Deaf, has served as minister to the deaf in the Houston Field.

# Deaf Mission Prospers in 1963 Under the Blessing of God

The 1963 statistics again give ample evidence of God's abundant blessings upon the work of our church's mission to the deaf. Thus below are the 1962 and 1963 statistics.

	1962	1963
Baptized Members .....	11,053	10,842
Confirmed Members .....	5,022	5,071
Children Baptized .....	198	205
Adults .....	65	61
Children Confirmed .....	107	131
Adults Confirmed .....	141	143
Total Adults Won .....	204	209
Communed .....	29,891	29,490
Marriages .....	73	52
Burials .....	95	91
Enrolled in Children's Classes .....	2,818	2,854
Number of Church Services .....	5,321	5,612
Total Church Attendance .....	173,277	183,283
Contributions at Home .....	\$111,099	\$115,114
Contributions at Large .....	\$23,128	\$26,657

The figures for which we give all thanks and praise to God is the total of children confirmed and adults won, which comes to 340. Just think, during 1960 340 deaf in the United States became members of our church and are now giving evidence in their lives and testimony that Christ Jesus is their only Savior. What a marvelous blessing of God upon the labors of our faithful missionaries and members!

During the course of 1963 the cost of the mission continues to increase as the work expands. Total cost for 1963 came to \$537,600. Of this amount Synod provided approximately 80 percent of the cost, while the deaf themselves contributed 20 percent.

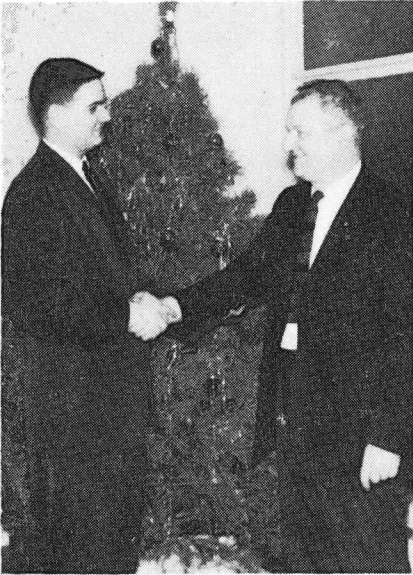
## Pittsburgh Treasurer Honored

Mr. Louis Kieffer was honored recently by Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa., for 18 years of service as treasurer.

Seldom does a layman hold one office in the church for such a long time. Either the church constitution prohibits it, or the man himself does not desire to hold the burden of the office over so many years. It is well known that the office of treasurer in the church often takes up more individual time than any other office. It is a job in which there is little

glamor. Yet it is a position which keeps the church "in business." Without it the church in the modern world could not function.

It takes a man of wisdom, patience, and dedication to serve as treasurer. It takes a man who has the full confidence and trust of the entire congregation. It takes a man who knows he is a blood-bought soul of his Savior, Jesus Christ. The strain of the office is too often evident, as, for example, when a treasurer leaving his office after a year or two is heard



Rev. Frank Wagenknecht congratulates Mr. Louis Kieffer on the completion of 18 years of service as treasurer of the congregation

to remark, "Am I glad to get out of this job!"

Mr. Louis Kieffer has all the talents for this office, and this in a double portion. For 18 years, from 1946 through 1963, while four dif-

ferent pastors served Trinity Congregation, Mr. Kieffer faithfully performed the duties of this office. Pastors Herbert Rohe, Lawrence Stacey, Harry Hoemann, and Frank Wagenknecht all depended on Mr. Louis Kieffer to perform the duties of treasurer. During only one of those 18 years did he have an assistant.

He has now been relieved of his duties for the year 1964. Can such a skilled and faithful worker now retire from church work? Not Mr. Kieffer. He is now president of Trinity Congregation.

On Dec. 22 the members of Trinity showed their honor and appreciation to Mr. Kieffer. They presented him with a religious pen-and-pencil set, a box of "stogies," and a gift of money.

As long as the church has such dedicated laymen, the kingdom of God will continue to flourish among us.

REV. FRANK WAGENKNECHT

## Christian Discipline

### Part II

**The Absent Member.** When a member of a Christian congregation does not attend church services regularly, when he does not support the work program of the church with financial contributions, and when his daily life is not a witness to the Christian faith, such a member is in need of help from the other members of the congregation. There is grave danger that his relationship to God and to God's people, the church, may be broken. There is no such thing as an inactive member of the church. Nonsupport of the

church's tasks is a sign of spiritual illness. Unless an absent member's faith is nourished and his zeal renewed, he may be lost to eternal life.

Each member of the body of Christ, the church, ought to be concerned about the spiritual welfare of every other member. Members of a Christian congregation have a duty to bring to absent members the comfort of God's Word and the invitation of our Lord to come to Him. If the absence is for a valid reason, such as illness, then it should be the desire of the congregation to keep the absent member informed of the

activities of the church and to arrange with the pastor for meeting his spiritual needs. But if the absent member has lost his joy over God's forgiveness and his zeal for serving the Lord with gladness, then the congregation should not only be concerned *about* him, but should show true concern *for* him and to him as its members seek to revive his zeal and his joy.

If the absent member refuses to accept the invitation of the congregation to return to public worship services or to support the work of the church, then the members of the congregation need to warn the absent member that he has sinned by breaking the Sabbath, by despising the Word of God, by withholding support from the church and its program, and by separating himself from the company of God's people. The purpose of such warnings is to awaken the absent member to the dangers of his sin and of his guilt before God. If his response to such warnings is a confession of sin and guilt and a desire to amend his way of life, the members of the congregation should comfort him with the assurance of God's forgiveness and encourage him with their earnest prayers and brotherly assistance.

But if all attempts to win such an absent member back to the congregation fail, then the congregation must admit to itself and to the member that they find no evidence of faith in him, no love for God or for His Word, and that he is no longer a member of the holy Christian church or of that congregation. *This is excommunication.* The purpose of such action is to point up the seriousness of the offense in the hope that the person will repent and be saved. It should also serve as a

warning and example to others of the dangers of neglecting God's Word. Excommunication is an admission on the part of the congregation that it has failed to revive the faith of the former member. The congregation now realizes that it cannot expect this person to share his faith with them, for he has none, or to witness to them of the work of God within him. Excommunication does not mean that members of the congregation will avoid further contact with the former member. They will continue to witness to him and to proclaim to him both the Law and the Gospel so that the Holy Spirit may begin anew to show him his sin and lead him to repent. They should continue to pray for him and hope that he will be restored to life, to faith, and to their midst.

**A Procedure.** If a Christian congregation is to exercise its concern and care for the spiritual welfare of its members, it needs to know who those members are in its midst who are in need of special help and support. The purpose of a list of absent or delinquent members is not to stigmatize them, but to call the attention of the congregation to persons who need their prayers, their visits, and their words of encouragement and support.

When a member of a congregation has been absent for several weeks in a row from public worship, it is the duty of the pastor and of the elders of the congregation to learn the reasons for his absence and to take such steps as are necessary to meet his spiritual needs.

When a member of a congregation has failed to attend public worship, receive the Lord's Supper, or make a contribution to the church for sev-

eral months, both the pastor and a member of the board of elders should plan joint or separate visits to the member to give him such help and support as his faith may need to restore him to active participation in the work of the church. This same procedure should be followed when it becomes public knowledge that a member of the congregation is living in a way which is openly sinful and opposed to the Christian faith and Christian principles.

If the visits by the pastor and by the member of the board of elders does not lead to a restoration of the absent member to the congregation's task and program, his spiritual welfare should become the official concern of the congregation. Acting in the name of the congregation, the board of elders should take such action as is necessary, whether the application of the Law or the consolation of the Gospel or both, so that the member will not be lost to the church and so that his faith will not wither and die. The board of elders may visit such a person as a group so that the concern of the congregation as a whole will be evident and so that the absent member may be made aware of the seriousness of his status as a delinquent member. If the board of elders desires the assistance of other members of the congregation, it should be able to request and arrange other visits designed to regain the member.

Such official concern and action by the board of elders and by the congregation should continue for as long as there is any hope that the delinquent member can be restored to the congregation. When the congregation comes to the conclusion that the person with whom they

have been speaking and for whom they have been praying is no longer a delinquent member but one who has lost his faith in God and his desire to be restored to the church, then the congregation will announce that he has been excommunicated. The individual will be invited to reconsider his rejection of God's Word and of God's will for him. The congregation will continue to make every possible effort to win the lost member back to Christ and back to the church. If at a future date an excommunicated member should repent and desire reinstatement, he will be accepted joyfully and promptly by the congregation.

NOTE: This paper was originally presented on Dec. 27 as a study document for the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Washington, D. C., by Pastor H. W. Hoemann. The congregation revised the procedural portion of the study for its own application. Pastor C. Roland Gerhold participated in the revision for publication in the DEAF LUTHERAN. Part I appeared in the March issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

## Does It Pay?

A question we are often asked is: "Pastor, does it really pay to spend so much of your time and effort with the men and women and children in the schools and hospitals for the mentally ill? Do you feel that you are using your time and strength wisely and well? Could you not use your time to better advantage, do your work with far less stress and strain, if you devoted your full time to those who are not so severely handicapped?"

To these and similar questions we have this to say:

*First*, yes, indeed, it pays, and richly so! It pays to spend the time we do with these patients in hospitals for the mentally ill and in

schools for the retarded children, in prisons and other related institutions. The effort we expend brings glorious returns. Again and again we see so clearly what God can do with these *the least of His*.

Secondly, we sincerely feel our time so used is used as God would have us use it. We have only one regret: we do not have enough time. Perhaps in other phases of our work we do not need so much energy and strength, but we would feel that we were shirking a vital duty if we would not put all we can into our work with the people confined in mental hospitals and similar institutions, such as the schools for the retarded, prisons, and sanatoria.

When we took our oath of office at the time of our ordination, we vowed to serve the Lord no matter where He might send us, to serve Him there to the best of our ability and as He supplied the strength and the wisdom we might need. Our time is not our own! It is God's time, time He has allotted us for His service wherever He might lead us or send us! We feel we are not wasting God's time or the energy He grants when we spend days and hours in this work in the hospitals for the mentally ill and related institutions.

The Lord Jesus is the Savior of all mankind, not only of those who are mentally and physically fit but also of those whom God in His wisdom has deprived of some faculty.

In the parable of the Great Supper Jesus tells us that the king sent his servants out into the lanes and alleys of the city, into the hedges and the byways, to bring in all whom they found, the blind, the

halt, the maimed, both good and bad, that his house might be filled.

It is true that there are other areas of service where the serving might be far, far easier and perhaps more enchanting than it is in the wards of a great hospital for mental patients, in a prison cell, or in the isolation wards. However, in our some odd 44 years of service we have yet to find an area where there is more soul-satisfying reward than in just those areas which we have named.

Nowhere have we found such evidence of God's power, grace, love, and mercy beyond all understanding as we have found in just such wards and cells where God has led us to work!

Certainly it is not always easy. It is not always pleasant. Often the flesh is tempted to throw in the sponge. Often the chaplain is discouraged. Often he is weary and might well think, "What's the use? It's all so hopeless, so frustrating, so apparently fruitless." And then God shows His power, the power of His Word, the power to do that which pleases Him.

Often we have been forcibly reminded of that word of God, 1 Cor. 1:26-28: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

During our ministry in mental



hospitals and similar institutions we have seen again and again the truth of this word. Therefore, when we stop and think, yes, all our time and energy so spent is well spent, and we can only wish that we had more time, more wisdom, more ability.

Does it pay? Friends, it pays most gloriously here. How much more will it not pay in eternity when the whole harvest will have been gathered.

Let us bring a little of the evidence as we have seen it many times, proof that the Word of God *cannot* return unto Him void, proof that it *must* accomplish that which He pleases and prosper in the thing to which He sends it. In a certain city there is a huge hospital for the mentally ill. Here are confined thousands of men, women, and, yes, children. The grounds are beautifully kept; the hospital is modern to the last detail. Looking at it from the outside, you would never think that there could be such a world of misery, suffering, and unspeakable loneliness behind those walls, not until you enter the wards to work.

At this hospital there is a young man (we shall call him Vic) who is hopelessly ill. He cannot read or write. He cannot speak. He cannot hear. He is so terribly alone that he responds to no word. He shows no emotion of any kind. For two long years all efforts to reach him seemed wasted. He simply could not be reached, of that we were convinced. Then, at a recent visit, while we were working with him, he suddenly responded! It was as if some unseen hand had raised the curtain and the sunshine poured into a dark place. Vic began to sign. Pointing to a picture of the Good Shepherd, he said, "He loves me."

From that moment on he joined in the prayers and hymns. He told us things his doctors had never learned from him. Astounded? We were all but moved to tears of wonder and thankfulness to see what God had wrought. *Oh, yes, it pays!*

There is R. He is a true "hill-billy." He never saw the inside of a school. For years he had been a bitter, sullen man, ready to fight at the drop of a hat. He would fight anyone who came near him. He was a man whom the other patients feared. Today R. is a friendly man who meets you with a real smile. Now he knows who Jesus Christ is and that Jesus loves him. He is happy in that knowledge. He has learned to sign and can express his thoughts and feelings. He once pointed to a picture of Jesus and said, "He leads me to heaven." *Does it pay?*

We could go on and on. We could tell of Mrs. B., deaf, mute, and blind, who now often leads in the signing of the Lord's Prayer. There is Mr. P., who never fails to come to the altar to kneel in prayer. There was Bill, who daily walked and talked with Jesus. He was deaf and almost blind, but he heard and saw his Savior! On his deathbed, when we told him that his Friend had come to take him home with Him, he answered, "Oh, I'm so glad." Today Bill is with that Faithful Friend with whom there is no more sorrow.

Does it pay? Yes, thank God, it does pay! We *know* it pays. We have seen and heard the evidence, and with that assurance we shall gladly spend all our time where the Savior calls us to serve among *these the least of His*.

REV. W. WESTERMANN  
Greensboro, N. C.

# An Open Letter from the Executive Secretary

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, FELLOW LABORERS TOGETHER IN CHRIST:

I hope you do not mind my using the pages of the DEAF LUTHERAN to send you a letter. One of the pleasures which I am going to enjoy in this new office is the chance to keep in touch with you through these monthly columns. Thereby I also hope to encourage more of the Deaf to subscribe to and read our fine monthly paper.

First, I want to say a fond farewell to the man whose place I am taking, Brother Pastor William Reinking. To say "We are going to miss him" is putting it mildly. I can only pray that I may carry out the duties of this office with the same zeal and success which he achieved as our executive secretary. Above all we want to assure him of our fervent prayers and wholehearted support in his new field of labor. It is a most wonderful labor of love that he has begun, and I am sure the Lord above and the angel hosts of heaven rejoice to see him "go . . . into all the world and preach the Gospel" of Jesus to the Deaf.

Now may I say a few words to you as fellow Christians and as servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I write these words the mail brings the pamphlet *The Population Bomb*. In it are these words, "According to United Nations estimates, world population is growing by nearly 7,000 every hour, or approximately 60 million a year." Notice it says 7,000 EVERY HOUR, and 60 million in ONE YEAR. There are over 3 billion people in the world today, and at the present rate of growth there will be 5 billion in 1985. What does this mean to our deaf churches? It means that in 20 short years there may be nearly twice as many deaf people as there are now. It means that we will have to get ready to bring the Gospel of Jesus to many, many more Deaf. It means that our pastors and teachers must count on more help from among the members of our churches. The burden of work is already too great for most of our pastors. We are not reaching all of the Deaf whom we might. Our people, the members and officers of our deaf churches, will be asked for more help: help in visiting the sick and shut-ins, help in going out to reach the Deaf who are unchurched or do not attend services, help in teaching the young in Sunday school, youth classes, and Bible classes. This will take your big three T's, Time, Talents, and Treasure. Or, to put it another way, it is going to take your Head, Heart, and Hands for Christ.

At a missionary meeting some years ago, when the gifts were gathered for a great cause, the plates were heaped with coins and bank notes. Among them, however, was a card on which a young man had written "Myself" and had signed his name. He had given more than all the rest. God needs more of each of us. A man once said, "A halfhearted Christian is just half a Christian."

As you read these words, many of our regional conferences or retreats for the Deaf are being planned. I hope that all of you, when you read the notices of your local regional conference, will do your best to attend. These are always wonderful meetings at which we gain knowledge, inspira-

tion, and strength for our work in the Kingdom of the Lord. Let's do our very best to make these regional conferences the success that they should be.

Wishing one and all of you God's abundant blessings and joy in His service,

Your fellow servant in Christ,  
REV. HERBERT W. ROHE



† **Paul A. Kimmelschue** †

*Baltimore, Md.* Paul A. Kimmelschue, Sr., brother of Mrs. Jeanette Schleibaum, passed away on Feb. 27 at the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital after a long illness. Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery. Mr. Kimmelschue was a veteran of World War I.

**Baptized in Colorado Springs**

*Denver, Colo.* Steven Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milfred Venrick, and Vickie Lou, Danny Dean, and Belinda Kay, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Haptonstall, were baptized recently at Colorado Springs, Colo., by Rev. William Lange.

† **Margaret Brooks** †

*Denver, Colo.* Mrs. Margaret Brooks passed away suddenly on Feb. 3 at the age of 65 years. Services were held for her on Feb. 6 at Fort Collins, Colo.

† **Charles Gibson** †

*Denver, Colo.* Charles Gibson was suddenly called to his eternal home on Feb. 11 at the age of 93 years. Services for him were conducted in Denver on Feb. 14. Mr. Gibson was a member of the Lutheran Church since 1946. He helped to organize Bethel Deaf Congregation in 1956.

**Baptized in Maine**

*West Hartford, Conn.* Ten students at the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf were baptized by Pastor Earl Thaler at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Falmouth, Maine, on March 1.

The students are Patricia Knight of St. Albans; Beverly Bowness of Gardiner; Norma Conway of Gorham; Wayne Briggs of Houlton; Michael Carr of East Gray; Gary Hinkley of Augusta; Dennis Webber of East Sumner; James Moody of Washburn; Nelson Maxim of Winthrop; and Michael Parks of Bridgewater.

**Walther League Officers**

*West Hartford, Conn.* The Deaf *Luther League*, young people's organization of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf of West Hartford, elected several new officers at its February meeting and laid plans for the coming months.

The meeting was held on Saturday, Feb. 8, with a Valentine party and supper included.

Officers of the league are Terrence Gennett, president; William Pearson, vice-president; Harold West, treasurer; and Pennie Moore, secretary.

## Named Dean of Chapel

*Valparaiso, Ind.* Dr. William A. Buege, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and former chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, has accepted an appointment as the first full-time dean of the chapel of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

A 1936 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Doctor Buege is a member of the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and the author of two books, *The Cross of Christ* and *Preaching with Power*.

## Emerson and Fullmer Wed

*Cleveland, Ohio.* Miss Marye Ann Fullmer and Mr. Roland Emerson were united in holy matrimony in Elyria, Ohio, by Rev. M. A. Hewitt in an evening ceremony on Feb. 8.

## † Rose Shoemaker †

*Spokane, Wash.* On Feb. 15 God called to His eternal heavenly kingdom Mrs. Rose Shoemaker at the age of 85. Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 19 by Rev. Rodney Rynearson.

## Baptism in Omaha

*Omaha, Nebr.* Carrie Lee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meyers, members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, Nebr., was brought through Baptism to the loving arms of Jesus on Feb. 2. She was born on Jan. 17. Mr. and Mrs. Galen Philips of Omaha were sponsors.

## Baptized in Memphis

*Memphis, Tenn.* On Easter Sunday two young girls were baptized and confirmed into membership

with Peace Lutheran Church, Memphis. Doris Jean Parton and Azzie Lee Mosley also received Holy Communion for the first time during the Easter services. Rev. Donald Leber is their pastor.

## Nashville Congregation

*Memphis, Tenn.* The members of New Hope Lutheran Church for the



Seated, l. to r.: Mrs. Peach, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gill, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Buchanon. Mr. J. Peach, treasurer of the group, is standing

Deaf in Nashville, Tenn., worship twice a month. These faithful people show their love for the Lord Jesus by constant regular attendance at both worship services and the Lord's Supper.

## First Anniversary Service

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, celebrated the first anniversary of the dedication of its chapel on March 31. Rev. Jonathan P. Stein of Howard City, Mich., served as guest speaker.

## Sponsor Mission Fair

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* Trinity Congregation in Pittsburgh sponsored a mission fair on March 22, Palm Sunday. After the morning worship service the ladies served a roast beef dinner, the proceeds going to support various mission projects. Dis-

plays were erected throughout the church to present the mission work of the church. In the evening the motion picture *A Letter to Nancy* was shown and interpreted by Pastor Wagenknecht.

**Bible Class Meets in Pastor's Home**

*Fargo, N. Dak.* The Fargo Bible class met in the home of Pastor and Mrs. W. Ferber on Friday, Feb. 21, in the evening.

This Bible class has met for more than 20 years, meeting once a month from September to June. Some come from a great distance. The Engens come a distance of about 24 miles, the Grinas and Mr. Wilbur Henderson come about 60 miles, while Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leerhoff come from their farm near Nashua, Minn., a distance of 75 miles. It is this willingness of the deaf in the Fargo parish to travel great dis-

tances, even crossing the border from Canada, to come to church that makes it possible for Fargo to have services on a year-round schedule.

**Parish House in Austin**

*Houston, Tex.* The purchase of a new parish house at 1305 Newton Ave., Austin, Tex., was announced in *The Good Word*, March issue, the newsletter for the Houston-Austin Field. The parish house is being remodeled for Sunday school and meeting facilities.

**Establish Building Committee**

*Vancouver, B. C., Canada.* The Board for Missions to the Deaf has given Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Vancouver permission to establish a building committee. The committee will be made up of three deaf laymen, two hearing laymen, one hearing pastor from a hearing congregation, the pastor of



The Fargo Bible Class: Front row, l. to r.: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leerhoff, Donna Kumbier. Seated around table, l. to r.: Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Grina, Chris Pederson, Mrs. Robert Phinney. Last row, l. to r.: Mrs. W. Ferber, Mrs. Elisabeth Nordhogen, Dolly Kumbier, Wilbur Henderson, Robert Phinney, Vernell Herberg

Trinity Deaf Congregation, and one member of the board. The committee will study the needs of Trinity Congregation for facilities.

### **Michael Jacobs Baptized**

*Houston, Tex.* Michael Lee, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jacobs, was baptized into the Christian faith on Sunday, Feb. 23, at Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Austin, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Seeger of Austin were the sponsors.

### **Offset Press Gift of LWML**

*West Hartford, Conn.* A gift from the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League has made possible the purchase of a Whiting offset printing press for the New England Deaf Mission Field.

### **Officers Elected in Omaha Field**

*Omaha, Nebr.* Hope and Peace churches in Lincoln, Nebr., and Sioux City, Iowa, have elected officers for 1964. In Lincoln they are: James Wiegand, president; Donald Collamore, vice-president; Berton Leavitt, secretary-treasurer; Donald Stewart, Richard Tager, and Howard Kling, elders; and Donald Collamore, Eugene Cook, and Richard Tager, trustees. In Sioux City the new officers are: Robert Dunnington, president; Dean Kruger, secretary-treasurer; Clyde Nation and Ernest Ogier, elders; and Don Haines and Jacob Oordt, auditors.

In Hastings, served by Pastor Delbert Thies, the president is Doral Owens, the secretary-treasurer is Jack Cafferty, and the elders are Ken Garner and Carl Williams.

### **Memphis Churches Elect Officers**

Grace Lutheran Church, Memphis, Tenn., has elected the following

officers for 1964: James Hamner, president; Glenn Johnson, vice-president; Charles Greer, treasurer; Donald Leber, secretary; James Wardell, welfare; and Houston Myers and James Hamner, elders.

Peace Lutheran Church has elected Billie Fitzgerald president; Willie Crittenden vice-president; Curtis Lanton, Jr., treasurer; Tommy Wright secretary; Lawrence Fields and Earl Cash elders; and Robert Smith and Earl Cash ushers.

### **Gallaudet Centennial**

*Washington, D. C.* A special service marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of Gallaudet College was held on Feb. 9 at the Washington Cathedral. Dr. Powrie V. Doctor, chairman, Department of History and Political Science, delivered the address, "Shadows Along the Potomac." The title was an allusion to the Lincoln Memorial (Lincoln signed the enabling act which officially created the first college in the world for any handicapped group of persons) and to the newly erected cross in Arlington Cemetery at the grave of President John F. Kennedy, who was responsible for enacting legislation which will help many handicapped persons.

Dr. Doctor also mentioned the cross of Jesus Christ, which cast its shadow on the pages of history. He remarked: "We must never forget that it was men and women with strong religious convictions that made such an occasion possible, and men and women reared in a Western civilization permeated in every way by the Judeo-Christian ideals. The first free public school for the Deaf in the United States was founded in 1817 by a minister of the Protestant faith. The first free public school

for the Deaf was founded in France in 1756 by a Roman Catholic priest, and both men were confirmed in their convictions by the teaching of Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago, who was the first to show mercy to a man who could not hear."

Dr. Albert Atwood, chairman of the Board of Directors of the College, and Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, president, read the Lessons. Six members of the Gallaudet Dance Group under the direction of Dr. Peter R. Wisher interpreted the Lord's Prayer. Three members of the St. Barnabas' Mission for the Deaf presented the hymns and canticles in the language of signs as they were sung by the assembly and by the Washington Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys.

### **Baptism in Memphis**

*Memphis, Tenn.* Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf rejoiced at the baptism of Anita Jean Lanton on Jan. 12. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

C. Lanton, are faithful members of the church. Sponsors were Miss Doris Jean Parton and Mr. Earl Cash.

### **Four Lutheran Bodies Draft Constitution for New Agency**

*Chicago, Ill.* Plans for a new inter-Lutheran agency to replace the National Lutheran Council were advanced in Chicago late last January with the drafting of a proposed constitution. The new organization may be known as the Lutheran Council in the United States of America, with headquarters in New York. The four Lutheran bodies involved represent most of the 8,600,000 Lutherans in the United States.

### **Ladies' Aid Officers in Delavan**

*Delavan, Wis.* New officers for the ladies' aid society in Delavan are Verona Mueller, president; Adeline Goff, vice-president; Emma Davis, secretary; Rosa Jones, treasurer; Medora James, trustee.

### **Deaf Mission Society**

*Washington, D. C.* Regional Conferences are reminded that the constitution of the Deaf Mission Society calls for the election from each region of a layman to serve as a member of the Advisory Council to the Deaf Mission Society.

Members of the Advisory Council are to serve as a liaison between the region and its member congregations and as consultants to the executive or governing body, which is made up of the regional counselors.

Officers of regional conferences are to place the selection of an Adviser to the Deaf Mission Society on the agenda for meetings to be held this summer.



Anita Lanton baptized by Pastor Leber



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**Daily Bible Readings for May**

- May 1 — Mark 9:14-29
- May 2 — Galatians 3:22-29
- May 3 — Acts 2:37-42
- May 4 — John 3:31-36
- May 5 — Philippians 3:2-11
- May 6 — Romans 8:1-8
- May 7 — Ephesians 1:3-10
- May 8 — 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- May 9 — 1 Corinthians 1:20-31
- May 10 — Romans 7:1-6
- May 11 — Colossians 3:1-11
- May 12 — Galatians 2:11-21
- May 13 — 1 John 4:13-21
- May 14 — Luke 18:9-14
- May 15 — Acts 16:16-34

- May 16 — Luke 7:36-50
- May 17 — Joel 2:26-32
- May 18 — Luke 19:1-10
- May 19 — John 6:25-34
- May 20 — John 17:6-26
- May 21 — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- May 22 — Romans 6:20-23
- May 23 — John 8:1-11
- May 24 — Numbers 6:22-27
- May 25 — Romans 8:12-25
- May 26 — Psalm 27:1-14
- May 27 — Psalm 145:1-21
- May 28 — Isaiah 12:1-6
- May 29 — Isaiah 27:2-5
- May 30 — John 14:12-17
- May 31 — John 16:16-28

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