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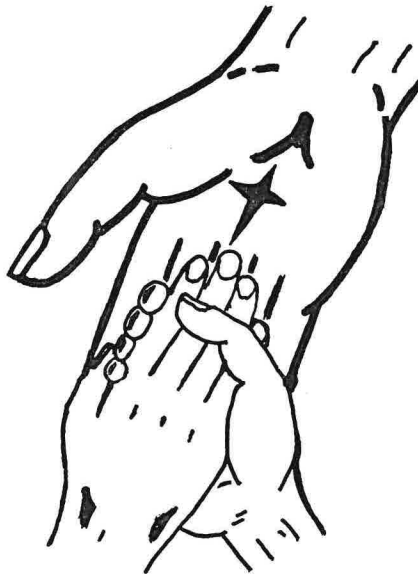
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Wedded Hands in the Lord

"Join your right hands." ". . . I pronounce them husband and wife. . . ."

These words are the beginning of a new life for every man and woman who get married, whether by a justice of the peace or a clergyman. But the Christian man and woman who join their hands before the altar of God know that a third hand joins theirs.

This third hand is invisible; it cannot be seen, but it is present. This third hand was once torn by nails on a cross. This third right hand, the loving hand of Jesus, is powerful. It can bring happiness to these two redeemed Christians.

Not every couple knows about this third hand. Some do not care if Jesus is there or not. But without Jesus Christ we have no good in us. Without Christ marriage can only be unholy marriage.

A marriage becomes holy only when both partners kneel in humble obedience before the Lord Jesus. Before Jesus they must confess the sins and wrongs they have done against both God and man. They must ask for forgiveness, and Jesus will give that forgiveness. When God forgives sin, He forgets that sin and removes it. Then those two people can live in their union of holy marriage.

This is why Rev. Duey designed the picture on the cover of this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN. He used this drawing on his own wedding invitation and service bulletin. Pastor Duey and his wife felt the same as Joshua did when he said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Life together for two married people is not easy. If it were easy, people would not have to make so many necessary promises in the wedding ceremony. They promise "*to live together after God's ordinance . . . love . . . comfort . . . honor . . . obey . . . keep in sickness and in health . . . forsake all others as long as . . . both shall live.*"

Every husband and wife needs that hand of Jesus *every day*. They need to see again and again Jesus' hand of love. Jesus suffered on the cross for their sins so that they can forgive each other and forget and try to keep their promises to each other with the help of Jesus.

This is why some Lutheran pastors give a wedding sermon on Psalm 37:5: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act." Christian husbands and wives need to know that He is present, and they need Jesus to lead them through this life to heaven.

Every couple that stands before God's altar and joins hands with Jesus ought to say with the hymn writer:

Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord.

The Lutheran Hymnal, No. 625

These are wonderful words of encouragement. REV. WILLIAM A. DUEY

Taiwan Deaf Work Develops

It was my pleasure to revisit Taiwan during the first two weeks of March. The purpose of this trip was (1) to see firsthand what developments had taken place in our church in the area of deaf work and (2) to visit with as many government officials as I possibly could to encourage them in the further development of programs to meet the needs of the deaf. In both aspects of this visit I was more than pleased to see firsthand and to hear about the developments that had taken place since my last visit in September 1964.

Lutheran Education Classes

The China Evangelical Lutheran Church has shown a keen interest in the area of deaf work, and this interest has been converted into action. In four cities now special classes are being conducted for the deaf who have had no other chance for education. These classes are conducted each evening for two

hours, six days a week. Two of the classes use Lutheran churches as their meeting place, Zion Church at Hu Wei and Grace Church in Hsin Ying. At Tai Hsi and Yung Kan the classes are conducted in the classrooms of a public school. It is estimated that only 40% of the deaf in Taiwan have had the opportunity for education, and so such classes meet a vital need among the deaf.

In these classes one can see individuals ranging in age from 6 to 60. Altogether from 80 to 100 deaf are now attending these classes. The classes themselves are taught by deaf instructors, one of them being Mr. Huang, who was baptized last October. Actually, Mr. Huang was the first to get such a class under way and has helped organize other classes. Pastor Jen Chih P'ing teaches religion at the classes at Hu Wei and Tai Hsi, while Pastor Wan, with the help of his wife, teaches the classes at Hsin Ying and Yung Kan.

It was indeed a thrill to see how



This deaf class learns to read and write every evening at Yung Kan. The teacher is also deaf, a graduate of the Taiwan Deaf School, Taiwan



Gov. Huang Chieh, governor of Taiwan Province of the Republic of China, welcomes Rev. William Reinking for an interview. Left to right: Rev. Reinking, the governor's interpreter, Gov. Huang, and Mr. Fu Yun, the director of the Social Affairs Department

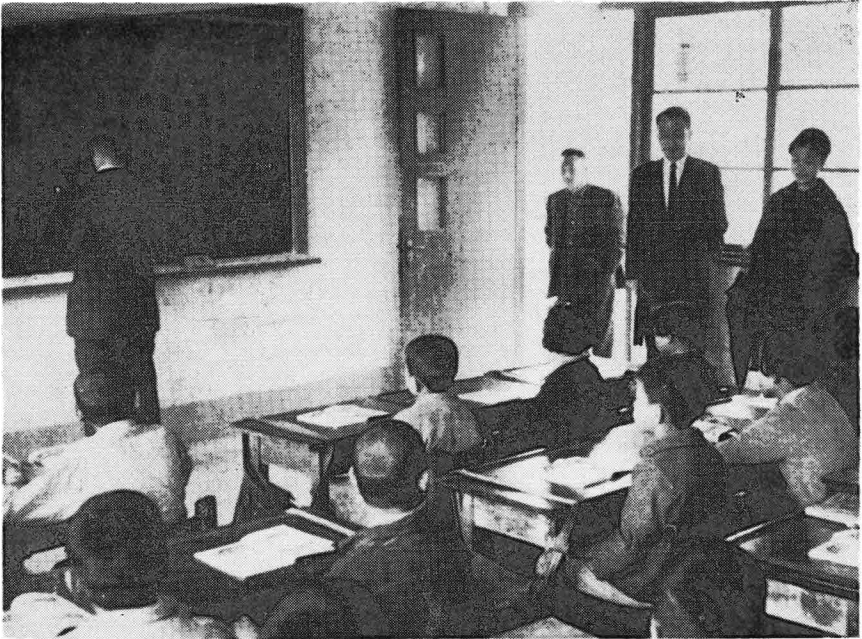
eager these individuals were to learn. During the course of our visit pictures were taken and observations were made, but in no way did this disturb the class, as they sat eagerly absorbing all the teaching that was being given them. Several of the men in the class worked hard and long hours during the day to make a living for their families, and yet they were very alert in their classwork in the evenings. The subjects taught include Chinese reading and writing, the language of signs, mathematics, the Catechism, and Bible stories. We hope and pray that through the study of the Christian faith several of the deaf will come to see their need for a Savior, accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and be baptized.

Meets Government Officials

One of the highlights of the visit to Taiwan was a 10-minute inter-

view I was privileged to have with Gov. Huang Chieh, governor of Taiwan Province. This meeting had been arranged by Pastor Edward Bertram, chairman of the China Evangelical Church in Taiwan. Pastor Bertram, along with Mr. Robert Zimmer, the education counselor of our mission there, and Pastor Jen Shih P'ing, also attended this meeting. Governor Huang expressed his gratitude for the interest of the Lutheran Church in work among the deaf. He hoped that the church and the government could work together towards the same goal of assisting the deaf to be better educated and more productive citizens of their country.

Following our interview with the governor, we had appointments with the director of the Department of Social Affairs and the Commissioner of Education for Taiwan Province. With the director of the Social



A primary 4 class in natural science at the Taipei Deaf School, Taiwan

Affairs Department we discussed the need for a more expanded program of vocational rehabilitation. This is indeed a great need in Taiwan since only limited training is available at the three deaf schools. For the deaf who have not attended school the only opportunity for training is the shoemaking workshop conducted by the Taiwan Deaf Association. Taiwan is becoming more and more of an industrialized nation, but at the present time the deaf do not taste any of the benefits. More training must be given them, and more work must be done to encourage employers to hire the deaf.

The Need for Education

The greatest need in the area of education for the deaf is a teacher training program for teachers of the deaf. At the present time no such program is available. Those who are

teaching the deaf have learned only from experience and from the shared experiences of others. The government is most interested in establishing such a program but lacks the funds for it. To start such a program, inquiries have been made in America to see what possible help could be forthcoming. It would seem that a dual program is needed. First, bring an American educator for the deaf to Taiwan to set up a crash program of teacher training for two years. Secondly, send selected teachers of the deaf from Taiwan to America to train as future instructors in Taiwan's teacher training program.

The American Foundation for Overseas Blind is now setting up a program of teacher training in Taiwan and the Philippines. Unfortunately, no similar organization exists for the deaf. Help must be found

from various other sources. The government hopes that such help will eventually be found and that the program can be set up for the deaf in Taiwan.

The government talks about the expansion of a fourth school, on the East Coast of Taiwan, and it is definitely necessary now. It also looks for the expansion of day classes in public schools so that deaf presently not reached by the three boarding schools could be reached. Yet little of this can be done until a program of teacher training can be set in motion.

The Deaf Entertain

One of the interesting and entertaining parts of my visit was my attending a performance given by both the deaf and the blind children from three provincial deaf and blind schools. The blind children from these schools performed in the area of music, with marching bands, brass

bands, and a string orchestra with one singing group. A very amazing group of blind children also put on a gymnastic performance.

The deaf performed various folk dances in very colorful costumes. It was obvious that they had worked very hard on these since, despite their deafness, they definitely had a good pattern of rhythm and gracefulness, which is necessary in these dances.

The performance was attended by the governor of the province along with other top government officials. Two similar performances were given two days later in Tai Chung, one in the afternoon, where the large assembly hall was packed with schoolchildren, and another in the evening, where the hall was crowded with interested adults. The proceeds of these two performances went to the Taiwan Deaf Association for their program of welfare and vocational training.



Rev. Wm. Reinking presents the picture, "Prayer of a Deaf Girl," to Mr. Lee, president of the Taiwan Deaf Association. L. to r.: Philip Chen, interpreter for Rev. Reinking, Rev. Reinking, Mr. Lee, and the sign language interpreter

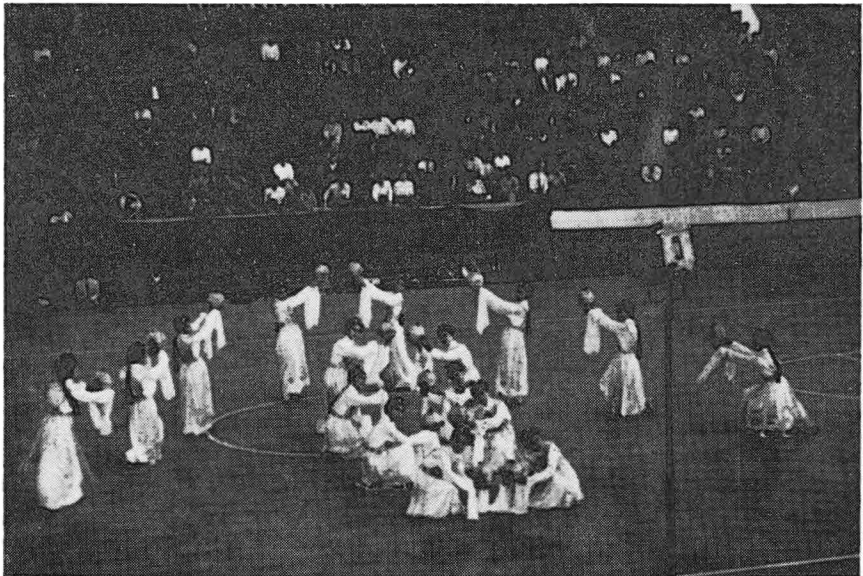
Christian Deaf Fellowship Center

Another interesting development in Taiwan is the planning being done for a Christian Deaf Fellowship Center. The person responsible for this project is Mr. Henry Go, the branch office manager of the Lutheran Hour, who was my interpreter when I visited Taiwan in September. He has taken a very active interest in the deaf and is presently sponsoring one deaf man enrolled in the College of Art in Taipei. This Christian Deaf Fellowship Center will probably be started under the auspices of the YMCA in Taipei. They plan to provide social and recreational opportunities for the deaf as well as supplementary classes for those who have limited opportunity for education. The center also plans to conduct summer camps for the deaf. A program of Bible study is also to be started. Even though the Lutheran Church is the moving force in this project, other Christian

groups have been invited to share in the planning and development of this idea. One of the by-products of this project would be informing the hearing public about the needs and the capabilities of the deaf.

Great opportunities for work among the deaf are present in Taiwan. The Lord has already shown us ways of doing this work and has poured out His blessings upon the labors of our faithful workers in Taiwan. Remember them in your prayers. Further pray that God will grant our leaders in Taiwan the wisdom and the courage to carry on with this work. Pray that they will meet the challenges as they arise and seize the opportunities as they are presented to prepare the deaf not only for their life on earth, but most important to prepare them for life eternal with Jesus.

REV. WILLIAM REINKING
Kowloon, Hong Kong



Deaf students perform a Chinese folk dance at the public auditorium in Taichung, Taiwan



FIELD

GLEANINGS

Life Insurance for Lutheran Deaf

Appleton, Wis. Aid Association for Lutherans, the fraternal life insurance society for Lutherans, has recently announced a change in their practice of writing insurance for partially or totally deaf Lutherans. Now life insurance may be purchased at a *lower* cost than before.

In the past when the deaf bought insurance worth more than \$2,500, they had to pay higher rates than hearing Lutherans. Now under the new practice Lutheran deaf may purchase up to \$10,000 life insurance at the regular premium rates. Lutheran deaf may also purchase (1) double indemnity protection, which means the insurance will pay twice the amount of face value in case of accidental death, and (2) premium waiver, which means that in case of total disability the insured person will not have to pay his premium.

It is wise for every person to have some life insurance protection. With funeral costs so very high today it is more important for the father to have insurance. Then his family would be protected in case of death.

If you want more information about Aid Association for Lutherans, ask your pastor to contact your nearest AAL representative, or write directly to the home office in Appleton, Wis.

Induction of Vicar Myron Prok

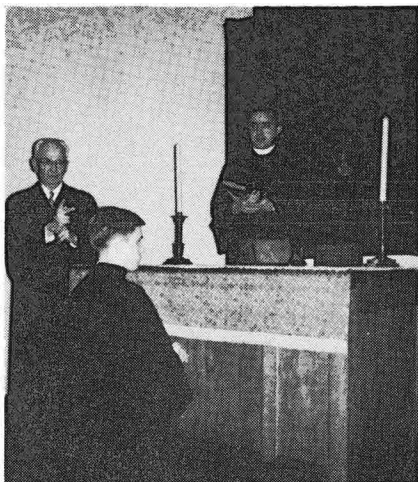
Omaha, Nebr. "Yes, with the help of God."

This was the answer of Mr. Myron Prok to the question: "Dear Brother Prok, are you prepared to undertake the duties of vicar in Bethlehem Congregation and in the Omaha Field of Deaf Missions, and therein faithfully to serve under the blessing of God as a responsible minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?"

In his induction service on March 21 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Omaha, Mr. Prok committed himself to serve his Lord as a vicar. He has been released from his studies at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., so that he might gain a year's practical experience under the guidance of Pastors Graef and Mappes in the Omaha Field. Mr. Prok will serve as vicar until August 1966.

For Mr. Prok's induction Bethlehem Church was filled with people from Omaha, Lincoln, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. They rejoiced as their new servant began his ministry of the Word by skillfully reading the Gospel for the day: "Christ says, 'If I with the power of God cast out devils, you know the kingdom of God is here. . . . Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and do it.'" (Luke 11:20, 28)

After finishing high school in his home town of Lakewood, Ohio, Mr.



Vicar Myron Prok is inducted as student-pastor in Bethlehem Church, Omaha, Nebr. Pastor Herman Graef (right) conducts the service while Pastor Ernest Mappes (left) interprets

Prok studied for the ministry for six years in Milwaukee, Wis., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Springfield, Ill. While at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Pastor Pokorny of Indianapolis, Ind., encouraged him to enroll in the sign language class. Mr. Prok studied methods of deaf mission work for two years in Fort Wayne and for two years in Springfield.

Mr. Prok assisted Pastor Anderson in Jacksonville, Ill., by preaching and by teaching Sunday school in the Central Illinois Field of Deaf Missions.

During his move from the seminary to Omaha someone stole all the clothes Mr. Prok had packed in his car. Despite this trial he did not delay taking up his responsibilities in the Omaha Field. Instead of being discouraged by this unfortunate beginning to his vicarage, Mr. Prok says, "I am grateful for the privilege of sharing the message of salvation

with the enthusiastic members and students in this field."

Baltimore Social

Baltimore, Md. The members of Martini Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Baltimore enjoyed a social evening on March 20, with about 25 persons participating in the games and sharing refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. John McKenny and Mr. and Mrs. William Martini led the evening's activities, assisted by Mrs. Louise Price. The social was planned by Mrs. Victor Krohn, director of social activities.

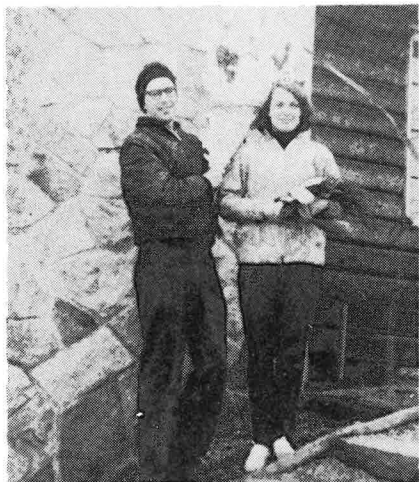
A special "hit" at the social was an array of rosettes made by Mrs. McKenny and served as a part of the refreshments.

A cash gift was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Hoemann from the congregation for their expected child. The door prize was a Sheffield stainless steel frozen food knife, won by Mr. William Harris.

A Weekend Gathering for Lutheran Young People

Pittsburgh, Pa. On the weekend of Feb. 12—14 some 150 Lutheran young people gathered for a winter camp near Somerset, Pa. Only 12 of these young people were deaf, regular members of the Lutheran Sunday school at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

The weekend of Christian fellowship and activity began on Friday evening when the chartered bus picked up the young people at the deaf school. After the hour-and-a-half ride east into the Allegheny Mountains, they arrived at the camp. The evening spent in getting acquainted and listening to a hootenanny, closed with devotions led by



Bob Wilson, staff member in charge of voting, honors Susan Bittner, Snow Queen of the Lutheran Winter Weekend

Pastor Thomas Glammeyer, pastoral adviser for the Pennsylvania District Walther League.

On Saturday morning the young people experienced their only disappointment of the weekend — no snow! After a hearty breakfast, instead of skiing they hiked to the top of the ski mountain.

During the lunch period the members of each cabin presented their interesting and clever skits to announce their candidate for Snow King or Snow Queen. The vote was taken after supper. After watching a play put on by some of the young people and after square dancing, they finally crowned their King and Queen.

When the winners were announced, the deaf were delighted to hear that one of them, Susan Bittner, had been chosen Queen. It was the first time the deaf have attended the winter weekend camp and, of course, the first time one of them had been chosen as Snow Queen.

Pastor Glammeyer closed the eve-

ning with devotions and on Sunday morning conducted a worship service for the 150 young Lutherans. After lunch on Sunday all were reluctant to say good-bye to their new friends.

Should we ask the question, "How did the deaf talk with the hearing?" Miss Ada Munding, a teacher at the school for the deaf and Walther League adviser for the Lutheran young people, and Vicar Russel Johnson, Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, went with them. Their assistance, of course, was needed for such things as the hootenanny, the play, and church services. But when they talked to one another — well, you know teenagers! By Sunday afternoon the hearing had learned to finger-spell and use a few signs. Young people always seem to find some way to talk to each other.

Although it was the first time the deaf young people had gathered with the hearing at the Lutheran Winter Weekend, all 12 agree that they enjoyed the experience very much and hope to be able to go again next year — snow or not!

VICAR RUSSEL JOHNSON



Snow King and Queen Susan Bittner (deaf) and Bob Chambers (hearing)



After the Winter Weekend the tired but happy deaf are ready to start for home. L. to r.: Chalmir Black (back to camera), Chuckie Reisinger, Fred Hicks, and Larry Morgan say their farewells

Pittsburgh Deaf on TV

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, watched themselves on TV at 11:00 Sunday morning, April 4. A TV set was brought to church for that reason, and the service followed.

The deaf congregation was featured on WIIC-TV in a regular Sunday morning TV program. The deaf choir sang, and Pastor Frank Wagenknecht was interviewed about the work he does among the deaf of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

† **Ruth Esther Kievit** †

Newark, N. J. Ruth Esther Kievit, 62, departed this life on New Year's Day following a long illness. Miss Kievit was a charter member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark.

In the 1930's Miss Kievit visited

Lutheran services for the deaf in New York. When Rev. Arthur Boll started services in Newark, N. J., in 1937, she attended faithfully. Pastor Boll confirmed her in March 1940 and selected Psalm 86:11 as her verse: "Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to honor Your name."

Rev. Boll passed away in 1941, and Miss Kievit interpreted several of Rev. Keyl's sermons to the young deaf church until Pastor Floyd Possehl arrived as their new pastor. She did not want to see the Newark church close.

For 24 years Miss Kievit was faithful in keeping her confirmation vow. She honored the Lord by founding St. Matthew's Guild, by keeping the church's records as financial secretary, and as a working member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Protestant Guild for the Deaf.

On Easter 1964 St. Matthew's honored Ruth Kievit by presenting her with a "Certificate of Recognition." She had received teaching in the Lord's way and by His grace stayed walking in His truth. Serving the Lord is honoring His name!

Members and friends have contributed toward a memorial to be placed in St. Matthew's in memory of this devoted worker for Christ.

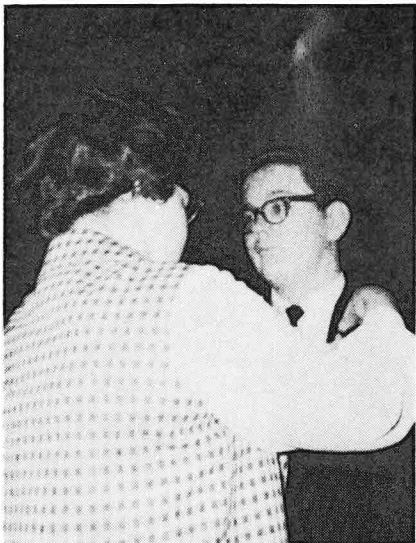
Pastor C. Roland Gerhold conducted her funeral service on Jan. 3 and the burial on Jan. 4. "Happy are the dead that die in the Lord . . . because they can rest from their labors and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

The Crossection

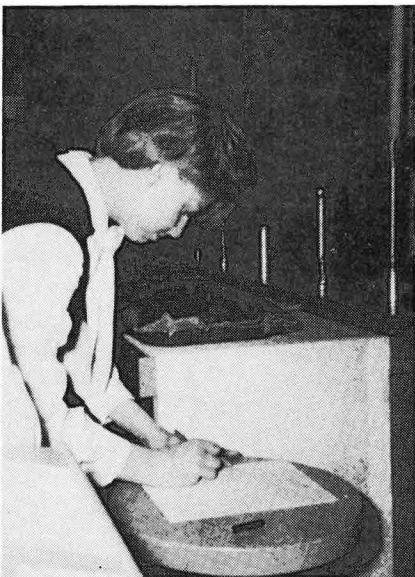
Gamma Delta Spring Banquet

Washington, D. C. Twenty-two students from Gallaudet College attended the Spring Banquet arranged for them on March 28 at Christ Church in Northwest Washington by the deaf congregation.

The event was also the occasion for receiving into membership the pledges for the current school year. In an impressive ceremony Miss Carol Billone, president, and Mr. Arlen Finke, treasurer, welcomed each new member into the Epsilon Kappa Chapter and presented them with the Gamma Delta *Enchiridion*, a pamphlet which explains the history, the insignia, the ceremonies, and the aims of the organization. The welcoming ceremony took place in Wenchel Chapel immediately following the morning worship service. The banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall, with Mr. Donald Peterson serving as master of ceremonies.



Mr. Ronald Herbold of Urbandale, Iowa, receives his Gamma Delta pin as he is welcomed into membership by the chapter president, Miss Carol Billone



Miss Barbara Gossman of Columbus, Ind., signs the constitution of the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Gamma Delta as she assumes the privileges and responsibilities of membership. The aims of the society are suggested by the Greek letters which form its name: Gamma for gnosis, or Christian knowledge, and Delta for diakonia, or Christian service

Rev. H. W. Hoemann serves both the deaf congregation as its pastor and the Lutheran students at Gallaudet College as their campus pastor. He is pastoral adviser to the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Gamma Delta.

New Addition Planned For Pittsburgh Deaf

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, is looking into the possibilities of erecting a new educational wing on their present facilities sometime in the near future.

The congregation provides Sunday school instruction for 50 deaf children from the nearby Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on Monday afternoons, but the crowded condition of their present building limits their work.

Since the dedication of their present chapel in 1963, membership at Trinity Church has more than

doubled. More room is needed to carry on the many programs of the church.



“LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY”

Daily Bible Readings

for June

- June 1** — **Hosea 1:1-11.** Do you as a family know God? Your family life will show if you do or not. Pray for Rev. Rodney Rynearson, Spokane, Wash.
- June 2** — **Hosea 2:1-23.** You are one of God’s people, called by Him to be faithful. Pray for the courage to be faithful to Jesus.
- June 3** — **Hosea 5:13—6:3.** Sometimes the Lord lets us get ourselves in trouble so that we will learn to depend *more* on His love. Pray that the young people of your church will learn to trust God’s guidance.
- June 4** — **Hosea 14:1-9.** Repent and turn to God. He has forgiveness for all who come! Ask for forgiveness, and promise again to obey God’s will.
- June 5** — **Joel 2:1-17.** Your trouble calls you to believe in God! Does it lead you to repent of your sins and pray for forgiveness? Pray for Mrs. Thelma Blakely, pastor’s wife, Norwood, Mass.
- June 6** — **Joel 2:18-32.** God’s Spirit has been given to you so that you may see His greatness and speak His Word to others. Pray for Mrs. Viola Gerhold, pastor’s wife, Newark, N. J.
- June 7** — **Amos 4:1-13.** God calls our nation to repent of its sins and worship only Him! Ask God to make Christian churches in our land strong that our nation may return to God and be saved.
- June 8** — **Amos 5:1-24.** Seek good and not evil! Bring your heart to God in worship and live for Him in love. Pray for the deaf in Taiwan that they may hear of Jesus and believe.
- June 9** — **Amos 7:1-17.** God also sets a line to measure our thoughts and acts. In Christ His forgiveness will never end. Pray for the deaf in the Columbus, Ohio, field that they always walk with Jesus.

- June 10** — **Amos 8:1-14.** How often do worldly things keep you from hearing and understanding God's Word? Pray for all Christian storekeepers that they may remain safe from greed.
- June 11** — **Amos 9:7-15.** You are God's child only if you depend on His mercy with *faith*. Pray for Rev. F. G. Gyle, North Miami, Fla.
- June 12** — **Obadiah 1:1-21.** God will punish those who attack or hate His church. Pray for Rev. Herman Graef, Omaha, Nebr.
- June 13** — **Jonah 2:1-10.** When God allows you to sink in despair and you feel sorry for yourself, pray to Him fervently. Ask for the desire and the strength to do what He wants you to do.
- June 14** — **Jonah 3:10—4:11.** God sends His Spirit to call *all* people to be His children. Be ready to welcome *all* of them as brothers in the faith. Pray for Mrs. Karen Gehrs, pastor's wife, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.
- June 15** — **Micah 4:1-10.** As God's child you will find perfect peace in Jesus' forgiveness. Show this peace through your daily life. Pray that all Christians in your church may work together for the glory of God.
- June 16** — **Micah 4:11—5:4.** God arranged the history of nations for Jesus' birth. Pray for those who teach the children of the congregation.
- June 17** — **Micah 7:8-20.** God will have mercy. He who believes in God need never be ashamed. Pray that the parents of your church may prepare their children to be faithful children of God.
- June 18** — **Nahum 1:1-15.** The God who loves and forgives you also has the power to destroy evil. Pray that Christian missionaries be given the power to teach the truth of the living God.
- June 19** — **Habakkuk 1:1-17.** Your fellow Christians are being mistreated and killed in many parts of the world. Pray for them. Pray for Rev. G. A. Gehrs, Riverside, Calif.
- June 20** — **Habakkuk 3:1-19.** In time of trouble remember how the Lord has blessed you. He will continue to bless you. Pray for the peace of understanding God's wishes; pray that you will trust Him.
- June 21** — **Zephaniah 1:1-18.** All people must stand before the judgment seat of God. Ask God to forgive your pride and your self-honor. Ask Him to bless your worship.
- June 22** — **Zephaniah 3:1-20.** You live in the day of the Lord's blessing. Show trust in His strength. Pray for the deaf in the midwestern states, who may have experienced the destruction of the April floods and tornadoes. Pray that they trust the Lord.
- June 23** — **Haggai 1:1-15.** What have you given for God's work that He did not first give to you? Pray for Mrs. Irene Possehl, pastor's wife, St. Louis, Mo.

- June 24 — Zechariah 1:1-17.** God watches all nations so that He may give victory to His people. Pray for the whole Christian church, that God will keep His promise to bless and increase us.
- June 25 — Zechariah 8:1-17.** God has blessed you and protected you. Speak this truth of God's love to other Christians. Pray that the members of your church will learn to support one another in faith.
- June 26 — Zechariah 9:9-17.** Your King is coming! He came once to save. Are you eager for His second coming to rule? Pray for Rev. C. R. Gerhold, Newark, N. J.
- June 27 — Zechariah 11:4-14.** A prophecy that Israel would reject her Shepherd, Jesus, and would count His value cheap. Pray for Mrs. Salem Westermann, pastor's wife, Greensboro, N. C.
- June 28 — Malachi 1:6-14.** Do you honor God with the best that you have to offer? Give Him the *first* of all you have! Pray that Christians with special talents of leadership and wisdom will give themselves to God.
- June 29 — Malachi 3:1-12.** God's promises are true, and God is faithful. Test Him! Pray for the weak in faith and the doubters, that God would strengthen them.
- June 30 — Malachi 4:1-6.** God has given leaders to your church to guide you in Jesus' way of peace. Pray for them. Pray for Rev. Leroy Mason, Chicago, Ill.

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