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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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*I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.*

*He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

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New Hope

As the first rays of the sun poked through the graying shadows on that first Easter morning, the faces of the disciples were marked with sadness, fear and confusion. Everything they had hoped for was lost. Their Friend was gone, crucified, dead. They feared the Jews might kill them, too. It was the end of their dreams for the establishment of God's kingdom.

But it was not the end. It was only the beginning, for that same sun shone brightly on an empty tomb. The angel said to those who looked for Him, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here." "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

New hope dawned in the hearts

of the disciples that day, for it was a day of victory. Jesus had died but now lived! It is a day of new hope for us, too. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins and removed our guilt. His resurrection assures us that we have complete forgiveness. We hear Jesus saying to us, "Because I live, you will live too."

Ah, sweet is the taste of victory! Through faith in the Father and the Son Jesus we, too, will experience the same resurrection from the dead. Clothed in a made-new body, we will enjoy a life of eternal happiness in God's kingdom. So we live each day as though Jesus had died yesterday, had risen today, and were coming tomorrow to bring us His eternal blessing.

To Our Special Friend

The other evening our door light flashed. I thought to myself, "Now who could that be?" As I opened the door and looked out, I saw the familiar face of a friend. "Our pastor has come for a visit," I told my wife as I welcomed him into our home.

The few hours we spent with the pastor that night were important ones for us. While we did talk about things that were happening in the world, we were also able to discuss some of the problems that worried our family.

It was wonderful to have someone listen to our difficulties and help us find an answer for them. It was a joy to hear God's Word of comfort and love give meaning to our lives and our actions.

We praise God that He sent His representatives to care for the spiritual needs of His people. Sometimes we call these men "reverend," for they deserve to be honored as speakers for God. Sometimes we call them "ministers" because they serve us as leaders, guiding us to do the work of Jesus in our congregations. Some are called "missionaries" and are sent to find people for Jesus and establish new congregations.

I like best to call the minister at my church "my pastor." The word "pastor" means "shepherd." Shepherds take good care of their sheep. You remember, Jesus called Himself the Good Shepherd because He loved His sheep, God's people, and gave up His life for them. Jesus also sends men to our congregations today to love His people, to care for them, and

even give most of their time to help them with the problems, worries, or difficulties of their lives. That is what my pastor does.

Sometimes I am not happy when I hear someone say, "Our minister has an easy job — one day of work and six days off." Or, "I wonder what he does for a living." I suppose those people do not understand that taking care of God's people and their needs is a full-time job. A pastor's work takes 12 to 16 hours a day for 6 and sometimes even 7 days a week. And his task is not an easy one.

I want people to understand about my pastor. That is why the DEAF LUTHERAN will publish a series of articles about "The Shepherd of God's People — Our Pastor." These articles will explain about the training and practice experience of students as well as the day-by-day tasks of a full-time pastor. The first article starts in this issue. Take a good look at it.

A CHRISTIAN FRIEND

The Shepherd of God's People — Our Pastor —

Part 1

Seminary Preparation

People are important to God. He loved them and sent His Son to pay for their sins by His death on a cross. He wants them to know that they are forgiven and will receive eternal life through faith in Jesus. But who will go and tell others about God's love?

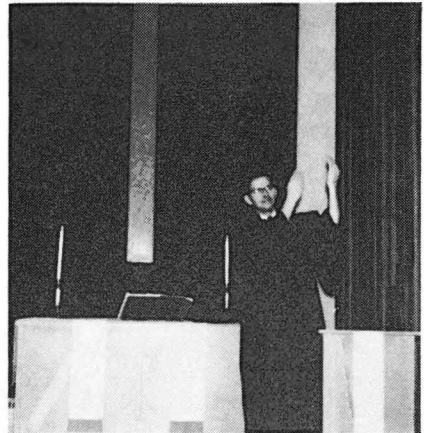
Every Christian person has that responsibility. Every congregation works together toward that goal. But who will teach and lead the congregation in this wonderful work?

God calls men to be pastors for His people. Sometimes God's call comes to a student still in high school. Sometimes God calls a man from his established job in the business world. Those who make their decision to serve the Lord must now spend many years in school to prepare themselves for that work.

Those young men who made

their choice early in life began their training in high school, continue on through 4 years of college, and then 4 years of seminary, usually at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Others who decided later after



Seminary student Robert Henrickson signs a hymn and leads the worship service at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville, Ill. Rev. Orlin Anderson, pastor of the Central Illinois Field, guides the seminarians interested in the deaf in their practical experiences



More than 100 children from the Illinois School for the Deaf eagerly come to the opening service of the Sunday school program at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville, and are taught by the seminary students

a different college program will study at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. Here we can meet men from various backgrounds and different occupations. Studying at this seminary are former bankers, teachers, farmers, military men, bakers, bricklayers, and men from other trades and professions. God led some of these men, a few 40 to 50 years of age, to leave their jobs to begin training for His work.

When a man graduates from one of our seminaries, he has spent an equivalent of 8 additional years of study after high school. He has studied and prayed, meditated and prayed and studied, practiced and studied and prayed, and studied and prayed some more, because he

knows he is entering the very important task of being a pastor, a shepherd of souls, for Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Speaking to students who wanted to teach others, Martin Luther once gave this advice:

I admonish you, especially those of you who will be teachers of other people's consciences . . . to train yourself by studying, reading, meditating, and praying so as to be able . . . to teach and comfort your own consciences as well as the consciences of others. (WHAT LUTHER SAYS, No. 2978, p. 949)

Students Study

Just what does the seminary student study those many hours in the classroom and library? To

be able to understand what God is saying to us in His Word the student learns two languages — Greek and Hebrew. With this knowledge he studies the Bible for many of his courses in the languages in which the Bible was first written.

Important hours are spent in deep Bible study and in learning how to explain God's Word to others. The teachings and writings of many different churches including especially our own Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, are discussed in detail. The student's first sermon is written under the watchful eye of his professor, and he practices preaching several sermons to his classmates and in evening chapel services.

Other areas of study include

church history, mission methods, pastoral counseling, parish education and administration, the worship service, as well as many other courses of the student's own choice and interest.

Practice and Experience

For practical experience in the pastor's work the student takes part in the seminary's fieldwork program. Under the guidance of a pastor the seminarians are involved in the activities of a congregation. They also visit nursing homes, hospitals, jails, housing projects, and institutions. During the seminary study years the fieldwork program gives only limited experience. A full year for practical experience (vicarage year) comes between the second and third seminary study years.



Mr. Henrickson gains experience working with some of the youngest children who attend the school for the deaf

Special Study

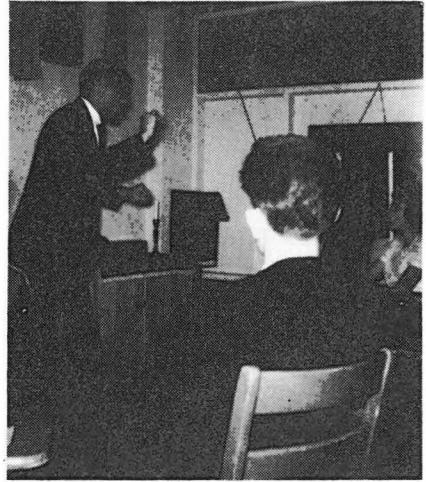
Some students wish to enter some specialized ministry, such as foreign missions or our mission to the deaf. These students must spend additional time in extra study and training to prepare themselves for this work. We are especially interested in those men who look forward to working with the deaf.

One of the first and most important areas of study is learning the manual alphabet and the language of signs. As this study continues throughout the year, students interested in the deaf spend time studying about the deaf, their particular problems and needs, the causes of deafness, the education of the deaf, and the methods of working with the deaf.

For their practical experience and fieldwork at St. Louis, Mo., students help out at Holy Cross Congregation under the guidance of Rev. Floyd Possehl. They also travel about 100 miles to teach deaf children at the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton, Mo.

Seminarians at the Springfield, Ill., seminary gain experience under the watchful eye of Rev. Orlin Anderson at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf and the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Ill.

Students and wives of the married men regularly associate with the adult deaf and gain valuable experience in teaching religion classes, taking part in signing the



Seminarian Roger Zittel leads the older children in applying a Bible story to their lives

worship service and hymns, and even preach a sermon or two in signs to the deaf congregation before entering a year of vicarage in our mission to the deaf.

A number of students at the seminaries are also taking this training even though they do not wish to work full time among the deaf. They do wish to be able to minister to the deaf when the deaf live in the area of their future hearing parish.

Seminary days are a time of study, experience, prayer, and meditation. Let us join with these young men in our prayers by asking God's guidance for the professors and students and by thanking God for our schools that train our future pastors. Let us eagerly support the work of our church and synod with our offerings.

REV. ORLIN ANDERSON
Jacksonville, Ill.

To Spread His Word to All Deaf

LDMS Gathers Strength

Lutheran Deaf Mission Society month is May 1966, and especially note Lutheran Deaf Mission Society day — Pentecost Sunday, May 29.

Let's do some thinking together on this.

If you have been reading the reports of Lutheran mission work among deaf in the Far East, you will know that God is truly ready and anxious to give His blessing to our work in other areas of the world. The one thing that limits our work is the lack of trained pastors and teachers. Sadly enough, this is due partly to the lack of funds.

As we discussed in last month's DEAF LUTHERAN, Rev. C. Roland Gerhold found large numbers of deaf in Nigeria and Ghana who needed to be gathered into classes and told the Good News of their Savior.

Rev. Gerhold recommended that two full-time missionaries to the deaf be sent as soon as possible to act as resource men in these two African nations. Their work would be similar to the work now being done by Rev. William Reinking in the Far East. This need has gotten under my skin and it bothers me. I hope and pray that it bothers you too. We must do something about it.

We know that many people are thinking on these needs and are praying and searching for the

answer that will best help. We know that the men serving on the Board for Missions in Africa are especially concerned and are surely praying for the Lord's guidance in making their decision. They are concerned about the deaf children at the Home for Young Deaf in Ibadan, Nigeria, as well as about the mission opportunities that are waiting in these two nations.

Right here is where our emphasis and special offering for the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society in May 1966 can be so necessary and very important.

If our Lutheran deaf of America will show real interest and enthusiasm and will give, yes, give sacrificially, for the cause of foreign missions to the deaf, this will certainly urge the men on the mission boards to go forward and take up the work in Africa.

On the other hand, if we show little interest for the needs of our deaf fellowmen at this time, it may mean that this work will be delayed and possibly even stopped.

What Can We Do?

First of all, what do we want to accomplish by Pentecost Sunday, May 29? We suggest two things.

1. Let every pastor in our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf give full information about the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society with its aims and purposes to every member in his field.

Let each member, who has learned to know the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society and its aim to spread the Good News of Jesus to the deaf of all lands, also speak of the society to his fellow members. For this the excellent brochures and offering envelopes of the society will be helpful. They are available free of charge from Rev. August Hauptman.

2. Let every member show his zeal for the work of the Lord by bringing a *worthy* offering to the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.

We suggest that the brochures and envelopes be distributed before Easter. Then each member can keep his offering envelope before him from Easter Sunday, April 10, until Pentecost Sunday, May 29. Decide to give the Lord an offering on each of the 50 days. Remember how God has blessed you and then look at the deaf in Africa who cannot read and write and do not know Jesus. If you gave the Lord \$1.00 a day, that would make a \$50.00 gift, or 50¢ a day would be a \$25.00 gift. Even as little as 10¢ a day would

bring your gift to \$5.00. Surely almost every one of us can give at least 10¢ a day for each of those 50 days!

A \$5,000 Appeal

It would not be unreasonable then to hope for a \$5,000 offering, would it? Then set this as our goal.

Be sure to bring your gift for the Lord's work to church on Pentecost Sunday. May each congregation or pastor please send all contributions to the Society's treasurer by June 15, or else notify him of the total contributions not later than this date.

I would have every hope that if we can present the Board for Missions in Africa with a contribution of \$5,000, they would surely be encouraged to send at least one full-time missionary to the African deaf.

May our Lord and Savior lead us and bless us in all that we do to make known His saving help to all people and nations.

REV. MARTIN KOSCHE
Delavan, Wis.

Directory of Regular Sunday Services

This is the first time in many years that the DEAF LUTHERAN is publishing a directory of churches and worship services. It has often been suggested as a possibility, but one drawback has repeatedly discouraged the editors over the years. It is the fact that times of services may change without our knowledge because of important

conditions in the field, and someone forgets to notify us in time. We do not want to publish incorrect information.

For this directory we have limited the listing to congregations that conduct regular Sunday services every Sunday. It is almost impossible to list the times and places of the more than 200

preaching stations served by our pastors in the U. S. and Canada.

If you are traveling to another part of the country, look at the list of pastors on the second page of this magazine and write to the ones closest to your destination. They will be happy to tell you about their services.

For your information, as you read this directory, "SS" means Sunday school, "BC" means Bible class, and times listed are a. m. except where noted otherwise.

ARIZONA

Phoenix, Our Savior

5105 N. 7th Avenue
SS — 9:30. Worship — 9:30
Rev. Theodore Frederking, pastor

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Pilgrim

1233 S. Vermont Avenue
SS — 11:00. Worship — 11:00
Rev. A. T. Jonas, pastor
Rev. S. G. Behrends, ass't.

Oakland, Memorial

1011 Grove Street
SS — 9:00, BC — 11:15
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Clark Bailey, pastor

San Francisco, St. John

22nd near Mission & S. Van Ness
BC — 7:00 p. m. Worship — 8:00 p. m.
Rev. E. T. DeLaney, pastor

COLORADO

Denver, Bethel

750 S. Franklin Street
Worship — 11:00
Rev. W. H. Lange, pastor

CONNECTICUT

West Hartford, Lutheran

155 Park Road
Worship — 9:45. Tues. BC — 8:00 p. m.
Rev. Earl J. Thaler, pastor

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, Christ

5101 — 16th St. N. W.
SS — 9:45. Worship — 10:00
Worship, Gallaudet Campus, 8:30 a. m.
Rev. H. W. Hoemann, pastor

ILLINOIS

Chicago, North, Our Savior

1400 N. Ridgeway Avenue
BC — 10:00. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Ernest Scheibert, pastor

Chicago, South, Ephphatha

7956 South Park Avenue
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Leroy W. Mason, pastor

Jacksonville, Christ

104 Finley Street
SS — 8:45. Worship — 10:00
Rev. Orlin Anderson, pastor

INDIANA

Indianapolis, Peace

4201 N. College Avenue
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Daniel Pokorny, pastor

IOWA

Des Moines, Calvary

7th & Forest Streets
SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:30
Rev. James Bengelsdorf, pastor

MICHIGAN

Detroit, Our Savior

6861 E. Nevada Avenue
SS — 10:00. Worship — 10:00
Rev. N. E. Borchardt, pastor

Flint, St. Paul's

402 S. Ballenger Highway
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Robert Bremer, pastor

MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Prince of Peace

205 N. Otis Street
SS — 10:30. Worship — 10:30
Friday BC — 8:00 p. m.
Rev. A. L. Hauptman, pastor

MISSOURI

Fulton, at St. Paul's

Highway 54 & Douglas Blvd.
Worship — 8:30 a. m.
Rev. Philip Ernst, pastor
(Rev. Floyd Possehl, pastor)

Kansas City, Pilgrim

38th St. & Gillham Road
SS & BC — 9:45. Worship — 10:45
Tuesday BC — 7:30 p. m.
Rev. A. E. Ferber, pastor

St. Louis, Holy Cross

Concordia Seminary Chapel
801 De Mun Avenue
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Floyd Possehl, pastor

MONTANA

Great Falls, Christ

11th Ave. South & 34th Street
SS — 10:45. Worship — 9:45
Rev. R. R. Rynearson, pastor
Vicar Charles Jones

Missoula, Christ

at Higgins & Daly Streets
Worship — 3:00 p. m.
Rev. R. R. Rynearson, pastor
Vicar Charles Jones

NEBRASKA

Omaha, Bethlehem

51st & Lake Streets
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. E. Mappes, retired pastor
Vicar Myron Prok

NEW JERSEY

Newark, St. Matthew's

510 Parker St. at Ballantine Pky.
SS — 10:00. Worship — 10:00
Rev. C. R. Gerhold, pastor

Trenton, Nativity

1125 Parkside
SS & BC — 2:00 p. m.
Worship — 3:00 p. m.
Rev. William Aiello, pastor

NEW YORK

Elmhurst, St. Matthew's

41—01 75th Street
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Louis R. Jasper, pastor
Vicar Daniel Hodgson

Rochester, Alpha

1009 St. Paul St. at Clifford Ave.
SS — 9:30. Worship — 10:45
Rev. Walter Busby, pastor

OHIO

Cleveland, Christ

E. 25th & Payne, downtown
SS & BC — 9:30. Worship — 10:30
Easter Sunday worship — 9:00 & 11:15
Rev. Martin A. Hewitt, pastor

Columbus, Holy Cross

360 Morse Road
SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:30
Wednesday BC — 7:30 p. m.
New Chapel Dedication — April 17
Services: 10:30, 3:00 p. m., 7:00 p. m.
Rev. William A. Ludwig, pastor

OREGON

Portland, Hope

75 N. E. Wygant St.
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Larry Harris, pastor

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh, Trinity

409 Swissvale Avenue
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls, Trinity

101 South Mable Ave.
SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:00
Rev. George Ring, pastor

TENNESSEE

Memphis, Grace

210 Washington Street
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Donald Leber, pastor

Memphis, Peace

1008 E. McLemore Avenue
SS — 2:30 p. m. Worship — 1:00 p. m.
Rev. Donald Leber, pastor

TEXAS

Austin, Jesus

1307 Newton Avenue
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Donald Haug, pastor

Dallas, John of Beverly

7611 Park Lane
SS & BC — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. William E. Duey, pastor

Houston, First

4411 LaBranch Avenue
Worship — 7:30 p. m. Wednesday
Rev. Donald Haug, pastor

WASHINGTON

Seattle, Our Redeemer

1101 15th Avenue
Worship — 11:00
Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor

Spokane, Faith

2733 Northwest Blvd.
BC — 9:30. Worship — 11:00
Rev. R. R. Rynearson, pastor

WISCONSIN

Delavan, Holy Cross

Walnut & Walworth Streets
SS — 8:00. BC — 9:15.
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Martin G. Kosche, pastor

Madison, Silent

1929 Huxley Street
Worship — 9:30
Rev. Robert Corl, pastor

Milwaukee, Emmanuel

4328 W. North Avenue
BC — 9:00. SS — 9:45
Worship — 9:45
Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller, pastor

CANADA — ALBERTA

Edmonton, Cross of Christ

115 St. & 60th Avenue
SS & BC — 9:30. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Robert A. Bauer, pastor

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, Trinity

E. 49th Avenue & Lancaster
Worship — 2:00 p. m.
Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, pastor

MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Immanuel

College & McKenzie
Worship — 11:00
Rev. F. P. Gehrs, pastor



FIELD

GLEANINGS

Last summer the deaf at the Marquette, Mich., preaching station said their farewell to Rev. John Nickerson, who had served them for several years on a part-time basis

L. to r.: Rev. Nickerson; Rev. Robert Corl, missionary to the deaf in the Madison, Wis., Field; Rev. Theodore Pflug, pastor of Trinity Church, Marquette, where the deaf worshipped. Mrs. Eldor Koepp, seated at the table, was a member of the Marquette deaf group and sent in the picture



Central Regional Conference

at Emmanuel Lutheran Chapel
for the Deaf

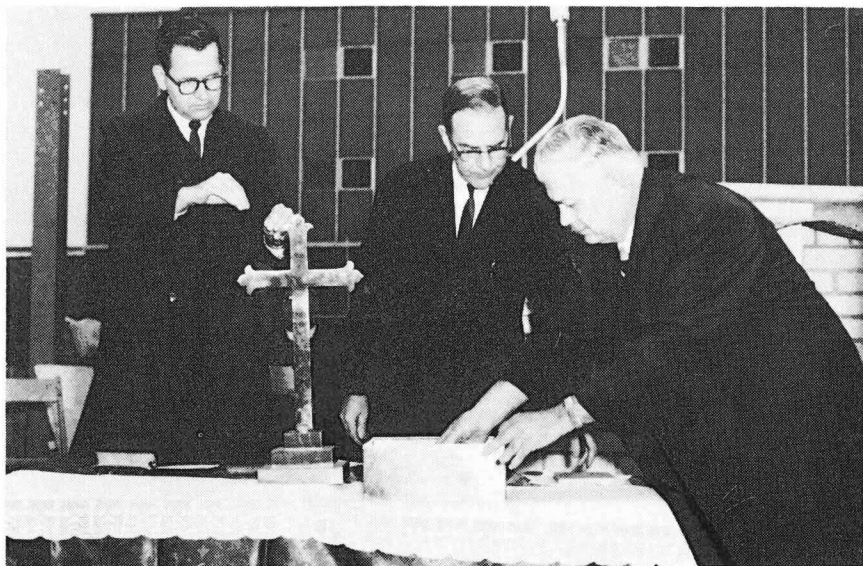
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May 28—30, 1966



Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo., gathered on the site of its new chapel for a service to lay the cornerstone of the building on Nov. 21. Above, Rev. Martin C. Warth of Porto Alegre, Brazil, South America, preaches the sermon at the service. Rev. Warth has been studying in the graduate school of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and is returning this month to his work in Brazil. The Warth family has shown much interest in our Lutheran Deaf Missions program and is investigating the possibility of starting deaf mission work in Brazil





During the ceremony of laying the cornerstone, officers of the congregation place several important items in a metal box, which was then deposited in the cornerstone

Mr. Russell Healey (left), chairman of the building fund committee, signs what Rev. Floyd Posschl (center) speaks orally. Mr. Walter Maack, chairman of the congregation, places each item into the box

The following items were deposited in the cornerstone of the new church: The Holy Bible, a catechism, a copy of the *Deaf Lutheran*, the history of the congregation, present officers and membership of the congregation, pastors who have served Holy Cross Church, a picture of the church as presented by the architect, a picture of the lay advisory committee, a bulletin of the ground-breaking ceremony, a bulletin of the cornerstone-laying ceremony, and a copy of Rev. Warth's sermon

News Notes from the Field

During 1965 members and friends of *Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.*, made several improvements to improve their place of worship for the glory of God. They added new sinks and cabinets in the kitchen. Oak paneling donated by members *Mr. and Mrs. James Macek*, and paint greatly improved the appearance of their chancel.

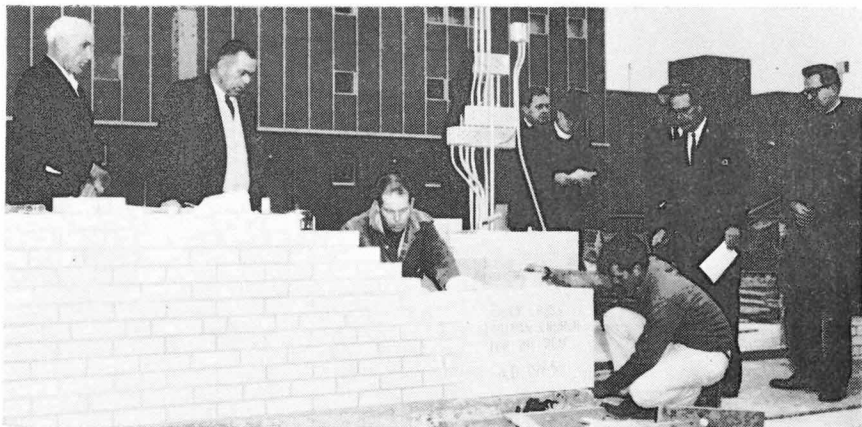
The ladies organization of *Christ Lutheran Church of the*

Deaf, Washington, D. C., served a church supper and showed a captioned film on Jan. 31. About 75 persons attended the dinner, which took place between two of the most severe snowstorms that Washington has seen.

Midwest Lutheran Deaf Lay Conference

at the Executive Motor Hotel
13th and Washington Street
Kansas City, Mo.

June 17—19, 1966



The cornerstone is laid for the new chapel of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis. (L. to r.) Mr. Mike Sutter, foreman, Kloster Construction Company; Mr. Clarence DeWalle, brick contractor; brick workers setting the stone; Rev. Martin C. Warth, preacher; Dr. J. T. Mueller, friend of the deaf; Dr. Martin Franzmann, Concordia Seminary professor; Rev. Floyd Posschl, pastor of the congregation; and Mr. Russell Healey, chairman of the building fund committee



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

For April

- April 1** — **Judges 14:1-20.** A marriage was destroyed in hot anger. Pray that God would give you strength to control your anger and pride. Pray for Mrs. Catherine Bengelsdorf, pastor's wife, Des Moines, Iowa.
- April 2** — **Judges 15:1-8.** Human weakness works for God. Pray that God will forgive those people who act with anger, that He would use them to do His will.
- April 3** — **Mark 11:1-10.** The King proclaims Himself as King. Pray that people of all nations will accept Jesus as their Savior and King.
- April 4** — **Mark 14:43-50.** Jesus is arrested in a garden. Ask God to teach you to pray according to His will.
- April 5** — **Mark 14:53-65.** The trial before the high priest. Pray that all people who worship the living God may know His greatness.
- April 6** — **Mark 15:1-15.** The Roman governor condemns the Son of God. Pray that all nations and people may hear and accept the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness.

- April 7** — **Mark 15:16-27**. The crucifixion of Jesus. Ask God to forgive all your sins which separate you from Him.
- April 8** — **Mark 15:33-39**. The sacrifice is complete — Jesus gave up His life to pay for the sins of all people. Ask God to give you strength to trust in His love without doubt.
- April 9** — **Mark 15:40-47**. Jesus is buried in honor. Give thanks to God for His mercy which has given you the hope of eternal life.
- April 10** — **Mark 16:1-8**. The resurrection of Jesus. Praise God for the promise of life which He has given you.
- April 11** — **Judges 15:9-20**. The jawbone of an ass — the blessing of strength from the Holy Spirit. Pray that you may live all of your life to praise the name of God.
- April 12** — **Judges 16:1-14**. A strong man laughs at his enemies. Ask God to give you confidence in yourself and in your faith so that you do not fall into sin.
- April 13** — **Judges 16:15-22**. Samson is defeated through his pride. Ask God to help you overcome your pride so that you may trust fully in Him.
- April 14** — **Judges 16:23-31**. A triumphant death. Pray for the courage to meet earthly death with a strong faith in your Savior.
- April 15** — **Ruth 1:1-18**. Ruth, a stranger, comes to Palestine. Pray that God will bless your worship of Him with more understanding and joy. Pray for Mrs. Marilyn Gehrs, pastor's wife, Riverside, Calif.
- April 16** — **Ruth 2:1-16**. The kindness of a close relative. Pray that God will lead you to give thanks to Him in your every experience.
- April 17** — **Ruth 3:1-13**. Ruth's engagement to Boaz. Pray for those of your congregation who are planning marriage that they keep God in their plans.
- April 18** — **Ruth 4:13-22**. Security is found in the birth of a family. Pray for the young families in your church. Pray for Rev. Daniel Pokorny, Indianapolis, Ind., and Rev. Ernest Scheibert, Chicago, Ill.
- April 19** — **1 Samuel 1:9-20**. The birth of a wanted son. Ask God to help you show your faith to your family.
- April 20** — **1 Samuel 1:21-27**. A child of God brought to the tabernacle (tent church). Pray for those who lead the children in your congregation as they worship.
- April 21** — **1 Samuel 3:1-14**. Samuel hears the Word of God. Pray for the teachers in your Sunday school. Pray for Mrs. Ruth Behrends, pastor's wife, Santa Ana, Calif.; Rev. George Ring, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Rev. Walter Westermann, Greensboro, N. C.
- April 22** — **1 Samuel 7:3-17**. A judge of Israel. Pray that God would lead the officers of our government to bow before Him in humble worship.

- April 23** — 1 Samuel 8:1-22. The people ask for a king. Pray that your country will elect a good Christian government.
- April 24** — 1 Samuel 10:17-27. Samuel sets down the rules. Pray for those who make the laws of our land.
- April 25** — 1 Samuel 11:1-15. A new king is tested in battle. Ask that God support your congregation, your synod, and your church that the leaders we have elected may do His will. Pray for Mrs. Marie Ferber, pastor's wife, Kansas City, Mo.
- April 26** — 1 Samuel 13:1-15. Because of his pride, Saul is rejected by God. Pray that God would give you humility to worship and serve Him.
- April 27** — 1 Samuel 18:6-29. A little, foolish jealousy becomes a dangerous wish. Ask for the faith to give all the praise and reason for your success to the Lord. Pray for Rev. Walter Busby, Rochester, N. Y.
- April 28** — 1 Samuel 24:1-22. David gets the upper hand over Saul and seeks to settle their differences. Ask God to help you keep a good personal relationship with all people. Pray for Mrs. Anna Bailey, pastor's wife, Oakland, Calif.
- April 29** — 1 Samuel 28:1-19. Filled with fear and hopelessness Saul asks a witch to help him. Pray that God will lead all who worship false gods to a knowledge of the truth.
- April 30** — 1 Samuel 28:20-25. Saul gives up all hope, and fear controls him. Pray that God may strengthen you in the hour of your weakness that you may always hope in His eternal mercy.

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