

# The Deaf Lutheran



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Be opened.*

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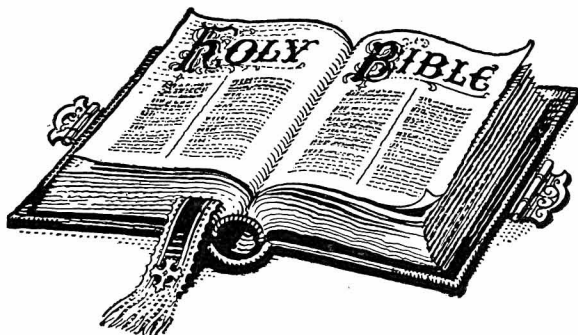
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# God's Word

## Cover

*Like new-born babies, thirst for the pure milk of the Word so that you will grow till you are saved. Surely you have tasted that the Lord is good. (1 Peter 2:2-3 Beck)*

Have you ever watched a new-born baby drink his milk? He wastes no time. When he is hungry some 6 times a day, he lets you know. He is not satisfied until he has had his fill.

The Bible in 1 Peter uses this picture to draw our attention to our soul — our spiritual life. We ought to be hungry like a new-born baby — spiritually hungry to read and hear the pure milk of God's Word. We ought to be fill-

ing ourselves with the things God has to say to us, and we ought not be satisfied until we grow up in spiritual knowledge, faith, and understanding.

Let us be encouraged — urged — to keep on reading and studying God's Word day by day.

Parents who do not regularly feed their new baby have a weak and sickly baby on their hands. That picture applies to us too. If we do not feed our soul regularly with God's Word, our faith is weak, and we have a sin-sickly spiritual life.

Let us use God's Word. Let us read it, think about it, pray over it in our daily devotions, and listen to it regularly in a service of worship at our church.

## Rev. William Reinking Accepts Call

The news that Pastor William Reinking has accepted the call to serve the Lord's kingdom in Africa will come to our DEAF LUTHERAN readers as a complete surprise. The call to serve as *Secretary of Africa and the Middle East* also came to Pastor Reinking as a great surprise while he was on a visit to Japan.

Pastor Reinking and the many of us who were following and rejoicing at his successful labors in the Far East never imagined that he would be called so soon into another area. However, on April 14 the Board for Missions, after praying fervently for the Holy Spirit's guidance, was led to

extend this call to our brother in Christ.

We can only put everything into God's gracious keeping and pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." We realize anew that God's ways are always very much above all that we can ask or think. We are reminded of St. Paul's words in Eph. 3:20-21:

*Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

At the same time we should not be upset or alarmed and imagine

that "all is lost" in the Far East. No! In fact, Pastor Reinking is sure that under God's continued blessing the work in the Far East will not fail, but it will continue to go forward. Because he is convinced of this, Pastor Reinking has accepted this call to great service in a new area.

The deaf churches in Hong Kong are now being served by able and faithful national pastors. The work there is much better organized than before, and the congregations are active. They do continue to need our support and above all our daily prayers. Already the Board for Missions is taking steps to call another pastor to continue Pastor Reinking's work in the Far East.

Furthermore, we have this past year seen a great need for more to be done in Africa. Although Pastor Reinking will have the greater responsibility of promoting the Lord's work among both the hearing and the deaf in Africa,

we know that his love for the deaf will always keep him mindful of their needs. He will most certainly be deeply concerned for the preaching of the precious Gospel of Jesus to the deaf in Africa. Therefore our fervent prayers for God's continued abundant blessings of *more than we can ask or think* go with him.

The Reinking family plans to leave Hong Kong on Aug. 1 and will arrive in St. Louis on Aug. 22.

Rev. Reinking plans to make his first tour of Africa sometime in the month of October. We shall continue to report to you through these pages in the DEAF LUTHERAN the progress of his work.

The Board for Missions will meet again during the month of September. After that meeting we expect to be able to announce to you whom they wish to call to succeed Pastor Reinking in the Far East.

REV. HERBERT ROHE  
St. Louis, Mo.

## God's Blessings in 1965

The time has come again to take a statistical measurement of our work in the Lord's harvest. For comparison with last year we have listed below the statistics for 1964 and 1965.

	1964	1965
Baptized members .....	11,263	10,211
Confirmed members .....	5,134	5,204
Children baptized .....	208	135
Adults baptized .....	40	61
Children confirmed .....	89	98
Adults confirmed .....	134	118
Total adults won .....	175	194
Number receiving Lord's Supper .....	30,770	33,045
Marriages .....	81	72

Burials .....	95	82
Enrolled in children's classes .....	3,826	3,605
Number of church services .....	5,745	5,557
Total church attendance .....	210,914	205,822
Contributions, home budgets .....	\$160,198	\$187,483
Contributors, world missions .....	\$ 30,108	\$ 33,143
Organized congregations .....	43	47

We give thanks and praise to the Lord for His guidance and blessings upon our church's work among the deaf. Especially we give thanks for the 292 deaf children and adults who were confirmed and won for the Lord in 1965. These new members of our church are now showing their faith in their Savior Jesus as they live day by day giving glory to His name.

We ask the Lord's continued blessings upon His church. Pray for our missionaries and pastors as they travel great distances to serve the needs of the deaf. Pray God's blessings upon our congregations' officers, who accept responsibility to lead our deaf churches. Pray for each other as we eagerly live Christian lives and serve the Lord with our time, abilities, and all that we have.

## The Most Unexpected Trip of My Life

*In last month's DEAF LUTHERAN Rev. C. Roland Gerhold began a series of 3 articles recalling his experiences with the survey team which visited West Africa last November to study the needs of the deaf. Part one described the large amount of work the team tried to do in 6 days' time. In this second part Pastor Gerhold explains his reasons why a pastor for the deaf is needed as a resource man in Nigeria. ED.*

### Part 2 — Eastern Nigeria

The survey team from Mill Neck School for the Deaf, New York, and I now went our separate ways. I wanted to visit our Lutheran Church in Eastern Nigeria, so I flew to Port Harcourt on Nov. 10. I stayed at our Lutheran Compound in Obot Idim, where our church has a large tract of land. The compound includes a residential high school, seminary, chapel, printshop, offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nigeria, and several homes for missionaries. I inspected all of these and was

greatly impressed with the scope and quality of our work.

### Surprise at the Lutheran Compound

The night I arrived at the compound I met a Methodist man working for the Port Authority of Port Harcourt. This man knew of 2 deaf children.

The next day Rev. A. U. Isong told me that he had 3 deaf members. This surprised me, because the national pastors and our missionaries told us that they had no knowledge of any deaf. So I wanted to meet these deaf Lutherans.

About 15 minutes after leaving the compound we were in the "bush" country. Dirt roads became narrow paths through land on which the Ibibio people own, farm, and live in mud huts with roofs of palm leaves. But it was difficult to see the houses, for here trees grow about 20—40 feet tall and bushes are everywhere. Children run around without clothing, and women wear no tops until a foreigner comes near. Then they quickly cover themselves.

### Deaf Lutherans

Pastor Isong introduced me to a deaf man whom he had confirmed in October 1963. This happened 20 months before we had even considered surveying the needs of the deaf in Nigeria! The deaf man was about 30 years old, had never been to school, and could not lip-read or speak. Rev. Isong showed me how he had taught the meaning of the Lord's Supper to this deaf man with homemade signs.

Then we visited a young deaf man, 18 years old, whom Pastor Isong had baptized and was preparing for confirmation. The ground was Rev. Isong's blackboard. On this dirt the deaf man scratched his own name, "Jesus," and "God."

When I asked him about his work, the young deaf man ran into his hut and came out with some palm leaves. In a few minutes he had woven a shingle and proudly pointed to a pile of them. Rev. Isong told me that the boy's

father had taught his son to make this roofing.

I also met a deaf woman and her hard-of-hearing baby, both of whom had been baptized, as well as another baptized deaf man. I was thankful that God used the homemade signs and imagination of Rev. Isong to lead these deaf to Jesus.

### More Deaf

On Nov. 12 I joined our missionaries on a visit to Immanuel Lutheran Hospital in Eket. This hospital is widely known in Nigeria. I visited the clinic, surgical, medical, maternity, and tuberculosis wards. I found no deaf here, but a chief at the clinic told me, "In my tribe are about 20 deaf people." Dr. Martin had seen only 1 deaf person in his year at the hospital. He will be watching for them now.

That night I preached to the high school students in chapel. They knew of 5 more deaf. Think of it! I had been in Eastern Nigeria only 2 days, and I had met 5 deaf and heard about 27 others.

Now I planned to visit Enugu, the capital of Eastern Nigeria, to see another Mission School for the Deaf, founded by Rev. Foster. I thought to myself, "But how will I get there?" The answer was soon to come.

Later that evening I met Rev. Harold Meissner, who was working in Ogoja Province, some 230 miles north of Obot Idim. He planned to return to his family the next morning with a load of

lumber and a carpenter. Pastor Meissner was very interested in learning how we work among the deaf in America, and he invited me to ride along.

### **And More Deaf**

On the following morning, Saturday, we picked up the carpenter and his helpers. As we loaded the lumber into our truck, one of the helpers fell and cut his arm. We had to stop for first aid at the Lutheran school in Ikot Ekpene.

At the school we found the district customs officer and an official from the province education department visiting the principal. One of these men told me about a survey of the handicapped in that area which counted 15 deaf so far. The other man knew of a deaf child and 2 deaf adults.

My total was now 50 deaf in the southern part of Eastern Nigeria.

The Sunday school in Ogoja met at 7:30 a. m. on Nov. 14. Here I heard about 2 more deaf. Later the houseboy of Rev. Meissner took me to a small village where I found 2 deaf children and learned of another deaf adult. Our medical missionary then drove me 60 miles to Enugu.

Pastor Roland Kauth and his family welcomed me to their home and helped me find the location of the Mission School for the Deaf. This is a day school which is conducted from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday, in the public elementary schoolhouse after the hearing children leave at 2:00 p. m.

### **Interview with Surprise**

At Enugu I was able to interview the inspectors of the Ministry of Education, Messrs. Iweama, Munonyo, and Ezenwukwa. They told me that their survey showed 2,000 deaf so far.

These inspectors told me they were unhappy with the manual method used by the two teachers at Rev. Foster's Mission School. They thought the Ogi River School had a better method.

While I was explaining the value of signs, two deaf children came into the office selling calendars of the Mission School. They immediately understood my signs, because Rev. Foster had trained their teachers in American signs.

The officials did not like the idea that deaf children "sell" calendars to raise money for the Mission School. Yet the Ministry of Education did not have enough funds to build a school for the deaf.

### **The Mission School**

That afternoon I visited the Mission School. Both teachers were hard-of-hearing. They had attended schools in Nigeria, became deafened, and then learned signs from Rev. Foster. However, they had no teaching certificates.

Some 18 children attend this school. I visited their classes in arithmetic and English, which were taught in the combined method. I talked with them, and the children answered my questions intelligently with signs. They knew of 23 other deaf.



Now my total has reached 2,086 deaf in Eastern Nigeria.

Mr. Tom asked me to speak to the class about Jesus. I did this with the question method. Their answers proved to me that they had learned important Bible truths about salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Before I left, some of the children asked me when I was coming back again. Mr. Tom asked, "Will the Lutheran Church send us a minister?" I said, "You have Rev. Foster. Why do you want another minister to the deaf?" He answered, "Because he is away most of the time in Kaduna or Ibadan to raise funds to build a school near Enugu."

### Ogi River School

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, Rev. Kauth drove me 25 miles to the Ogi River School for the Deaf. This is a private oral residential school on the same compound with a school for the blind. Both were founded by the Christian Mission Society of England.

Here 16 deaf children learn their native language and English at the same time. They knew no signs or finger-spelling. They were confused with both languages, and it was difficult for them to understand me even with the help of their teachers.

The children and some visitors from a Roman Catholic mothers' group knew of 22 other deaf. So now my total was 2,136 deaf. I had met 42 of these during my 6-day stay in Eastern Nigeria.

### Western Nigeria Totals

Remember the number of deaf I met or heard about in Western Nigeria: Federal School for the Deaf in Lagos — 70; Nigeria Society for the Deaf — 25; Mission School for the Deaf in Ibadan — 75, plus 6 deaf teachers; Home for Young Deaf in Ibadan — 9; adult deaf in Ibadan — 2; estimate of the Deputy Minister of Social Welfare — 5,200; Dr. Martinson of the Ear-Nose-Throat Clinic, University Teaching Hospital — 300. Of this total of 5,527 deaf in Western Nigeria, I had seen 160.

### Total Number of Deaf

By this time I had met 202 deaf, and most of them were children. I had learned of a total of 7,823 deaf in both Western and Eastern Nigeria. That is quite a number to find in 13 days and surely enough work for several ministers to the deaf.

Our Lutheran Church could begin by sending *one* pastor to work with the deaf in Nigeria as soon as possible. This is my recommendation to the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society and to the Mission Board of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

In the last part of my series of articles next month I will tell you about my visit to Ghana, a neighboring country of Nigeria in West Africa. I had many unexpected surprises while surveying the needs of the deaf in this country, too.

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## Expressions of Faith

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following poem by Mrs. Guie Cooke first appeared in the September 1956 DEAF LUTHERAN. Mrs. Cooke is a member of Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Portland, Oreg. Her poem is reprinted by request.*

Our signs we bring to Thee, dear  
Lord,  
And in our hearts rejoice;  
For deafened ears now hear Thy  
Word  
And listen to Thy voice.

In signs we hear the story told  
Of Jesus' humble birth;  
In signs we see His glory: He  
Is risen from the earth!

In signs we sing our praise to Thee  
And of our Savior's love,  
And through our hearts there runs  
a thrill  
Like music from above.

In signs we have confessed our sins;  
In signs to Thee we pray:  
O Lord, be with us always here  
Until Thy Judgment Day!



In signs we pledge our faith in God,  
In Jesus Christ, His Son,  
And Spirit of the Holy Ghost,  
The Triune God in One.

We do not ask for wealth, dear Lord,  
For life of ease and fame;  
Oh, bless the ones who sign to Thee,  
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



## FIELD

## GLEANINGS

### Holy Cross Celebrates Anniversaries

*Columbus, Ohio.* Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Columbus, having recently rejoiced over God's blessings in their new chapel, again raised hands and voices in praise to Him for many years of blessings. On

May 15 in a special worship service and banquet the congregation celebrated the 45th anniversary of the first service and the 20th anniversary of organization.

Rev. Norbert E. Borchardt, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., and one of the pioneer missionaries at Columbus, was the

guest preacher at the morning service.

Mission work among the Columbus deaf began in 1920, when the first survey was taken by the Board of Missions to the Deaf of our church. One year later Rev. Otto C. Schroeder was called to preach to the deaf, and Columbus was added to the Cleveland Field of deaf missions. Pastor Schroeder was followed by Pastors N. E. Borchardt and Theodore Frederking. Led by Pastor Frederking, the congregation was organized in 1946.

The next pastor, Rev. John A. Beyer, was the first resident pastor. He was followed by Pastors Donald E. Simon, Herbert Drachenberg, and, since July 5, 1959, William A. Ludwig.

As the congregation looks back over the years, it is grateful to the Lord of the church for His grace and abundant blessings. It looks to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod with thanks for the church's active support of the Gospel ministry among the deaf.

### **Deaf Classes in a Lutheran High School**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.* A pilot project of providing secondary (high school) education for deaf students in a Lutheran high school has completed its second year in Minneapolis.

Classes for deaf students were formed at Minneapolis Lutheran High School after several parents made their request known to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

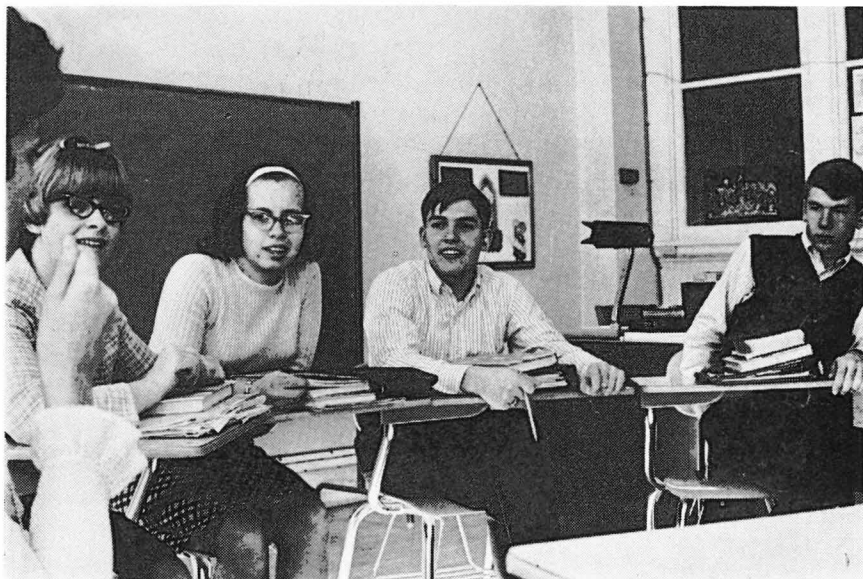
for the Deaf and to the high school. The project is supported through a grant from the Wheat Ridge Foundation of Chicago.

Prince of Peace Congregation feels that this project will provide the opportunity to develop responsible Christian leadership for the church as well as for the deaf community. Many articles and studies have been written by learned people to explain that many important decisions for life are made during a person's teenage years. It is important, then, to have our deaf youth in a Lutheran school with a special teacher who is sensitive to their spiritual needs.

At Lutheran High the students are encouraged to do the best they are able. They show their desire to compete with hearing students for good grades, and they receive much guidance and help from their special teacher. Gallaudet College or other college



**Karin Reksten, left, and a hearing friend, get together after a class at Lutheran High School. Eight deaf students are integrated into the school program with 140 hearing students**



**The 11th grade at Lutheran High School discuss one of their subjects with their special teacher, Miss Judith Grimm. The class from left to right: Karin Reksten, Debbie Lentz, Steven Warnes, and Dale Finke**

work is continually raised as their goal.

The deaf student body consists of 3 ninth graders, one 10th, and 4 11th-grade students, while the hearing students number 140.

Both integrated and segregated classes are offered to the deaf students. Courses in English and religion are taught by Miss Judy Grimm, the special teacher. Science, mathematics, social studies, and physical education are integrated with the hearing students. Two of the deaf are studying Latin with a hearing class also. Miss Grimm counsels and helps with problems about homework during the study hours.

In sports and other extracurricular activities the deaf are also allowed to participate. They are

considered part of the total group. One deaf boy is a cheerleader, two girls are on the drill squad, three boys participate in football, and one in basketball.

Hearing students have taken a deep interest in the deaf and have accepted them as fellow students. The hearing have learned about the special problems of deafness and have taken an interest in our church's deaf mission program.

Mr. Roy Oelschlaeger, principal of the school, has pointed out: "To the students and faculty this is not a 'special program.' These students are considered an integral part of the student body and need the same Christian training as the others. Christian love and concern becomes very meaningful

as we serve the needs of our hearing-handicapped students.”

As we think about the spiritual results of the program, we hope that other Lutheran high schools will be able to follow the start of Minneapolis Lutheran. It is not an easy road. The problems are many. But with God’s help through a dedicated teacher as Miss Grimm and the concerned Christian faculty, the job can be done. The rewards are worth it!

MRS. FLORENCE FINKE  
Parish Worker

### **Dedicates New Educational Wing**

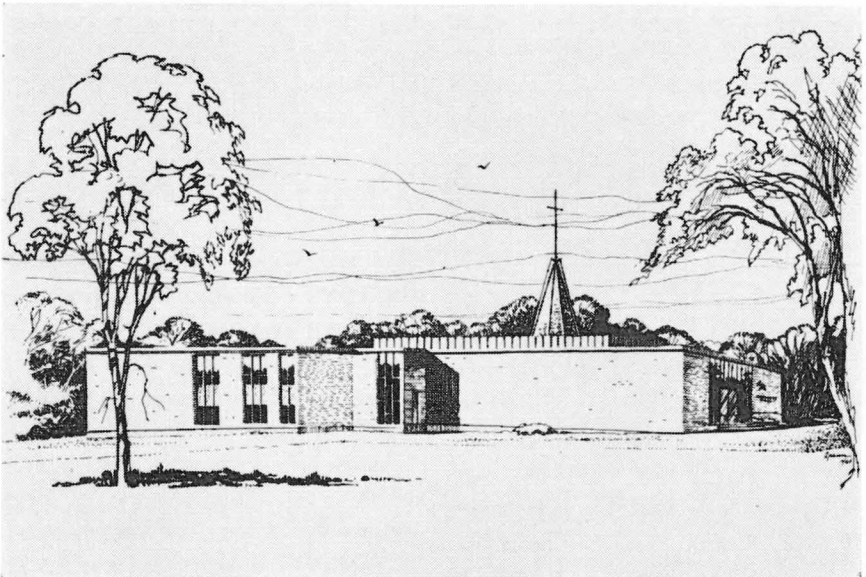
*Pittsburgh, Pa.* When 35 faithful members of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, dedicated their new chapel to God on March 31, 1963, little did they realize that 3 years later, on

March 27, 1966, they would dedicate an educational wing.

The Lord of the church, through the power of His Gospel, does mighty wonders with His frail, sinful servants. The Gospel was preached — a witness proclaimed — and “many people were added to the Lord.”

The membership of Trinity Congregation climbed to its present peak of 110. The number of children from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in our religious instruction classes grew to 50. The present church building could no longer effectively carry out Trinity’s expanding program. The congregation saw the need for more adequate facilities.

Members of Trinity accepted the challenge. A building fund



Artist's drawing of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa. Chapel, dedicated in 1963, is at the right. Newly dedicated educational wing is at the left.

campaign was put into motion. The congregation borrowed \$20,000. Sister hearing congregations and individuals in Pittsburgh and its surrounding areas contributed about \$10,000. The total cost of the furnished building was \$35,000. Contributions from members made up the rest.

The educational wing, located to the rear of the church, includes individual classrooms for the religious instruction of our youth, a working sacristy, and a lounge, all on the second floor. The first floor is a multipurpose social hall.

The majority of our members travel great distances to church, so most meetings and socials are held on Sunday. It is not unusual for members to spend the entire day at church, and our new lounge permits comfort for such.

God's blessings upon this small flock in His great vineyard have been abundant. Surely we must all confess with David, "My cup runneth over."

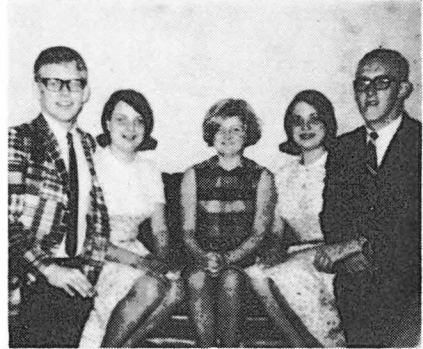
To the faithful members of Trinity, and to all our Lutheran deaf, we commend the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58: *Stand firm, then, my deaf fellow Christians, and let nothing move you. Always keep on doing a great work for the Lord since you know in the Lord your hard work isn't wasted.* (Beck)

REV. FRANK WAGENKNECHT

### A First for Gallaudet College

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* When Gallaudet College opens its doors next month for the 1966—67 school

year, it will be the first time in the history of this fine institution that twins will pass through the ivy-covered gates.



**Entering Gallaudet this fall (l. to r.): Fred Hicks, Susan Bittner, Ann Karcher, Susanne Bittner, and Harry Lewis.**

Susan and Susanne Bittner, identical twins, are members of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh. Recently they both received one of the greatest joys in their young lives when they passed the entrance requirements and were accepted by Gallaudet College.

The twins have been faithful leaders of Trinity's Youth League for many years. They have been active in almost all the activities that the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf offers.

Susan and Susanne will not be the only members of Trinity going to Gallaudet. Harry Lewis, Fred Hicks, and Ann Karcher have also been accepted by Gallaudet. They, too, have been active in both their church and school. Harry and Fred were star athletes

in several sports at the Western Pennsylvania school.

Trinity Congregation is proud to see all five young people accepting the opportunity to further their education. We know that they will continue their fine witness to their Savior Jesus while at college.

REV. FRANK WAGENKNECHT

### Gamma Delta Party for Campus Pastor

Washington, D. C. The Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Gamma Delta held a going-away party for their campus pastor, Rev. Harry Hoe-

**Rev. William Reinking writes about the deaf of India in next month's "Deaf Lutheran."**

mann, on May 31 to close out the school year.

They presented Pastor Hoemann with an onyx calendar-and-pen desk set and served punch and a decorated cake which extended to him their prayers and best wishes for the future.

Arlen Finke is president of the chapter, with Linda Barwiolek — vice-president, Carol Rockswold — secretary, and Linda King — treasurer.



## LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

### Daily Bible Readings

#### for August

- Aug. 1** — **Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28.** The prophet has a vision of the glory of God. Pray that God may give you a true knowledge of His power and glory. Pray for Rev. Martin Hewitt, Cleveland, Ohio, and Rev. Roger Leonhardt, Fargo, N. Dak.
- Aug. 2** — **Ezekiel 2:1-7.** God calls His prophet to be against his own people. Pray that God may give you the strength to carry out the responsibility He has given you.
- Aug. 3** — **Ezekiel 3:12-27.** A watchman is set on the wall to encourage and warn of the dangers of sin. Hear the warnings and repent! Pray God to forgive your sins and believe His promise.
- Aug. 4** — **Ezekiel 4:4-17.** Ezekiel prophesies God's wrath and punishment against His people. Pray for the people of your nation that they repent of their sin and turn to God for mercy.

- Aug. 5** — **Ezekiel 8:1-13.** God shows His prophet the evil of man. Pray God to give you the strength of His Spirit to do good and resist sin.
- Aug. 6** — **Ezekiel 11:13-25.** A report to the people in exile (living in another country, not allowed to return home). Pray for the deaf in the world that they may learn the truth of God's Word and believe.
- Aug. 7** — **Ezekiel 14:1-6.** A call to repentance — sorry for sin, seek God's forgiveness, stop sinning and turn to God. Pray for Mrs. Carol Aiello, pastor's wife, Trenton, N. J.
- Aug. 8** — **Ezekiel 24:15-27.** A sorrowful death goes unmourned as a living prophecy. Ask God to give you the ability to serve Him even in times of heartache or worry.
- Aug. 9** — **Ezekiel 36:16-30.** God permits Ezekiel to speak of hope again. Pray for your pastors that God would give them the courage to preach the Good News of salvation as well as God's law and anger against sin.
- Aug. 10** — **Ezekiel 37:1-14.** God promises life to His people. Ask God to bless you with zeal to do your work well.
- Aug. 11** — **Daniel 1:1-16.** Daniel is taken captive to Babylon. Pray for the ability to accept yourself and your place in the world.
- Aug. 12** — **Daniel 1:17-21.** Divine wisdom given for earthly purposes. Pray for the wisdom to do your work according to the will of God.
- Aug. 13** — **Daniel 2:24-30.** A dream of God's kingdom. Pray for the wisdom to see the hand of God active in history, and trust His power.
- Aug. 14** — **Daniel 2:46-49.** Daniel is honored with gifts and power. Pray that you remain humble as you get success, that you give all credit and glory to God.
- Aug. 15** — **Daniel 4:4-18.** A dream of failure. Pray for a trust in God that will not fail even in times of prosperity.
- Aug. 16** — **Daniel 4:19-27.** The king's ungodly pride is punished. Ask for the strength to accept all your difficulties and remain in faith.
- Aug. 17** — **Daniel 5:1-12.** The handwriting of destruction. Ask that God lead and guide your nation as He wants.
- Aug. 18** — **Daniel 5:13-31.** An empire changes hands. Pray that good government may continue in your land.
- Aug. 19** — **Daniel 6:1-14.** A good man is in danger because he prays to God. Pray that you may never be ashamed to confess your faith.
- Aug. 20** — **Daniel 6:15-28.** Saved by the power of the Lord. Ask God to support and give strength to you as you speak of His goodness.
- Aug. 21** — **Daniel 10:1-14.** A vision of things to come. Pray for the hope that looks to the glory that God has promised.
- Aug. 22** — **Haggai 1:1-11.** Haggai encourages the people to build the temple. Ask that God keep you aware that you live and work for Him.
- Aug. 23** — **Ezra 1:11.** God's people return to Jerusalem. Pray for the unity



of Christian fellowship in your congregation. Pray for Mrs. Eleanor Bauer, pastor's wife, Edmonton, Alta., Can.; Mrs. Emma Mappes, whose husband, Pastor Ernest Mappes, passed away earlier this year in Omaha, Nebr.; and Rev. Donald Zuhn, Denver, Colo.

- Aug. 24 — Ezra 3:8-13.** A house for worship is begun. Pray that the members of your congregation regularly use and respect their house of worship. Pray for Rev. Martin Kosche, Delavan, Wis.
- Aug. 25 — Ezra 7:1-10.** A new leader returns to Jerusalem. Pray that God will give His church good leaders to guide His work.
- Aug. 26 — Ezra 7:11-28.** Ezra is responsible to bring all the goods back to Jerusalem. Ask God to give you responsibility in His kingdom and the ability to do it.
- Aug. 27 — Ezra 8:15-23.** The journey is prepared with prayer. Pray that your church will never forget the honor due to God.
- Aug. 28 — Ezra 8:31-36.** The treasures of the temple are again given to the glory of God. Pray that God will give you the faith to give gladly and generously to the church's work.
- Aug. 29 — Ezra 9:1-9.** A city repents before God. Ask God to forgive your sins and the sins of your friends.
- Aug. 30 — Ezra 10:1-17.** God's people reform (change) their ways. Pray that the members of your congregation give themselves with love and obedience to God and His work.
- Aug. 31 — Nehemiah 8:1-12.** Israel is rededicated to God. Pray for the desire to live always with God.
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