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*Ephphatha, that is
Be opened.*

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*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us
And grant us Thy peace! Amen.*

Stewardship Corner

Love —

With All Your Might

A little girl was dying, and a blood transfusion was needed to save her life. Her brother was asked if he would give blood to his sister. He said he would. The nurse prepared him for the transfusion.

When the doctor was ready to withdraw the blood, the boy turned deathly pale. "What's the matter, buddy?" asked the doctor.

"When will I die?"

"Die?" said the doctor. "Do you think this will kill you?"

"Yes."

"And you are still willing to give your blood to your sister?"

"Sure."

If someone loves us enough to die for us, it really touches our heart. Well, *Jesus* has done exactly that for us. He loved us unto death.

During this Lenten season His great love-sacrifice on cross-crowned Calvary is impressed deeply upon our hearts and souls again. The Bible magnifies the great love of Jesus, which caused Him to suffer and die for our salvation. "This is how we learned what love is: He gave His life for us" (1 John 3:16 Beck). "Christ loved us and gave HIMSELF for us." (Ephesians 5:2 Beck)

This amazing love of Jesus really gripped St. Paul's heart. He considered himself the chief of sinners, totally unworthy of God's love, and when he found that Christ loved him so, he could not keep still about it anymore. He testified: "The life I now live in my body I live by believing in the God and Christ who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20 Beck)

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This same love of Christ also grips the hearts of Christians today and impels them, against the will of their sinful heart, to live and labor and give for their dear Lord.

But How About YOU?

Is this great love of Christ winning out over the desires of your selfish, sinful old heart? When asked to give for God's work, home church, missions, charity, etc., do you mutter to yourself and others: "The church is always asking for money"?

When asked to serve as an officer or on committees at church, do you refuse and make all kinds of excuses? Or if you do accept an office in the church, do you grumble and complain about all the work? Is the selfish old heart winning the fight of faith?

We hope not. But if so — then during this Lenten season go in spirit to dark Gethsemane and see what selfishness and love of

money did to Judas, and tremble as you are shocked by his terrible self-destruction.

Above all, sit at the foot of the cross and look upon the bleeding, dying Son of God to see God's terrible punishment of sin, the sin He carried for you. There, at "a place of a skull," your loving Lord and self-sacrificing Savior says to you: "This I did in *your* place that you might have a happy eternity," and then He asks: "What in loving faith are you going to do for Me to prove the sincerity of your love?"

Let us all always keep the image of the cross in our Christian living and giving. Let us fight our selfish old nature as we by faith gladly give ourselves, our time, talents, and treasure to *Him* who loved us — *loved us unto death!*

REV. AUGUST L. HAUPTMAN
St. Paul, Minn.

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Expressions of Faith



Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinners' dying Friend.

Here we rest in wonder, viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.

Here we find the dawn of heaven
While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven,
And our songs of triumph raise.

The Lutheran Hymnal, No. 155

Notes from the Secretary for Deaf Missions

Annual Report — 1966

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

At the beginning of the new year it is good to measure the work we have done for the Lord in the year just past. With the blessings of God our work has progressed in many areas. For this we thank and praise Him as we continue to pray for His guidance and blessing in the new year.

Milestones in 1966

The dictionary tells us that a *milestone* is a stone set up to tell how far it is in miles from one place to another. A milestone also may mean an *important event or turning point in a person's life*.

Scripture tells us that Joshua and the Children of Israel set up *memorial stones* to help them remember God's miracles of grace and care.

We also set up the following *milestones in 1966* as memorials of God's mighty miracles of grace and work among us.

1. Last Meeting of the Board

On Jan. 5—6, 1966, the *last official meeting* of the *Board for Missions to the Deaf* was held. This was indeed a milestone in our church's history, for it marked the end of a 70-year-long era of God's abundant grace and blessing. During this period our work among the deaf grew from infancy to adulthood and became

one of our Synod's major mission departments.

2. New Board for Missions

The end of the old Board for Missions to the Deaf really marked the *beginning* of a new venture—the organization of a *new Board for Missions* and the reorganization of a *new mission staff*. Date this event April 14 to 15, 1966.

At the opening devotion for the new Board for Missions, Pastor L. Buchheimer of Detroit, Mich., gave each member of the Board and staff a medallion. On the medallion was inscribed the person's name and the inscription *Miles Christi Sum*, which means, "I am Christ's foot soldier."

As each man's name was called, he had to rise and repeat this ancient confession of faith and commitment of life. With the formation of the new board each of us spent many busy and prayerful days. Each member of the board and staff had to review his place in Christ's mission and take giant new strides forward, trusting only that Almighty God would lead the new board in the right direction.

3. Deaf Missions and Districts

One change usually brings other changes. As the old board retired and the new board was organized, it appeared that some other changes would have to be made in the future operation of our work among the deaf.

The new Board for Missions is responsible only for the general planning of mission work, the calling of new pastors and workers, and the building of new churches. All the other many, many details will have to be handled by the mission staff, and in particular by the secretary for deaf missions.

Because our deaf churches and missions have expanded into almost every District of our Synod, the *proposal* was made *that much of the work of deaf missions be transferred to the District Mission Boards.*

The new Board for Missions decided that a study of this matter should be made. A great part of the time at our Ephphatha Conference at River Forest, Ill., in July was given to a preliminary discussion of this proposal. A meeting of the six regional counselors, the chairman and secretary of the Ephphatha Conference, and three members of the mission staff in St. Louis met in October to continue the study of this proposal.



In 1967 these matters will be brought to our deaf congregations at their regional conferences. In July the Ephphatha Conference will meet in New York City and

will continue its study. Let us all pray for God's blessing and trust His guidance in this matter. We know He will lead us to find the best possible way to continue the progress and expansion of Christ's church among the deaf.

4. Anniversary Milestones

During the year 1966 a number of our pastors reached anniversary milestones in their ministry and life. In alphabetical order:

Rev. Robert Bauer (10 years), Rev. Robert Corl, Jr. (20 years), Rev. Theodore Frederking (45 years), Rev. Francis Gyle (20 years), Rev. Harry Hoemann (10 years), Rev. Martin Kosche (20 years), Rev. Martin Mueller (35 years), Rev. Floyd Possehl (25 years), Rev. George Ring (20 years), Rev. Delbert Thies (15 years), and Rev. Walter Westermann (45 years).

Two former workers among the deaf also celebrated anniversaries: Rev. Erich Eichmann (45 years) and Dr. George Gaertner (50 years).

At the Ephphatha Conference in River Forest, Rev. Ernest Scheibert announced his forthcoming retirement with thanks to our heavenly Father for a blessed ministry of 44 years.

In 1966 we were all saddened by the sudden death of our beloved Pastor Ernest Mappes, who had served the Lord in deaf missions for 44 years.

5. Our Congregations

We note a number of milestones in the *organization* of deaf

congregations and the *dedication* of church facilities for the deaf in 1966.

To the three newly organized congregations we extend our congratulations and prayers for God's continual blessings. They are the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in West Hartford, Conn.; Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Winnipeg, Man., Can.; and Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church in Toledo, Ohio.

Our deaf congregations dedicated three new church buildings: Columbus, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; and Dallas, Tex. The West Hartford, Conn., congregation purchased a church building from another church group, remodeled and redecorated it, and dedicated the facilities in October.

A new educational wing was dedicated by our Pittsburgh, Pa., congregation, which also purchased additional lots adjacent to their church. The Miami congregation rededicated their renovated chapel and also acquired a lot next to their church.



Other Milestones

6. Mr. Alex Brodie of Vancouver, B. C., Can., became a *full-*

time deaf lay worker in our mission. In October Pastor W. Bottlinger wrote to me: "We received in the mail this morning the good news of Mr. Brodie's full-time employment. . . . Mr. Brodie is accepting the appointment with great joy. At our first meeting after receiving your letter Mr. Brodie asked me to offer a special prayer for him. This I did mindful of the great dedication which Mr. Brodie is bringing with him into his full-time work."

Mr. Brodie also sent a letter in which he thanked God that his lifetime wish had at last been fulfilled and prayed for faith and strength to carry on the work of the Kingdom. His letter closed with the words: "Like myself, Mrs. Brodie is overjoyed at the opportunity provided for me to serve the church and also the deaf."

7. In November our Columbus, Ohio, congregation participated in an Ephphatha seminar sponsored by the Social Welfare Department of The American Lutheran Church together with Rev. Sterling Simonson and the ALC pastors who serve the deaf.

8. The Pilgrim Senior Citizens Housing Development Corporation of Los Angeles received government approval for their planned construction of a multiple-dwelling apartment house for the deaf and the aged.

9. Volumes 3 and 5 of the John of Beverley series of religious workbooks were published dur-

ing the year and work on Vol. 6 was begun.

10. The Board for Missions determined to ask the Districts to assist our deaf congregations in their building programs and the sale of properties.

11. The board approved a new housing and utilities policy for our pastors who work among the deaf.

12. The Board for Missions approved the changing of our Ephphatha Missionaries Conference into a training conference. It will now focus much of its program on in-service training to improve our pastors' ability to serve the deaf.

13. The Board for Missions approved the calling of "missionaries-at-large" from hearing churches. These pastors will receive a period of training before being called to service as pastors to the deaf. They will also assist us in making canvasses and surveys of new areas and in serving vacancies when churches are without pastors.

14. Our Lutheran television program *This Is the Life* has kindly decided to supply us with films which may be captioned for deaf viewing. We are communicating with Captioned Films for the Deaf, Washington, D. C., toward this goal.

15. A new handbook for our deaf congregations and pastors was published in 1966 after several years of work.

16. A copy of Rev. William Lange's new hymnal for deaf worship was sent to each congregation.

17. A new edition of Rev. George Kraus' Gospel and Epistle readings first printed in 1961 has also been sent to our congregations.



Foreign Deaf Missions

In the area of foreign work among the deaf we mark three milestones in 1966.

18. Rev. William Reinking returned from Hong Kong to become the secretary for missions in Africa and the Middle East. For this reason we look forward to future progress for work among the deaf in Africa.

19. Rev. Louis Jasper has accepted the call to replace Rev. Reinking. We look forward to increased and improved educational programs for the deaf in the Far East.

20. In February 1966 Dr. and Mrs. Martim Warth left St. Louis and returned to their home in Porto Alegre, Brazil, where they immediately established classes for deaf children. Mrs. Warth and another woman teach two classes in our Lutheran school there.

National Deaf Scene

Our church is cooperating with some important developments taking place which will touch the lives of deaf across the nation.

21. We are interested in participating in the building of the *interfaith on-campus chapel* at *Gallaudet College*, Washington, D. C. We have also recently been told that a new high school for the deaf may be built on the campus of Gallaudet College. The new worship facilities will be all the more vital and important.

22. The *Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf* (RID) has gained much ground during its first years as an organization. Many of our Lutheran pastors are charter members of RID. The registry will be of great help to the deaf in dealing with the hearing world in the areas of medical, legal, and social service.

23. The new *U.S. Council of Agencies of and for the Deaf* was formed this year. Our Lutheran Deaf Mission is one of the 15 charter members of this cooperative group. The council will provide a wholesome coordination and cooperative strength to the many areas of work carried on by the member groups.

24. The *National Technical Institute of the Deaf* (NTID) will be built in Rochester, N. Y. NTID will provide an excellent opportunity for the younger deaf generation to obtain a type of train-

ing especially suited to their needs. Our Alpha Congregation in Rochester will seek ways and means to provide spiritual and social programs for these students.

Statistics

Since it is too early to include the statistics for 1966 in this report, I will include these in another article later.

In closing this report I must, first of all, thank our heavenly Father for health and safety in the many travels during the year. I also want to thank all of our pastors and people for their gracious hospitality in the more than 37 cities visited in 1966.

I want to take this opportunity to thank most heartily all the *officers* who have served our deaf congregations, the *women* who have given of their time and talents in our women's organizations, and that host of precious *volunteer workers* who have given so faithfully of their time and ability in assisting us in teaching Sunday school and Bible classes for the deaf children.

We rejoice with much thanksgiving for all the gracious blessings upon our mission during the past year and pray fervently that our good Lord will continue to walk with us and bless us to renewed and increased faithful service as *good soldiers of Jesus Christ*.

REV. H. W. ROHE
St. Louis, Mo.

Meet a Fellow Deaf Lutheran

RALPH DAVIS

The desire and joy of being a useful member of society is a deep-rooted need and feeling within every human being. That feeling is so strong in some individuals that nothing seems to prevent them from being happy, useful citizens.

One such individual is Ralph Davis — a man full of life and activity even though he is deaf and blind.

Ralph has a full-time job at the Mississippi Industries for the Blind, where he works with his deaf wife Caulie. Born deaf himself, Ralph slowly began to lose his eyesight as he became

older. Recognizing the danger of being completely shut off from the world, Ralph has learned Braille and is able to keep up with world news and events.

Above all his activities Ralph places his Savior first. He has become a very effective witness for Jesus and attends Lutheran worship services conducted for the deaf in Jackson, Miss.

In his spare time Ralph tinkers with wood in the workshop he made for himself in his home. A year ago he read about a man who made miniature family altars from hardwood. The idea interested Ralph very much because



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis at work at the Mississippi Industries for the Blind

he felt that more Christian families ought to be conducting family devotions in their homes.

In his own workshop Ralph designed his own model of a miniature family altar. When he was satisfied with his finished product, with the approval and encouragement of his pastor Ralph began to make a number of altars, selling them to his friends and church members. The miniature altar is made of oak with a birch cross. Two candelabra on the altar hold birthday-size candles.



Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gatermann

St. Louis, Mo. — On October 29 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf a memorable event took place when Rev. Floyd Posschl conducted the first wedding in the congregation's new chapel

The happy couple united in marriage was the former Miss Maude Coombs and Robert A. Gatermann



NEW GUINEA

Crossing this suspension bridge over a rushing mountain stream in New Guinea is Rev. Ted Westermann, son of our deaf missionary, Rev. W. A. Westermann of Greensboro, N. C. Rev. Ted Westermann is doing an anthropological study of the Enga people for the Lutheran mission. Not long ago Rev. Westermann lost 4 months of time on this project when he badly sprained his back in a Honda motor bike accident. He has recovered and is back in the bush country among the Enga people

Temporal Bone Banks Film

Recently the Deafness Research Foundation (DRF) in cooperation with Captioned Films for the Deaf has produced a captioned version of their film, "Silent World, Muffled World."

This award-winning color film stresses the need for research into

the causes of deafness. The 28-minute documentary film narrated by actor Gregory Peck has already been seen by an estimated 3.2 million people on television, and an estimated 21.5 thousand have viewed it at group showings. The film won a blue ribbon May 13, 1966, at the American Film Festival competition in New York City.

The captioned version for the deaf is available from Captioned Films for the Deaf, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 400 Maryland Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20202.

Along with the showing of the

**Give thanks to your
heavenly Father who
has always helped you.
Remember your
EBENEZER
THANKOFFERING**

captioned film, DRF has a specially prepared booklet explaining to deaf readers the Temporal Bone Banks Program for Ear Research with drawings and pictures. The booklet also explains the simple steps required to bequeath temporal bones for research purposes.

Directory of Regular Sunday Services

The listings in this directory are limited to those congregations that conduct regular services every Sunday.

In addition to these, your Lutheran missionaries serve more than 200 preaching stations throughout the U. S. and Canada.

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

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

Riverside, Immanuel
5939 Magnolia
See Rev. G. Gehrs for information

If you are interested in these unlisted once-or-twice-a-month services in your state, the pastor serving your area is listed on page 48 of this magazine. He will be happy to answer any questions.

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.

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. Donald Zuhn, pastor

CONNECTICUT

West Hartford, Lutheran
31 W. Beacon St.
Worship — 9:45. Tues. BC — 7:30 p. m.
Rev. Earl J. Thaler, pastor

FLORIDA

Miami, Deaf Zion
15000 N. W. 27th Ave.
Worship — 7:00 p. m. BC — 8:15 p. m.
Rev. Walter Busby, pastor

ILLINOIS

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

Jacksonville, Christ
104 Finley Street
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 — 9:30. 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. C. Bremer, 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
101 N. Beaumont
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Floyd Posschl, pastor

MONTANA

Great Falls, Christ
11th Ave. South & 34th Street
SS — 10:45. Worship — 9:45
Rev. R. Johnson, pastor

Missoula, Christ
at Higgins & Daily Streets
Worship — 3:00 p. m.
Rev. R. Johnson, pastor

NEBRASKA

Omaha, Bethlehem
51st & Lake Streets
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. W. H. Lange, pastor

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 G. Rumerfield

NORTH DAKOTA

Devils Lake
SS — 9:00, BC — 9:45
Worship — 8:10
Rev. R. Leonhardt, pastor

OHIO

Cleveland, Christ
E. 25th & Payne, downtown
SS — 10:30. Worship — 10:30
BC — Tuesday 8:00 p. m.
Rev. Martin A. Hewitt, pastor
Easter Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a. m.

Columbus, Holy Cross
360 Morse Road
SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:30
Wednesday BC — 7:30 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 — 9:00. Worship — 10:15
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 Beverley
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
BC — 10:30. Worship — 11:00
Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor

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

Vancouver, Memorial
E. 29th & Grand
Worship — 8:30
Rev. L. Harris, pastor

WISCONSIN

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



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

for March

We speak to praise Jesus who died for us

- March 1** — **Psalm 110.** Jesus is your High Priest who brought you to God by His sacrifice. Pray that God will lead many to your services during Lent. Ask God to open their hearts to His Word. Pray also for Rev. O. S. Anderson, Jackson, Ill.
- March 2** — **Zechariah 11:4-14.** Lord, have mercy upon us and keep us in Your grace. Pray for the children of your congregation that they may grow in faith.
- March 3** — **Matthew 26:30-56.** Savior Jesus, my sins cause You to look upon me with pity and sadness. Help me resist my sins as I remember Your suffering. Pray for the straying members of your congregation that they return in love to worship.
- March 4** — **Mark 14:53-72.** Does your love fail as Peter's did? Pray for Christians who must work with indifferent and ungodly people.
- March 5** — **Matthew 27:32-54.** As you attend church during Lent, pay attention to the greatness of God's love. Pray for forgiveness and for an understanding of God's great gift.
- March 6** — **Mark 15:33-47.** Christ died for you. In this you find your whole hope of salvation. Pray for the weak-in-faith members of our deaf congregations that they may be strengthened in their response to the love of Jesus.

- March 7** — **Mark 12:41-44.** God is pleased when we give Him gifts from the things we need. Pray that all Christians may trust God's promise of security, that we may give to the work of the church without fear.
- March 8** — **Zechariah 9:9-10.** Jesus is your King! Do you find joy in serving Him? Pray that all activities of your congregation will work together for the King of kings. Pray also for Mrs. Lorena Mueller, pastor's wife, Milwaukee, Wis.
- March 9** — **Philippians 1:1-14.** God's Word of truth makes you confident that God will go on working. Pray that God's Word and Spirit may lead unchurched deaf to faith in Jesus.
- March 10** — **Philippians 1:15-30.** Now you are living for Christ — someday you shall live *with* Him. Pray for the newly confirmed members of your church that they be strengthened to live for Jesus. Pray also for Mrs. Martha Beyer, pastor's wife, Seattle, Wash.
- March 11** — **Philippians 2:1-13.** You carry His name — CHRISTian. Do you have His mind? Pray that our church may see the world as Jesus did and lead many to confess His name.
- March 12** — **Isaiah 27:2-6.** God cares for you, and His forgiveness covers you. Pray for your church that God will bless His people with more pastors and leaders. Pray also for Mrs. Sonja Leonhardt, pastor's wife, Devils Lake, N. Dak.
- March 13** — **Philippians 2:14-30.** What is your congregation doing for the unchurched deaf in your city? Pray for your pastor that he may continue to preach God's Word of truth without fear.
- March 14** — **Philippians 3.** Christ's resurrection made you right with God. It gives you daily strength. It will give you eternal life. Pray for Christians who serve Jesus in other nations that they may be strengthened in faith and work.
- March 15** — **Philippians 4.** Your name is in the book of life. Can anything bring more lasting joy? Pray that God would strengthen everyone who brings His Word of life to the deaf. Pray also for Mrs. F. Finke, parish worker, St. Paul, Minn.
- March 16** — **2 Corinthians 4.** No trouble can destroy you, for Jesus gives you strength. Pray for the help of the Holy Spirit to overcome temptation.
- March 17** — **Matthew 21.** May the Lord's Spirit make you a willing servant of Christ, your King. Ask God to give you the eagerness to go and do what He wants you to do.
- March 18** — **1 Corinthians 13.** "God so loved the world." May He help you to do the same. Pray that the members of our congregations would have understanding and love for one another and for all people.
- March 19** — **Luke 19.** In this Holy Week you will pray and praise God in your "house of prayer." Pray for all the members of your con-

gregation that they all join hands and hearts to do the work of the Lord.

- March 20** — **Luke 22.** Learn of Jesus Christ to pray — and bear the cross. Ask God to take away all your doubts and fears and hesitations.
- March 21** — **Luke 23.** God has forgiveness and power for you for every day. Pray for a stronger faith in God's promises.
- March 22** — **John 17.** May the Lord keep you from evil, make you holy, and lead you to glory. Pray for your congregation that it may be prepared to do God's work.
- March 23** — **John 18.** Jesus is your Substitute. God help you appreciate it every day. Pray for humility that you may keep God as most important in your life.
- March 24** — **John 19.** No one can equal the love that Jesus showed for us on the cross. How can we ever thank Him? Pray for the peace that only Christ can give.
- March 25** — **John 11.** Death is conquered! Here is comfort, hope, and strength for your aching heart. Give thanks to God for His mercy, which has given you the hope of eternal life.
- March 26** — **John 20.** Christ is risen! Do you boldly say with your life that He is your Lord and your God? Pray for the members of your congregation who come to worship only once in a while. Pray that they will be more eager to serve the Lord.
- March 27** — **John 21.** May God's Spirit encourage you to show your love for Him with your whole life. Pray for the work of your Lutheran Deaf Mission Society that it will reach its goal of supporting foreign deaf mission work.
- March 28** — **Luke 24.** The Lord is risen indeed! This you must tell others, for you are His witness. Pray that God will give you the courage to speak of His love to others.
- March 29** — **Matthew 28:1-15.** Christ's tomb is empty. Think how that changes your life — and your death. Give thanks to God for His mercy, which has given you the hope of eternal life.
- March 30** — **Mark 16:1-13.** Jesus brought life. Still many will not believe in it. Pray for the deaf you know who do not believe. Pray also for Mrs. Ellen Lange, pastor's wife, Omaha, Nebr.
- March 31** — **1 Corinthians 15.** How blessed you are now and will be forever! How hard you should be working for your victorious Lord! Ask God to give you a full understanding of your work for Him and the courage and joy to do it.

Remember your *Ebenezer Thankoffering* and pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for the gift of life and the greater gift of eternal life in You. By Your resurrection You have destroyed the powers of death and opened heaven to every one of us. Give those who celebrate birthdays this month a deeper purpose for living and a greater joy in being alive in You. Dear Jesus, You are our Help, our Happiness, and our Hope. Amen.

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