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*Ephphatha, that is
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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The Sharing Church

Theme for October

On the 450th anniversary of the Reformation we especially remember how God used people in His way of reaching out to the nations of the world and touching them with His love. Certainly we give thanks to Him for the blessings He has given us. We have His Word in our own language, a clear understanding of His love and gift of grace and salvation, and His strength by His spirit to help us believe and take hold of these blessings.

Now, before we settle down in our

own congregation and comfortably enjoy these blessings as if we may keep them all for ourselves, we must ask only one question: Is our congregation holding these blessings selfishly?

Yes, we support our church's mission in 27 countries. But have we *shared* the Good News with other deaf in our city? Count the new faces at the worship service or Bible class. Count the new members and ask: How well do we *share Jesus*? Now go and do it!

Cover

This statue of Martin Luther, who 450 years ago on October 31 started the Reformation in the church, stands today on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. It is an exact reproduction of the statue of Rietschel at Worms, Germany, which was completed in 1883.

The seminary's statue of Luther was first dedicated in 1903 at the seminary's first campus on Jefferson Avenue. It was moved to the present campus in Clayton, a suburb of St. Louis, shortly after classes began in 1926.

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Pastors Attend Mental Health Workshop

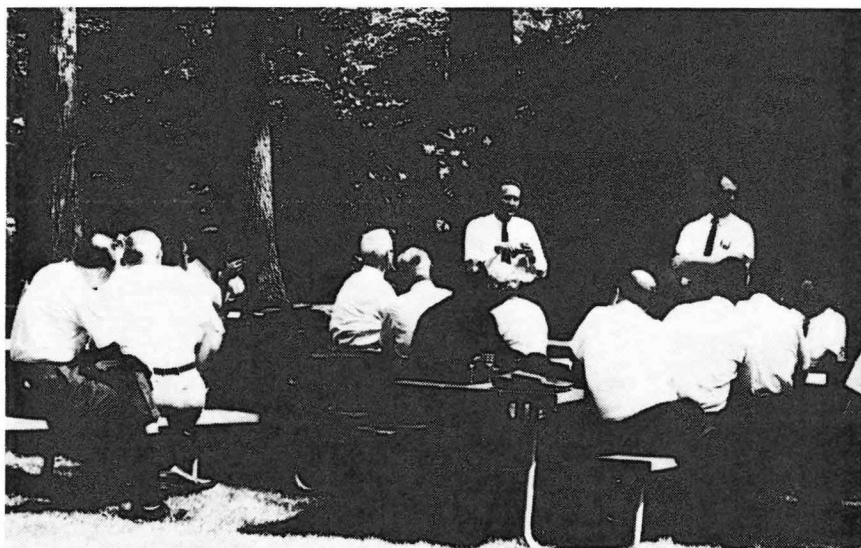
Ephphatha Conference Mill Neck, N. Y.

Lutheran pastors of the deaf, serving Missouri Synod congregations in the United States and Canada, gathered at Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, Long Island, N. Y., July 17—21, for their annual Ephphatha Conference. Morning sessions of the conference were devoted to a training institute for the mental health of the deaf.

Dr. John D. Rainer and Dr. Kenneth Z. Altschuler of the Department of Medical Genetics,

New York State Psychiatric Institute, were guest speakers for the workshop's lecture-discussion sessions. In the course of the study the speakers presented their most interesting project of serving the mental health needs of the deaf.

Their work began in the mid-fifties as a research project to determine the needs of the deaf. Their findings led to the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic in 1955, located in the New York City area. In the following 7 years, as the doctors and staff learned to communicate with the language of signs, they counseled 200 deaf.



Ephphatha Conference gathers for a session on the spacious grounds of Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, N. Y.

Dr. Kenneth Altschuler (left) of the New York State Psychiatric Institute answers questions raised by the pastors concerning the emotional and mental health of the deaf, as conference chairman Rev. Clark Bailey (right) of Oakland, Calif., keeps the session moving

The survey of the needs and problems of the deaf in New York's state hospitals together with the experience of working with and helping the deaf in the outpatient clinic encouraged the New York State Psychiatric Institute to establish a permanent psychiatric unit for the deaf at the Rockland State Hospital in New York in 1963.

This psychiatric unit consists of



Ephphatha Conference pastors, visiting the deaf ward at the Rockland State Hospital, are intently involved in observing a group-therapy demonstration designed to help the deaf understand their own problems

Seated from the left: Rev. A. E. Ferber, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Orlin Anderson, Jacksonville, Ill.; Rev. M. A. Hewitt, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Myron Prok, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Charles Jones, Chicago, Ill.; and standing from the left: Rev. Clark Bailey, Oakland, Calif.; Rev. James Bengelsdorf, Des Moines, Iowa; and Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, Vancouver, B. C., Can.

a 30-bed ward and clinic services and is staffed by specially trained personnel who can communicate with the deaf both orally and with signs. In the 4 years of work to rehabilitate the deaf, some 70 persons have been treated, and 40 of these have been brought back into society through halfway houses and vocational training.

This fine project is the first of its kind in this country. It is hoped that this excellent program may soon be copied in other parts of the country.

As a part of the conference workshop, the pastors inspected the deaf ward at Rockland State Hospital. Dr. Syed Abdullah, resident psychiatrist, brought several deaf patients together for a group therapy demonstration conducted orally and with signs. The deaf patients were encouraged to discuss their problems with the group as a help to understand themselves better and to see themselves as others see them.

Other Conference Business

Plans were discussed to prepare for the 75th-anniversary celebration of the first Lutheran worship service conducted in the language of signs. "God Is Love" was the theme for the sermon preached by Rev. Augustus Reinke at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago, March 4, 1894.

The pastors continued to study and debate the possibility for the administration of deaf missions being transferred to the individ-



Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber Recognized

Ephphatha Conference pastors, their wives, and the mission's lay workers held a recognition banquet, Wednesday, July 19, at Oyster Bay, N. Y., to honor Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber, who had received the John of Beverley medal on July 12 at the synodical convention for his dedicated and outstanding work of ministering to the deaf

At the banquet Pastor Ferber was honored by three of our younger pastors who at one time had served the church as vicars under Pastor Ferber's guidance. These pastors were called upon by Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, master of ceremonies, to recall the highlights of Pastor Ferber's 42 years of ministering to the deaf, remember their own learning experiences under his guidance, and relate some of their interesting and noteworthy experiences with him

At one point in the program Rev. Fred Gehrs, sporting a Canadian centennial beard and recalling the many years Pastor Ferber served the Canadian Lutheran deaf, presented him with, in his words, a "medallion commemorating the centennial of the Dominion of Canada and the 450th anniversary of the Reformation, of which Dr. Oliver Harms, president of our Synod, received a gold replica"

In the above picture Pastor Ferber happily poses with his three young men whom he helped teach and guide in his own unique and masterful way. Left to right: Rev. Martin Hewitt, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Fred Gehrs, Winnipeg, Man., Can.; Pastor Ferber, Fargo, N. Dak.; and Rev. Roger Leonhardt, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

ual Districts where our deaf congregations are located. Many questions must still be answered and all alternatives carefully weighed before a decision can be reached and before a solution can be presented to a synodical convention for action.

In the meantime, while the synodically appointed committee of regional counselors, Ephphatha Conference officers, and Board for Missions representatives continue their study, Ephphatha Conference appointed an additional committee of three pastors to rewrite



Rev. Herbert Rohe (left), secretary for deaf missions, presents certificates of recognition to five pastors of the deaf on behalf of the Board for Missions. Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber (second from right) was first cited for serving his church for 50 years as pastor. The certificate read:

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, in gratitude to God for the grace bestowed on The Reverend Waldemar Ferber who for 50 years has served the Synod as a pastor-missionary to the deaf with distinction and zeal and made significant contributions to the general advancement of the work of the Lord, this day and herewith gives public expression thereof.

It was signed by Alfred E. Jordan, chairman of the Board for Missions, and by Dr. Oliver R. Harms, president of Synod

The other pastors recognized in a like manner were: Rev. Clark Bailey (second from left), 10 years as chairman of Ephphatha Conference; Rev. Theodore DeLaney (center), 19 years as secretary of Ephphatha Conference; Rev. C. Roland Gerhold (far right), 25 years as pastor; and Rev. Ernest Scheibert (not present), 45 years as pastor

and amend the pastors handbook of guidelines to present clearly all aspects of our work among the deaf in the interest of a continual strong mission program.

New officers elected for Eph-

phatha Conference are: chairman, Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, Pittsburgh, Pa.; secretary, Rev. Robert G. Glakely, Norwood, Mass.; and to the program committee, Rev. Orlin Anderson, Jacksonville, Ill.

The Question Box

Q. *Is it a sin for a woman to worship God in church without a head covering?* — Mrs. M. L., Cleveland, Ohio

A. No, it is not a sin. Wearing a head covering at worship is a custom (habitual rule or practice). It is not the Lord's commandment.

God has given us no law in the Bible that demands a woman to have a covering on her head every time she enters the church. The one passage in God's Word that does talk about this question (1 Corinthians 11:3-16) emphasized that a woman may cover her head as she worships to respect and honor the Lord.

In this passage the apostle Paul argues that a woman should have her head covered for the sake of peace among the Corinthian Christians. If you study these verses carefully, you will find that Paul did not say it is a sin for her to worship without a veil or head covering.

In Corinth, Greece, an argument arose between the Jewish Christians and the Greek converts about the head covering. Jewish women habitually wore the veil in the temple or in public places, but the women of Greece did not.

Paul encouraged the Greek Christians to wear the veil or head covering so that no more trouble or fighting would happen in their congregation. He gives them good reasons to do so.

A church custom or practice is not meant to be a law. It is to be a help for our worship that we may respond in praise, obedient respect, and joyful thanks unto our God.

If you use a head covering yourself to show respect to God and His Word, that is a wonderful custom. But let us not be upset or angry with others who may choose to use another custom instead to honor the Lord.

REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG

Address your questions on any church-related subject to: The Question Box, Rev. William A. Ludwig, 360 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

Exploring in the Bible

God's house is a place of worship.

In 2 Samuel 6:17-18 we read that the Ark of the Covenant was put in the tabernacle and the people again worshiped and praised the Lord.

Read in your Bible Leviticus 19:30; Psalm 100:2; Ecclesiastes 5:1; and Psalm 100:4 to find out what we should do in God's house.

Match each passage above with the correct sentence:

- _____ "Come into His presence with *singing!*"
_____ *Show respect* for God's house.
_____ Enter God's house with *thanksgiving* and *praise*.
_____ Be ready to *pay attention* and *learn*.

Now read Mark 11:15-17. Jesus teaches us how to act in God's house.

Jesus was very angry when He saw how men were disobeying God's instructions about His house. Jesus said, "Is it not written, 'My _____ shall be called a house of _____ for _____ the _____'?"

Remember: We go to God's house to worship Him!

Answers on page 156.

Deaf Teacher Baptized

News from Hong Kong

Rev. Titus Lee, pastor of the Hong Kong Lutheran Deaf Congregation worshipping at Zion Lutheran Church in North Point, Hong Kong, reports that on July 2 Chan Saw Bor and his wife, together with 5 other deaf, were baptized at Zion Church. Mr. Chan is a deaf teacher at the Wah Kiu deaf school in Hong Kong.

It was at the Wah Kiu school that Pastor Lee first began his work among the deaf. The North Point branch of the Wah Kiu school happened to be close to the home of Pastor Lee, and it was in December 1958 that Pastor

Lee conducted his first Christmas service at this school.

Over the course of the following years many students of the Wah Kiu school have attended Pastor Lee's deaf services and several have been baptized.

Now a teacher, Mr. Chan, a baptized Christian, is in a position to be a strong witness to the deaf children with whom he works.

A Word on the Riots

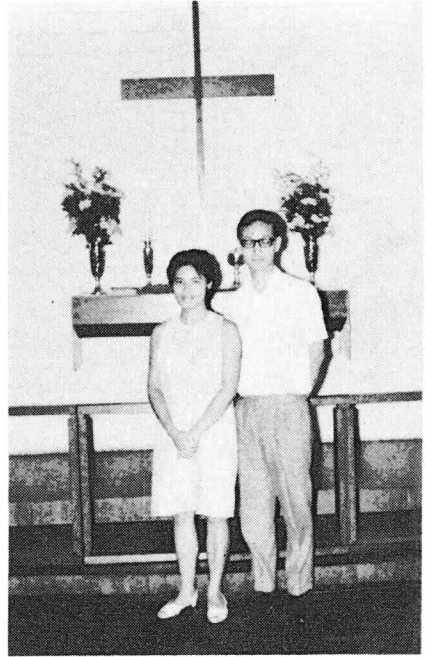
In a letter received from Pastor Lee on July 25, he reports that the "riots in Hong Kong are becoming serious day by day, and the living expenses are going higher and higher. But the citi-

zens are calm, and they are full of confidence towards the government.”

Pastor Lee further writes: “We pray for these things every day, but we do not know the will of God. We know that these bad people will finally fail and cannot succeed, because they are against God. The attendance of Christians in church, especially of the deaf teen-agers, is becoming smaller because of the traffic. But anyhow, God will always take care of the church.”

Because of the riots in Hong Kong, public transportation, which all the deaf use to travel to church, has been quite often disrupted. Certainly deaf Christians in America will want to remember their fellow Christians in Hong Kong these days.

REV. WILLIAM F. REINKING



Mr. and Mrs. Chan Saw Bor on their day of baptism. Mr. Chan, a deaf Lutheran, is a teacher in the Wah Kiu deaf school in Hong Kong



Deaf Lutherans in Hong Kong receive the Lord's blessings in the Lord's Supper. Pastor Titus Lee serves this Hong Kong Deaf Congregation in North Point, Hong Kong



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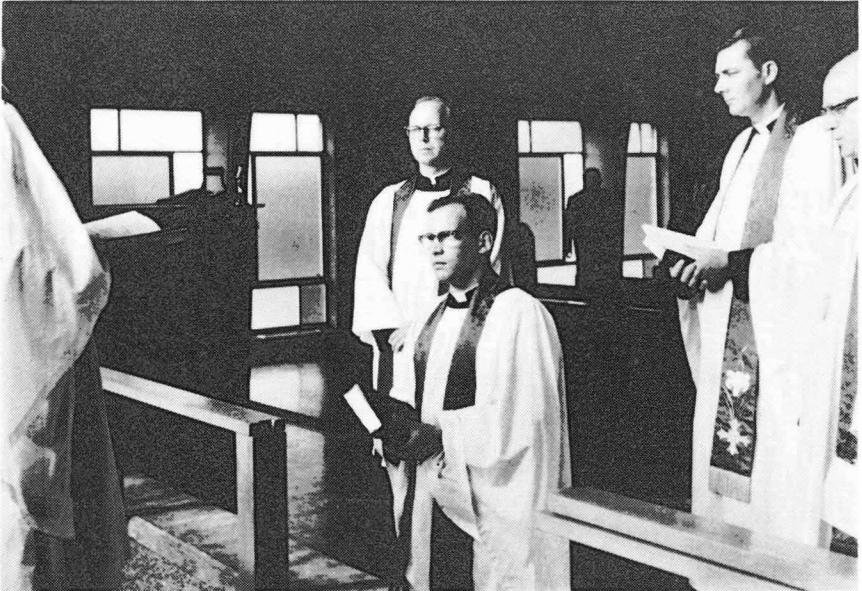
GLEANINGS

Great Lakes Region News Lutheran Student Honored

Washington, D. C. Miss Nancy Abbott, a Lutheran student at Gallaudet College, Washington, was honored last spring by being chosen editor in chief of the *Buff*

and *Blue* for 1967—68. The paper is the Gallaudet College student body's official publication.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund T. Abbott of Akron, Ohio, also deaf Lutherans of the Cleveland field.



New Pastor Ordained

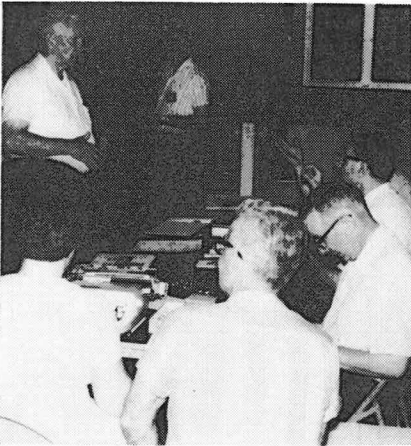
Walled Lake, Mich. Candidate Charles Jones, called to Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Chicago, Ill., was ordained June 11 in his home congregation, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walled Lake

The Rite of Ordination was performed by Rev. L. A. Kinne (left), circuit counselor and pastor at St. Matthew. Other pastors who participated in the joyous service are from left: Rev. D. E. Glander, Highland, Mich.; Pastor Jones; Rev. Robert A. Bremer, St. Paul's (Deaf), Flint, Mich.; and Rev. E. T. Beck, Union Lake, Mich.

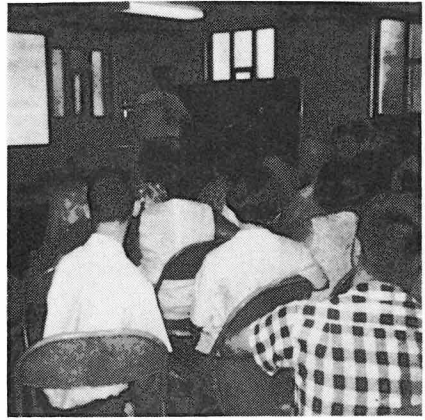
Great Lakes Conference

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, was the host congregation for the Great Lakes Regional Conference, June 16—18. The 144 registrations marked the highest record attendance in the history of the region's conferences.

The theme of the conference was "The 450 Years of Reformation," with Rev. C. Roland Gerhold of Newark, N. J., as guest lecturer. The subject was divided into three sessions on Saturday with a devotional emphasis on Sunday as Pastor Gerhold preached the closing communion service. Pastor Gerhold also graciously led the Sunday morning Bible class on the topic of mission possibilities in Africa.



Mr. Enza Ludovico (seated second right), capable general chairman for planning and arranging the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Pittsburgh, and his registration committee greet the conference delegates and guests as they arrive on Friday, June 16



Rev. C. Roland Gerhold presents a lecture on the conference theme, "The 450th Anniversary of the Reformation." Participating in the weekend gathering in Pittsburgh were 144 delegates and guests

Late Saturday afternoon, following the conference business session and the heat of the day, more than 250 deaf boarded the riverboat "Gateway Clipper" for dinner and a cool cruise on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers. The excursionists viewed the city of Pittsburgh and the surrounding area and observed the interesting operation of the river locks.

The conference was conducted in the spacious rooms of Trinity Church's new facilities. Out-of-town delegates and guests stayed overnight at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, where the meals were also served.

A noteworthy item of conference business was the adoption of an amended regional constitution, presented by Rev. Martin Hewitt and his committee.



Current officers of the Great Lakes Regional Conference (1967—68) are congratulated by Enza Ludovico, chairman of the 1967 conference planning committee. L. to r.: Clarence Schulz, Detroit, Mich., reelected LDMS advisor; Donald Mowl, Pittsburgh, Pa., auditor; Arthur Braun, Detroit, Mich., treasurer; Miss Roberta Riddlebaugh, Columbus, Ohio, secretary; Samuel Kimmel, Flint, Mich., vice-president; Mrs. Lillian Long, Cleveland, Ohio, president; and Mr. Ludovico

New officers elected for the 1967—68 term are: president, Mrs. Lillian Long, Cleveland, Ohio; vice-president, Samuel Kimmel, Flint, Mich.; secretary,

Miss Roberta Riddlebaugh, Columbus, Ohio; treasurer, Arthur Braun, Detroit, Mich.; auditor, Donald Mowl, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and LDMS advisor, Clarence Schulz, Detroit, Mich.

Each field in the region was well represented with the exception of one. We encourage you Great Lakes deaf Lutherans to plan to attend the 1968 conference in Cleveland and the 1969 conference in Flint.

REV. R. BREMER, *Reporter*

Answers for Exploring in the Bible

Ps. 100:2	house
Lev. 19:30	prayer
Ps. 100:4	all
Ecd. 5:1	nations

Deafness Research Foundation Movie

Lincoln, Nebr. The captioned movie "Silent World, Muffled World," which explains the important work of the Deafness Research Foundation and the Temporal Bone Bank program in finding the cause and cure for deaf-

ness, is available for showing to deaf audiences.

The booking arrangement has now been taken over by Sertoma International, a service organization for men. Write to Dr. Keith W. Sehnert, 2141 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebr. 68502.



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings for October

God has made you a defender of the faith.

- Oct. 1 — Matthew 10.** God has given you the Gospel to share with others. Pray that you may know the need of the world for forgiveness and eagerly share your faith in Jesus.
- Oct. 2 — Romans 3.** It is useless to try to save ourselves by good deeds. How wonderful is the beauty of God's gift of heaven through faith in His Son. Pray that others may know this joy as you share Jesus with them.
- Oct. 3 — Romans 4.** God's gift of forgiveness is for *all* people no matter where they live or work, no matter who they are. Pray that you might get excited to make sure others know the way of salvation.
- Oct. 4 — Romans 5.** Because Jesus Christ loved you, He died for you; and because He died, you now live to rejoice in your salvation. Pray for Mrs. Doris Ring, pastor's wife, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for Rev. William Lange, Omaha, Nebr. and for Mrs. Shirley Henrikson, vicar's wife, Omaha, Nebr.
- Oct. 5 — Romans 6.** Forgiveness transforms a sinner into a saint and brings him into fellowship with the people of God. Pray for the gone- astray members of your congregation that they may know the joy of God's forgiveness and return to share that joy in God's family.

- Oct. 6 — Proverbs 6:6-11.** Be eager to serve the Lord when and where He leads you. Pray that God will help you overcome your shyness and uneasiness of speaking to others about your joy and faith. Pray also for Rev. R. G. Blakely, Norwood, Mass.
- Oct. 7 — 1 Corinthians 8.** What influence does your life have on others? Pray to live and speak that others may find Christ through you.
- Oct. 8 — 2 Corinthians 6.** All believers are God's workers. You can serve Him with a patient, victorious faith and with holy living. Pray for all who may suffer because of their Christian faith.
- Oct. 9 — 2 Corinthians 10.** The right to witness to your faith and to speak for holy living was given you when Christ called you to be His person. Pray for the strength to witness in spite of criticism.
- Oct. 10 — 2 Chronicles 34.** How much have you influenced the lives of those with whom you live and work? Pray for those who lead your congregation as officers and teachers that they be strong in faith and deed. Pray also for Rev. Theodore Frederking, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Oct. 11 — 2 Chronicles 29.** The power of a congregation can be measured by its zeal for worship. Pray that your worship, prayer, and Bible study may lead you to greater zeal for the Lord's work.
- Oct. 12 — Amos 5:14-24.** A person who has an unloving heart cannot accept the forgiving love of God. Pray that the members of your congregation may be strengthened in their faith that they may not hold grudges against others.
- Oct. 13 — Revelation 1.** Set the Lord Jesus before you as your Savior from sin, as the Voice of God, and the Head of the church. Pray for those who visit your worship services that they may know the Lord Jesus and believe.
- Oct. 14 — Revelation 2.** Are you helping your church to speak God's Word faithfully? Pray for grace to understand the Word and for strength to teach it to others.
- Oct. 15 — Revelation 3.** Every congregation has its own personality which is determined by the hopes of its members. Pray for a right attitude toward your church.
- Oct. 16 — Revelation 22:8-20.** Use the holy Word of God to keep growing in faith. Pray for courage to speak the truth of God's Word especially in your own congregation. Pray also for Rev. Harry Harris, Portland, Ore.
- Oct. 17 — 2 Timothy 2.** Have you shown your neighbors by word and act what God's love is like? Pray for true love and patience to deal with those who disagree with you.
- Oct. 18 — 2 Timothy 3.** You must use the power of God's Word against the evils of our day. Pray for those who have gone astray from the Lord that Jesus may once again be the center of their lives.
- Oct. 19 — 2 Timothy 4.** Have you loved the world's goods more than you love the Lord? Pray for the grace to receive and enjoy the fellowship of your congregation.
- Oct. 20 — 1 Corinthians 12.** Confusion and unhappiness happen when we

look down on the skills and ability of others or even when we fail to use our own. Pray that the members of your congregation will gladly serve the Lord according to their ability.

- Oct. 21** — **Ezekiel 37:21-28.** Has God's love so touched your life that you have refused to follow unchristian ways? Pray for yourself that you may be drawn closer to Jesus in love. Pray also for Mrs. Carol Jones, pastor's wife, Chicago, Ill.
- Oct. 22** — **Hosea 6:1-6.** What you were saved *for* is equally as important as what you were saved *from*. Pray that your leaders in church will be blessed with more wisdom and patience.
- Oct. 23** — **2 Thessalonians 2.** Christ's delay in coming is your opportunity to bring some other soul with you to heaven. Pray that our hearts may be stirred to expectant waiting for Christ.
- Oct. 24** — **2 Thessalonians 3.** If you are Jesus Christ's person, then it must show in the way you work and it must show in the friends you choose. Pray for zeal to work for God and your church.
- Oct. 25** — **Galatians 1.** You know God only when you see and believe Him as He has revealed Himself through Jesus, your Savior. Pray that God may teach you to trust in Him without weariness.
- Oct. 26** — **Galatians 2.** The Gospel carries the same news of God's love and forgiveness to people of all races, whoever they are and wherever they live and work. Pray for true humility to accept all who believe as your brothers in Christ. Pray also for Pastor James Bengelsdorf, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Oct. 27** — **Galatians 3.** Have you tried to excuse your own sin? Pray for God's grace that you may understand yourself as a sinner, be brought in humility to repentance, and be raised in forgiveness to stand as one of God's people.
- Oct. 28** — **Isaiah 46:4 and Psalm 91.** Do you let God take care of your worries? Pray for strength to meet the problems of life with courage and faith. Pray also for Mrs. Kathryn Zuhn, pastor's wife, Denver, Colo.
- Oct. 29** — **Galatians 4.** Have you fully accepted the joy of knowing that God is your Father? Pray for the children in your congregation that they may be taught to believe with joy.
- Oct. 30** — **Galatians 5.** You know that Christ has redeemed you. Have you used that knowledge in love for others? Pray for peace in the church, in your congregation and in all congregations.
- Oct. 31** — **Psalm 119:105-136.** You have been saved and in that salvation you can work for God. Pray that the Word of God may lead you strongly to place all your hope in Him.

Remember your Ebenezer Thankoffering and pray:

O God, remake Your church that it may walk the way of Your dear Son. Bless all who honor You on their birthdays with the grace to give themselves into Your care. May they find in You alone the fullness of life, know in humility their own limitations, and see the limitless power of Your grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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