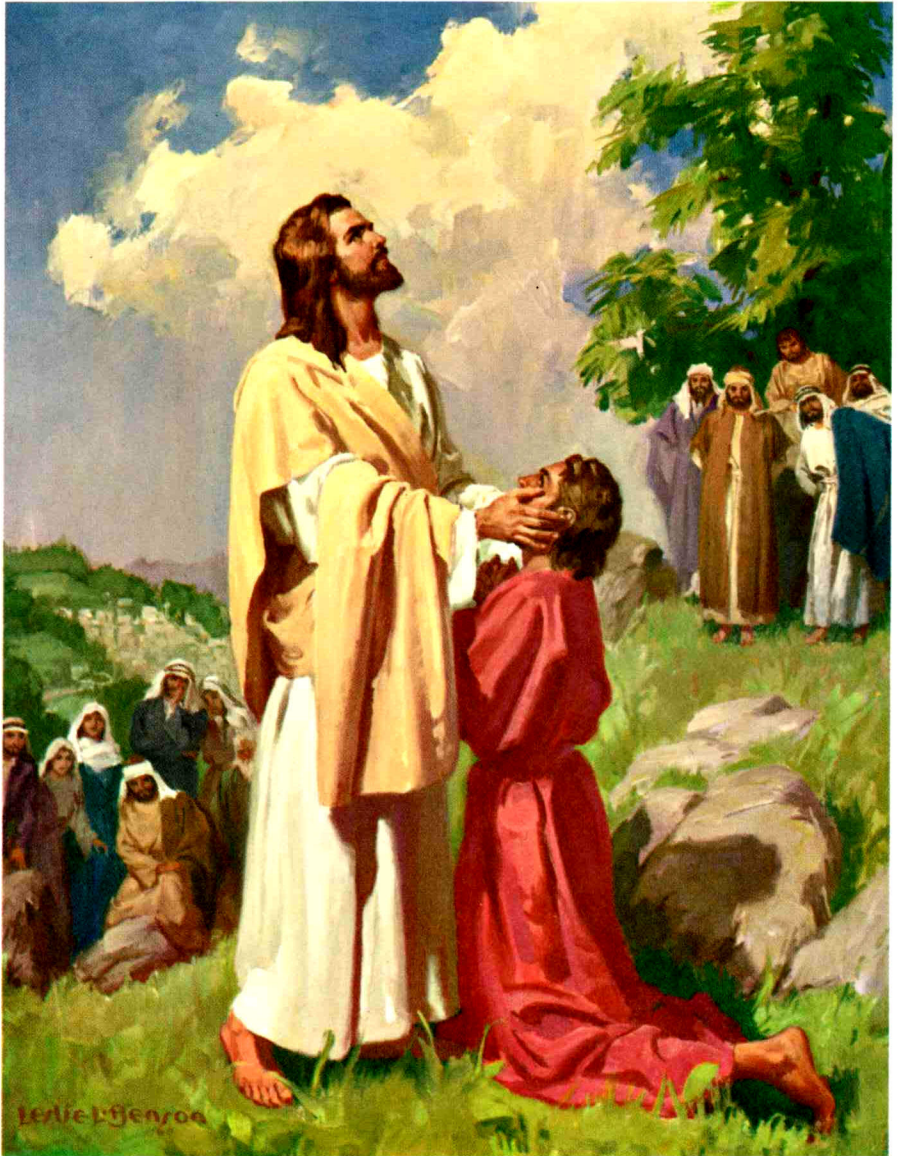




The Deaf Lutheran



Ephphatha, Be Opened

A Special Year Ahead

What does one do on an anniversary?

Celebrate!

And so we shall!

Let it therefore be known that you and I together, yes, all of us, our church, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Lutheran deaf missions this year — 1969!

A special day, March 9, has been set aside for commemoration of this anniversary by all Lutheran congregations, both hearing and deaf, in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Regional conferences are being encouraged to direct some attention to the anniversary with a service

of thanksgiving. News releases and articles have been sent to all our Lutheran church periodicals as well as to other publications of the deaf to publicize our March celebration. The DEAF LUTHERAN will also feature a special issue in March commemorating the anniversary. In fact we dressed up the DEAF LUTHERAN for the whole year to highlight the occasion.

We have a celebration, but who gets the honor?

Looking around, we see our many dedicated pastors who have given years of service to our churches. We see the hundreds of deaf laymen and women who have been faithful in their leadership roles. We see the thousands of faithful deaf Christians who gratefully and gladly support their church. But these are all equal before Him whom they really serve. It is God, our heavenly Father, who has blessed our church these 75 years.

If the Lord wants it to happen, He will continue to bless pastors and people with time, energy, and skill so that our deaf congregations will still preach, teach, and share the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness and life in the years to come.

Therefore, as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Lutheran deaf missions, we praise, honor, and give thanks to our God and Lord, who has given us the joy of service.

Back Cover

The symbol looks like a fish and it is. In Greek, one of the languages spoken at the time of the early Christian church, the word for "fish" is *ichthus*. Christians soon noticed that the letters of *ichthus*, when set in an anagram, were the first letters of other Greek words forming an abbreviated confession of faith.

I — *I*esous — Jesus
Ch — *C*hristos — Christ
Th — *T*heou — God's
U — (*H*)uios — Son
S — *S*oter — Savior

The fish was often used as a symbol of faith in early Christian art. It is also widely used by Christians today.

The Lord's Work—World Missions

In Focus — January

The world's population is growing ten times faster than the church! This fact was impressed upon delegates attending a meeting of the World Congress on Evangelism a few years ago. What does it mean?

About one-fourth of the world's population today is Christian, that is, about 80 million unchurched Americans and 2 billion unsaved souls live in the world today. In the years ahead, statistics tell us, the number of people who have not heard about or have not accepted Jesus as Savior will increase at a very fast rate. Christians, on the other hand, will become an even smaller percentage of the population. According to the American Bible Society at their present rate of Scripture distribution it would take 370 years to reach each person now living in the world with some part of God's printed Word. As the population increases, the task becomes larger.

That is a shocking thought! Will the church ever be able to preach the Gospel to everyone as Jesus

told us to do? Is the task so great that the church should give it up? Certainly not! What may seem impossible for man to do is never impossible for God.

The Lord gives the blessings—strength and courage to move us, skill and tools to do His work, zeal and love to support it. We pray for the needs of mankind, asking God to send more pastors and teachers.

We have much in material blessings. When we hear the cry of the hungry for physical and spiritual nourishment, we send our gifts to the welfare and mission agencies of our church.

We are like the woman who wrote to a mission magazine: "Only the Lord knows how much I would like an AM or FM radio and record player in our home . . . and that is what I had saved this money [\$60] for since the beginning of the year. But after reading your article . . . the Lord spoke to me, and I knew I must send it. If I didn't, I could never be happy."

"When I think about all those poor people dying of starvation—

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and especially children, I look at my own five little ones, all healthy and happy, and I thank my Lord for all His undeserved blessings. Neither my husband nor my chil-

dren know about this money. It was going to be a surprise for Christmas, so they won't miss it. Please use it where it is most needed. . . ."

What Is the COSD?

The Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD) was officially incorporated on Jan. 27, 1967, under the laws of New York State. It all began as a dream some 13 years ago, a desire that the national organizations serving the deaf would somehow work together sharing information and seeking to solve the problems of the deaf world with united action.

The council was established following a yearlong study by the National Health Council under a grant from the Social and Rehabilitation Service of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. COSD now has 15 active members and 2 associate members. They are:

Active Members

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf

American Athletic Association of the Deaf

Canadian Association of the Deaf

American Instructors of the Deaf

Board for Missions to the Deaf, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Conference of Church Workers Among the Deaf (Episcopal)

Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf

Gallaudet College Alumni Association

International Catholic Deaf Association

National Association of the Deaf

National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies

National Congress of Jewish Deaf

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Associate Members

The Deafness Research Foundation

Ephphatha Services for the Deaf and for the Blind (American Lutheran Church)

Objectives

What COSD Wants to Do

The Council wants to promote the best interests of deaf persons through the cooperative efforts of its autonomous organizations. Seven items are listed:

1. COSD will work to take away the social and economic barriers which try to keep the deaf as second-class citizens.

2. It will support activity directed to the prevention of deafness.

3. It will coordinate and strengthen the services of its member organizations.

4. It will be a connecting link between organizations for the deaf and other organizations interested in the deaf and their problems.

5. It will make easy the sharing of information about deafness and the welfare of the deaf and will provide general information about deafness.

6. It will enlist the support of organizations and the general public in developing economic, social, cultural, and other opportunities for deaf persons.

7. It will seek funds to accomplish these purposes.

How Does COSD Operate?

Each national active-member organization is represented on the Board of Directors by two delegates. (Our delegates are Pastors Daniel Pokorny and Herbert Rohe.) In addition, five board

members-at-large from professional or other areas also serve as directors. This Board of Directors decides policy and directs the activities of COSD through the executive director, Mervin G. Garretson, and his staff.

This board meets at least three times a year and maintains a continuing communication link with the various national organizations. It also pinpoints the problems the member organizations have in common.

An annual forum is sponsored by the council each spring, to focus on topics of current and long-range interest in the field of deafness. Participation in the forum is open to invited professionals in the field as well as individual members of the affiliated organizations.

From time to time, as the COSD board directs, special sections will

1969 COSD Forum

Dr. David Denton, superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf, is chairman of the 1969 COSD forum which is to be held in New Orleans at the Monteleone Hotel, Feb. 19—21.

Under the theme "The Deaf Man and the World" the forum will include sessions discussing the deaf man and his world of (1) work, (2) play, (3) love, and (4) worship.

You are urged to attend. Talk with your pastor for details and further information.

The 1969 forum is of special interest to us because it will have a session on the church and the religious life of the deaf. COSD is being urged to establish a religious section as part of its structure. This proposal will come before the COSD board at its next meeting, Feb. 22, the day following the forum. The COSD now has only one such section, a legal section.

The Question Box

Q. *When a pastor receives a call to move to another congregation, how does he know if God wants him to move?*

— a reader in the Great Lakes Region

A. This difficult question can best be answered by the pastor himself. He thinks about his personal qualifications, the needs and opportunities of both his own congregation as well as the church to which he is called, and, of course, the will of God. He takes the whole matter to the Lord in prayer for guidance while considering the *two* calls — the one to the church he now serves and the other, the new call to a different congregation. He also talks with members of his present congregation and with some other pastors, especially his regional counselor and the secretary for deaf missions. The willingness of his congregation to release him and the encouragement of his fellow pastors may give him some evidence of God's will.

The apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 4:10 (Beck), *Serve one another, each with the gift he received, as good managers of the various gifts of God.* When the pastor is convinced that his God-given gifts will best be developed and used in the interest of Christ's kingdom in the other congregation and that the work of God can be made to prosper there, then he feels that God wants him to move.

REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG

Do you know what a backslider is? Watch for next month's Question Box.

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

be activated to study and seek remedies for various problems in the field of deafness. Topics now being considered for sectional study include:

Insurance problems of the deaf

Legal rights of the deaf (counsel and interpreter)

Adult education programs for the deaf

Vocational training in the computer age

Image-development

Welfare and counseling services

Driver safety problems

Employment practices (discrimination)

Mental health services

The mentally retarded deaf person

Recruitment of personnel working with the deaf

Community and communication centers

Medical research

Social and economic research

Parent counseling

Development of telephone use by the deaf

— Adapted from COSD brochure

(Next month the DEAF LUTHERAN will present COSD work on the legal rights of the deaf. Look for it. ED.)



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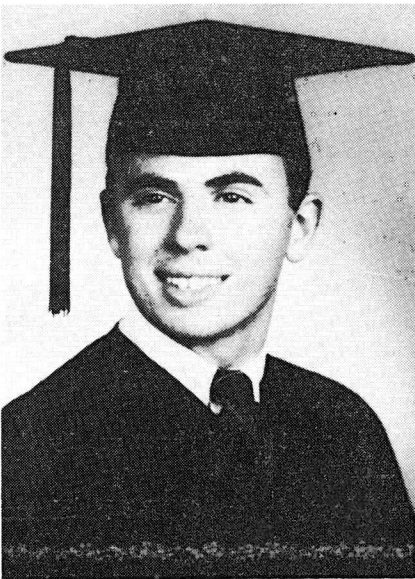
GLEANINGS

Midwest Region News

Gallaudet Graduate Becomes Assistant Athletic Coach

Kansas City, Mo. It makes us very happy to see our deaf young people with courage and effort find their place in life and succeed in what they are doing. These are our leaders of tomorrow.

One of these determined young people is Fred Gouby, a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Kansas City. Fred graduated last year from Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C.,



Fred Gouby

and accepted an appointment at the Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, as an assistant teacher of printing and assistant athletic coach.

The November issue of the *Kansas City Lutheran* reported that the Missouri school's football team showed considerable strength last fall.

In addition to his teaching and coaching at the school, Fred also finds time to assist Rev. Clarence Bremer in the Lutheran religious program for the deaf children. Pastor Bremer serves St. Paul (hearing) Congregation in Fulton as well as the deaf school.

REV. D. ZUHN, *Reporter*

Eastern Region News

Congregation Dedicates Library

West Hartford, Conn. The church library at the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, West Hartford, was formally dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 29. The congregation had been gathering the more than 2,000 volumes since the dedication of their church building two years ago.

The library is open to all deaf persons active in the congregation. It was established so that the deaf may improve their

knowledge of words and grammar by reading books on the level they can understand. Reading helps to improve language and knowledge, and that in turn will help the deaf in the hearing world and at their jobs.

The library contains all kinds of books, including Bible stories, devotional materials, biography, sports, hobbies, cooking, gardening, reference works, and children's books.



The library at the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, West Hartford, recently dedicated, has more than 2,000 volumes

New Parish Worker Installed

West Hartford, Conn. On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, the congregation of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, West Hartford, gathered to welcome their new parish worker, Mrs. Rae deRose. Rev. Earl Thaler, pastor of the deaf congregation, read the rite of installation.



Pastor Earl Thaler installs his new parish worker, Mrs. Rae deRose

Mrs. deRose will work with Pastor Thaler in three schools for the deaf in Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire, teach special classes at the church, visit deaf persons in the area, do office work, and help with the subscription business of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

She wears a dark-blue uniform with a gold cross on the shoulders of the jacket and on the cap.

Campus Ministry Helped with VW Bus

Washington, D. C. As part of their grant for the "Gallaudet Ministry," the international Lutheran Women's Missionary League recently presented a Volkswagen bus to Rev. Daniel Pokorny and his Washington Field.

Pastor Pokorny informs us that



Very pleased with the new VW bus that serves our Lutheran campus ministry at Gallaudet College are (l. to r.) Rev. Daniel Pokorny, campus pastor, and Gallaudet students Linda King of New York, Larry Doherty of Wisconsin, Patricia Ford of Georgia, and Diane Foster of Indiana

the bus is used for various student activities. These include special off-campus social events, outings, and special church services. Regular trips are made to the Maryland School for the Deaf, where Gallaudet students are "Sunday school" teachers of deaf children. Recently the bus was used by the Gamma Delta chapter at Gallaudet for a visit to a synagog.

REV. W. AIELLO, *Reporter*

Dixie Region News

Pastor Honored by School

Dallas, Tex. At the annual Recognition Dinner of the Volunteer Council at the Denton State School for Mentally Retarded,



Rev. William E. Duey looks over a box of "clown dolls" made for mentally retarded children by the women's auxiliary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church (hearing) of Dallas

Sept. 16, Rev. William E. Duey was presented with a 500-hour bar. Pastor Duey has volunteered more than 500 hours of service working with two groups of deaf and the hard-of-hearing mentally retarded children at the School.

REV. W. DUEY, *Reporter*

Pacific Coast News

Congregation Welcomes and Installs New Pastor

San Francisco, Calif. Rev. Marlin Sampson was installed as the pastor of the San Francisco Field of Lutheran Deaf Missions on Sept. 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, San Francisco.

The pastor of St. John's, Rev. James Zimmermann, was the liturgist; the preacher was Rev. Kenneth Behnken of Peace, Mill Valley; Rev. Herman Heuer, circuit counselor, read the rite of installation; and Rev. Clark Bailey, counselor of the Pacific Region of Lutheran Deaf Missions, interpreted the service for the deaf.

A reception was held for Pastor and Mrs. Sampson and their family in the church hall following the service.

Pastor Sampson was born in Chickasha, Okla., Feb. 1, 1923. Following his graduation from high school at Glendora, Calif., he served in the U. S. Army in World War II. He then entered Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1951.

His first parish was in Watonga, Okla., until 1953, when he accepted the call to deaf missions in the

Notice to Subscribers

All subscriptions under the congregation's blanket plan for 1969 are due this month. Please give your \$1.00 subscription to your pastor or church treasurer **now**.

Thank you.

South Dixie Field. From 1956 to 1960 he served the Oklahoma Field of deaf missions.

He then served a hearing parish in Hawthorne, Nev., from 1960 to 1966. In January of 1966 he moved to Pleasanton, Calif., to serve as the first pastor of Trinity Congregation. He has also been serving as the vacancy pastor to the San Francisco Field since Pastor Theodore DeLaney left.

Pastor Sampson married Florence McBride in Kansas City in 1946. They have six children: Michael, 20, attends Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Terry, 20, is in the U. S. Navy; James, 19, and Catherine, 17, attend California Concordia College; Rebecca, 15, and Timothy, 13, are at home.

We are happy and thankful to the Lord of the Church that He has sent this new shepherd to guide, feed, and protect the flock of the San Francisco Field of Lutheran Deaf Missions. May his years in this service be fruitful and joyous.



Rev. Marlin Sampson being installed as pastor to the deaf of the San Francisco Field, Sept. 22

Daily Bible Reading—1969

Reading the Bible every day is the kind of habit every Christian should enjoy. When we take time from our busy lives to practice this good habit, God gives richer blessings to us. Jesus said, *A man cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that God speaks* (Matthew 4:4 TEV). We listen to God with our hearts open to receive His words—His anger and judgment against our sin and His forgiveness for Jesus' sake. We have no other way to live before God.

To help you listen to God regularly, the DEAF LUTHERAN encourages you to use "Light for Your Way," a daily Bible reading guide for your personal devotions in 1969.

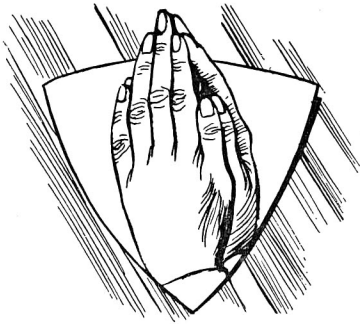
After each day's reading, a sentence or two about the reading

will give you something to think about.

Then pray, talk with God. He always hears you. He will answer your prayer if you believe. When you pray, always thank and praise your God for His goodness to you. Remember that you are before God as a sorry and forgiven sinner.

Pray about your own needs and give the needs of others into God's care. Pray for your church, your fellow church members and their needs. Pray for your pastor and for all our church workers who serve the deaf.

May God bless you with a stronger faith as you hear God speak to you every day in this new year.



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

January 1 — February 7

Include the following in your prayers:

- that the Holy Spirit will bless those who preach and teach His Word throughout the world and that all who hear may believe.
- that every Christian may bravely witness of God's love wherever he goes.
- your church's need for more pastors and teachers.
- your pastor and the leaders in your congregation.
- your family and the members of your home congregation.
- that God would give you patience and the ability to forgive.
- that God would bless your plans and help you make the right decisions.
- our church workers who celebrate birthdays this month!

Pastor John A. Beyer, Seattle, Wash. (1-14)

Pastor Robert Bauer, Edmonton, Alta., Can. (1-27)

Mrs. Ferol Hauptman, pastor's wife, St. Paul, Minn. (1-28)

Mrs. Donata Haug, pastor's wife, Houston, Tex. (1-30)

Mrs. Gayle Berninghaus, lay assistant's wife, Omaha, Nebr. (1-30)

Pastor August L. Hauptman, St. Paul, Minn. (2-6)

Pastor Charles Jones, Chicago, Ill. (2-6)

The Book of Ruth is a story of a Moabite woman and her faith. She was received into the people of God and became an ancestor of Jesus Christ. Most of the customs in this book are explained in Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

Jan. 1 — Ruth 1:1-14. Bitter events and feelings of having everything against you may be a part of the best Christian life.

Jan. 2 — Ruth 1:15-22. Trust in God gives strength to face the future.

Jan. 3 — Ruth 2:1-16. Boaz recognized the sure dignity of poverty and gave honor where it was due.

Jan. 4 — Ruth 2:17-23. It is God's hand which changes a dark future into a bright one.

Jan. 5 — Ruth 3:1-18. A bold plea for help and protection.

Jan. 6 — Ruth 4:1-12. The elders of God's people give honor to Boaz's plans.

Jan. 7 — Ruth 4:13-22. Only by grace God chooses those who serve Him.

Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings and advice from great men of the Hebrew people.

- Jan. 8 — Proverbs 1:1-19.** Has God's wisdom touched your day-to-day life?
- Jan. 9 — Proverbs 1:20-33.** The wise man looks for God. His plans follow what God wants.
- Jan. 10 — Proverbs 2:1-15.** True wisdom leads to God. Everything else is only foolishness.
- Jan. 11 — Proverbs 3:1-12.** God will guide your life more wisely than you can.
- Jan. 12 — Proverbs 3:13-27.** The wise person who trusts God has true security — he need fear nothing.
- Jan. 13 — Proverbs 3:28-35.** You show your wisdom in the way you treat your fellowman.
- Jan. 14 — Proverbs 4:1-19.** Are you comfortable with your faith when you are with your friends?
- Jan. 15 — Proverbs 4:20-27.** Singleminded love for God is the way of peace.
- Jan. 16 — Proverbs 5:1-14.** Sexual purity is wise for this life and forever.
- Jan. 17 — Proverbs 5:15-23.** Has your faith brought you closer together in your family?
- Jan. 18 — Proverbs 6:1-19.** Your life among people deserves your unending care.
- Jan. 19 — Proverbs 8:1-21.** He is wise who lives in the presence of God, his King.
- Jan. 20 — Proverbs 8:22-36.** How well do you accept the advice and criticism of others?
- Jan. 21 — Proverbs 9:1-12.** Resolve to praise others more often than you criticize or condemn.
- Jan. 22 — Proverbs 11:1-12.** Wisdom separates those who live right before God and those who are wicked.
- Jan. 23 — Proverbs 19:1-11.** Proverbs echo the real situations of life. What is true is not necessarily right.
- Jan. 24 — Proverbs 22:22-29.** Honest work, not wealth or power, is the measure of a man.
- Jan. 25 — Proverbs 23:1-18.** What God promises you is far better than wealth.
- Jan. 26 — Proverbs 23:29-35.** When people use alcohol to escape from problems, then it becomes a greater evil.
- Jan. 27 — Proverbs 25:15-28.** Patience and self-control are secrets of the good life.
- Jan. 28 — Proverbs 31:10-31.** A shared faith in God's mercy makes a marriage strong.

Paul wrote to the Colossians because some were saying that Jesus was not

truly God's Son, that He could not guarantee a man salvation. This is a letter about God's saving love in Christ.

- Jan. 29 — Colossians 1:1-14.** A Christian's work for God always includes prayer for the church. Make verses 11—14 your prayer.
- Jan. 30 — Colossians 1:15-23.** The name of Jesus is above every name. Read passage again as your prayer of praise and thanksgiving.
- Jan. 31 — Colossians 1:24-29.** How much have you been willing to work and suffer for the sake of the church?
- Feb. 1 — Colossians 2:1-7.** Why do you go to church?
- Feb. 2 — Colossians 2:8-15.** Your whole hope is in Christ, who has given you life.
- Feb. 3 — Colossians 2:16-23.** You are free in Christ.
- Feb. 4 — Colossians 3:1-17.** Evil is breaking the Law; good is following Christ.
- Feb. 5 — Colossians 3:18 — 4:1.** Every kind of Christian has his own task to live with God.
- Feb. 6 — Colossians 4:2-6.** How well have you used prayer, the Christian's greatest strength?
- Feb. 7 — Colossians 4:7-18.** How deeply are you concerned for the life and worship of other congregations? Pray for the unity of the whole Christian church on earth.

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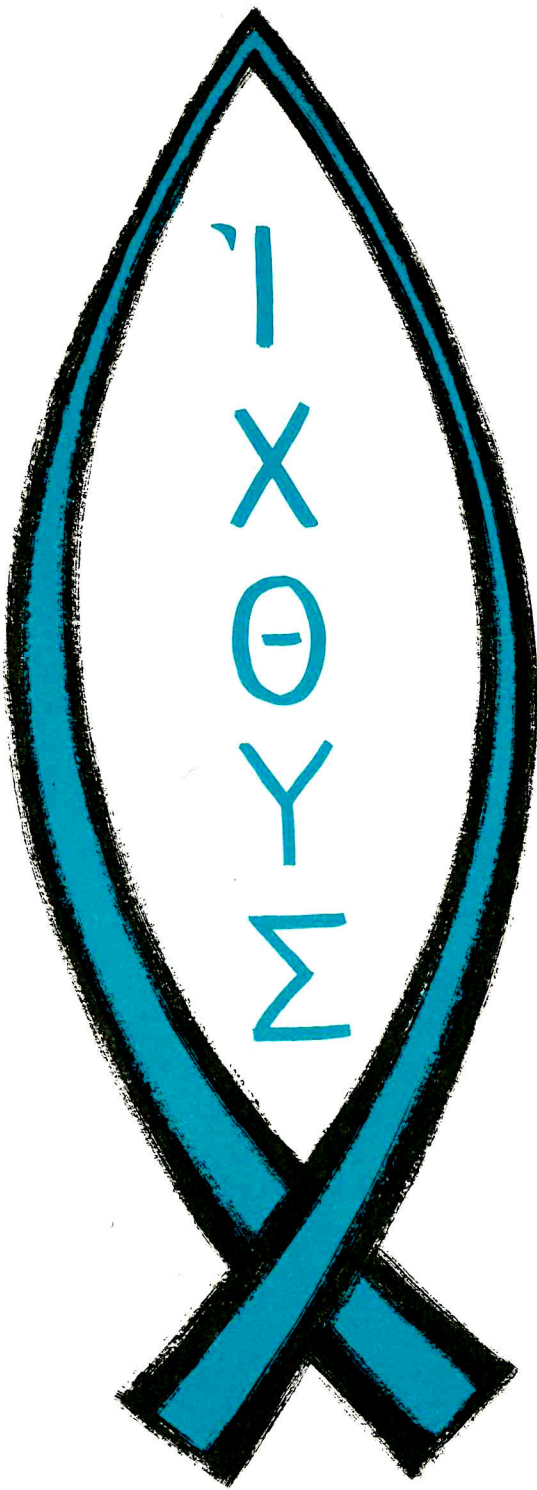
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