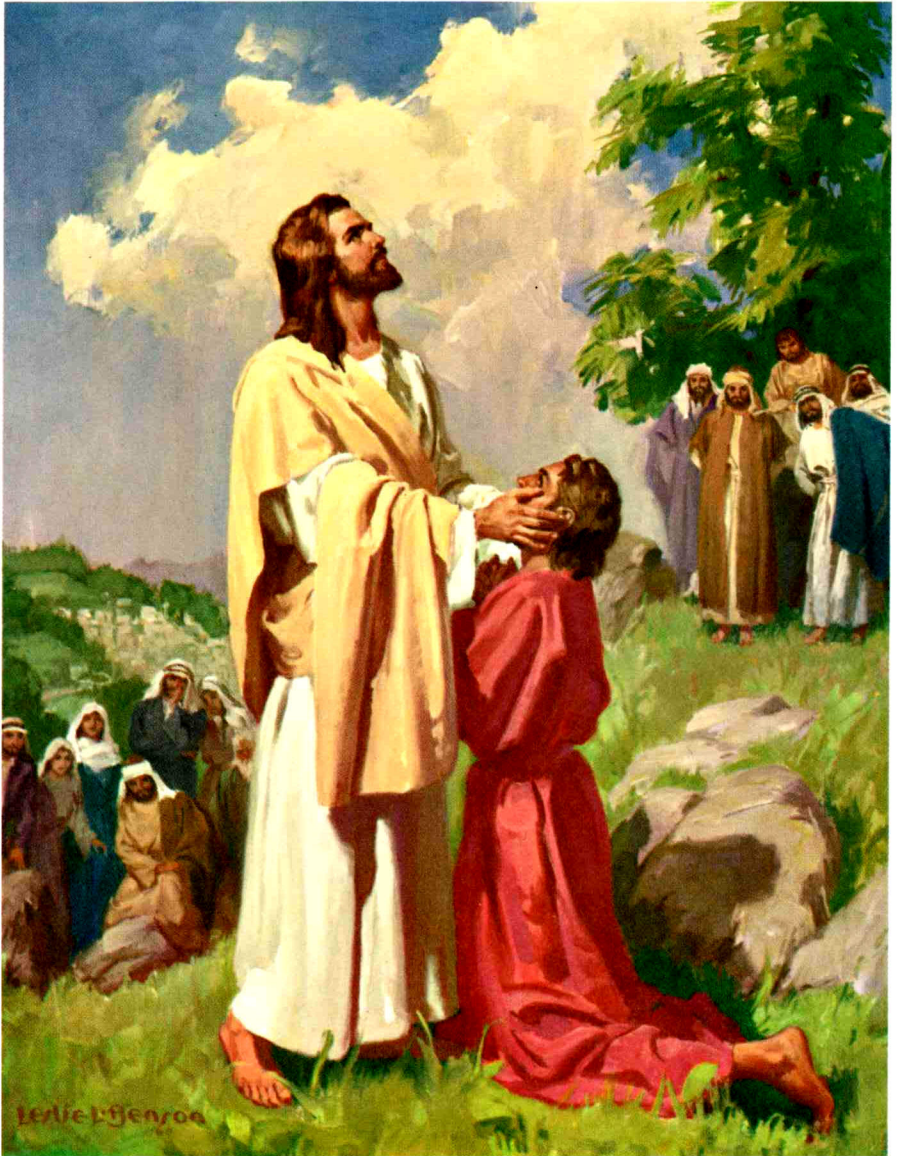




The Deaf Lutheran



Ephphatha, Be Opened

The Grace of Marriage

In Focus — May

The Christian Family

What is marriage? It is many things. Most of all, it is two people, who have their own personalities, learning to live together so that each will be helped and will prosper. This can best be done through faith in Jesus Christ and by following His example. Jesus accepts our weaknesses and unselfishly loves us, forgiving us daily. The love of Christ for us is the pattern of love which a Christian husband and wife follow. It is not the kind of love advertised today by writers and movie makers. It doesn't come naturally, but needs to be learned from Christ.

Marriage was given dignity by God when, in His wisdom, He created male and female. But the power that keeps it going and promotes growth is joined to God's forgiving love in Christ Jesus. Because husband and wife know this

forgiveness from Christ, each can accept the other as he or she is and forgive each other daily.

Christian husbands and wives can think of their marriage as a Christian ministry. A marriage cannot be built and left alone, like a bridge. Instead, it is a ministry of care of mates for each other, of parents for their children, of children for their aging parents. It is the sacrificial gift of time and labor. It is the spirit of forgiveness.

In the wedding ceremony husband and wife promise to minister to one another when they say: "For richer, for poorer; for better, for worse; in sickness and in health . . . till death us do part."

None must marry; all may marry. When they do so, they will find the grace of marriage if they think of it as a Christian ministry to each other.

(Condensed from Rev. Charles A. Reichert's study in Advance, June 1967, pages 70—74, by Rev. William Lange. Ed.)

Power Failure in Christian Homes

It was during our evening vacation Bible school. I was drilling one of the Bible verses.

"I was glad . . ." I began, and nobody could take it from there.

"When they said to me . . ." I added, and still no answer. I tried again.

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go . . ."

"HOME!" one of the little girls up front shouted.

And I thought they loved our VBS!

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It is good when children are glad to go home. Yesterday in a hospital I watched helplessly as a sick little 3-year-old cried on her daddy's shoulder, "Daddy, take me home!"

The more a child loves his home, the greater the good influence of that home can be. Home is where character is formed — good, average, or bad.

A mother said, "I must find good examples to put before my child." She meant playmates and visitors. She was wise.

But the mother herself, along with the father, is the chief example, and in most cases both are daily before the child.

A family was driving past an orphanage, and the father asked his daughter: "Someday we must come and visit here. What shall we bring for those boys and girls?"

"Daddies and mothers," said the wise little girl.

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This is old-hat information to most readers. But then why don't most parents act as if they really know it?

Let's say your church has 200 families. You are fairly sure that in those 200 families there are 250 TV sets, some of them costing around \$500, unless you are living in a poverty section.

TV has become a necessity; no longer is it a luxury.

But suppose you got those 200 families together and offered them a book for \$2 a year, in which the TV shows are rated by good and competent people as to their quality — good or not good for child viewers. (Available from National Association for Better Broadcasting, 373 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90004)

How many books would you sell?

About three!

Hundreds of dollars for 250 TV sets — easily a \$50,000 total value!

A \$10 total (if you are lucky) for guidance about how to use those sets so that children get the good from them and not the bad!

That, in general, illustrates the weakness of Christian homes.

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The same thing is true, of course, in many other directions. How much do you spend for subscriptions to the newspapers and magazines in your living room? How many of these are Christian reading or otherwise very good for your children?

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The home too poor to have a TV but long on Christian love is a much better home than one with all the luxuries and not enough Christian understanding!

The home is the most powerful

institution in the world. Why don't we Christian parents act like it?

REV. MARTIN P. SIMON, D. ED.

Reprinted from the *Lutheran Layman* (April 1969)

News from Nigeria

The following is an excerpt from Mrs. Marian Yunghan's letter of Jan. 9, 1969, regarding the Home for Young Deaf in Ibadan, Nigeria. Through your Lutheran Deaf Mission Society you have supported this home in some degree. ED.

DEAR REV. ROHE,

It has indeed been a long time since my last communication with you. The Home for the Young Deaf continues to struggle on in spite of inflation and soaring food prices. Adelaide writes that each day is touch and go. Because of the civil war and the money being poured into it from the Western Region, neither the Western Regional Government nor the Anglican Church in Ibadan has been able to support the school as they had originally committed themselves. Money trickles in from here and there (mostly private contributions), and with a lot of hard work, conviction, and prayer, Adelaide and her husband manage to keep the flock of children together, feeding, housing, and educating them as best they can.

News Notes of Interest

NAD Develops Plan For Census of the Deaf

A national census of deaf persons in 1970 has been designed under a \$14,507 grant awarded by the Social and Rehabilitation Service of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The grant was made to the National Association of the Deaf by Mary E. W. Switzer, SRS administrator.

"Census information on the deaf is urgently needed," Miss Switzer said. "We are sure there are many deaf persons — perhaps as many as a quarter-million — in our country who need rehabilitation services to achieve a full life, but who, for one reason or another, do not get the help they need. A thorough, up-to-date census will help us plan our re-

habilitative programs to reach all deaf citizens.”

The design will provide for the collection of data in the following four areas: (1) demographic and social factors, such as age, sex, type of dwelling, and family composition and mobility; (2) hearing loss and communication skills, including cause of deafness, age at onset, communication methods, and hearing impairment of other family members; (3) work experience, such as vocational training, occupational and career history, labor-force status, income, and career aspiration; and (4) job-related activities, such as participation in trade unions and associations.

NTID Changes Tuition Policy

Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N. Y.) has announced that students entering the National Technical Institute for the Deaf after July 1, 1969, will be charged for tuition, fees, and room and board on a scale comparable to that of Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., and similar to land-grant colleges and universities in the United States.

Under this new policy, incoming students will be charged at the rate of approximately \$1,300 for each academic year plus \$400 for summer sessions. All enrollment costs for NTID students were previously met by federal appropriations.

RIT was selected in 1966 to establish and operate NTID, the

first endeavor in the country to educate deaf students on a large scale within a hearing institution. The first pilot group of 70 deaf students began their studies at RIT's new campus in September 1968. Total enrollment of deaf students is expected to reach 750 when facilities are complete.

The NTD Plans Foreign Tours

The National Theatre of the Deaf has been invited to tour Europe this summer on two occasions. One tour will be to Italy, Sicily, France, and perhaps England. On the second tour the NTD will visit Israel and Yugoslavia.

In Yugoslavia the company will participate in the World Games for the Deaf and will also meet the Russian Theatre of the Deaf. NTD's long-range plan is to tour Russia in future years, and then bring their theatre to this country. This plan has tremendous implications. Here would be two companies of "cast-aside" people, who have risen to the stature of giants as artists, touring together although from these "opposing" countries.

This is only one reason why the NTD is going to Europe. The company has already become professionally established because of its marvelous success on Broadway. The NTD is no longer regarded as "help for the handicapped." Instead, the hearing public is being attracted, for the NTD has become a symbol of the excellence and quality which deaf people have brought to the theatre as

The Question Box

Q: *The Bible says God created the world. Who made God?*

— A reader in the Midwest Region

A. According to Psalm 90:2, God lives “from everlasting to everlasting.” The Biblical words *eternity*, *eternal*, and *everlasting* mean without limits of any kind, without beginning and without end, lasting continually. Therefore, **no one** made God. With Him there is no past and no future. He is above the limitations of time and space. *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth* (Isaiah 40:28). See also Genesis 21:33 and Romans 16:26.

Since we are accustomed by experience to the idea of the origin and termination of plants, animals, and people, we have some difficulty trying to grasp with our limited mind the eternity of God. One illustration shows the concept of the eternal God. It is a circle that has no start and no stop. Man’s life on earth, on the other hand, is like a straight line, the ends of which mean his birth and death. This line cannot and must never be applied to God’s existence or life.

God expects us to believe what He says about Himself, even that He was never made. We do well at present to be satisfied with God’s statements in the Bible about His eternal existence.

REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG

Next month we will begin a four-part series to answer the question, *Why is it a sin to gossip?*

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

well as to their other employment. It has been a wonderfully successful public relations device to publicize the skill, intelligence and beauty of deaf people.

The first tour to Europe is partially funded through an airline that wishes to encourage tourist business in Italy. The second tour

gives the company money for room, board, and some expenses while it is in Europe, but no funds for transportation are included.

All of this expense must be above and beyond the federal grants NTD holds. Perhaps the deaf of America can help. Contributions given for the NTD tour

reflect the same spirit as sending deaf athletes to the World Games for the Deaf. The company, and therefore you, will gain tremendously in stature from this exposure. This is our American contribution to the fine art of the world.

All gifts for this purpose should be made to the O'Neill Foundation, NTD Division, Suite 1012, 1860 Broadway, New York City, N. Y. 10023. All these gifts are fully tax-deductible.

New Method to Detect Deafness in Newborn Babies

Doctors can easily reassure a nail-biting father that his new baby has all 10 fingers and all 10 toes. One out of every 1,000, however, is thought to be born with a damaging handicap that is much harder to see—partial or total deafness. An otherwise normal child can reach the age of 3 or perhaps even 7, before parents realize something is wrong with his hearing. By that time the child is behind in his ability to speak and understand.

In most parts of the world doctors have no regular system for detecting deafness at birth. A year ago, however, a \$250,000 5-year experimental program was launched by McGill University. It could make complete testing for deafness as routine and universal as blood sampling.

The McGill Project for Deaf Children makes use of a pocket-sized instrument called an "aural

stimulator." The device, developed in Canada and resembling a walkie-talkie, is placed near a baby's ear. At the push of a button it broadcasts a pleasant tweeting noise that causes most normal babies to quiver, twitch, squirm, or blink their eyes. Those who do not react are referred to clinics for further tests.

Volunteers working for the McGill project are using aural stimulators in the maternity wards of about a dozen Montreal hospitals. In the first year 7,589 newborn babies were tested and 260 did not twitch or squirm. Of these, only a few were found to have defective hearing.

Rubella Vaccine — Another Landmark to Prevent Deafness

Recent reports that a Rubella (German measles) vaccine has been developed and that the clinical trials to date show that it will probably be effective announce another landmark in removing another cause for deafness. It is not known, however, whether money will be available for vaccinating large numbers of school children in time to head off a Rubella epidemic forecast for next year.

After the last major outbreak five years ago, more than 20,000 deaf or otherwise defective babies were born to mothers who contacted the disease while pregnant. An estimated 1,000 of these are both deaf and blind.



FIELD

GLEANINGS

Sale of Stamps Brings \$7,800 for Missions

St. Louis, Mo. Receipts from sale of stamps during 1968 totaled \$7,800, says Stamps for Missions president Raymond E. Hodges, for an increase of \$200 over last year.

Expressing his appreciation to all who have contributed all kinds of postage stamps, Hodges went on to say: "This amount could be exceeded if more of our Lutherans would become Stamps for Missions minded."

This year's special grant of \$1,000 was designated for the Central City Lutheran School in Saint Louis to aid in providing the services of another teacher. In addition, the funds on deposit with the Synod's Church Extension Fund now total \$91,000.

Our deaf readers are urged to clip canceled postage stamps, leaving at least ¼-inch of paper around the stamps. Details for supporting this project in your church are available from Stamps for Missions, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63102.

Midwest Region News Pastor to Lead Tour

Des Moines, Iowa Rev. James Bengelsdorf, pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf,

is making plans to guide a tour of deaf people to the Holy Land and the world of St. Paul. The 2-week tour in June 1970 will cost about \$1,016 for each person.

For more detailed information write to Pastor Bengelsdorf, 8408 Madison Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50322.

Dixie Region News Pastors Make News

Rev. Donald Leber, pastor in the Memphis, Tenn., Field, has been serving on a task force committee appointed by the Governor of Tennessee to study areas of concern in Vocational Rehabilitation. The committee seeks better facilities and more manpower to help all handicapped people.

Rev. Halter Busby, pastor in the Florida Field, was asked to substitute for Rev. William Kniffel, director of the Lutheran Hour overseas operations, and ride the Lutheran Laymen's League float in the Orange Bowl Parade last Jan. 1. Several deaf young people of Deaf Zion Congregation were also chosen to walk with the float. They were dressed in the costumes of the various nations that receive Lutheran Hour broadcasts. Needless to say, Lutheran deaf watching the parade

were surprised and delighted to see their pastor in his unannounced role.

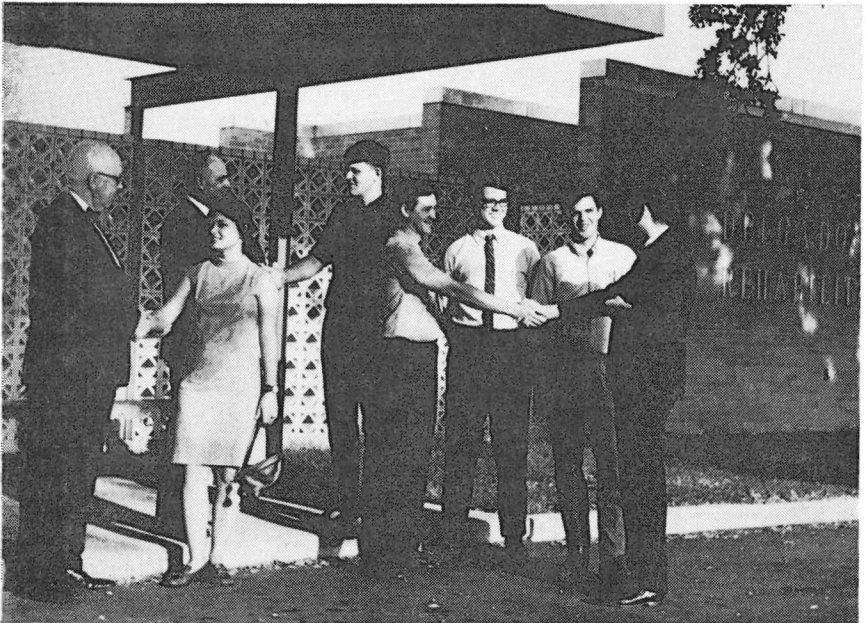
Son of Pastor to the Deaf In New College Program

James D. Pokorny, the deaf son of Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Pokorny, Lutheran missionary to the deaf in the Washington-Baltimore area, is a member of the first class for deaf students at Delgado Junior College, New Orleans, La.

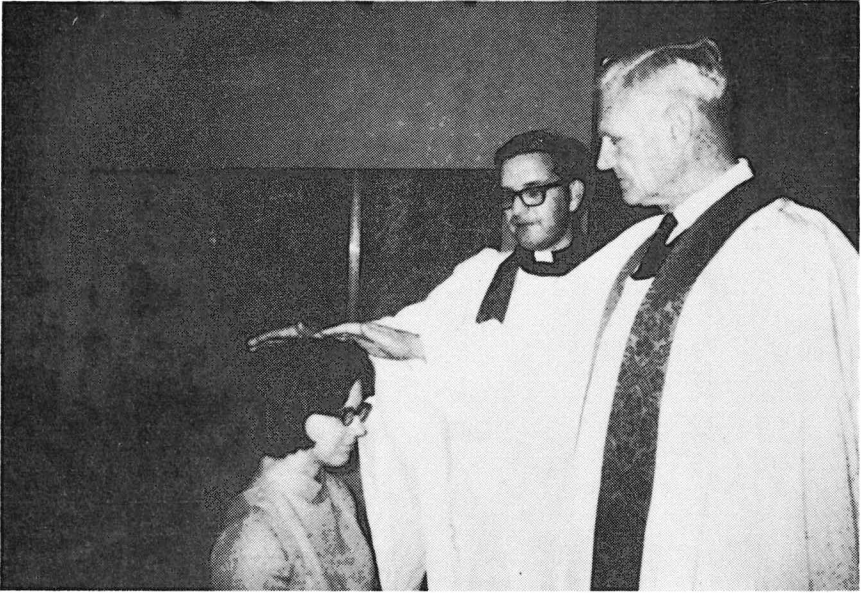
The Delgado program, which began in the fall of 1968, offers a wide variety of training for deaf students. It is possible for a student to be trained in voca-

tional skills or to complete a regular 2-year junior college program. Since Delgado is a hearing college, interpreters are used to help the deaf students understand the lecturers. Notetakers make it possible for the students to give full attention to the lecture. Supportive study work is available through the specially trained Program for the Deaf staff.

Albert Seal is the coordinator of the program, which is under the direction of Douglas Wells. For more information about the Delgado Program for the Deaf, write to Delgado College, 615 City Park Ave., New Orleans, La. 70119.



Pictured in front of Delgado College Rehabilitation Center (housing the office of the Program for the Deaf) are several deaf students with the members of the college staff. James Pokorny, deaf son of Pastor and Mrs. D. Pokorny, is the student with glasses and tie



Miss Judy Horne is inducted as parish worker at Deaf Zion Lutheran Church, Miami. Rev. C. F. Kellerman (right), honorary president of the Florida-Georgia District, preached the sermon. Rev. Walter Busby (center), missionary to the deaf of the Florida field, read the rite of induction

Pastor Donald Leber, missionary to the deaf, Memphis, Tenn., is responsible for the spiritual care of Lutheran students at Delgado. He travels to New Orleans once a month to hold services for students and the deaf people of New Orleans.

Parish Worker Inducted

Miami, Fla. Jan. 19 was the date of the service of induction of Miss Judy Marie Horne as parish worker of Deaf Zion Lutheran Church, Miami.

Judy is a native of Miami and a "daughter" of Deaf Zion Lutheran Church. She first came to Deaf Zion as a 10-year-old in the

congregation's summer Bible school program. She has been active ever since.

At the Florida School for the Deaf she attended the Lutheran classes conducted by Rev. Francis Gyle, then missionary to the deaf in the Florida field. Following her graduation from the Florida school, Judy enrolled at Gallaudet College. Here again she was active in Lutheran student programs.

In December 1968, Judy completed her course of study at Gallaudet and was contracted by the Board for Missions as parish worker. She will assist Rev. Walter Busby in directing the Bible

school programs, visiting the sick, and helping in the youth programs of the church.

Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Horne, active members in their own church in Miami. She is engaged to Mr. Stanley Miller, and the couple plan to be married on July 12 at Deaf Zion Church.

REV. W. DUEY, *Reporter*

Eastern Region News

LWML Gift Helps Purchase Bus

Trenton, N. J. Lutheran Missions — South New Jersey has a new 1969 Volkswagen nine-passenger bus, thanks to the 1968 World Day of Prayer service held by the district Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

The women of the Atlantic District LWML gathered \$1,300 at

that time. The gift helped the South New Jersey field make a sizable downpayment on the bus.

The bus serves as a public relations agent wherever it goes. "Lutheran Missions to the Deaf" is printed on both sides, center. The location and time of services in the Camden area are printed right of center and, to the left, the time and location of the Trenton services.

Once while the bus was parked at a nearby church, a passerby stopped, looked the bus over, and then came looking for the owner for more information about our deaf program. We were very pleased with the man's interest and gladly answered his questions. Through him we met another little deaf girl.

New Chapel Planned

Trenton, N. J. Nativity Church for the Deaf will join with Redeemer Lutheran Church (hearing) in building a chapel for the deaf.

The building program at Redeemer includes an educational building and church offices. The educational unit will include Sunday school rooms for the deaf and a chapel that will seat 75 people.

This new joint venture will enable Nativity Church for the Deaf to better meet the needs of the deaf and their families. We hope the building will be ready for use by Christmas 1970.

REV. WILLIAM AIELLO, *Reporter*



Here is one way to publicize your church: Buy a Volkswagen bus! The South New Jersey field did

Pacific Region News

Congregation Honors

Rev. Jonas

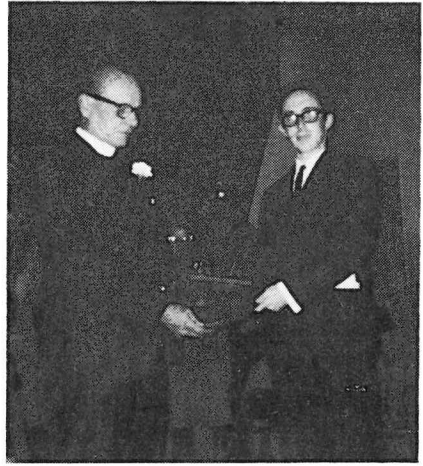
Los Angeles, Calif. On Dec. 8, 1968, Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles held a surprise party to commemorate Rev. Arnold Jonas' 30 years as pastor. The president of Pilgrim Congregation, Charles Kotal, writes the following observations:

"Our party was held at the parish hall. I escorted Pastor Jonas into the hall, and as we entered, the entire congregation gave him a standing ovation. How surprised he was. I then presented the flowers to Pastor and Mrs. Jonas.

"Don Fairman, our lay assistant, opened the program with the invocation. Then I gave a brief biography of Pastor Jonas. Mrs. Verda Saunders, manager of Pilgrim Tower, gave her interpretation of the "Impossible Dream." Rev. Jonas' personal friend of 30 years, Roy Miloy, also spoke about his close relation to Pastor Jonas and his work.

"Then Harold Thuve sang the solo, "O Almighty Kingdom," and Mrs. Dorothy Farmer sang Pastor Jonas' favorite hymn, "Beautiful Savior."

"I then read all the letters of congratulation received for the occasion. A beautiful Bible plaque with a gift of over \$800 from the members of the congregation was presented to Pastor Jonas.



Charles Kotal, president of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles, presents a plaque to Rev. Arnold Jonas (left) in commemoration of his 30-year ministry

"At the close of the program, the sign class of hearing people whom Pastor Jonas was teaching surprised him by signing the Lord's Prayer. Refreshments were then served."

Rev. Arnold Jonas recently resigned as pastor of Pilgrim Congregation to serve as chaplain of Pilgrim Tower, an apartment building for the deaf and senior citizens which has been open since July 1968.

Pacific Coast Regional Lay Conference

San Francisco, Calif. About 100 people gathered in San Francisco on Friday, April 18, to attend the Lay Conference. The theme of this year's conference was "75 Years of Grace, and Our Future as a Church."

The conference began with a fellowship supper and was followed by movies from the Oakland church. Of special interest was the movie showing Dr. George Gaertner, who was called to his heavenly home last year. The movies called to mind memories of Dr. Gaertner, who faithfully served the deaf in California for many years.

The second day opened with a message of welcome by Mr. Renau of the San Francisco church. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Sampson. Mr. Renau then gave his message, "God's Grace Through Men," after which we divided into discussion groups.

In the afternoon Mr. Davis of Oakland gave a talk on "The Deaf Are the Church." Again we di-

vided into discussion groups. Later in the afternoon Don Fairman, lay assistant in Los Angeles, told of his work. Rev. H. W. Rohe was unable to be present, so his paper on future plans for deaf missions was presented by Pastor Bailey.

A banquet was held Saturday evening with Pastor Beyer of Seattle acting as the master of ceremonies. Pastor Bailey, our regional advisor, was the after-dinner speaker.

The conference concluded on Sunday with Bible class and a worship service. After lunch we all left for home.

Certainly, we thank the San Francisco congregation for the wonderful opportunity to share in fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We say to them, "Well done!"



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

June 27—August 19

Include the following in your prayers this month:

- that peace will come to our nation and throughout the world.
- that God will give us courage to meet our responsibilities in our family, church, and country.
- a prayer of thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given our land.
- our church workers who celebrate birthdays this month:

Mrs. Doris Myhre, parish worker, Milwaukee, Wis. (7-1)
 Pastor Norbert Borchardt, Detroit, Mich (7-7)
 Mrs. Bernice Bottlinger, pastor's wife, Vancouver, B. C., Can. (7-10)
 Mrs. Joan Jasper, pastor's wife, Kowloon, Hong Kong (7-11)
 Mrs. Betty Lou Oermann, pastor's wife, Milledgeville, Ga. (7-12)
 Mrs. Cam Busby, pastor's wife, Miami, Fla. (7-13)
 Pastor Wendell Peterson, Decatur, Ill. (7-25)
 Pastor William Duey and his wife Mary Ann, Dallas, Tex. (7-28)
 Mrs. Altha Corl, pastor's wife, Madison, Wis. (7-30)
 Pastor Floyd Possehl, St. Louis, Mo. (7-31)
 Pastor Martin Hewitt, Cleveland, Ohio (8-1)
 Pastor Roger Leonhardt, Devils Lake, N. Dak. (8-1)
 Mrs. Laura Brodie, lay worker's wife, Vancouver, B. C., Can. (8-6)
 Mrs. Carolyn Aiello, pastor's wife, Trenton, N. J. (8-7)
 Lay Assistant Gilbert Berninghaus, Omaha, Nebr. (8-16)
 Lay Assistant Robert Henrikson, Columbus, Ohio (8-17)

After his Roman imprisonment Paul sent Timothy to take charge of the church in Ephesus. He wrote two letters instructing Timothy in the work.

- June 27** — **1 Timothy 1:1-11.** Find your place with God by accepting His mercy. The Law is used to correct sin.
- June 28** — **1 Timothy 1:12-20.** Can you with joy and gratitude recognize yourself as a forgiven sinner?
- June 29** — **1 Timothy 2:1-15.** Prayers and modesty are examples of the church's life in God.
- June 30** — **1 Timothy 3:1-16.** Does your life show the eternal hope in which you live?
- July 1** — **1 Timothy 4:1-16.** Study in the Word and prayer are the best training for the Christian life.
- July 2** — **1 Timothy 5:1-16.** Even the organized charity of the church requires rules.
- July 3** — **1 Timothy 5:17-25.** Your fellow Christians are human beings. Your relationship to them must include the ability to forgive them. *Pray for peace in your church.*
- July 4** — **1 Timothy 6:1-10.** Have pride and love for money made you forget that all your blessings are from God?
- July 5** — **1 Timothy 6:11-21.** All of your life centers in your hope in eternal life.
- July 6** — **2 Timothy 1:1-14.** Support those who lead you in Christ, with trust and forgiveness, without shame.
- July 7** — **2 Timothy 2:1-13.** Jesus Christ suffered for your sins. How well have you lifted the burdens of others?
- July 8** — **2 Timothy 2:14-26.** Not every Christian has the same strong, pure faith. Help the weak in faith to become strong, but do it with kindness and forgiveness
- July 9** — **2 Timothy 3:1-17.** The church is never free of danger.

July 10 — **2 Timothy 4:1-22.** Never be afraid to preach the Word of God. His love covers all of life. *Ask God to forgive those who have hurt you.*

The word "Ecclesiastes" means "the preacher." Solomon searched for the highest good for a man during his life on earth. Everything except obedience to God is worthless and lasts only a short time.

July 11 — **Ecclesiastes 1:1-18.** A great mind sets itself to find meaning in human life.

July 12 — **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.** There is no lasting happiness in pleasure.

July 13 — **Ecclesiastes 2:12-26.** Discouragement and giving up because of a hard life are foolishness. Only God can give meaning to life. You will find joy in Him.

July 14 — **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15.** You have your own life to live in response to God's call.

July 15 — **Ecclesiastes 3:16-22.** Only through faith can you know that you live with Christ.

July 16 — **Ecclesiastes 4:1-16.** Unless you hope in God, all human life is useless.

July 17 — **Ecclesiastes 6:1-12.** By your life of obedience you can make your peace more secure.

July 18 — **Ecclesiastes 8:1-17.** You are not wise unless you find your life's meaning in God.

July 19 — **Ecclesiastes 9:1-18.** Death comes to all; only the wisdom of faith can bring us through death to heaven.

July 20 — **Ecclesiastes 12:1-14.** The knowledge of God increases pleasure throughout life.

Jonah was sent to call the heathen people of Nineveh from their sinful lives. This book shows that God's mercy reaches out to everyone.

July 21 — **Jonah 1:1-10.** The man who rejects God's command also rejects God's protection. *Pray for courage to do God's will.*

July 22 — **Jonah 1:11-17.** Jonah, a type of Christ, sacrifices himself for the good of others.

July 23 — **Jonah 2:1-10.** In the depths of despair repentant prayer is most meaningful.

July 24 — **Jonah 3:1-10.** Jonah's preaching of God's Word works to change the hearts of the sinful people of Nineveh.

July 25 — **Jonah 4:1-11.** God's mercy is greater than any man's. *Pray for love enough to give forgiveness to everyone.*

James wrote early in the apostolic era. The church was neglecting its social responsibility. He pointed out that faith and works must live together.

July 26 — **James 1:1-18.** When faced with persecution or trouble, remember that God is the source of every blessing.

- July 27** — **James 1:19-27**. Can others tell by your character that you love your Lord?
- July 28** — **James 2:1-13**. In the church every person whom God has chosen is important.
- July 29** — **James 2:14-26**. You are saved by the grace of God; your faith and your works live together as you accept His grace.
- July 30** — **James 3:1-12**. Have you been careful to speak only in love?
- July 31** — **James 3:13-18**. Jealousy and ambition are sour, unhappy things.
- Aug. 1** — **James 4:1-12**. Have you learned to pray with a desire for God?
- Aug. 2** — **James 4:13—5:6**. Is there anyone who has a just complaint against you?
- Aug. 3** — **James 5:7-12**. Can you help settle the quarrels and any bitterness in your congregation? *Ask God to forgive all who are bitter.*
- Aug. 4** — **James 5:13-20**. There is great power in your prayer. Have you used it for others?

Peter wrote two general letters to the churches of Asia Minor. He wrote during a time of persecution, and he strengthened the churches to continue faithful to God.

- Aug. 5** — **1 Peter 1:1-12**. Peter gives thanks for the never-ending glory which has been given to the church.
- Aug. 6** — **1 Peter 1:13-25**. God's call leads His children into holiness.
- Aug. 7** — **1 Peter 2:1-10**. The church is built when its members recognize their unity in their God-given work.
- Aug. 8** — **1 Peter 2:11-25**. Are you able to forgive so that no enmity remains and to live in peace with your fellow Christians?
- Aug. 9** — **1 Peter 3:1-12**. Your desire for peace will show first in the way you speak.
- Aug. 10** — **1 Peter 3:13-22**. No persecution can ever harm the church or its members.
- Aug. 11** — **1 Peter 4:1-11**. Does your love for God show in the way you act?
- Aug. 12** — **1 Peter 4:12-19**. You should expect the world to think of you as something different.
- Aug. 13** — **1 Peter 5:1-14**. It is a real battle to keep yourself pure.
- Aug. 14** — **2 Peter 1:1-11**. Do you know that you are growing in your life with God?
- Aug. 15** — **2 Peter 1:12-21**. God's prophets and apostles have made His revelation clear to us. *Give thanks for your Bible, in which you may learn from God.*
- Aug. 16** — **2 Peter 2:1-10a**. False teachers will always bother the church.
- Aug. 17** — **2 Peter 2:10b-22**. Watch that you do not yield to the evil social pressures of your day. *Pray for the ability to judge good and evil.*
- Aug. 18** — **2 Peter 3:1-10**. Live in confidence that Christ will come again with your final salvation.
- Aug. 19** — **2 Peter 3:11-18**. Hope for the day of the Lord makes life joyful. *Pray that Christ Jesus will return soon.*

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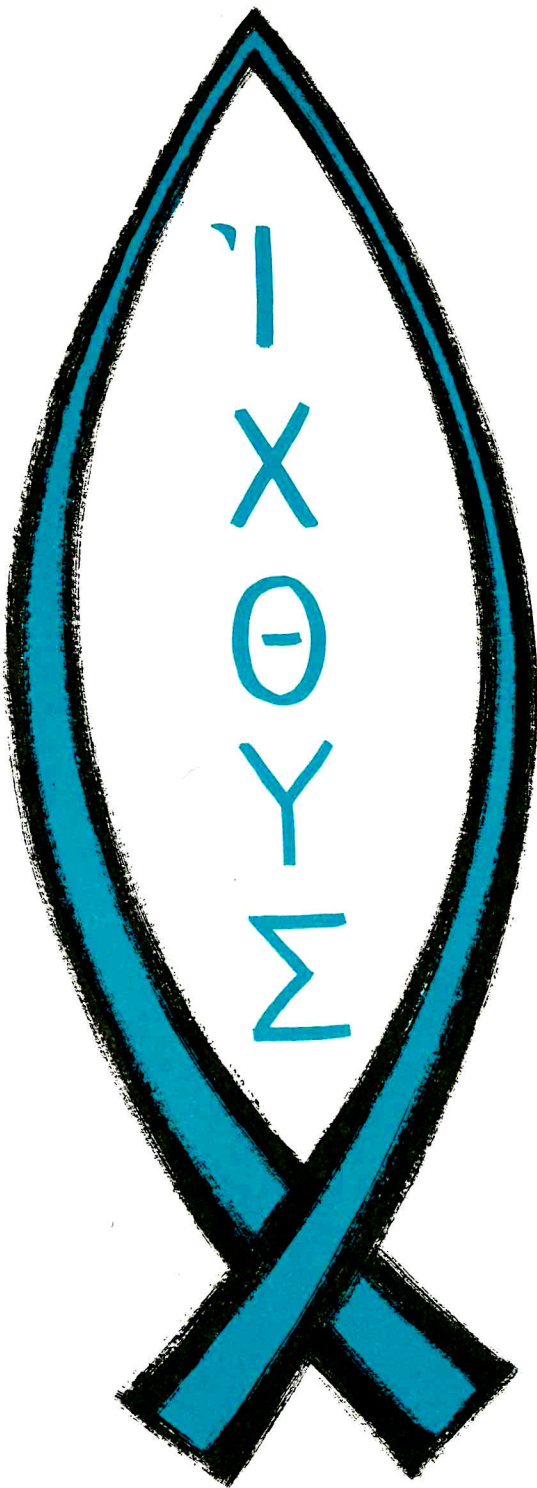
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