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Midwest Region Posts Successful 25th Conference

-by Lester Ahls

Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska, was the site for the 25th meeting of the Midwest Regional Conference held June 20-22, 1980. Eighty registrants from all over the Midwest Region participated in the program, "Sowers For God".



Group picture taken of those who attended the Midwest Regional Conference. All photos by Dorothy Sparks.

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Friday evening was the night for remembering past conferences, events and photographs were reviewed and discussed fondly.

Saturday was divided between topic and business. The topic, "Sowers for God", was led by Rev. Daniel Pokorny, John of Beverly Professor of Deaf Ministries at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Professor Pokorny's presentations were very inspiring as well as entertaining.

In the photo below, Pastor Pokorny is shown leading one of the workshops. As is his style

he uses group participation to illustrate many points he strives to make clear to the audience.

The Saturday evening banquet was filled with



Rogate Hosts Dixie Regional Conference

-from BRIGHT STAR The newsletter of Holy-Three-In-One L.C./Deaf Houston, Texas

The Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference convened at Clearwater, Florida on August 1, 2, and 3. It seemed like the Conference has grown every time. This time 100 people attended. Little more than third of this increase is due to the Rogate Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Clearwater that Rev. Frank Wagenknecht started not long ago. They have a very beautiful church building there which was dedicated this year. The rest came from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas. Some came from Miami, too.

The Clearwater group were very hospitable. Everyone had a nice meeting, as well as the fun at Rogate on Saturday night. Sunday service were attended by 100 plus. Pastor Robert Case preached "Being Completed in Christ" and assisted Rev. Wagenknecht with the Holy Communion.

Most of those who came from out-of-town stayed at the Windmill Terrace Motel which is operated by Dot and Bud who are also members of the Rogate Congregation. Guests of the motel thought that Bud and Dot are the nicest people they ever met at a motel. Between meetings, they even served various delicacies in the pool area for the deaf guests.

Even with the very busy meetings of the conference, many delegates found time to go swimming, sightseeing, visiting Disney World.

At the business meeting on Saturday, the following officers of D.D.L.C.-I.L.D.A. were elected:

President: David Naumann, Houston, Texas
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The next meeting of Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference is set for August, 1982, in Houston, TX. Enthusiasm is high for this great day, because confidence in the newly elected officers to do a good job is guaranteed.

good food, good fun, and good entertainment. 98 people attended this banquet. Mr. Lester Ahls served as Toastmaster and Rev. Pokorny was the main speaker. For entertainment, The Son Shine Signers, a group of eight, led by Karen Dammeyer and Dorothy Sparks performed songs and skits all in sign language and mime. All of the beautiful favors and table decorations were made by talented Frances Burgess. The program concluded with prizes and awards. One of those honored at this conference was Mr. Nick Petersen, who was the first president of Midwest Region. First prize in the Conference Banner Contest went to the ladies of Bethlehem congregation.

Sunday morning's Bible Class was led by Lay Ministers Marion Van Manen and Paul Consoer. Following Bible Class, a service of Holy Communion

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Midwest Regional Conference

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was celebrated. The Rev. Laverne Mass preached and Rev. William Lange served as liturgist. During the service Dorothy Sparks acted out the "Parable of the Sower". It was all very inspiring.



(photo left): Karen Dammeyer, Karen Kershaw and Verla Hamilton signing the song, "Lord Listen To Your Children Praying". (photo right): One of the skits being acted out by Dorothy Sparks and Keith Stinger.

New officers were installed during the Sunday service. They are:

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The 1981 conference will be hosted by Bethel Deaf Congregation in Denver, Colorado.

The Midwest Committee did a great job in the planning and execution of the conference. Committee members were: CHARLES DOERING (Chairman), EARL PETERSEN, FLORENCE PETERSEN, DOROTHY SPARKS, REV. UHLIG and KAREN DAMMEYER.

Special Thanks to:

MR. & MRS. EDWARD MAIER, who hauled many things in their camper to and from the conference,
 REV. UHLIG, for doing the printing,
 MRS. EMMA MAPPE for helping with the awards,
 EARL PETERSEN for making the beautiful Midwest sign.

--and to all those who helped in many ways!

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**THE REV. GEORGE KRAUS ON MILL NECK FOUNDATION
 FACT-FINDING MISSION IN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA**

-from Mill Neck Manor Bulletin
 September 1980

The newly-created Mill Neck Foundation, true to its intention to seek out areas of need among the deaf, recently sent the Rev. George Kraus, of New Britain, Conn., on a fact-finding mission that took him to Brazil and Argentina where he was the guest of the Lutheran Churches there. Their hospitality and cooperation were the keys to the success of the trip. Pastor Kraus and the Mill Neck Foundation sincerely thank them all.

During the first two weeks in June, Pastor Kraus spent nine days in Brazil and three in Argentina.

The Lutheran Church of Brazil is already in deaf work. Escola Especial Concordia is a school

Prayer of a Deaf Person

-by Father Jim Carini

My God I am deaf, I cannot hear the beautiful sounds in the world.
 I feel the gentle breeze, but I cannot hear the soft rustle of its passage through the trees.
 I sense the ground rumble, but I do not hear the whistle of the passing train.
 I see the plane against the white clouded sky, but the whining of its engine goes unnoticed.
 I see the laughing faces and moving lips, but I cannot hear the joyful noises they are making.
 I must accept this life, but I cannot help but wonder why.
 Speak to me O God of Love!
 Tell me how much you love me!
 Help me to understand how my deafness is a gift That I must use to give you glory.
 I cannot dwell on my lack of hearing lest I miss what I hear you saying to me.
 I may not hear the sounds around me, but Your words are clear and loud in my heart.
 Speak to me O Living Father, penetrate the inner deafness of my life with Your glorious Word.
 Use my deaf ears to show the world that You speak to us in a deeper way, a way even I can listen to.
 Instill the silence of my heart a love for Your Word and a desire to proclaim it throughout the land.
 I will use my hands in love for You, pointing the way for all to see-praising Your name and giving glory for your gift to me.
 For while I am deaf I may better able to hear your call and echo its words for others You love.
 Thank You Lord for Your gift of silence.
 Help me to never become angry and bitter because of what I lack, instead let me praise You
 For all good things You have given to me.
 Especially the gift of Your love spoken silently
 In the depth of my heart.

-submitted by William and Barbara Zimmerman
 Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

for deaf children located on the church's seminary campus in Porto Alegre. Mrs. Naomi Warth, Director and founder of the school alerted the Lutheran church to the needs of the deaf in Brazil. Our readers may recall that Mrs. Warth, several years ago, received the John of Beverley medal from Mill Neck Manor for her work among the deaf of her country. A parochial school teacher for 26 years, she also studied at the Santa Maria State University, Brazil, in the field of special deaf education, and at teacher training centers in Germany and the U.S. She founded the Concordia Special School for the Deaf in Porto Alegre in 1966, beginning with 3 deaf students in classes held at her home, later using the basement of the seminary. The school has grown to its present enrollment of 81 deaf children.

The response of the children and their parents is most gratifying, whereupon Pastor Kraus was moved to comment, "We hope our people everywhere will support our Mill Neck Foundation as we seek to expand our interest and service to the deaf in foreign countries as well as at home."

A one-week seminar in sign language and total communication was conducted by the Rev. Kraus at Seminario Concordia, Porto Alegre. The seminary, with a current enrollment of 150 students, trains the Lutheran pastors of the sister church of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Fifty-four seminary students, wives, teachers of the deaf, seminary professors and interested laymen attended the program.

Pastor Kraus used Fischer Price toys to teach the language of signs. It is one of the most popular methods of teaching sign language today. During the seminar no speech was permitted, except for certain presentations which required voice. Pastor Kraus then spoke Spanish, which was easily understood by those speaking Portuguese.

-more about Pastor Kraus trip
 will be printed in the next issue.

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

-from the newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf
Spokane, Washington

A famous clergyman once took a train enroute to a city where he was scheduled to preach. He had hoped to prepare his sermon while on the train. Spreading out his books, he began his studying.

A stout lady and four rather unkempt children were in the seat behind him. One boy started climbing on the back of the clergyman's seat and even put his dirty little fingers on his white collar.

The clergyman was minded to put the boy in his place, but just then the vendor came into the car, and instead he bought some candy for the children. Hours went by. He was unable to work on his sermon, but instead spent his time telling Bible stories to the children.

A man who was about to leave the train came to the pastor and thanked him for his kindness to the children. He said that other people in the car had been watching and saying, "That is real Christianity."

"I don't understand," said the pastor.

He was then told that the old lady was the grandmother of the children. The mother of these children had just passed away, and the grandmother and the children were on their way to the funeral.

When the pastor heard that, he could only say, "Christians should be careful how they travel. Remember others are watching to see if your Christianity is real or only talk."

Dear readers, to everyone of us who claims to be a Christian, the Lord Jesus declares:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16)

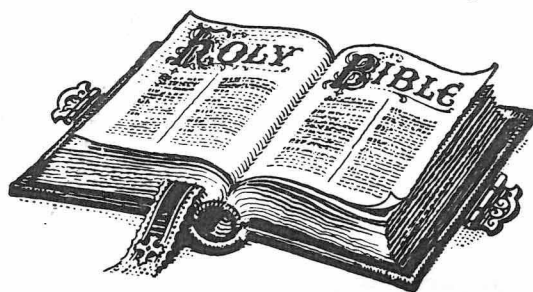
-from a Detroit Church Bulletin

Book of the Month

The Bible has been called the "Book of Books." In this one book, the Bible there are 66 different books. 39 books in the Old Testament, 27 books in the New Testament. All the books of the Bible are the same in one way. They are the same in fact that each one has something to do with Christ. But each book is different from all the other books of the Bible. Because each book is different the "BOOK OF THE MONTH" will focus on a different book of the Bible each month.

THE PURPOSE OF JOHN: "But these things are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then by believing you can have

Daily Bible Reading



for November 1980

1John 4:31-42.....

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2Luke 18:9-14.....
3Nehemiah 1:1-11.....
4Hebrews 7:26-8:2.....
5Mark 5:1-20.....
6Jeremiah 17:15-17.....
7Ephesians 4:30-32.....
8Luke 15:1-10.....

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9Luke 19:1-10.....
102 Kings 18:1-8.....
11Romans 16:17-20.....
12Luke 20:20-26.....
13Isaiah 44:6-8.....
14Romans 13:1-7.....
15Revelation 22:12-17.....

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16Luke 20:27-38.....
17Jeremiah 6:10-16.....
181 Corinthians 1:26-31.....
19Mark 8:10-21.....
20Ezekiel 18:23-32.....
212 Corinthians 5:1-10.....
22John 5:17-29.....

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

23Luke 23:35-43.....
24Isaiah 65:17-19.....
251 Thessalonians 5:1-11.....
26Luke 13:25-30.....
27Luke 17:11-19.....
(Thanksgiving Day)
28Revelation 21:1-7.....
29Matthew 5:13-16.....

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

30Matthew 24:37-44.....

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life through His name." (John 20:31) By the following witnesses John proves that Jesus is the Son of God: 1. John the Baptist; 2. the Father; 3. the Holy Spirit; 4. the disciples; 5. The miracles of Christ; and 6. the Scriptures.

OUTLINE OF JOHN

The Key Word is "BELIEVE."

1. Introduction (1:1-18). The life of Jesus before His birth. Jesus is introduced by John the Baptist.
2. The public ministry of Jesus. (1:19 & 12:50). Jesus makes Himself known as the Son of God by His works and words. Some people believe and some people don't believe.
3. The private ministry of Jesus (chapters 13-17). Jesus reveals Himself to His own apostles.
4. The best witness (chapters 18-19). Jesus, the Son of God, is crucified.
5. Jesus shows Himself to be complete-

ly God (chapters 20-21). He rose from the dead.

WHAT JOHN MEANS TO ME: For God loved you so much that He gave His only Son so that you who believe in Him may not die, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to judge you, but to be your Savior.

A VERSE TO REMEMBER: John 3:16 & 17. These two verses briefly teach the whole Christian faith.

-from the newsletter of
Silent Lutheran Church for the Deaf
Madison, Wisconsin

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HOW LIKE OUR SAVIOR

-from Bethlehem Deaf L.C.
newsletter
Miriam Harding

There was a fire in the forest. As the fire fighters worked to put it out, one of them noticed that, while most of the animals and birds were fleeing from the flames, one bird was crying in great distress and hovering around a tree that was threatened by the fire. In one of the lower limbs of the tree was a nest with little nestlings in it. This was evidently the mother bird. "If the fire starts to go up that tree, the mother bird will fly away," the man thought to himself. But he was wrong. When the flames began to lick the tree where the nest and the baby birds were, the mother bird alighted on the nest - spread her wings over the little ones, and died in the flames before the fire was finally put out. Rather than see her little ones die alone, she suffered and died with them.

How like our Savior! So great is His love for this one lost world that, rather than let us suffer and die alone, He came down to this earth, lived with sinful men, suffered with them, and died for them. Only the power of an everlasting love could make Him do that. And as for us, now in our suffering, He sees our distress, He knows our weakness, and He draws near to us!



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REFORMATION DAY

October 31, 1517 - Luther's 95 Theses

-from the newsletter of
SILENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Madison, Wisconsin
Pastor Wally Waite



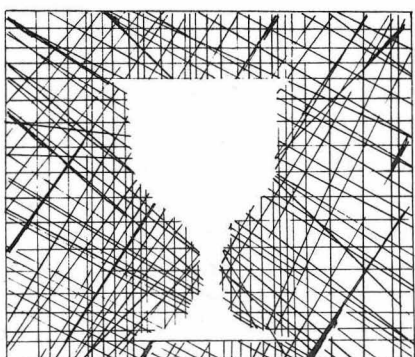
MARTIN LUTHER

In the past Luther had warned against the abuses in indulgences (letters of pardon). Now Tetzel was selling them in a town next to Wittenberg, the city Luther lived in. Some of Luther's church members went to Tetzel to buy the worthless piece of paper. When Luther warned his members to lead godly lives and to avoid sin, they boasted of their indulgences.

Luther was at this time not fully clear himself about the values of indulgences. He opposed mainly the brazen abuses, such as were practiced by Tetzel and others. He preached against these abuses and warned the members of his church. After much study and prayer Luther wrote 95 Latin statements or theses, in which he stated his ideas about indulgences. These he nailed to the Door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. The posting of his theses was an invitation to learned men to discuss and debate the matter in order to find clarity and truth. Luther chose October 31st, because the next day was All Saint's Day. He knew a lot of people would come to church on that day. But Luther had no idea that his action in posting the theses would be the beginning of the Reformation of the Church.

Luther did not directly attack the Pope or the teaching of the Church in his 95 theses, as his statements came to be called, but he made clear the fact that forgiveness of sins cannot be bought for money. In one thesis he stated: "Every Christian who truly repents has full forgiveness of sins, even without letters of pardon." These were truths that were clear as the Bible, but they were also truths that were most distasteful to the Pope and the Bishops of the Church, who used the letters of indulgences as a profitable plan for making money.

(copied and adapted)



TWO BOOKS SALUTE MAIER ANNIVERSARY

Western Michigan University
News Services
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Fifty years ago this fall, a young professor of Old Testament stepped before a CBS microphone in Cleveland and launched what in time would become the largest radio program in the history of broadcasting. The golden anniversary of Dr. Walter A. Maier's founding of The Lutheran Hour is being celebrated over the coming months through a new motion picture, anniversary broadcasts and banquets, and especially with the publication of two books focusing on Dr. Maier's extraordinary ministry.



The Rev. Dr.
Walter A. Maier

a son of the sainted Lutheran Hour founder, who is Professor of History and Chaplain at Western Michigan University.

A Sunday radio institution in the depression thirties and wartime forties, Walter A. Maier pioneered his broadcasting crusade from one station in a south St. Louis attic to a weekly program heard over 1,200 stations reaching 120 nations and territories, using 36 languages. By the time of his death in 1950, Dr. Maier had preached to more people than anyone in history, with a weekly listening audience estimated at 20,000,000.

A MAN SPOKE, A WORLD LISTENED (420 pages, \$12.95, \$8.95 paper) also details Dr. Maier's other careers, as a Chicago youth leader, St. Louis magazine editor and professor, Harvard scholar, and author of no less than 31 books and a voluminous amount of devotional materials. Because of this production and impact, Billy Graham has called Walter A. Maier "the greatest combination of preacher and scholar that America has thus far produced in this century."

In private life, his exuberant romance and happy family life inspired him to write his bestseller on marriage, FOR BETTER, NOT FOR WORSE. In public life, he left his broadcasting studio for numerous mass meetings and rallies across the nation. Crowds of up to 70,000 heard the Maier messages at the prominent stadiums, bowls, and auditoriums of America.

One of the most important fathers of the current evangelical resurgence, Dr. Maier was by mid-century the country's leading spokesman for classical Christianity in helping revitalize the nation's faith. His commentary

on the Old Testament prophet NAHUM has been praised by conservatives and liberals alike.

THE BEST OF WALTER A. MAIER (252 pages, \$9.95, \$6.95 paper) shows the versatility of the Maier prose as it ranged across the epigrams, editorials, articles, essays, addresses, sermons, and devotions that flowed from his pen. Most likely, Walter A. Maier was the first American churchman whose published works exceeded 15,000 printed pages. One chapter offers some of his noted ephorisms, such as: "A college degree is no certificate of morality: an uneducated thief will steal a ride on a train, but an educated thief will steal the whole railway system." Another reveals twenty specific predictions made by Dr. Maier that were exactly fulfilled years later. He formed these forecasts more as a keen student of current affairs than on any "gift of prophecy," and he regularly roasted those who -- like so many today -- misuse apocalyptic books in the Bible to frame their own never-fulfilled "prophecies."

His first, his finest, and his last Lutheran Hour addresses are presented intact, as well as his best seasonal sermons, most vivid illustrations, and most penetrating insights. Dr. Maier's essay on church/state relations, based on Jeffersonian principles, is also included because of its extraordinary application to the present moment. Excerpts from his scholarly THE BOOK OF NAHUM as well as his popular DAY BY DAY WITH JESUS devotional series complete the anthology, which includes illustrations.

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Synod Vice President Retiring

St. Louis, Mo. The Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Weber, 70, says he will retire next year as vice-president of the St. Louis-based Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

His decision, made public Thurs., Oct. 16, 1980, followed by three weeks an announcement of the Rev. Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus that he will not seek re-election in 1981.



The Rev. Dr.
Edwin C. Weber

Weber is known as a staunch conservative who was closely allied with Preus during the controversies of 1974 that resulted in moderates leaving the denomination and forming the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and Christ Seminary-Seminex.

The vacancies in the two top synodical offices are expected to set off heavy politicking within the denomination in the next few months. Successors to Preus and Weber will be elected by delegates to the

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Anyone Can Be Someone

-from HAVE A GOOD DAY!

A car rental advertises that, in its eyes, you're number one, and a muffler chain assures you that its customer is a somebody.

Neither slogan is related to the quality of the product. Why, then, do those businesses spend large sums of money to tell you that you're number one?

Could it be that their shrewd ad writers sense that modern life often leaves us with the feeling that we don't really count?

The impersonal nature of our times with computerized data, social security numbers, and recorded messages, makes you wonder if anyone actually knows YOU. Or are you a faceless entity no one cares about?

That state of affairs is hardly surprising when one recognizes that we have gradually been brought to think and speak of human beings as merely sophisticated mechanisms or higher animals.

Deep down, however, you sense that as a member of the human family, you are more than an animal or a machine. You are a somebody, and surely you do count with someone.

The Bible confirms that conviction. Its clear affirmation is that God sees you as an individual and cares for you. Speaking of that, Jesus stated: "The very hairs of your head are numbered." (Matthew 10:30).

To an advertiser or magazine publisher, you may be simply a "Householder," but to God, you're a specific person that matters. He knows and very much loves you.

God's high estimate of you is reflected at Calvary. Jesus Christ, His Son, died there for your sins. Grippled by this realization, John declares: "We know what real love is from Jesus Christ's example in dying for us" (1 John 3:16).

And St. Paul marvelled: "God showed His great love for us by sending Jesus Christ to die for us while we were still sinners: (Romans 5:8).

If you are depressed and wondering if no one cares, it's understandable. Much of life leaves that impression. The answer is to get the true perspective - God's view of things.

Recognize that you are a somebody with Him and that though you've sinned, He loves you. Trust Jesus Christ who died for you, and experience the reality of being in the family of God.

Followers of Christ joyfully reflect that new sense of being a somebody: "Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God- all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins- making us again

friends of God" (Romans 5:11).

That relationship can be yours at this moment if you will trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

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ST. LOUIS, MO... There was a workshop, September 4-7, at the Sheraton St. Louis Hotel on the topic "Human Sexuality and the Deaf Person." This conference was not only for the professional workers involved in counseling, but was also for the parents and families. There were group discussions, panel discussions, and addresses about various topics related to this area.

Albert T. Pimentel, the first deaf psychologist in the nation and the current Executive Director of the National Association of the Deaf was the General Chairman. Dr. William H. Masters, M.D., was the Keynote Speaker

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HIGH TIME

Speaking of political campaigns, the world has forgotten, in its concern with Left and Right, that there is an Above and Below.

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PASTOR ROBERT CORL

Pastor Corl after a long and fruitful ministry retired on September 30th. Because of Pastor Corl's retirement some changes needed to be made in ministry with the deaf in the South Wisconsin District. The Committee On Ministry With The Deaf met on Sept. 18th. This committee includes deaf members of Emmanuel Deaf, Holy Cross Deaf, Silent Lutheran Deaf, their pastors, and members of the Mission Department. Attempts were made to work evenly among the pastors of the three congregations. In a few months the Committee will meet again to see if there is a better way to preach Christ who was crucified for our sins to the deaf people of Southern Wisconsin.

The Deaf Lutheran hopes to get some news or stories about the work and life of Pastor Corl among the deaf soon for a not too distant issue.

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AID ASSOCIATION FOR LUTHERANS

Appleton, WI (Oct. 6, 1980) -- Imagine what it would be like to give someone a crisp dollar bill everytime you say thank you. Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) is doing just that during this 200th anniversary year of the Sunday School.

A special grant program called "200 Thanks," will provide \$200 to local groups of AAL members, called branches, for recognition events to honor Sunday Church School volunteers.

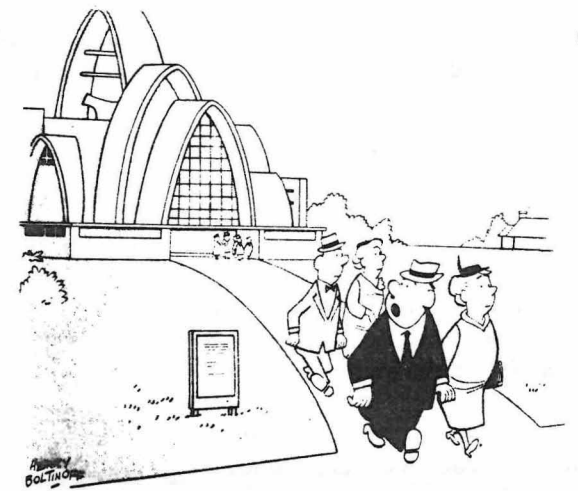
"Volunteer branch members have an opportunity through '200 Thanks' to honor another group of volunteers," said Sue Meyer, branch benevolences at AAL. "The types of activities they have planned show imagination and creativity," she added.

In some branches, the funds are being used to hold workshops and advanced training sessions for the Sunday church school teachers. According to Meyer, these workshops are used for both recognition of the volunteers and as a way to help them learn new techniques and increase their effectiveness as teachers.

Branch 2611 in Sac City, Iowa, recently held a hog roast as part of its "200 Thanks" event. Sunday church school volunteers from St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran churches, Sac City, and Emmanuel -- St. John Lutheran Church, Lytton, were guests of honor at the Sept. 14 banquet.

Volunteers from the Sunday church school staff of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Arlington, Virginia, were treated to an evening at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C. by AAL Local Branch 2603. The group saw the musical "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Many other branches are holding recognition events to thank their Sunday church school volunteers for the time they give.

There are 5,300 AAL branches nationwide for a total of 1.2 million members. In addition to purchasing life and health insurance, AAL members participate in social, service and humanitarian activities for the benefit of their families and communities. AAL is headquartered in Appleton, WI.



"Do you ever get the feeling you haven't actually been to church?"

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WHO'S PETTING YOUR DOG???

The man had everything - a mansion, three cars, a plane, a cottage at the lake, and a beautiful pedigreed dog. The dog was a real champion. He was tied to a tree on the big nice lawn. Everyday the newspaper boy rode up on his bicycle and stopped, ran over to the dog and petted it, and gave the dog some treat food.

The man had no time for the dog. So the dog grew more and more fond of the newsboy and trusted him. One day while the boy was petting the dog, the man came out and said, "Son, this is my dog. I paid much for him. I had him trained at dog school. I spent lot of money on veterinary medicine. But it looks like I don't really own him anymore. Everytime I let him off the lesh, he comes to you. I think I have lost my dog."

This is a good parable to remind us about who is influencing our children in making choices about religious matter. Some parents will say, "We will not influence or make decisions for our children in making choice."

Why not??? The television will!! Their business will!! Their politicians will too!! Shall we ignore our own children while these others are "petting" them? You know we are not comparing your children with dogs, even champion dogs but the message is clear: If we don't influence our children, someone else will!!

-copied and adapted.

Lutheran Churches for the Deaf

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Dick & Bert to Aid Hearing-Impaired

NCI NEWS

Dick Orkin and Bert Berdis, otherwise known as Dick and Bert, the dynamic duo who turn commercials into rollicking entertainment, have recorded a series of three public service announcements for National Captioning Institute (NCI). The 30-second spots will be released to radio stations in September.

The National Captioning Institute is the nonprofit organization charged with closed captioning television programs for the benefit of hearing-impaired persons. Closed captioning allows televisions equipped with special adapters to receive about 20 hours per week of programming broadcast by NCB, ABC and PBS.

"Obviously, public service spots are not our principal business," says Dick, "but NCI in particular captured our interest. A lot of different organizations are cooperating in this project, and we're happy to be a part of it."

Dick and Bert wrote the pub-

lic service spots in the same zany manner they use for commercials: a two-person comedy conversation. The message of the campaign is to "pass the word" about captioned TV to hearing-impaired people who may not know about the service. The National Captioning Institute's toll free telephone number is given to those who want more information about closed captioning.

At first glance, the seemingly sober public service organization and the playful duo appear an inappropriate match. But NCI President John Ball explained, "There was no doubt in our minds that we wanted Dick and Bert to help out on this project. People tend to be extra careful about what they say when dealing with any kind of handicap. But hearing-impaired individuals are no different from hearing people when it comes to enjoying humor."

Dick and Bert emphasize that any message can be communicated through humor, and they are not shy of the NCI project. "Humor can be the most successful vehicle," says Bert, "as long as it contains respect and honesty."

Dick and Bert were triple

SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT RETIRING

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1981 convention, to be held in St. Louis in July.

Weber became first vice-president, the only vice-presidential office that is a full-time staff position, in 1973. From 1969-1973 he was fourth vice-president of the synod.

From 1965-1969, Weber was president of the Michigan district of the synod. He was pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Fraser, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, from 1944 to 1973. In 1979, the city named a public library after him because of his involvement in civic affairs.

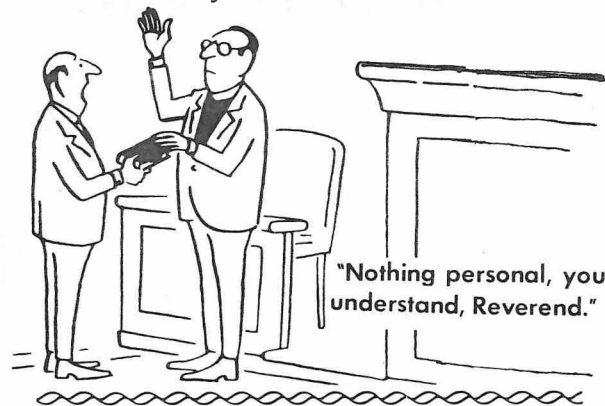
Weber, who was born in Frankenmuth, Mich., was graduated from the synod's high school and college in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1935.

In 1968 he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, then located in Springfield, Ill., now in Fort Wayne, Ind. In 1970, he received the Christus Primus award from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

INDEPENDENCE!- When the Declaration of Independence was signed, it meant the 13 original colonies were to be free states, independent of Great Britain. The Liberty Bell, cannons and horsemen carried the news far and wide.

Our Declaration of Independence has been signed! Not by man, but by God. It was made possible by the Lamb of God, our Lord and Savior, Jesus. "For brethren, you have been called unto liberty..."Galatians 5:13.

As the Statue of Liberty is a symbol of liberty to the tired immigrant, so the cross of Jesus Christ is a symbol of liberty to the weary sinner.



Clio winners in both the 1980 and 1979 competitions. Together, they have created and performed successful campaigns for local and national products ranging from calculators to lawnmowers, wines, beer, banks, department stores, and a now-even-more-famous weekly magazine.

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Children's Page

The Meaning of Music

From earliest times people have always been interested in music. Either they have enjoyed making it or listening to it. Some people play an instrument, while others like to sing. Do you know the first mention about music in the Bible? Which ruler wanted to make him feel better? How was music used to worship God? What were the instruments that they used? Who sang a song of praise to God in the New Testament. *



Music is one way that people express how they feel. Their happiness and their sadness is told in the meaning of music. Sometimes people like slow, music, other times people might want fast, loud music. The style of music continues to change as the lives

of the people who make the music also change. Even in the church the style of music has continued to change. As the message of salvation has been carried to the "four corners of the earth," people have used their own style of music to show the joy and happiness of having Christ in their hearts.

Martin Luther wrote "A Mighty Fortress" to show his faith in Jesus, his Savior from sin. It has been said that without his wonderful hymns of praise and thanks the Reformation would not have succeeded. As other famous hymn writers gave witness to their Christian faith in words and song, the Christian church collected its many hymns written to praise and worship our Triune God.

No matter what age a person is, whether he is young or old, Christian music will help him express the meaning of his or her faith and trust in Jesus Christ, Savior of the world.

* 1. Genesis 4:21. 2. 1 Samuel 19:9. 3, 4. Psalm 150: 3-5 and Daniel 3:5. 5. Luke 1:46.

The World's Best Seller

Every year more and more people around the world are learning how to read. This means every year more and more books ever are being printed: big books, little books, thin books, thick books, picture books, and story books. There are all kinds of books for every kind of people.



But year after year the Book that most people want to buy is the Bible. People in every land around the world want to read God's Word. They want to learn more about God and how He showed His love for us by sending Jesus the Savior. More Bibles are sold each year than any other books in the whole world.

How do you show your interest in God's Word? How do you follow Jesus' command: "Search the Scriptures"?



Autumn Trees

Home is an autumn tree
For the little brown squirrel,
For a colorful bird,
And me.

Sitting in the branches high,
These neighbors come to visit me.
They hardly know that I am there;
For I sit quietly as they come near
To take a better look at me.

They surely wonder, "Who are you?"
"Why have you come to sit here too?"
Or, "Don't you know this tree is ours?"

But I pretend I live here too.
I don't reply, "It's just for fun
To think this tree is home to me."

But all too soon it's time to go.
I leave my friends up in the tree,
Climb down to earth and wave good-bye.

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Columbus Day

Many years ago this man came to America. His name was Christopher Columbus. When he was a boy he liked to go down to the sea. He liked to see the sailing and beautiful boats come in to land. He liked to hear the men from the boats tell many stories about faraway lands. At night Chris would go home and tell his parents: "Some day I want to go to faraway lands."



When Chris was older he went to another country. He saw the king and queen. He asked them to help him go by boat to find a new land. The queen said, "I will help you." She gave Columbus three little boats. Columbus sailed away. He found a new land. then he sailed back to tell the king and the queen. Everyone was happy when Columbus came back. Later on they named the new land America.

God's children remember Jesus too. They remember that Jesus said: "I go to get a place ready for you. When I come again I will take you to live with Me there." God's children are happy. They are waiting for Jesus to take them home to live with Him in heaven. What a happy day it will be when Jesus comes again!

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"DEAR LORD. SAME THING AS LAST NIGHT. AMEN."