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## Confirmation of Three Blind-deaf at Milwaukee.



From left to right: Misses E. Halliday, Anna Johnson, Minnie Dunck and their pastor, Rev. T. Wangerin.

Emmanuel Congregation for the Deaf at Milwaukee never spent a happier day, nor did we ever have greater cause for gratitude than was our privilege to enjoy on Sunday, September 3rd, the 12th Sunday after Trinity, when our three blind-deaf Wisconsin girls publicly vowed faithfulness unto their Savior. It was a beautiful day, and long before the opening of the services at 10 o'clock the congregation flocked to its house of worship. Many were the visitors who had come to witness this extraordinary occurrence, which was perhaps the first of its kind in the history of the Church. Clergymen, teachers, doctors, friends and relatives of the deaf made their appearance until the little chapel was crowded to overflowing. One certain Mrs. Newhouse had come all the way from Minneapolis to witness the confirmation of her niece, not to mention the visitors from Sheboygan and other neighboring towns.

The chapel was most beautifully decorated for the occasion by the Ladies' Society of the congregation with dozens of large palms and eight bouquets of flowers. At the appointed hour Pastor Wangerin ushered his three catechumens to their respective seats upon the platform before the altar. They were the Misses Anna Johnson of Colfax, Wis., Minnie Dunck and Eva Halliday, both of Milwaukee. In his initial remarks the pastor dwelt on the secular and religious training of the blind-deaf, saying in substance that the Wisconsin State School for the Deaf provides excellent training also for the blind-deaf, where they are brought to a high standard of education by a teacher especially fitted for this work. This has made it possible for the missionary to instruct these blind-deaf in religion, the manual alphabet and the braille system being the means of conveying thought by touch. Above all, however, honor and glory being due to God for providing the means whereby we are enabled not only to prepare these unfortunates for this life, but also for the next, so that to the words of the multitude of Mark 7: "He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak," we may rejoicingly add: He maketh also the blind-deaf to hear His loving voice, to speak of His wonderful acts and to see the beauty of the Lord.

The examination which followed comprised the entire six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism, which has been stereotyped in American braille at the Jacksonville, Ill., school for the blind. And may we take the privilege to remark that we doubt whether other catechumens anywhere have ever taken up and continued the study of religion with greater eagerness and love than these three, dear blind-deaf. Their memory work was excellent. Miss Johnson—just by way of illustration—had written out from memory on a standard typewriter the

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entire Enchiridion of Luther's Small Catechism. All three most perfectly answered the 110 questions of the examination, and a little thought will bring to mind the fact that these questions, though put consecutively, must necessarily have seemed to them more or less like questions put at random, since they were not able to hear or see the questions previously asked.

In his address the pastor spoke on the text: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Jesus Christ," Phil. 2, 5. It was delivered simultaneously to the catechumens, the deaf and the hearing congregation by means of spelling with the right hand into the left of one of the blind-deaf, who transmitted the same with the right to her neighbor. For the benefit of the deaf congregation the sermon was rendered also with the left hand, while at the same time it was orally delivered in English to the hearing audience.

Hereupon the baptism of Miss Halliday took place, followed by the rite of confirmation of all three, which consisted in their confession of faith and the express promise to faithfully conform all their life to the rule of the divine Word. Each received a memorial verse and then invited to partake of all the privileges, goods and blessings of the Church, and given the blessing. Two of the catechumens have retained speech, and when finally, the one by signs and the other two by speech, each rendered a stanza of the hymn: "Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful Lord and God," the effect was overwhelming. The congregation then arose in prayer, committing these new members unto the loving care and guidance of the Savior, by whose grace they will remain faithful unto death. The gathering was finally dismissed with the benediction and the doxology.

Long after the services were over many of the audience remained to offer congratulations to the confirmed. All were deeply impressed.

In the words of our Savior we add: "Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." Matth. 13, 16. However, "unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Phil. 4, 20.

**In God's Care.**

One evening when he saw a little bird perched on a tree, to roost there for the night, Luther said: "That little bird has had its supper, and now it is getting ready to go to sleep here, quite secure and content, never troubling itself what its food will be, or where its lodging on the morrow. Like David, it 'abides under the shadow of the Almighty.' It sits on its little twig content, and lets God take care."

**AMONG OUR DEAF.**

**Chicago.**—October 2nd instructions in the Lutheran Catechism will again be given preparatory to confirmation. We hope an unusual number of unconfirmed deaf will gladly take advantage of this opportunity. Instructions in the evening, three or four times a week, at Pastor Reinke's home.

The disagreeable weather on the day of our picnic, August 5th, disappointed many and, no doubt, kept down the attendance considerably, yet new acquaintances were made and our finances were added to by an even \$100.00.

During the absence of our pastor on his vacation trip, which he made in August, the Messrs. Hemold, Pahl and Weinsich officiated as lay readers at our services. Aug. 31st Pastor Reinke was called home on account of the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. H. C. Zuttermeister. Mr. Zuttermeister has been a member of our Mission Board for the Deaf since 1896.

Our pastor, while gone in August, was requested on two different occasions to address gatherings on our Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Such requests were granted with pleasure at Hannover Township and at Denison, Iowa, at both of which places mission festivals were held.

October 1st, the date of our church anniversary, an extra envelope collection will be taken as an offering of thanks and as a means to further reduce our dwindling church-debt. The envelope collection taken in July for a mission for the hearing at Blue Island, Illinois, netted \$14.75. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

**Milwaukee.**—In the death of Mrs. Fred Franke, Emmanuel Congregation has lost a devoted member. She had been confined to her bed since last May and died on Sept. 15th, interment following on Sept. 18th. Mrs. Franke leaves a husband and two young children, the latter being pupils at the state school at Delavan.

Mr. Wm. Geilfuss of our congregation was married at Manitowoc, Wis., on the 6th day of September to Miss Sieker at the home of the bride, Pastor Wangerin acting as interpreter. They will make their home in Milwaukee. We wish them Godspeed.

We are in receipt of \$2.00 from Mrs. Albertine Jahn for Miss Anna Johnson, one of our dear blind-deaf catechumens. Thanks! The amount has been forwarded to Miss Johnson at Delavan.

Pastor Jensen of Kansas City has sent us this month the names of 56 new subscribers to this paper, including a draft of \$14.00, which is certainly a very good showing for one month's effort. What are **you** doing to make our paper a success?—By the way—have you paid your last subscription? If not, please do so!

Mrs. G. Hilgen of Cedarburg, Wis., on September 30th, was confirmed at the home of Rev. Wangerin in the presence of the elders of the congregation. Due to her advanced age the confirmation was held privately.

**Minneapolis, Minn.**—We regret to report that Mr. and Mrs. Humble, two of our communicants, have moved away. Mr. Humble could not obtain permanent work in Minneapolis, and therefore went to Sacred Heart, Minn., with his family where he has opened a shoe shop. We wish him God's blessing and success. Mr. and Mrs. Humble, however, intend to come to our services occasionally and also will contribute towards the maintenance of our mission.

Mr. Mellerke, a communicant member of our Stillwater mission, having been out of work for

some time, has moved to Minneapolis and regularly attends our services here. He intends to become a voting member in our next meeting.

During their vacation, Miss Elsie Foker of Minneapolis and Miss Agnes Stinsky of St. Paul have resumed their instructions in the chief parts of the Christian religion. They have now returned to school. Next year after completing the course they will be confirmed and thereby be admitted to the Lord's Supper.—Instructions for the winter months have again begun. Two deaf of Minneapolis are being instructed in the precious Word of God. When our deaf-blind friend, Mr. John Lauby returns from Spooner, Wis., he also will take a course of instructions and be confirmed. May God bless His Word among the deaf unto the glory of His holy name for the salvation of many deaf.

**Pilger, Neb.**—On Sunday, Aug. 20th, Mr. Frank Broeckemeier was confirmed in St. Matthews Lutheran church, Wismer, Neb. Mr. Broeckemeier has been a pupil at the Nebraska State School, but several years ago attended our school at Detroit for a term of two years. After the customary examination in the Chief Parts of the catechism Pastor Jensen preached a short sermon on John 17, 3 after which the confirmation took place, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The service was well attended by members of the church and neighboring congregations. Among those present were also Miss Rechlin of Bay City, Mich., former teacher of Mr. Broeckemeier at Detroit, and Miss Ellinghausen of Hooper, Neb., whose brother has been attending the Detroit school for the past few years.

At the conclusion of the confirmation services Rev. Jensen was taken to the neighboring congregation of Rev. Triskom, where he preached a sermon on deaf-mute mission at the annual mission-festival of the congregation. Miss Rechlin sang the hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," which made a deep and lasting impression upon all present. At both the morning and afternoon services Rev. Jensen solicited subscribers to "The Deaf Lutheran" and as the result of the little effort he was able to send the names of 56 to the managing editor. We acknowledge a gift of \$5.00 and several smaller gifts amounting to \$7.50 to the treasury of our

mission. The collection at the morning service amounted to \$22.50. We herewith extend our hearty thanks to all our friends for these gifts and the many words of encouragement and well wishes given us. May God reward them for it.

**Leavenworth, Kan.**—The annual state convention of the deaf of Kansas was held in this city Aug. 24 and 25. Rev. Jensen of Kansas City attended the sessions and was pleased to make many new acquaintances. On the following Sunday a large number of deaf attended his services at Kansas City.

**Kansas City, Mo.**—Hereafter services will be held in the afternoon at 3 P. M. On Sept. 3rd Holy Communion was celebrated, 6 members participating. Rev. Jensen intends to organize a Bible Class for the fall and winter months.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—On Monday, Sept. 11th, Mr. Wm. Moegle, Sr., father of Louis Moegle, who was confirmed by Pastor C. Schubkegel on Palm Sunday, died at the age of 65 years. The funeral service took place on Thursday, Sept. 14th in Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. A. Hanser delivering a sermon based on Revelation II, 17. For the benefit of the deaf friends and relatives Pastor Schubkegel delivered an address on the same text in the sign-language. For many years Mr. Moegle has been a staunch friend and patron of Gallaudet School, the public school for the deaf of this city. Among the numerous floral tributes there was also a very beautiful wreath tendered by "the patrons and teachers of the Gallaudet School."

With due thanks to God we wish to report that, after a serious illness which obliged her to undergo an operation, Mrs. Sarah Pancake of East St. Louis is now on the way to recovery. Mrs. Pancake is still in Springfield, Mo.

The Rev. A. Boll, who spent part of his vacation with relatives and with Pastor Schubkegel in this city, left the latter part of August for New York City where he will take charge of our new mission for the deaf. May the Lord abundantly bless his labors!

#### SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

##### CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 2127 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

##### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 1936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

##### ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services by special appointment by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### EVANSVILLE, IND.

Service every third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Lutheran School, on E. Illinois St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every first Sunday of the month, at 10:30 a. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. O. Schroeder, 671 Agnes Ave.

##### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

##### ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

##### SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

##### KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every Sunday except last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

##### OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

##### MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

##### RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Brown St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

#### LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.