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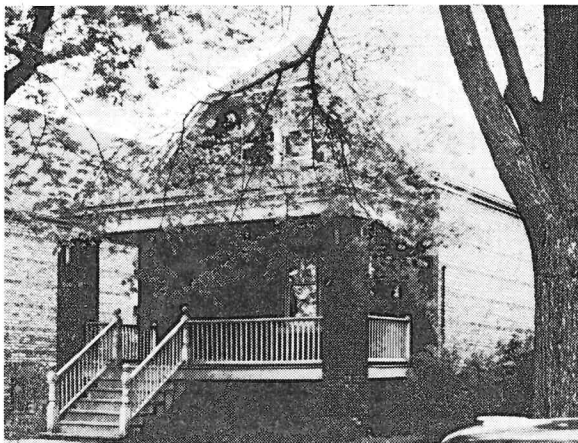
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The Lutheran Library for the Blind

In April our Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind acquired a library-parsonage in Chicago, which will serve not only as a residence for Rev. C. Bremer, the assistant librarian, but as a permanent address for our Lutheran Library as well. Our Braille and Moon type books now have a permanent home, and our mission has a center for its global service to the blind and the deaf-blind for the purpose of making them



The Lutheran Library for the Blind, Chicago, Ill.

"wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus," 2 Tim. 3:15. The library is not to serve merely as a source of entertainment, offering the blind only books of general information or fiction. Its primary purpose is to magnify the name of the Lord Jesus, to edify the saints, and to save precious souls. Since the thousands of blind in our country and many foreign countries cannot be contacted personally by our missionary, they receive their Christian knowledge and edification through the printed and written Word of God in embossed type.

The library building was acquired without additional cost to Synod. Regular rental allowance for the assistant librarian will pay off the loan in ten or twelve years. The home consists of six rooms for living quarters, on the first floor, and a room 22×46 for shelves to house the books, on the second floor. The building is of brick construction. It is located near the Morgan Park Post Office and the Rock Island Station. Surface streetcar transportation and rapid transit service are available within two city blocks.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. H. Gamber, chairman of the Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind, to all the members of our Board, to Dr. J. W. Behnken, and the Synod's Board of Directors, to the Church Extension Board, to Stewardship Secretary M. Piehler of the Northern Illinois District, to Mrs. B. Schroeder of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Mr. E. C. Miessler of Chicago, Ill., and to all others who co-operated with us in this project.

May this building always serve to extol and glorify the person and work of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the salvation of many precious, blood-bought souls.

O. C. SCHROEDER, *Librarian*

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

There is a hell. That is plain Bible teaching. And although men do not believe it, that will not change it. God says so in His holy Word. And that settles it!

Hell Is Punishment for Man's Unbelief

Jesus says Matt. 25:46 that those who will stand at His left hand on Judgment Day must go to everlasting "punishment." And Paul writes, 2 Thess. 1:9, that they who know not God and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, "shall be punished." And in 2 Pet. 2:9 we read that the Lord will "reserve (keep) the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished."

In Hell Is Terrible Suffering

Luke 16:22-24 Jesus tells us of a rich man who died and was buried, and who in hell lifted up his eyes, "being in torments" (pain). And he asked for a drop of water to cool his tongue, saying: "I am tormented in this flame." Our Bible often speaks of hell-fire, Matt. 13:42; 25:41; Rev. 20:15. And the wicked shall have a worm, as Jesus says in Mark 9:44, 46, 48. This worm is their conscience that will not let them rest. And Dan. 12:2 tells us of shame and everlasting contempt in hell. God's Word tells us that hell is a place of terrible suffering.

Suffering in Hell Is Everlasting

Many think that in hell they will suffer only a little while and then go to heaven. But this is not Bible teaching. Jesus speaks of "everlasting fire" and of "everlasting punishment," Matt. 25:41, 46. And again He says of the wicked in hell: "Their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (put out), Mark 9:44. And in the last book of the Bible we read: "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night," Rev. 14:11. And that is true of both body and soul. Jesus tells us: "God is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Matt. 10:28.

People in Hell Have Only Themselves to Blame

God wants all to be saved, and therefore He sent His Son Jesus Christ into bitter suffering and death, so that sinners need not go to everlasting hell, and He has also sent this word of salvation to all the world. But many will not come to Christ; they despise the love of God and will not have this salvation; therefore everlasting hell is theirs.

Trust in Christ and be Saved from Hell

Look to the cross and see Him paying for your sins and suffering the torments of hell for you! Believe in Him and be saved! And now let us go out and tell the story of the cross to others that many more will learn to know Him and escape everlasting hell! God grant it!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for July

Bible Lesson: Acts 2:45-47

"And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the Temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

A thought from our previous lesson is carried over into this month's lesson. "They had all things in common"; "they sold their possessions and parted them to all." These First Christians were so inspired by God's Word, and they were so filled with Christian love and charity, that they sold the things they owned, so that they might help the Gospel progress. There was at that time no other income from which the Christian teachers and also some of the first Christians could have made their living. Therefore the inspired writer of Acts tells us in this verse: Among the first Christians they were all willing to give up their acres or their cattle or their houses so that the others, as every man had need, might have something to eat and live. And in that way the Gospel preaching and the testifying of the individual Christians made progress.

It is well for us to remember, however, that this plan of "having all things in common" and of "selling and parting their goods" was not in the least compulsory. We notice this also to be a fact when we read Acts 5:4.

Verse 44 gives further information how often the Christians met. "They continued daily with one accord in the Temple." Every day they met, because the disciples had still so many more things to teach them, and the

members of the church had so many things of which they wanted to testify in faith — they did not miss a single day. And then, when the worship was ended and the people were hungry, they assembled in those houses which had not been sold thus far, and they all received something to eat from that amount which had been gathered and donated.

It made no difference how much they received or what the food-rationing law was — they were satisfied and happy. Verse 46: "They did eat with gladness and singleness of heart." They praised God for the blessings which He had bestowed upon them. That had now become the most important thing in their life.

"And the Lord added to the church." The Gospel was succeeding in their hearts. (Is. 55:11.) In this troubled, dissatisfied world, with pride and jealousy everywhere and people forgetting God, let us often think of the example of these first Christians. A. E. F.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Milwaukee, Wis. — During the past four years a total of 16 Lutheran deaf have been given Christian burial in this field. The average age of these blessed members who have died in the Lord is close to 70 years. One after the other of our older members God calls to Himself that they may rest from their labors. Yes, "old people must die; young people *may* die." Whether old or young, the next one to be called hence may be you or I. "My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Thy peace may bless my dying day."

On Good Friday afternoon Christian Weber departed this life peacefully and unexpectedly a few moments after his pastor had spoken to him about the Savior from sin and administered the Sacrament for the strengthening of his faith. In the morning Mr. Weber had gotten ready to attend Good Friday services, but suddenly felt ill and went to bed. No one expected that his end would come so quickly. Christian Weber had been a member of our Milwaukee congregation from the very beginning, about 45 years ago. He attained an age of over 80 years. "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom." 2 Tim. 4:18.

Mrs. Helen Wolter, a former pupil of our Detroit School for the Deaf, fell asleep in Jesus on May 18. Her death also was rather unexpected, although she had been a hospital patient for a few weeks. Together with her husband she had regularly attended our services for the deaf in Manitowoc or Sheboygan, even though this required a long trip by bus and a long walk from her home to the bus stop. Her Bible and her

prayer books were used diligently and faithfully. We wish this could be said of many more of our members, both deaf and hearing. The funeral service for both deaf and hearing mourners was conducted in the new chapel of Redeemer Church in Manitowoc on May 21. Mrs. Wolter attained an age of 67 years. May the Lord comfort all those who esteemed and loved her for her kindness, especially the sorrowing husband, Arthur Wolter. "Nevertheless I am continually with Thee; Thou hast held me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory," Ps. 73:23,24.

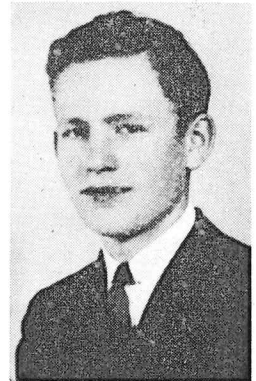
This is the season of weddings. On May 22 Lloyd Thompson of Madison and Virginia Sohn were united in marriage in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sheboygan. On the same day Arnold Walsvik and Alice Donner, both of Madison, vowed "not to part until death us do part." Pastor Clarence Bremer of Chicago officiated at this ceremony. We wish these young couples the Lord's blessing during their married life.

In this connection we should also mention that June 3 was the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson, two faithful members of our congregation in Milwaukee. Heartiest congratulations!

We are glad to see that most of our Deaf members in this field take an active part in church work, the work of supporting the church in order that the Gospel may continue to spread and be preached for the eternal salvation of many souls. M. E. A. MUELLER

Kansas City Mission. — Mr. Leonard J. Meyer of Kansas City, Mo., a student of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., and member of the 1944 class has been elected as the "head senior of Gallaudet College." We believe that many friends will join us in extending congratulations to Leonard Meyer for this honor.

Mr. Meyer was confirmed in Kansas City in March 1935 and has taken a very active part in the work of Pilgrim Congregation. Leonard has served as secretary of our congregation and also, among other activities, worked most diligently throughout our chapel-building project. In Washington Leonard is also very active among his fellow students, inviting them and bringing them to the services conducted by the Rev. Floyd Possehl.



Mr. Leonard J. Meyer

Leonard is a graduate of the Kansas City Central High School and also completed one year's postgraduate work at the Missouri State School for the Deaf at Fulton. Among other subjects, Mr. Meyer is very proficient in printing. At present he is in charge of the printing of Gallaudet periodicals, of which *The Buff and Blue* is the most outstanding.

His motto of life can be found in 1 Pet. 3:15: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." A. E. F.

Minneapolis Mission.—May 16 six boys and two girls from the Faribault School confessed their faith and promised to be faithful to the end to their Lord and Savior in Trinity Church. The following were confirmed: Lowell Klabunde, Wilfred Lazarz, David Scheer, Alton Sterling, Sheldon Taubert, Dolores Dear-don, Doris Haynes. John Burton, a member of the class, was baptized. Pastor Cordes assisted us by signing the hymns. After the confirmation these eight new members came to the Lord's Table with thirteen others. May God keep them and us all in His saving grace unto our end!
J. L. S.

Mission for Deaf and Blind.—The Lutheran Library for the Blind is now located at 11251 S. Home-wood Avenue, Chicago, Ill. The building, which was purchased by the Board of Missions for Deaf and Blind, serves as the residence of the missionary and his wife and provides space for the embossed books



Confirmation Class at Delavan, Wis.

Left to right, standing: Robert Nichols, Daniel Grienert, Miles Voss, C. Bremer (pastor), William Binn, Lester Ahls, Max Richardson; seated: Dorothy Faber, Ruth Faust, Elaine Kressin, Marianna Harnden, Evelyn Hageman, Catherine Zick, Ruth Zick

for the blind. May the Lord grant His abundant blessing so that the saving Gospel may be read by many people for the strengthening of their faith and the salvation of their souls!

The undersigned is also serving the Deaf in three cities: Logansport and Kokomo, Ind., and Delavan, Wis. In the Indiana stations we have services once a month and in Delavan we have instruction and services three times a month during the school year. At the Wisconsin School for the Deaf we had during the past school year fifty children enrolled in our classes on Saturdays. On Sunday mornings they march in a body to our Lutheran Church for Sunday school and services. The adult deaf in Delavan and surrounding towns meet for divine worship on Sunday afternoons.

May 16 was a day of joy for the 13 young people of the Wisconsin School who were received into communicant membership with the Lutheran Church by the rite of confirmation. Many of their parents, brothers, sisters, and other relatives and friends came to be with

them on the solemn day in which they promised to remain faithful to the Lord "even unto death." About 150 deaf and hearing friends were present at the service. The pastor used as his text for the confirmation address the words of Is. 43:1: "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." Surely the Lord will ever keep these young members of the Church His very own. C. BREMER

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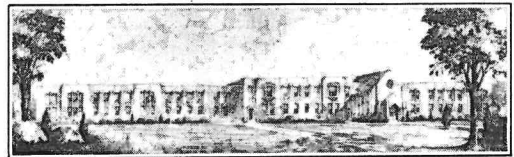
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