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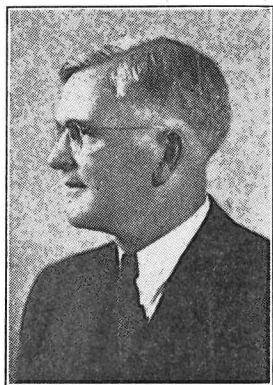
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An Important National Convention

From June 21 to 29 a large number of delegates, representing 5,337 congregations and preaching stations with a total of 1,460,203 souls, assembled at Saginaw, Mich., for the 39th national convention of our Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

The meeting place was the historic Saginaw Valley in Michigan, where the Franconian



Lutheran colonists a century ago brought the Gospel to the American Indians. For their convention theme the delegates chose the famous request of the Chipewa chief to the first Lutheran missionary, the Rev. F. August Craemer: "Teach my people the truth."

Since these "Pilgrim Fathers" migrated to America approximately one hundred years ago, our Lutheran Church has had, with God's blessing, a remarkable growth in all States of the Union, in Canada, South and Central America, and in other foreign lands. At present our Synod counts 1,007,095 communicants and 214,097 men who govern the congregations in their voting assemblies.

Lutherans of the Missouri Synod are leaders among Protestants in the educational field and have established a nation-wide system of 1,210 private Christian day schools with an enrollment of 73,422 children. Sunday schools number 3,888 with a total enrollment of 268,751 children. Last year Lutherans of the Missouri Synod gave more than twenty-five

million dollars for the support and expansion of their Church's work at home and abroad.

At this year's convention the Rev. J. W. Behnken, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., was re-elected to the presidency of our Synod for his fourth term, thus beginning the tenth year in that capacity.

May the Lord guide him and all our pastors, teachers, and members in the enormous task which lies ahead of them, namely, to further the cause of Christ and His Church in this war-torn world and to make adequate plans for postwar progress for the salvation of many souls.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father who art in heaven"

"Our Father" Jesus teaches us to pray. With these words God, as Luther says, tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children.

Boldly Go to "Our Father" in Prayer

Dear children boldly go to their dear father. They come with requests with which they never would come to anyone else; they are not ashamed to ask for this or that again and again every day. With this boldness Jesus wants to fill us when He teaches us to pray to God, saying, "Father." He is your Father! Boldly go to Him in everything as dear children go to their dear father.

Go to "Our Father" Trusting in His Goodness

Dear children go to their dear father with all confidence (trust). They believe Father

will give them the things for which they ask. They know their good father and believe that he will not give them a stone for bread, nor a serpent for a fish, nor a scorpion for an egg. Luke 11:11, 12. They believe Father will give them only good things. And now our dear Lord Jesus wants us to go to God in prayer with the same confidence. He is your Father! Do not doubt that He is pleased with your prayer and gladly hears you. He is your Father! Do not think that He will give you bad things for good, or anything that is not good for you, although you ask Him for it. Pray to your Father always trusting in His goodness!

Pray to "Our Father," the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Our risen Lord Jesus said to Mary Magdalene: "Go to My brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God." John 20:17. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus. And He spared not His own Son, but delivered [gave] Him up for us all. Surely with Him He will also freely give us all things, Rom. 8:32. Oh, with all boldness and confidence go to Him in prayer!

J. L. S.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. Louis, Mo. — Mrs. Emma Paschal of Lawrenceville, Ill., who was a very regular attendant of our monthly Vincennes, Ind., services, passed away on March 23. She was 84 years old. She had been ailing during the months before and had been sick in bed several weeks before our service on February 24; but she got up that afternoon and said she would have her son take her to the service. She endured the nine miles and back because she loved to hear of Jesus. Surely she rejoiced when Jesus took home her soul. Her memory will remain.

The deaf of Vincennes show a very great interest in the services by faithful attendance and by generous contributions. Rev. Victor Selle, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church there, is learning to speak to the deaf so that he may be able to minister to the deaf as well as to hearing of that community. That is the right spirit, and we shall be glad to help him learn the sign language.

Rev. Ewald Otto of Quincy, Ill., where we have been serving the deaf since last fall, is also learning the sign language with the view of serving the Quincy deaf. While at the St. Louis Seminary, he attended our sign language classes and now is developing his knowledge

of the signs. The Quincy deaf are very much interested in hearing God's Word.

We are happy to say of the many deaf of Indianapolis, Columbus, Ind., Evansville, and Terre Haute that there is evident a true hunger for God's Word. There will be a blessing given those that seek God. Jesus says, "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

June 28 we had the joy of confirming Mr. Harry Roesch of Imperial, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Oatman, and Mr. Jesse Williams of De Soto at the Lutheran church of the Rev. Walter Dierking at De Soto. And we were very happy that the entire flock of deaf of that vicinity attended all the lectures in the course of study of the Bible doctrines. Surely it is well-pleasing to God that we learn the truth of the Bible.



A double confirmation in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Seven deaf and five hearing persons
Rev. Theo. Frederking, right; Rev. Theo. Martens, left

June 29 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kranung and Miss Betty Ann Brown were received by confirmation in the St. Louis congregation. In April Mr. Geo. Trapp was confirmed in our congregation; he was instructed by Mr. Helmut Schauland, who has been helping us during the last year and now is concluding his studies at Concordia Seminary. We wish God's blessing to all these new members and pray that many other deaf in the whole United States may also study so carefully the Bible doctrines.

At the seminaries at Springfield and St. Louis, groups are again very busy studying the sign language. The Springfield students have been assisting in every service by signing hymns and lessons and even preaching occasionally. They conducted the service July 16 all alone as well as several services during the last year. Mr. De Laney as well as Mr. H. Rohe and Mr. H. Schauland of the St. Louis seminary are assisting the pastor by relieving him of services, thus enabling him to serve other deaf stations. The work at the seminaries is very important and beneficial.

Miss Vera Winter and Mr. Henry Maki of Rochelle, Ill., were married at the bride's home at Altamont, Ill., June 15.

Frederick Henry, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schilling, was baptized at St. Louis, June 11.
N. P. U.

San Francisco and Oakland.—With the closing of the school term at the California School for the Deaf we are sending to our Los Angeles mission a fine group of young girls, who have faithfully studied their Catechism and learned to know the one thing needful. They are to be confirmed by our missionary, W. Uhlig. These young people are: E. Elmassian, V. De Pew, G. Wade, B. Wilson, and P. Wilson. We also concluded a class of instruction among the adult deaf at the School for the Deaf, and these took out their membership with the mission at Oakland—Miss Bernice Wingett, Loretta Schmidt, Francis Carcolice, and Herman Hutchinson. At San Jose, Wade Geurin was received by the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our Sunday school enrollment at the State School for the Deaf continues at 40. These children also attend the catechetical instructions each Wednesday afternoon. Our classes run from three in the afternoon until six. This coming year we will introduce for the first time visual religious education at the school. This will be by slide projection of the continuous-story type. The equipment is the donation of friends interested in the deaf child and is the very best. For years now all the books used in our instruction have been the gift of the Oakland and San Francisco members.

We are sorely in need of a chapel here in this crowded Western metropolis. It is hoped that the General Church Extension Fund will help us acquire one of the centrally located churches in the city of Oakland. We have collected some \$6,000 towards this venture. This would enable us to carry on our work more efficiently and more conveniently for all the deaf because of its central location.

We united in holy wedlock three of our ardently working couples: Norman Davis and Loretta Schmidt, Walter Hammerlund and Francis Cracolice, Robert Fromm and Ruby Beem. Norman, who has been with us as a youngster at the School, is an outstanding worker in the church. He has a fine position at the University of California. Walter was the first boy to take religious instructions at the State School, and that training has stood him in good stead, and he has used his gifts in the service of the church. Robert is also a product of the church and even attended our California Concordia College. He served in the Army for over a year. The three weddings were events of the season, and friends packed the church on each occasion. We wish these faithful young people God's richest blessings.

We are facing a problem with tiny ones. What are you to do with so many little ones when you have no church accommodations? We therefore pray that our request for help to receive a chapel in this area will be granted soon.
G. W. G.

St. Paul Mission.—Mrs. Elmer Bright and Mrs. Melvin Odeen of Black River Falls, Wis., were received into membership on June 3. Both had taken instruction in the only way that leads to heaven through our Savior Jesus. After having made a confession of

their faith before witnesses on the preceding evening, they attended the Lord's Table with the other members on the next afternoon. May they, together with us, always continue to learn and believe the life-giving



Mrs. Melvin Odeen, Mrs. Elmer Bright
and Pastor R. F. Cordes

Word of our Savior and Lord and by prayer to the Triune God seek all help and support from Him until after this earthly life we shall see our Savior face to face.

Harold Vogt and Doris Holst were joined in marriage in Calvary Lutheran Church for Deaf, St. Paul, on June 10. Even as Jesus was called to the wedding at Cana, so may they during their wedded life invite Jesus into their home daily, because He is the one good and true Friend for every believer and blesses both the joys and sorrows of Christians in marriage.

C. D. Anderson of Austin, Minn., fell asleep on May 11 firmly trusting in his Savior. At the last bedside visit his pastor showed him that Jesus has surely overcome death and that in the resurrection this sick body of ours will be changed into a gloriously healthy body, as St. Paul tells us in the last part of 1 Corinthians, chap. 15. Then he made this statement to his pastor: "I will hold to my Savior till the last."

Funeral services were held for Andrew Herman of Mason City, Iowa, on June 27. He spent more than a year in a wheel chair on account of paralysis, during which time the services for the deaf were often held in his home. He eagerly paid attention to the preaching of the Gospel and found comfort again and again in the Holy Supper, wherein Jesus assures us that His body and blood were given into death on the cross for our sins. Whenever his pastor asked him whether he wished to go to His Savior, he always quickly answered, "Yes."

Matthew McCook of Des Moines, formerly of Riceville, Iowa, received a Christian burial on May 30. Although he was not a member of our Church, he attended Lutheran services at Des Moines, and our services at Mason City a few years before. R. F. C.

Cleveland, Ohio.—A new mission was started in Springfield, Ohio, after fifteen deaf persons had sent

a petition, requesting Lutheran services for the deaf in their city. Our first service was conducted on Sunday afternoon of June 11, when 25 deaf attended. This new mission appears quite promising.

On June 18 Clifford Samuel, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson, was baptized in St. Philip's Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Mildred Lee and Elsie Wynn being the witnesses.

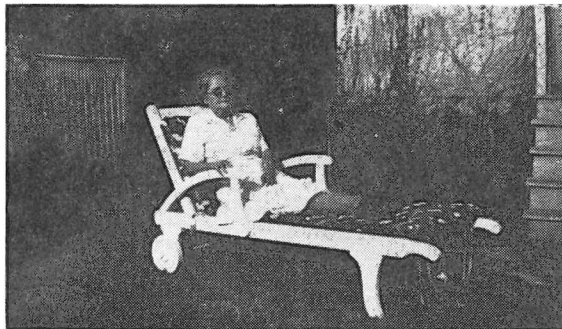
Our new student-vicar, Elmer Luessenhop, has arrived and is doing very satisfactory work among the deaf. We feel sure that the deaf people generally highly appreciate it when young theological students take such a deep interest in their welfare.

It has pleased the Lord to call from this world the souls of Mrs. Arthur Brandenburg and Miss Catherine Schindorf, both of Fostoria, Ohio. Mrs. Brandenburg was buried on July 3, and Miss Schindorf on July 7, Mr. Elmer Luessenhop conducting both of these services. May God comfort the survivors through the Word of Christ for their final salvation through faith in Jesus!

T. FREDERKING

Omaha, Nebr.—On July 2 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burgess were received into membership of Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation by the rite of confirmation. Both made a fine confession of their faith in the Savior Jesus Christ. May this Savior continue to bless them and lead them and keep them in unwavering faith.

E. M.



Ada Youmans, St. Charles, Ill., a deaf-blind shut-in, whom we visit regularly for instruction

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A blind friend in Arkansas wrote, "I do appreciate the *Lutheran Messenger*; it is a mighty good magazine. Please keep me on your mailing list."

Another reader, in Australia, requested that we continue to send him our literature because of all magazines he receives it benefits him most.

Mr. A. Tonk of London, England, sent us his thanks for the *Messenger* and reported that he passes it on to eight friends in his home city, who also enjoy it very much.

O. C. S.

OUR characters may appear respectable when judged by the dull standards and maxims of the world; they appear quite other when they stand in the blazing light of God's countenance. — J. H. Jowett.

To Our Subscribers

It has been our custom to retain the names of our subscribers on our lists for two numbers after the subscription has expired, so that the subscriptions could be continued without interruption in case a renewal came in late. We were very happy to follow this plan at extra expense, but we are now unable to continue this policy because of present conditions.

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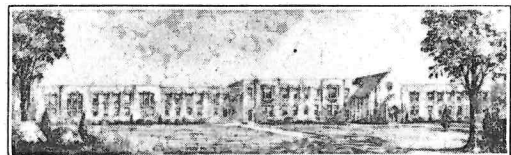
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