

The Deaf Lutheran

A MISSIONARY MONTHLY

*Published by the Board of Missions for the Deaf of the Lutheran Synod
of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States*

Published monthly by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. Subscription price, 25 cts. per annum anywhere in the world, payable strictly in advance. Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at St. Louis, Mo., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized on January 14, 1935

Vol. 37

St. Louis, Mo., March, 1945

No. 3



Lent

In these weeks before Easter, God wishes to take us aside from the turmoil, strife, and vanity of this world to the foot of Christ's Cross to ponder the dreadful price paid for our redemption. Sincere Christians gladly interrupt the schedule of their temporal interests and occupations to attend special church services for study, meditation, and prayer; they desire to consider the value of Christ's Passion and to improve their knowledge of the eternal truths which alone can save men from spiritual bankruptcy. Putting aside their temporal, earthly aspirations, they confess with St. Paul, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now

live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me," Gal. 2:20. And again he declares: "By the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world," Gal. 6:14.

May the world with its sinful pleasures and its indifference toward Jesus be crucified unto us also to the glory of His precious name.

O. C. S.

We All Need Christ

I read of a minister traveling in the South who obtained permission to preach in the local jail. A son of his host went with him. On the way back the young man, who was not a Christian, said to the minister:

"I hope some of the convicts were impressed. Such a sermon as that ought to do them good."

"Did it do you good?" the minister asked.

"Oh, you were preaching to the convicts!" the young man answered.

The minister shook his head and said: "I preached Christ, and you need Him as much as they."

Our Work in the Sunny South

January brought us into the sunny South, where violets, irises, daffodils, and azalias are in bloom. It was a pleasure to see the green grass, the palm trees, and flowering shrubs. However, it was not for this that we went there. We were to go with our Missionary Westermann to visit his field. While we enjoyed the natural beauty of the sunny South, we still more enjoyed seeing how the preaching of God's Word among the deaf is bearing abundant fruit.

Several schools were visited on our way, the Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas State schools. In these schools we spoke to the assemblies, to 100, 186, and 246, respectively, and also to a number of teachers in each school. In Jackson, Miss., there is also a school for the colored, and here Pastor Westermann conducted a Bible class in the morning which was attended by 45. In the evening we held a service with 16 adults and 45 boys and girls from the school for the white. After the service all remained for the Bible class. Also in the Little Rock school for the colored he conducted a Bible class, 32 deaf boys and girls and 3 teachers attending, and in the evening he had a Bible class in the school for the white, to which 47 girls and 16 boys had come. In these Bible classes Missionary Westermann explains the chief teachings of the Bible. Services were held also in Mobile, Ala., with 26 white and 6 colored deaf; in New Orleans with 10; in Baton Rouge, La., with 6; in Shreveport, La., with 21 deaf and 7 hearing; and in Memphis, Tenn., with 15 deaf and 2 hearing. Thus in the assemblies at the schools we addressed 532 boys and girls and 36 teachers, held 6 services, with 145 deaf and 9 hearing in attendance, and had 106 white and 77 colored boys and girls, and also 24 adults, 19 white and 5 colored, in Bible classes. Thus we could bring the word of Jesus, the only Savior, to about 900 deaf. Thanks be to our good God for it.

Pastor Westermann speaks also to the children in the Tennessee school in Knoxville every month, and in the school for the colored he conducts a Bible class. What a great field! And there are other stations where he can and will preach. Every month he covers more than 2,500 miles and brings the word of Jesus and His love to more than one thousand every month during the school year. May God richly bless the preaching of the Gospel in the hearts of the many deaf in this great field!

Hearty thanks are due to the superintendents and principals of these schools, who always give our missionary a hearty welcome. One of them remarked: "We are highly pleased with his work. We are proud of our connections." Another said: "Children look forward to Pastor Westermann's coming, and not only the children but also the teachers."

We are glad to see that also our pastors lend such a helping hand to our missionary. We should like to mention here that in Little Rock, Pastor Prange, his wife and daughter, and also several members of the church have formed a sign-class, one of the teachers of the school giving lessons in the sign language. On February 1, after the meeting of this sign class, they gave a party to some of the senior boys and girls from the school.

With thankful hearts we wended our way home under God's kind protection to enjoy again the bracing air of Minnesota and a beautiful blanket of white snow. J. L. S.

H. Rohe and H. Schauland, New Pastors for the Deaf

Two recent graduates of Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, Mo., H. Rohe and H. Schauland, were called to serve the deaf and began their work in February.

Pastor Rohe was ordained and installed by Rev. Theo. Frederking at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 11. Dr. J. L. Salvner assisted.

Pastor Schauland was ordained and installed by Rev. N. P. Uhlig at Indianapolis, Ind., on February 25.

We are glad to get these two new workers as with their help the Lord's work among the deaf may go forward and the Gospel of Jesus be brought to more of our deaf friends. God bless their labors!

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE FIRST PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Hallowed be Thy name"

God's name is hallowed when we preach His word in all its truth and purity, when we teach as the Bible teaches. For that we pray in the First Petition, or little prayer. With this prayer we therefore also pray against false teaching.

So Many Teach Falsely

Many do not hallow God's name when they teach and preach. There always have been false teachers. In Ezek. 22:26 God says: "Her priests have violated (changed and broken) My Law, and have profaned (changed and honored not) My holy things." And Jesus

warns us, saying, "Beware of false prophets." Matt. 7:15. Especially when He speaks of the Last Day, He warns: "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matt. 24:4. So Paul again and again had to warn his people against false teachers. And still there are many of them. Take heed!

False Teachers Take Away the Blood of Jesus

Peter tells us of false teachers who will come and deny the Lord that bought them. Jesus bought us with His blood. The Bible speaks so much of this blood. You know this beautiful verse: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. So many teach this not, but tell people to try their best, and they shall be saved. They preach not of Jesus as the Son of God and the Savior of the world, but only as a man like unto us and a good example. They teach not that all have sinned and that therefore all need the Savior Jesus Christ, but that man is good and can save himself by doing good. These teachers do not hallow God's name. They take the glory of Jesus and give it unto man, and so lead people to hell.

Pray that God Keep Us From False Teaching

False teaching is a great sin. Thereby God's name is not hallowed, and people are led to everlasting punishment. Daily let us pray: "Hallowed be Thy name. Keep us from all false teaching. Grant that we will not let false teachers lead us away from Thy blood and cross lest we be lost forever. Keep us in Thy truth as Thou hast kept us unto the glory of Thy name. Amen." J. L. S.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—One of our oldest members, Mrs. Anna Nageler, fell asleep in Jesus on January 12 after a long-lingering illness. We visited her regularly and brought her the good word of salvation, prayed with her, signed hymns for her, and then she always smiled and spelled the word "nice." The funeral services were conducted by Pastor Salvner, who also had confirmed her and her husband in 1915, had buried the latter and several of their children, and had baptized their nine grandchildren. The address was based upon John 14:2, 3. Take your Bible and read these precious words and learn what is the Christian's hope in death. Every true believer can say: "I know there is a place for me in my Father's house. I know Jesus will come again and receive me to Himself; for where He is, there I am to be also." Indeed, we Christians need not sorrow as

people who have no hope, 1 Thess. 4:13-18. May these words comfort her sorrowing sister and two daughters! J. L. S.

St. Louis Field.—Mr. Charles Hein, aged 75, died in the faith of his Redeemer on Oct. 14 and was given Christian burial Oct. 16.—Francis Gordon Gyle, Jr., was born Oct. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Gyle and was baptized at Holy Cross Chapel Nov. 19. Mrs. Alice Gyle, nee Mauger, taught at Lexington School, New York, in 1936 and 1937, at Central New York School for three years after that, and two years at Frederick, Md., and one year at Berkeley, Calif., while last year she taught at Gallaudet School, St. Louis. Mr. Gyle was supervisor of Boy Scout activities at Berkeley and was also at Frederick, Md. He now is a student of theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has preached a number of times to the deaf in St. Louis.—In November we had the pleasure of having the Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City with us at our mission festival, speaking in the morning and afternoon. In the evening Mrs. Ziegler, the wife of Prof. A. H. Ziegler of the Lutheran Seminary in Wanhhsien, China, gave us an interesting lecture. She and her children spent many months in a concentration camp in Hongkong as prisoners of the Japanese.—At Christmas our church received almost \$1,000 in donations for equipment and improvements of our property, among these a donation of \$200 from Mr. Herbert Waltke and one of \$750 from the Necktie Workers Organization.—Our group remembered three graduates of Concordia Seminary in a farewell party Jan. 14: Candidates H. Rohe, who serves the deaf of Pittsburgh and vicinity; H. Schauland, whose field of labor now is the deaf mission stations in southern Indiana and Cincinnati; and Theo. De Laney, who will work in Barnstow, Calif., having a hearing charge there. Each one received as a token of appreciation a set for private Communion, and Mr. Schauland also an agenda, or book of prayers and service orders used in public services, as he was our helper last year. Mr. Rohe has been active in deaf work, and Mr. De Laney has been of great help to the local missionary as his interest in the sign language and the work among the deaf was very marked. He instructed a class of students at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis during the last six months and is a very industrious and able worker. We hope that our Mission may soon gain his services, as we have gained the other two.—Candidate H. Schauland and Miss Arleda Matheny of St. Louis were married in St. Andrews Church on Jan. 21 by the Rev. R. W. Kassebaum; the Rev. Th. Schauland of Vergas, Minn., delivered an address, and the entire service was interpreted by the undersigned for the deaf who were present. Among those present was Candidate Schauland's widowed mother from Parkers Prairie, Minn., and she had one daughter and five sons about her that day of the fifteen children that she and her farmer husband had reared, and she received many deserved compliments on her fine children. Truly, children are a heritage and reward of the Lord, and to rear them in His fear means to give them something that no one can ever take from them, a Christian character.

N. P. U.

Detroit, Michigan.—We have the sad duty of reporting the death of two of our faithful members. On Dec. 14, 1944, Mrs. Sophia C. Corcoran was taken out of this life. She was a member of our congregation in Saginaw, Mich. She died at the age of 73 years.—Almost one month later, on Jan. 13, Mrs. Louisa Moore of Detroit was called home by her heavenly Father. She, too, was a faithful member of our church for many years. She died at the age of 81 years. Her death came after months of suffering and pain.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord," Job 1:21.

On Dec. 17 Mr. and Mrs. Emil De Meyere and Walter Hanes were confirmed. May the Lord give them strength to serve their Savior to the best of their ability all the days of their life and to remain in true faith in their Savior until the end. N. B.

Portland, Oreg.—With sorrow and yet with joyful hope we report the sudden death of George Wellington Kreidt, born June 23, 1879. He came from Germany at the approximate age of two years and lived in North Dakota until 1904. At this time he came to Portland, Oreg., and lived there until he went to his heavenly home on Jan. 25, 1945, at the age of 65 years. He leaves in sorrow his wife, Clara, nee Hagen, one daughter, three sisters, and one brother.

Mr. Kreidt was a staunch member of Hope Lutheran Church of Portland for many years, and all loved and respected him for the zeal which he always showed in the work of the kingdom of God. We have many pleasant memories through which we shall remember him, but one in particular seems outstanding. Only four days before his death he came to his church to hear the comforts of the Word of God for the last time. The words of God which he heard on this day now are fulfilled in him and give us a comfort which we can receive only from the Lord. The words are these: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die," John 11:25, 26. May the Lord grant this comfort to all who mourn his death.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30.

N. W. ZELLMER

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—The Cook County Board of Public Welfare in Chicago is co-operating with our Mission for the Blind in distributing leaflets describing our service to the blind and the deaf-blind. We deeply appreciate this interest.

From Our Readers. From Alabama: "Our blind friend received the prayer book and the hymnal. She had been anxiously waiting for them. She never misses a church service unless she is sick in bed, and she is a regular and good contributor.

From South Africa: "I wish to assure you of my deep appreciation of the *Lutheran Messenger*."

From Illinois: The *Messenger* came on Monday, as you promised. I read it through in one sitting. It is very interesting as well as uplifting. I learned much, especially from the Bible Lessons."

From Louisiana: "My husband passed away last month. He enjoyed the magazine very much. I want to thank you for sending it to him." O. C. S.

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.

June, 1943

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE

Lutheran Ministers to the Deaf

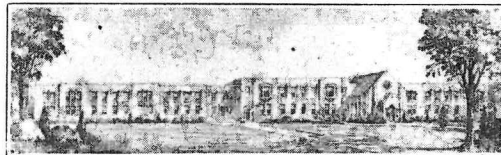
Rev. N. E. Borchardt, 11719 Evanston Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.
 Rev. E. Scheibert, 1400 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago 51, Ill.
 Rev. A. E. Ferber, 3807 Gillham Road, Kansas City 2, Mo.
 Rev. E. Mappes, 5070 Lake St., Omaha 4, Nebr.
 Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D., 3320 Chowen Ave., N., Robbinsdale 12, Minn.
 Rev. W. Ferber, 617 14th St., S., Fargo, N. Dak.
 Rev. W. Westermann, 259 N. Willett St., Memphis 12, Tenn.
 Rev. G. W. Gaertner, Ph. D., 3233 62d Ave., Oakland 3, Calif.
 Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller, 1717 a W. Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee 6, Wis.
 Rev. R. F. Cordes, 1162 Marshall Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn.
 Rev. Theo. Frederking, 12322 Phillips Ave., Cleveland 8, O.
 Rev. A. T. Jonas, 1101 15th Ave., Seattle 22, Wash.
 Rev. John C. Streit, 1517 N. Western Ave., Oklahoma City 6, Okla.
 Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 4517 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo.
 Rev. W. Uhlig, 1434 W. 65th St., Los Angeles 44, Calif.
 Rev. Floyd Possehl, 104-19 89th Ave., Richmond Hill 18, L. I., N. Y.
 Rev. N. W. Zellmer, 3111 S. E. Alder Court, Portland 15, Oreg.
 Rev. Arnold Lutz, 1221 22d Ave., N., Minneapolis 11, Minn.
 Rev. Curtis Schleicher, 423 N. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Ministers to the Deaf and the Blind

Rev. O. Schroeder, B. D., 1648 E. 85th St., Chicago 17, Ill.
 Rev. C. Bremer, 11251 S. Homewood Ave., Chicago 43, Ill.
 These ministers preach in more than 200 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at many State schools for the deaf. You will find them ready to serve you; call upon them or write to them. The deaf need God's Word.

BOARD OF MISSIONS TO DEAF AND BLIND

Pastor H. A. Gamber, Chairman, 924 Margaret St., St. Paul 6, Minn.
 Pastor E. H. Bertram, Secretary, 849 Armstrong Ave., St. Paul 2, Minn.
 Mr. G. F. Kruse, Treasurer, 1861 Randolph St., Apt. 204, St. Paul 5, Minn.
 Pastor C. J. Hoffmann, Statistician, 1620 E. Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Mr. J. P. Miller, 1104 Vincent Ave., So., Minneapolis 5, Minn.
 Rev. John Schumacher, 1680 W. Minnehaha St., St. Paul 4, Minn.



Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. John A. Klein, Director

6861 Nevada Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

The Deaf Lutheran

Official Organ of Lutheran Church Missions for the Deaf
 Published Monthly

Twenty-Five Cents per Annum in Advance

Send all subscriptions, changes of address, and cancellations to Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

The DEAF LUTHERAN goes to press on the 12th of the month preceding month of issue.

Rev. O. C. Schroeder, B. D., Editor, 1648 E. 85th St., Chicago, Ill. Send all news items intended for publication in this monthly to Rev. E. Mappes, Associate Editor, 5070 Lake St., Omaha, Nebr.

PRINTED IN U. S. A.