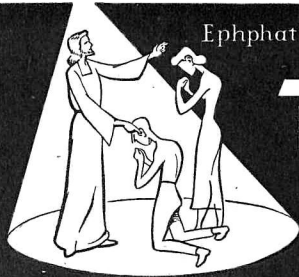


Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark, 7:31-37



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Change in Editorship

Pastor Schroeder Takes Leave

The day has come when we announce our withdrawal as Editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN to be effective February 1. Future issues will be in the capable hands of the Rev. F. Gyle, Saint Louis, Mo., and the Rev. M. Kosche, Indianapolis, Ind., co-editors.

The urgency and pressure of other duties, such as answering the daily stacks of mail from the blind, the increasing work at our Library for the Blind, serving four institutions, the many calls at hospitals and on shut-ins in the Chicago area, together with the editing of three magazines for the blind (the Braille Bote is again being published), and many instruction classes, prompts our withdrawal at this time from the editorship of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

Looking back over a period of twenty-five years, we may say that it was a blessed experience. Perhaps we have gained more than we have given. The writer hereby wishes to acknowledge the friendly spirit of our missionaries, their kind co-operation and helpful suggestions. We tried to do our best. A hearty "Thank you" to the members of the Ephphatha Conference and to our readers for their words of encouragement and helpfulness. It is our sincere prayer that the new editors will have the same experiences. We know that the DEAF LUTHERAN will continue to bring to its readers the unadulterated Word of God and Luther's doctrine pure, upon which our salvation and eternal happiness are based. God bless the DEAF LUTHERAN and all of you. O. C. .S.

Lutheran Deaf Man Honored

Leo Kuehn Is Industrial Leader

Recognition comes to the president of Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Detroit,

Mr. Leo Kuehn. Several weeks ago Mr. Kuehn received the award of merit of the President's Committee on Employ-the-Handicapped Week from Governor Williams at a ceremony in the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission office. Mr. Kuehn is a graduate of Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit. In 1933 Mr. Kuehn, who is totally deaf, launched his own machine shop with \$300, some borrowed machinery, and seven employees, all of whom were handicapped. Today his plant is worth over a hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Kuehn's daughter, a graduate of Valparaiso University, is now training to teach the Deaf. His son is attending Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn are very active in our Detroit congregation. We feel sure that the Lutheran Deaf all over the U. S. A. rejoice with Mr. Kuehn and wish him the Lord's continued blessings.

N. E. B.

Lutheran Deaf Give Pastor Car Help

Detroit Shows Good Spirit

A pleasant surprise was in store for the pastor of the Detroit congregation of the Deaf last August, when the congregation decided to help him buy a much-needed car. The help amounted to seven hundred dollars. Of this amount the Ladies' Aid donated two hundred dollars and the congregation five hundred. But it was decided to ask all the Lutheran Deaf in the Detroit field to help in this project by a special envelope collection. It was made very plain in a letter to all the members that none of the budget moneys should be used for this purpose and that they should not let this interfere with their regular donations. Over half of the entire amount has been gathered already.

The members felt that, since their pastor uses his car more than half the time for church

work, serving the congregation and mission stations, they should also help pay for the car. This feeling won, especially since the pastor had purchased three cars during his ministry and had received no outside help.

The pastor gratefully accepted the offer, and the new car was delivered on September 2.

N. E. B.

Jesus, Our Savior

And thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

The old year with its many smiles and tears, hopes and disappointments, joys and sorrows, is now gone forever and lives only in our minds. We remember the past and now look ahead to the future. What will happen to us in the next 365 days? Some of us will not live to see all these days. Others of us will find much trouble in these days. We need someone who can give us help and comfort, peace and protection, during this next year. The only One who can do this is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us, then, look to Jesus and promise that this year shall be a new year with Jesus.

The people in the Old Testament began each year with the hope: "Maybe this year the promised Savior will be born." In the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew we read how the Savior was born. On Christmas morning you heard the happy news about the Babe in Bethlehem. Who was He to whom the shepherds bowed? He is Jesus, who came to save us from all our sins. The angel told Joseph: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus." That name was very important, for it meant something. Today we give our babies names that sound nice, but God gave Jesus that name for a special reason. The name Jesus means Savior. We needed a Savior because sin had come into the world when Adam and Eve did not obey God's command. Not only these two people were sinners, but sin is in the heart of all people. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin," Rom. 5:12. Now, Jesus is our Savior, who did save us from our sin. He came into the world to suffer our punishment, to die on the Cross, so that we can live in heaven. May we every day thank God for this Savior and live this new year with Jesus.

Guest Editorial from

Life and Light, No. 6; W. F. REINKING

Evangelism

Indianapolis, Ind. — The mission festival on October 29 was a successful event. Vicar Luther Russert preached an inspiring sermon in which he impressed upon us the great blessings which we Christians have. No matter what happens, we have a sure and a near Friend in Jesus. We are never really lonely with Him at our side.

At your last congregational meeting in Indianapolis a plan was drawn up whereby all Deaf who are interested in doing mission work among the unchurched Deaf in Indianapolis can help. We have written the names of all the Deaf we know, who do not attend church, on separate slips of paper. Now anyone who wants to work for Jesus and go to visit someone who does not know about the Friend of sinners can get one or more of these slips from the pastor. As far as possible, the names on the slips will be of people who live near the person who goes to visit. The purpose of the visit of course will be to talk to the unchurched person about his soul, to tell him about Jesus, the Savior from sin.

Everyone who helps in doing this visiting will be called a "mission worker." Every so often these mission workers will meet with the pastor and discuss the results of their visits. At these meetings the pastor will teach the worker how to talk to the different kinds of people they visit, how to answer their questions, etc.

Great blessings will surely come to our church if our members will pray for this and then with God's help join zealously in this plan.

M. G. K.

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Bible Readings for January, 1951

Another year past and gone and another year begun! What will it bring to you and me? Sorrow, grief, sickness, or joy, peace, health? Will it perhaps be our last year upon earth? If so, what after death? Whither (where) are you going? Or will the end of the world come during 1951? Then where will you stand on that Day? At Christ's right hand or at His left?

If you know not Jesus Christ, the only Savior, and His soul-saving Word, then it will be a year of doubts and fears, of unrest and uncertainties, and in the end everlasting sorrow. But if you know Jesus and His Gospel, the good news of salvation by faith in His blood, then the new year will have only good things in store for you, for God says: "All things work together for good to them that love God," Rom. 8:28; and it will be a year of joy and peace and hope.

May these Bible Readings in the Word of God help make it such a blessed year to you!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 — Read Luke 1:56-63

The Newborn Savior Brings a Happy New Year

Mary and Elisabeth rejoiced in the Savior to be born of Mary. Mary stayed with Elisabeth for three months and then returned to her home with a heart filled with singing and thanksgiving. So also our homes should be full of joy and thanksgiving because a Savior is born for us. That should make our hearts rejoice all through the year.

Now Elisabeth's full time was come, and she gave birth to a son as God had promised. And her neighbors and cousins heard how the Lord had shown great mercy unto her, and they came and rejoiced with her. Wonderful mercy indeed that God gave her and Zacharias a son in their old age! Our God is a wonderful God! There is nothing too hard for Him!

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child as God had commanded Abraham and his children. And the friends and relatives wanted to give the child the name Zacharias, the name of his father. But Elisabeth said: "Not so; but he shall be called John," as the angel had told Zacharias: "Thou shalt call his name John." The friends could not understand it, because none of her kindred (relatives) had that name. Therefore they made signs to the

father, who still could not talk and also seemed to have been deaf. They wanted to know how he would name his son. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote these words: "His name is John." And all the people marveled (were surprised). We also must marvel. This is that John who pointed to Jesus and said these wonderful words: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Every day let us in true faith look upon this Lamb of God, and it will be a year of peace and joy.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thanks for this Savior, for whom John prepared the way. Grant that we stay with Him and live for Him through all the year and all our life. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 — Read Luke 1:64-66

The Lord's Hand Be with You in 1951

Zacharias could not speak for a long time, about nine months, because he did not believe the angel's message that his wife Elisabeth would have a son. According to the angel's words Zacharias would not speak until the child would be born. And now the day had come, and he began to speak; his mouth was opened, and his tongue was loosed. And the first words that he spoke were words of praise unto God. God had heard their prayers and given them a son. For this he praised the Lord, but chiefly because his son was to prepare the way for the coming Savior. So the first thing we should do every day of the new year is to praise God for this salvation and for the many good things we receive every day in and through this Jesus. With David we ought to say: "While I live, will I praise the Lord" (Ps. 146:2).

And fear came upon all that lived round about them. And these words about these wonderful things that God had done for Zacharias and Elisabeth were spread over all that country. And all people that heard these words laid (kept) them up in their hearts. They could not forget them and said: "What manner (kind)

A LITTLE boy found a dusty Bible. "Mother, is this God's book?" he asked.

"Yes!"

"Then we'd better send it back to God. We never use it."

of child shall this be!" They all understood that this child was to be a wonderful child. And so it was, for the hand of the Lord was with him. So may the hand of the Lord be with you during the new year, and you need not fear. Then your home, your work, your church, will be blessed!

PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, Thou doest wonderful things. Let Thy hand be with us during the new year for Jesus' sake, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 — Read Luke 1:67-75

We are Saved from Sin to Serve Our Lord

Old Zacharias then sang a beautiful song. He was filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke wonderful words of praise. And for what did he praise God? For visiting and redeeming His people. He also rejoiced in the Savior who was to be born of Mary. That is the horn of salvation, a mighty Savior, raised up in the house of David. All this happened as the Prophets spoke in the Old Testament. And they said that "we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all them that hate us." And who are they? The devil and his angels and the wicked world that hates Jesus, and therefore also hates us. God remembered His holy covenant (promise), which He made with Father Abraham with an oath, and He did as He had promised. Oh, see how old Zacharias rejoiced in the salvation which God prepared according to His promise! He knew that this Savior was to be born of Mary. Come, let us rejoice with him! God has sent the Savior for us also as He promised. His word is sure. May this salvation be our rejoicing during the new year, and may we always trust in His sure word and promise. Then we need fear nothing during 1951!

And then live for Him. Old Zacharias speaks of this in his song. God has sent this Savior and saved us from our enemies so that we can serve Him without fear. We now work for Him and serve Him, not with fear, but with joy. And how should we serve Him? In holiness and righteousness, by doing holy and righteous works before Him, that means, by walking with God during the new year, yes, all the days of our life. We are saved to serve Him and our neighbor.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thanks for sending a Savior according to Thy promise. Help,

so that we trust in Thy sure Word and serve Thee and work for Thee with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 — Read Luke 1:76-80

Our Great Blessings in the Promised Savior

In his song Zacharias then spoke wonderful things of his son, John. He was to be the prophet of the Highest and to speak the Word of God. By doing that he should prepare the way for the coming Savior and give the knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission (forgiveness) of their sins. And all this through the tender mercies of our God. Indeed, "the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy" (Ps. 103:8). Wonderful things John was to bring to God's people. And by that the Dayspring (dawn) from on high visited the people. It was the beginning of a new and glorious day when that Savior came with this Gospel of grace. He is the Light of the world and should give light to them that sit in the darkness of sin and in the shadow of death, always in danger of death. Then they need no more fear sin and death. And He will guide our feet in the way of peace. Through this Savior we have peace with God, peace which the world cannot give. Of this salvation and forgiveness and light and peace John was to preach, and in this his father rejoiced. And the child grew and waxed (became) strong in spirit and lived in the deserts until he showed himself to God's people.

And we have seen how all this has been fulfilled. Now this salvation and forgiveness and light and peace through Christ Jesus is being preached to us also. For that we ought to thank and praise our kind, heavenly Father. These blessings we find in our Bible. Let us love to read it, and we shall rejoice more and more in this Jesus and His blessings. Let us also love to go to church and attend every service and so learn the Word of God, which will fill our hearts with true joy and peace and hope. And as John did, so let us go out and speak to all people about sin and God's great love in Christ.

PRAYER: Thanks, heavenly Father, for Thy precious Word of salvation and forgiveness. Let us bring this sweet Gospel to all the world for their everlasting salvation. Amen.

You must be born again. Read John 3:1-17.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Read Luke 2:1-7

Jesus Rules All the Earth for His Church

Kings, emperors, presidents, and other rulers reign over their lands and countries. But the Lord God is over them all. In the Psalms David so often sings: "The Lord reigneth." Wise King Solomon says: "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water; He turneth it whithersoever He will." This we learn also from our lesson today.

The Roman emperor Caesar Augustus sent out a decree (law) that all the world should be taxed, that is, have their names enrolled in their home city. And all went. And this was the first taxing (enrollment), ordered when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. This was of God. And why did God want that to be done? Because Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem as God had foretold by His Prophet. Joseph, a man of Galilee, of the city of Nazareth, went to be enrolled in the city of David, called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage (family) of David. And with him was Mary, his espoused (promised) wife. And she was great with child, was to be a mother. And while they were in Bethlehem, it was time for the Babe to be born. And she brought forth her first-born Son, wrapped Him in swaddling (baby) clothes, and laid Him in a manger. Born in a barn, why? Because there was no room in the inn (hotel). Thus because this Babe, our Savior, was to be born in Bethlehem, and not in Nazareth, therefore the Roman Emperor had to send out a decree that caused Joseph and Mary to go to Bethlehem and the Child Jesus to be born in that city. "The Lord reigneth."

Surely, this is sweet comfort for us in this troubled world, a world of war and rumors of war, a world of great suffering and sorrow, of pain and death. God rules all the world for the good of His Church. We need not worry. He will lead all things for His Church so that His name be hallowed, and His kingdom come, and His will (wish) be done.

PRAYER: Thanks, dear Savior, for ruling this world for our good and the good of Thy Church and the glory of Thy name. Thou wilt do all things well. Amen.

Women of the Bible

Mary — the Mother of Jesus. — Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:42: "Blessed are you among women"

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is honored where the name of Jesus is believed. She waited for the promised Savior, never dreaming she would be His mother. The angel came to Mary, saying: "God gives you special grace. You are blessed among women, because your Son will be the Son of God."

Mary was puzzled, because she was unmarried. The angel told her that the Holy Ghost would come on her. Her Son would be God's Son. Seven hundred years before Isaiah the Prophet wrote: "*Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us).*"

God told Joseph to marry Mary so that no shame would stain the name of His Son. Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid Him in a manger. So God kept His promise to Adam and Eve.

We will never know what Mary thought when she saw her Son nailed to the Cross. Perhaps she remembered the words of the shepherds and the Wise Men. Perhaps she remembered the Boy Jesus in the Temple who must be doing His Father's business. Perhaps she remembered Him changing water into wine, or His sermons. Now the sword was cutting through her soul. Jesus, God's Son and her own Son, was dying.

Mary's father came from the family of King David. Mary was born in sin like all other people. Jesus never told us to pray to His mother; instead, He says: "When you pray, say: 'Our Father who art in heaven.'" Mary needed faith for forgiveness of sins. Acts 1:14 says: "They all continued together in prayer . . . with Mary, the mother of Jesus." Jesus shall rule forever. He needs no help from Mary.

PRAYER: O Holy Spirit, help me believe Thy holy Word and live a good life, because of all that Jesus Christ did for me. Amen. C. R. G.

"WHAT is repentance?" a teacher asked.

"Being sorry enough about your sin to quit it," was the answer of one boy.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Sixth Chief Part — The Lord's Supper

Responsive Reading for Pastor and People Before Celebration of the Lord's Supper, or the Holy Communion
Rev. F. L. Neebe, Ph. D.

Pastor: Today we meet to come to the Lord's Table.

People: Here we receive with the bread and the cup the true body and true blood of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor: As we prepare to attend an earthly feast, we should also prepare our hearts for a happy and helpful coming to the Lord's Supper.

People: St. Paul, by inspiration [in-breathing] of God the Holy Ghost, tells us: "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, not discerning [believing] the Lord's body."

Pastor: "Blessed [happy] is he whose transgression [law-breaking] is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

People: "I acknowledge [make known] my sin unto Thee, O God, and mine iniquity [guilt] have I not hid."

Pastor: "I said: I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou, O Lord, forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

People: "Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth [blames] not iniquity."

Pastor: We have sinned against Thee, O most holy God.

People: Thy people, Lord, have not been perfect. Pardon us.

Pastor: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

People: "Cast [throw] me not away from Thy presence [nearness], and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free [good wish] Spirit."

Pastor and People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

Pastor: We are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26).

People: We have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27).

Pastor: But we daily sin much and indeed deserve [earn] nothing but Thy wrath [anger] and punishment.

People: But Thou in Thy abundant [much] mercy and for the sake [because] of the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ wilt [will] have mercy upon us and keep us as Thy children.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Thy sacred [holy] body was given into death for our sins. Thou didst shed Thy blood in our place and in our behalf [stead].

People: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16.)

Pastor: Today we would receive the blood of the New Testament.

People: We would receive the seal [guarantee] of the forgiveness of our sins.

Pastor: We would receive that which made our salvation possible.

People: We would humbly receive that body which hung upon the tree in our stead. We would humbly receive that blood which was shed for us.

Pastor: We would boldly [with trust] confess [announce] Thy name among human beings [people].

People: We would show forth the Lord's death till He comes to judge the quick and the dead (1 Cor. 11:26).

Pastor: We would walk in the way of Thy Commandments.

People: "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105).

Pastor: "Look upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou [in the past] usest to do unto those who love Thy name."

People: "Order [lead] my steps in Thy Word; and let not iniquity [sin] have dominion [power] over me."

Pastor: "Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant."

People: "And teach me Thy statutes" (Ps. 119:135).

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: Praise to the Triune God.

Pastor: Praise to the Father

People: For His great and undeserved [unearned] love to us poor [sorrowful] sinners.

Pastor: Praise to the Son

People: For His suffering and death in our stead.

Pastor: Praise to the Holy Spirit

People: For bringing us to the knowledge of our sins and to faith in Jesus as our only Savior from sin.

Pastor: Give praise to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

People: To the Father, who hath loved me with an everlasting love; to the Son, who in time hath died in my stead and hath risen; to the Holy Spirit, who through the Gospel hath brought me to Christ and will keep me with Him — to the Triune God be honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: To the Triune God alone give glory.

People: Amen.

WHEN Luther met his friends, he greeted them with this question: "Do I meet you praying?" Pray without stopping. 1 Thess. 5:17.

A BOY, watching the funeral of a rich man, said, "There he goes, and not a penny in his pocket." 1 Tim. 6:7-10.

Field Gleanings

Memphis, Tenn. — On September 23, 1950, Mrs. Laverne Cannon was married to Mr. Carl Hamner, in Hernando, Miss. Mrs. Hamner is now a communicant member, and we hope that Mr. Hamner will begin instructions soon. He has been a regular attendant at our services. We ask God to bless these newly married people.

On October 21 the Luther Club for the Deaf sponsored a Halloween party. About 25 people came, and a very good time was enjoyed by all. The new officers for this club are Mr. Glenn Johnson, president; Mrs. Chester Correll, vice-president; and Mrs. Bradbury, secretary-treasurer. This club meets the third Saturday every month in the evening at Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 Washington, Memphis.

On October 28 Mr. and Mrs. Chester Correll gave a shower to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson. The latter were married in Hernando, Miss., on August 5, 1950. Mrs. Johnson was formerly Rosie Thompson. At the shower there were 19 Deaf present. The newly weds received many nice gifts to help them begin housekeeping. May God give these faithful children of His a happy married life.

On October 29 Vicar Laurence Stacy was invited to interpret the mission sermon preached by Rev. E. G. Grese, Memphis, at the Lutheran Co-operative Negro School. Six Deaf people came, and all went well. The colored hearing people had a chance to see the work being done among the Deaf. The church members served a free dinner, and all were invited to attend. All enjoyed a fine program and an excellent meal. Thank you, Rev. Koeper, and your fine group!

Mrs. Cross, former member of the Deaf congregation in Memphis, now living in Santa Ana, Calif., with her husband, came East this summer to visit her daughter in Kentucky. On her way through Memphis she stopped to worship with us, and again on her way home. Both times she was welcome as a guest for Holy Communion. We wish her a safe trip home.

Three of our communicant members in Memphis have sons in the war area of Korea. Mr. and Mrs. Huston Myers have a son there, as does Mrs. Hix. We hope the Lord continues to watch over these boys as well as over the son

of regular attendants in Fort Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ross. Their son is in the Navy on active duty.

Mrs. Payne, nee Ruby Bennet, is now taking instructions for confirmation. She is the wife of Lewis Payne, confirmed by Pastor Borchardt in Detroit in 1942. Their daughter, Ruth Ann, was baptized on Sunday August 6, 1950. Rev. W. Brugge baptized her, and Vicar Stacy interpreted.
L. M. S.

Oakland-San Francisco, Calif. — During October two faithful members were called to their eternal home: Mr. Ed. Hartman, Sr., was one of the first to join the church seventeen years ago, and was an example to many as a church worker and churchgoer. His excellent work as a brass and bronze worker is seen in Memorial Chapel and many other churches in this area. — Mrs. Belle Robbins first joined the mission in San Francisco and later moved to Oakland. Mrs. Robbins never failed to attend services. For years she and her husband, rain or shine, were always seen together and supported the Lord's work in every way. She also interested her daughters in the work of the church, and in Mrs. Edna Dysart we have always had, and still have, a faithful Christian friend.

In this quarter there was also called into rest the bed-ridden example of patience and faith in ripe old age, Delia Strong. By a sudden death the Lord also took our young friend of Stockton, Martin Jobe.

At Sunnyvale, Calif., we united in wedlock two popular young people, Aubrey Enyart and Virginia Lara, now making their home at Oakland. Mrs. P. Musladin, who for many years at San Francisco helped beautify our services with her hymn signing, is now successfully studying the Moon system for the Blind. Her eyesight has failed; her faith upholds her.

The active Y. P. S., combining Oakland and San Francisco, conducts two meetings each month and has made some fine contributions to church necessities. This society has a film-strip library of Bible stories, and a 16mm. movie projector and slide projector. This equipment enables us to inform all the members on Synod's work. It helps us greatly at the Deaf School at Berkeley. Mr. H. MacAllister, an active chairman, Mr. M. Corson, secretary, and

Mr. W. Hammerlund, treasurer, make up our working team.

The work at the school requires the instruction of 52 children again this year. This work has to be divided on Sundays. Mr. N. Davis has taken over the primary class. Three additional classes are conducted on Thursdays. At the Blind School this year we have two Deaf-Blind.

Mrs. G. Forsberg, Mrs. A. Campbell, and Miss M. Johnson have conducted an ever-busy aid society this year. The plan which started some years ago with a meeting once a month developed into regular weekly meetings, and the results for Christian fellowship have been very evident. Our midweek Bible class continues, and before long another group will be ready for membership.

The Memorial Home project is gleaming in a new coat of paint, which is the work of Mac-Allister, Springer, and Lanier. A new heating system has been installed at the church, which was a matter delayed by lack of funds when we took over the property. Mr. Gage Hinman, a carpenter of unusual abilities, attends to repairs with punctuality; and the fine piece of property on this prominent corner, across from a city park and the hub of transportation, is a credit to the Deaf.

G. W. G.

Omaha, Nebr. — On September 24 the pastor preached his farewell sermon to the congregations at Webster City and Fort Dodge, Iowa. The sermon text was Matt. 28:20 b: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The Webster City service was held at 11 A. M. After the service the members of the congregation served a dinner in the church basement. They also had a large angel-food cake made with the beautiful trimmings and the word "Farewell" across the top. A very beautiful table lamp was presented to the pastor and his wife (Mrs. Mappes was also present) as a farewell gift.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock the same day a service was held in the Fort Dodge church, and after this service the members all gathered in the basement of the church for a delightful lunch. After the lunch some of the officers brought in a large box for the pastor and his wife. Yes, you guessed it — another very beautiful table lamp. The lamps are so different,

and both help to add color and beauty to our living room, where both lamps are now being used and admired by everyone. These gifts remind us of the word of the Lord: "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105). — Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you members and friends of both congregations for your love and kindness shown us in the past and on the day of our farewell. We enjoyed especially also the fine speeches in our behalf.

Mr. Errol Warren, whose home is at Winterset, Iowa, passed away quite suddenly at his home on Saturday, September 30. He had been ill with the "flu" for a number of days and decided to give up his job in Webster City and go to his home for a rest. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Warren and the children. Funeral services were conducted at Winterset on Tuesday, October 3, by Pastor Mesenbring.

Our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Mayberry of Des Moines. The Lord in His wisdom called home to Himself their infant daughter born September 13. She lived only a few days. Thanks to God for keeping His protecting hand over the mother during these trying days, and may He grant both parents comfort through His holy Word. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Rose Mary Burgess is the big attraction at the Burgess home in Omaha at present. She was born September 17, and her big sister and not-so-big brother think she's O. K., and of course so do Dad and Ma. Our best wishes to this happy family.

From Lincoln comes an announcement of the appearance of a fine 7-lb., 14-oz. baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berton Leavitt on October 2. The name of the newcomer is Pamela Jane. Best wishes to Mama, Papa, and daughter!

E. M.

Prayer of Thanks After Receiving the Sacrament

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art! Amen.