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## Pastor Schroeder Says "Farewell"

*Editor Completes Twenty-Five Years*

With Volume 43, Number 1, the Rev. O. C. Schroeder of our Missions to the Deaf and the Blind in Chicago and other cities, ended his quarter-century work as our Editor. In all these years He has presented to our readers many helpful thoughts to bring God's Word to them and to let them see their Savior and Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God for all the work done by His faithful servant. The Deaf and the Blind know our former Editor as a kind, loving, and cheerful friend. We speak for them, too, in wishing our fellow worker God's richest blessings as he continues his work in our missions.

With Volume 41, Number 11, another Editor, the Rev. E. Mappes, finished several years as associate. We bombarded him with letters to come back and take over with this number; but he persistently refused. He has much work waiting in western Nebraska and feels he cannot give the time to editing. We want to thank him also for his years of service to this paper.

In this Lenten issue of 1951 the DEAF LUTHERAN goes to press through the hands of Co-editors Kosche and Gyle, who were both installed as pastors to the Deaf in 1946. Editorials will be written by both Editors, and they will work together to continue, with God's help, the good work of their leaders. May God give us the ability.

In 1950 we were able to realize the hope of both former Editors. The DEAF LUTHERAN has added four pages to include Dr. Salvner's Bible Studies; and other Bible helps have been added. Our readers are all asked to send in suggestions for improvements and for further additions. This is the DEAF LUTHERAN; we

would like to know what the Deaf think about it. How about some ideas and some articles from our Deaf members? This is *your* paper.  
F. G. G.

## Hurry, Please!

*New Deadline Set*

Since the Post Office cut deliveries in half, we must change our deadline. From now on your stories and articles must reach the Editors *on or before the third Friday* of the month. Items for April must be in our hands February 16; items for May, March 16; etc.

Presses have been running on time, but the mail is slower than it used to be. By making this change we hope it will be possible for the readers always to have their DEAF LUTHERAN on time.

*Send news to* — Rev. Martin G. Kosche, 126 W. 32d St., Indianapolis 8, Ind.

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## Remember Jesus in Your Will

From the *Minneapolis Mission Messenger*, published by Pastor Bremer, we glean the following note: "Mr. Louis Droel left one hundred dollars in his will for our church."

Have you written a will? And have you written into your will a donation to your church? By doing so, your money can work for Jesus even after you have left this world to live with Him.

### Let Us Observe Lent

Although God does not command us to observe Lent, yet it is a fine old custom of the Church to set aside the forty weekdays before Easter as a time to remember and to think about the sufferings of Jesus. Surely we Christians want to think about the deep grief and the terrible shame that Jesus suffered during the last two days of His life upon earth — because it is the most wonderful story in all the world. It is the story of our salvation from sin. It is the story of how hell became closed to us and heaven became open again. And thank God it is a true story, because it is God's very own Word, written in the Holy Bible.

Satan does not want you to hear that heart-warming story. He knows that this story has the power to break his rule over the hearts of men and that it has the power to lead people to a strong faith in Jesus and to eternal life in heaven. Therefore he will tempt you especially hard during Lent and urge you not to go to church and not to study and think about Jesus and His sufferings. *Please*, do not listen to his temptations!

Instead, pray God to give you a holy desire to attend every Lenten church service and to read and meditate on the Passion story every day during the Lenten season. You will find it in your Bible, in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, chapters 26 and 27; Mark, chapters 14 and 15; Luke, chapters 22 and 23; and John, chapters 13 to 19.

### Executives of American Schools Meet

(Observations by the Rev. A. E. Ferber)

Colorado Springs, Colo., October 16—20, 1950. — In general a cordial welcome was extended to "the Lutherans." We could see that the pastors of our Lutheran Ephphatha Conference are establishing good public relations in their own many fields.

The Rev. Walter Enge, pastor of our Colorado Springs Lutheran church, spoke the invocation at the opening session. While introducing Pastor Enge, Dr. Alfred Brown of the Colorado Springs School for the Deaf made some very favorable remarks about the ministry of the Lutheran Church for the Deaf and emphatically pointed out the number of serv-

ices conducted for all the Colorado and Wyoming children who wish to attend.

A manufacturer from California gave a demonstration of what is being attempted in placing captions (words) on good movies. The thought came to us that we might send some of the material for our Ephphatha Conference.

N. A. D. President Byron B. Burnes presented "The Purposes and Plans of the N. A. D." very effectively. One of his statements was: "The N. A. D. has always stood for the combined (oral and manual) system. . . . It is criminal to take away from a Deaf child the privilege to express himself with signs."

Dr. L. M. Elstad of Gallaudet College expressed his pleasure in our activity for the spiritual happiness of the Gallaudet students.

### Gospel Gems —

FEBRUARY 7, 1951, Ash Wednesday. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures (prizes) upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:19-21.

FEBRUARY 24, St. Matthias the Apostle. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden (loaded down with trouble), and I will give you rest. Take My yoke (harness) upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto (for) your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden (load) is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

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### **Bible Readings for Lent, 1951**

May yours be a blessed Lent! And it will be if you in true faith look up to the Cross of Jesus on which He shed His blood. Paul writes: "Christ died for all," 2 Cor. 5:15. His blood was shed for all; therefore you and I can say with Paul: "Christ, the Son of God, loved *me* and gave Himself for *me*," Gal. 2:20, and with our Catechism: "Jesus Christ, true God and also true man, redeemed *me*, purchased and won *me*, from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom," that I henceforth not live unto myself, but unto Him who died for me and rose again. 2 Cor. 5:15.

May these Bible Studies help you to trust in Him alone and to live only for Him!

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

*Read Luke 2:8-14*

#### *The Savior Born for Us Also Died for Us*

This day is the beginning of Lent. During these days we Christians go with our suffering Savior on the way to the Cross. And why did He go into this bitter suffering and painful death? Our lesson tells us today. When Christ was born, an angel came to the shepherds upon the fields of Bethlehem, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were very much afraid. But the angel had good tidings (news) of great joy for them. And what was this good news? "Unto you is born a Savior." A Savior born for sinners! And how did He save us? By suffering and dying, by shedding His blood. And the angel said to the shepherds that this Savior is "Christ the Lord." He that died on the Cross is the Lord God, a mighty Savior, who can defeat sin, death, and the devil. And for whom is this Savior? For whom did He suffer and die? The angel says that this good news "shall be to all people." This suffering Savior is for all people. Paul says: "Christ died for all," 2 Cor. 5:15.

Therefore the angels sang praises to God when this Savior was born. They sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This was their Christmas song, but this also can be our Lenten song. During Lent we learn how He finished this

work of salvation. All glory belongs to Him for it. We must praise His wisdom, His power, His grace and love. And now there is peace on earth between God and man by this Jesus Christ, for He has made peace by His blood. And now there is good will (pleasure) toward men (people). In this suffering Jesus, God is pleased with us, and looks with pleasure upon us. Oh, thank and praise Him!

PRAYER: Thanks, heavenly Father, for Thy dear Son and for letting Him go into bitter suffering and death for us sinners. May we always trust in Him and His salvation. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Read Luke 2:15-20**

*Hurry to the Cross of Jesus*

When the angels had gone away into heaven, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see this thing which had come to pass, which the Lord had made known to them. And they found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in the manger. This Babe is He who later shed His blood on the Cross and died for you and me. And as the shepherds hurried to the manger, so let us during these Lenten days hurry to the Cross of this Lord Jesus and see these things that happened there which the Lord has made known unto us.

Then what did the shepherds do? They made known abroad (far) the things that God had told them about this Child. And of this Child we know that He perfectly did all the Commandments for us and then went into suffering and death and paid for our sins with His holy, precious blood. At the Cross we see the finished salvation. Surely, also we ought to make known abroad in all the world these things, how He was born and then also died for all. Let us spread this wonderful Lenten story and tell all the world: "Jesus died for you." All that heard the shepherds wondered (were surprised) at this wonderful story of the Savior's birth; and so many wonder today at this story of the wonderful death of God's Son for the sins of the whole world. The shepherds returned to their homes, glorifying and praising God for all these things. They could not forget this word about the Savior born for them. So our hearts should be filled with praise and thanksgiving for this Jesus, born into the world to suffer and die for you and me. Never should we forget the story of Jesus and His love.

Mary also could not forget these words about the Christ Child. She kept all these things in her heart and pondered (thought about) them. She loved to think of the words of the angel to the shepherds. But we have more than the story of His birth. We also have the story of His bitter suffering and death. Let us keep these precious words of His blood and Cross in our hearts and think about them every day. Then blessed are we!

PRAYER: Dear Savior, help that I always keep the story of Thy Cross in my heart and daily think upon it, and then praise and glorify Thee now and forever for going into death for me. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — Read Luke 2:21

*Trust in the Name JESUS Always*

When the little Lord Jesus was eight days old, they circumcised Him as God had commanded Abraham and all his children. God put Jesus under the Law, and did that for us. Paul says: "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law," Gal. 4:4. And why that? "To redeem (free, or save) them that were under the Law," v. 5. We were under the Law, but could not keep it perfectly. Therefore we were under God's curse and wrath. But now God's Son was made under the Law. He perfectly did all of the Commandments. He was the Holy One of God. He did all the Commandments for us. Thank Him!

And on that day they gave Him a wonderful name, the name JESUS. This name an angel brought down from heaven before the Child was conceived in Mary. It is a heavenly name, a name above all other names. And what does this name mean? The angel had told Joseph: "Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins." He came to save; therefore the name JESUS means Savior. And how did He save us? By the shedding of His blood. On the eighth day He shed the first drops of blood for a world lost in sin. Above all, He shed His blood for us when they crowned Him with thorns, and blood flowed down His cheeks; He shed His blood when they nailed Him to the Cross, blood flowing from His hands and feet; and He shed His blood when a soldier took a spear

and opened His side, and blood and water came forth. Of this blood Paul says: "In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins," Eph. 1:7. And John writes: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1:7. JESUS, a wonderful name! Blessed are you now and forever if you trust in it!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, beautiful Savior, thanks for doing perfectly all Commandments for me, and then also for paying for my sins with Thy blood. May I now live only for Thee. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — Read Luke 2:22-24

*All God's Word Fulfilled in the Suffering Jesus*

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus says: "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (do perfectly)," Matt. 5:17. He did all the laws about sacrifices and all rules of worship which God had given to the Jews. These laws were a shadow of good things to come, of Jesus and His work of salvation.

We read that "the days of her (Mary's) purification according to the Law of Moses were accomplished." Mary and Joseph then brought the little Lord Jesus to Jerusalem to present (give) Him to the Lord. That was a law of God through Moses. When a Jewish woman had given birth to a son, she had to stay home for forty days, and then she brought her child to the Temple; for every first-born son was called holy unto the Lord. So Mary brought her first-born son to be called holy unto the Lord. And, furthermore, the Jewish mother had to bring also a lamb for an offering. But if she was poor and could not bring a lamb, she was to bring a "pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," v. 24. And Mary did this, for she was poor. Jesus was made poor to make us rich in heaven.

This Jesus was to be the Lamb of God who was to offer Himself for the sins of the whole world. And as the blood of the turtledoves was poured out at the sacrifice, so Jesus must shed His blood. All the sacrifices, or offerings, in the Old Testament pointed to Jesus and His blood. Of Him we read in the Old Testament: "He was wounded for our transgressions (sins), and He was bruised for our iniquities (law-breakings)," Is. 53:5. During these Lenten weeks look up to the suffering Jesus on the

Cross, who gave Himself for you. All the words of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Him. Praise Him for it!

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Thou hast done all Commandments of God for me and then hast shed Thy blood for my sins as the Prophets foretold. For this I thank Thee now and shall praise Thee forever. Amen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 — Read Luke 2:25-30

*The Crucified Jesus Is Our Peace*

Our lesson today tells us of a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. He was just and devout; he did the right things before God and worshiped Him always. And he was waiting for the consolation of Israel. Consolation means comfort. He was waiting for the One who should comfort His people. This One was the coming Lord and King and Savior. For Him Simeon waited and waited. And the Holy Ghost was upon him, and had revealed (made known) unto him that he would see the Lord and Savior before he would die. And when Mary and Joseph brought the Child Jesus into the Temple according to the Law of Moses, the Spirit led Simeon into the Temple. And there he took the little Lord Jesus up in his arms and praised God, saying: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart (die) in peace according to Thy word." And why? "For (because) mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Trusting in the Christ Child, he now could die in peace.

But we have seen more of this salvation than Simeon. He saw the Lord Jesus as a little child; we see Him as the man dying on the Cross. During these Lenten days we go with Him on the Way of Sorrows and to the Cross. And we hear Him cry out: "It is finished!" Yes, He has finished the work that the Father had given Him to do. He has paid for the sins of all with His blood. And thus He is our Peace. Simeon could die in peace because he had seen the promised King in the Christ Child; much better can we die in peace because we see Him dying on the Cross. Blessed are you if you trust in this crucified Lord Jesus! Then you can die in peace. God grant it!

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Thou art our Peace and hast made peace with God for us by Thy blood. Now we can die in peace and enter the heavenly rest with Thee. Amen. J. L. S.

## Women of the Bible

### *Pilate's Wife — Defended Christ*

Matthew 27:19: "*Have nothing to do with that Just Man*"

The High Court of the Jews ordered Jesus killed. But they could not do this. The Roman governor, Pilate, must agree that Jesus was worthy of death. During the trial, Pilate saw that Jesus was innocent and that the Jewish leaders were full of hate and jealousy. Several times Pilate tried to free Jesus. His last plan was to give the people a choice between Barabbas and Jesus. Barabbas was a bad criminal; Jesus had helped people. Pilate thought they would choose Jesus to go free.

Pilate's wife knew that her husband was in court. She knew that Jesus was on trial. She knew that as wife of the governor she must not interfere. But this was important. She sends her husband a note. This was the message: "*Have nothing to do with that Just Man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him.*" The Bible does not tell what this dream was. The dream frightened her. It made Pilate's wife tell the truth about Jesus. *Jesus is a Just Man.* At the trial of Jesus, no Jewish person, not even His friends said this. Pilate's wife alone defended Jesus.

Much depends on these words, "*the Just Man.*" Jesus was just, right in everything He did, said, or thought. He was right and just in place of us who are wrong and sinful. It is important that we believe that Christ is the *Just One*. "*Because Christ once suffered for sins, the Just (suffered) for the unjust, that He might bring us to God*" (1 Peter 3:18). We are unjust by ourselves; by faith in the *Just One*, God makes us just in His sight.

PRAYER: O Jesus, Thou wilt judge all people. We confess we are sinners and unjust. We thank Thee for the holy and just life Thou didst live in our stead. Send Thy Holy Spirit so that our life in faith may be holy and just. We ask this in Thy name. Amen. C. R. G.

It is good to be saved and *know it*. It is better to be saved and *show it*. Titus 2:7.

"Why do you love the Bible so much?"

"Because I know and love its Author."

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### Sixth Chief Part — The Lord's Supper

#### *What Is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

Our Book of Confessions says: "The true, essential body and blood of Christ are also orally (with the mouth) received and partaken of in the Holy Supper" (*Triglotta*, page 995). Therefore our Catechism also says: "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." But then our Confessions also say that we eat and drink bread and wine. They say that we receive Christ's body and blood "in, with, and under the bread and wine." Therefore our Catechism teaches us: "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine." The body of Christ in, with, and under the bread; the blood of Christ, in, with, and under the wine. No other supper like it!

#### *This Holy Supper Is for Christians Only*

In our Catechism we read: "For us Christians." It is a supper for Christ's disciples, for believers, and not for the wicked and unbelievers. Jesus took the bread and wine and gave it to His disciples, not to the Pharisees and mistaken law teachers. Therefore the Lutheran Church has "close Communion"; that means, we do not let any and everyone come to the Lord's Table with us. We also ask our members to register or to give their names to the pastor before coming to the Holy Supper. And why that? So that none will come who live in open sin, or know not what this Holy Supper is, or have a different belief from ours. So far as we can know, we should let only Christians come to the Sacrament.

#### *Christians Should Eat and Drink This Supper*

Our Catechism says: "It is for us Christians to eat and to drink." Jesus Himself says this. He took the bread and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat." Then He gave them the cup, saying: "Drink ye all of it." We should eat the bread, not fall down before it and worship it. Furthermore, *all* should drink of the cup, not only the pastor. Paul therefore writes: "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup," 1 Cor. 11:28. Come, eat and drink this Holy Supper!

### *Jesus Himself Prepared and Gave the Supper*

Finally, our Catechism teaches: "Instituted by Christ Himself." This Holy Supper was not invented by Luther or some other Lutheran teacher. No, it is the Lord's Supper. The holy writers say: "Jesus took bread . . . and gave it to His disciples; . . . He took the cup . . . and gave it to them." Therefore we read in Luther's Large Catechism: "It has not been invented or introduced by any man, but without anyone's counsel (advice) or deliberation (thinking) it has been instituted by Christ." (*Triglotta*, page 753.)

#### *Think Highly of It*

It is given to us by Christ Himself, and therefore we should think highly of it and often go to the Lord's Table to eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. God grant it! J. L. S.

## First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

(Translated by Rev. T. DeLaney, edited by Prof. M. Franzmann)

### CHAPTER II

I urge, therefore, first of all, that supplications (*humble prayer*), prayers of adoration, intercessions (*prayer asking something for others*), prayers of thanksgiving, be made for all people, for kings and all in high positions, that (*for*) we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all piety (*respect for God*) and honor. This is good and acceptable before God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth. For (*because*) there is one God and one Mediator (*go-between*) between God and people, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a Ransom (*price to buy freedom*) for all, testifying in God's own time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle (I speak the truth; I don't lie.), a teacher of the Gentiles (*people not Jews*) in faith and truth. (Verses 1-7.)

I wish, therefore, that men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and arguing. Also (*I want*) women in a modest attire (*clothing*), with modesty and quietness to clothe themselves, not in braiding the hair nor gold nor pearls, nor extravagant (*expensively fancy*) dress, but with good works (the things that are right for women who say they respect God). Let a woman learn in silence in

all submission (*humble obedience*); but I do not permit a woman to teach nor to exercise authority (*control*) over man, but ask her to be in silence. For (*because*) Adam was made first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived completely. Yet she will be saved in childbearing, if she continue in faith and love with modesty. (Verses 8-15.)

### Field Gleanings

*Janesville and Hanover, Wis.* — Several months ago I was asked to speak to the Ladies' Aid groups of these cities about our work of spreading the message of salvation among the Deaf here in the Wisconsin area. Have you ever found a person who likes his work and yet does not want to talk about it? No! So I gladly went and spoke about the zeal and willingness of the Deaf to learn the true Bible teachings. I had also mentioned to the local pastor that some pictures of the Bible stories would help my teaching. A few days before Christmas a package arrived from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, and it contained a tripod and a full set of eight Bible History Picture Rolls. They are being used to good effect. Thanks to our Christian friends!

R. M.

*Minneapolis, Minn.* — At the quarterly voters' meeting of Grace Congregation in October the following suggestions of the Ephphatha Conference Committee were accepted: 1) That we try to arrange to have the pastors for the Deaf stay at Concordia College in St. Paul during the five-day conference. 2) That we invite the conference to meet August 24 to 28, 1951. 3) That on Sunday, August 26, we arrange a special church service of praise to God on the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Salvner's ordination as pastor. 4) That we have a banquet in Dr. Salvner's honor on Sunday evening, August 26. 5) That we ask our members to contribute early for the expenses of the conference and that envelopes for the conference be sent to all members. C. B.

*Portland, Oreg.* — On May 21, 1950, sixty-two Deaf gathered at Hope Lutheran Church in Portland and took part in a ground-breaking ceremony for a new parsonage. On that day they pledged that they would support this project. It was a beautiful spring day. All the people were happy.

December 3, 1950, was another very happy occasion for the Deaf in Oregon and Vancouver, Wash. On that day the new home for their pastor was dedicated to the glory of God. That which had been only a dream a few months ago had become a reality. Sixty-eight members and friends from Salem, Portland, and Vancouver were present in the morning service to give glory to God for His blessing. The Rev. Amos Schmidt, Executive Secretary of the Northwest District, delivered the dedicatory address and was in charge of the dedication. Pastor George Ring served as interpreter. The home which had occupied much of our time during the summer months was thus dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The construction of the parsonage was supervised by Pastor Ring, who was assisted



by the members of the building committee, Mr. Walther Lauer, Mr. Earl Hughes, and Mr. Herbert Foss. Others who deserve honorable mention for donating several hours of labor are Francis Grote, George Hill, Homer Humphrey, David Kreisel, Chester LaFave, Charles Lawrence, Charles Lynch, Earl Moxley, Don Patterson, Harold Rife, Delos Nellis, William Toll, Willis Vanroekel, Chester Weiman, and Donald Wyatt. More than 2,300 hours of labor were donated in the erection of the parsonage. The Deaf also supported the work with cash donations of more than \$500.

The building was erected for the sum of \$10,000. It is a modern, six-room dwelling with full basement. There are two bedrooms, a study for the pastor, kitchen, dining room, living room, and bath. It is only twenty feet from the church. This feature is appreciated by the pastor very much after having lived seven miles from the church for almost two years.

On November 5 a son came to make his home in the new parsonage with Rev. and

Mrs. Ring and Rachel. The name of this newcomer is Michael Paul.

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid on November 18 was a real success. About 70 people enjoyed the good ham dinner prepared by the ladies. May God continue to bless the work of our ladies.

The Rev. E. Eichmann, former pastor for the Deaf, is now up and around again after his operation. His friends among the Deaf also rejoice to learn that God has restored his strength.

On November 26 two infants, Larry Milton Spratlin and Michael Paul Ring, were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Let us pray for them that the Lord will keep them upon the one way that leads to everlasting life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brasel, their three daughters, and Mrs. Ruth Brasel, vacationers from Arenzville, Ill., spent an evening with Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Ring on August 21. Their visit was a pleasant surprise.

On August 20 we had a beautiful day for our annual church picnic. About 75 were in attendance to enjoy the food and fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brekke are the proud parents of a daughter born on October 16. She received the name Maria Beverly. We pray: God bless her life in Jesus' name.

The wedding bells were ringing on Saturday, October 21, at 3 P. M. for Nils Alton Peterson and Waunita Gertscher. May the Lord bless the union of this man and this woman.

October 14 was a happy day for the ladies of the church. It was the last Saturday for them to bring food for the men who donated labor on the parsonage. All summer the ladies faithfully prepared dinner for the hungry workers. We give special honor to Mrs. Foss and Mrs. Ring, who were present every Saturday.

Mr. Kenneth Welch is improving in the Good Samaritan Hospital after an operation. Sickness can also be a blessing, if it leads us closer to the Lord.

G. R.

*Beloit, Wis.* — Margaret Janet Wells was taken into communicant membership of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod by confirmation in St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 17, 1950. After the confirmation service the group of 18 Deaf met in the church basement for a Christmas luncheon of

sandwiches, cake, cookies, and coffee. The ladies of the Deaf group furnished the sandwiches, and members of the local L. W. M. L. group furnished the cake and coffee and served the group. The luncheon table was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tablecloth, candles, and ornaments. Thus did the group show its sincere welcome to Mrs. Wells into membership of our Lutheran Church.

R. M.

*Delavan, Wis.* — A tray with cover containing Communion cups for 36 people and also a paten, or plate, for bread were given to the Deaf congregation of Delavan by William Kruckenberg and his parents. Oh, what a truly fine Christmas present that was for our church group! The Communion set is made of highly polished metal, a difficult thing to get during these war-production days; and it will add much beauty to our worship. Now may our Lord also grant us humble, repentant, believing hearts which will give spiritual beauty to our worship.

R. M.

*Delavan, Wis.* — We are very happy to report that the Delavan group has pledged to pay \$30.00 for the pastor's salary every month.

Thanks to the Lord, five adults were received into communicant membership with Redeemer Silent Lutheran Congregation of Delavan on Sunday afternoon, October 29. Two of these five adults were also baptized, and then all of them received the Lord's Supper. About 66 adult Deaf from Delavan and other towns attended the confirmation services and also the potluck supper held in the church basement after the service. We cordially welcome the following persons into full membership with our Lutheran Church: Betty Riege, George Tschanner, James Goff, Percy Goff, August Kastner. May our dear Lord Jesus and His Holy Spirit keep these and all our people in true faith through the true Bible teachings and the Sacraments of Baptism and Lord's Supper.

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*Detroit, Mich.* — In our September service in Monroe, Mich., Mrs. Oscar Hoffmann was received into membership with our congregation of that city. On November 12 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seabaugh were confirmed in Detroit. We rejoice that these three have become members of our Lutheran Church, and we hope that they will show an active interest in the work of the Church.

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