

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

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Golden Anniversary

Conference to Honor Its Veteran

Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Minneapolis, Minn., will be hosts of Ephphatha Conference during its sessions from August 24 to 28, 1951. Rooms and meals will be provided at Concordia College, St. Paul. Most of the sessions will be held at the college. We hope that all our pastors for the Deaf will attend.

The 50th anniversary of the ordination of Dr. J. L. Salvner will be observed on Sunday, August 26. Dr. Salvner was ordained in Minneapolis, August 25, 1901. The blessings which the Lord has given to the Deaf in Minnesota, in surrounding States, and throughout our country, through the work of Dr. Salvner, lead us to thank and praise God.

A banquet in Pastor Salvner's honor is being planned for the evening of August 26. C. B.

North East Conference Meets

Boston, Mass., March 27 and 28. The annual meeting of the ministers of the North East Conference was an interesting and an inspirational event. For the first time the New England area with its delightful and historic city of Boston was chosen as the meeting place. Attending the conference were Pastor W. Westermann of the Washington, D. C., field, Pastor George Kraus of the New York City field, Pastor Floyd Possehl of the New Jersey field, and Pastor Herbert Rohe of the Pittsburgh field. The host pastor was the Rev. C. R. Gerhold.

On the evening of the first day of the conference a Communion service was held at First Lutheran Church. The sermon, empha-

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Deaf Members Broadcast on KFUD

Dixie Conference Tells About Our Work

Three Deaf members joined their voices orally to those of eight ministers on Saturday, April 28, over KFUD, the radio station of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Interviewed by the St. Louis pastor the group related how Lutheran Missions to the Deaf began, and how it is done today. One pastor who has many lip readers in his church explained that, though some do read lips well, their group will never be large enough to put out the sign language.



Left to right: U. C. Jones, vice-chairman of the conference; Student Delbert Thies, pastor-elect of Memphis; Rev. W. Ferber, Regional Assistant to the Executive Secretary, Board of Missions to the Deaf; Mrs. E. Mappes; Archie Marshall, Program Committee; Rev. E. Mappes (who left his coat on at 91°F.), Omaha, Visitor; Rev. N. P. Uhlig, Jacksonville, Ill.; Rev. M. G. Kosche, Indianapolis, visitor; Vicar L. M. Stacy, Memphis; Rev. F. G. Gyle, St. Louis, host pastor. (Not shown: Rev. Theo. De Laney, cameraman, retiring Program Chairman.)

Mrs. E. Mappes of Omaha said that one of the greatest needs of our Church today is for pastors and people who will work together to bring God's Word to many more Deaf. Mr. U. C. Jones, Vocational Principal of the Tennessee School for the Deaf and member of the *Silent Worker* editorial staff, stated that the sign language should never be discarded, since it is

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Our Country's Need

July 4, 1951, marks the 175th birthday of our nation. Surely we ought to be thankful to God for the blessings that He has given to us in this great land of civil and religious liberty.

But as we celebrate this 175th anniversary, our nation is in great peril and danger. We all know about the war and unrest in the world today. We know, too, that our nation is in the very center of the great war danger and the world confusion of today.

Surely we want our nation to be strong in these days; we want it to stand up for the right and to defend the freedom that we prize so dearly. But just now when our nation must be strong and united, we see signs of weakness. One thing that makes us feel troubled is that our national leaders do not agree. Our President has put out of office one of our high-ranking generals, Douglas MacArthur, because they could not work together and agree.

What does our nation need today to make it strong? People who know and believe the Bible know the answer. Our nation must repent of its sins and turn again to God. The history of the Jews in the Old Testament shows us again and again that when a nation becomes proud and forgets God and forsakes His Word, then it will not be long until the Lord will let the enemies come and get the victory. But when a nation repents and cries to the Lord, He will help with His almighty power.

In our nation today there are 70,000,000 people who do not belong to any church, who do not read God's Word. Will God continue to bless such a nation with victory and peace?

Dear reader, let us begin to urge repentance at home—in our own heart. Even among us, who are Christians, there is so much sin. We have been blessed with a free land and a good land all our years. We so often think it must be that way and forget to thank God for it. We have been blessed with the true Word of God and a true Church. So often we are too lazy to read His Word, or to go to church; we are so stingy when it comes to supporting our Church; we are so careless about the welfare of our Church. Let us awake to repentance and eagerly turn again to the Lord.

And let us tell the news to the 70,000,000 unchurched in our land, many of whom are Deaf. Tell them the words of the Lord in

2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Truly we should be glad to do this, since our God has done so much for us, and yet offers free forgiveness to all who will repent and believe in His Son Jesus.

Oh, America, return to God!

On Giving to Church

While at Gallaudet College some thirty years ago, the Rev. Mr. Dantzer of Pennsylvania one time gave a three-hour talk to the students. The only thing we remember of that long talk after these many years is his story of a man who boasted that he had gone to church every Sunday for thirty-five years—and it had not cost him one cent.

The average Protestant church member now contributes \$23.71 to his church (per year—Ed.) Do you give more or less?—*The Silent Worker*, February, 1951.

DEAF BROADCAST

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the most practical means of talking the Deaf can ever hope to have. Mr. Archie Marshall of St. Louis told that he became interested in the Lutheran Church after looking around for several years for a church which taught according to the Bible and practiced the brotherhood of Christians. These three were chosen because their speech was clear and understandable over the air.

F. G.

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Bible Readings for July, 1951

What is your aim in life? Perhaps to get riches and other things in this world? Or, to have a good time and enjoy this life? Or, to have glory and honor in this world? John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, says: "Love not the world, neither the things of this world." And why not? He answers: "The world passeth away, and the lust (the things wicked people wish for) thereof; but he that doeth the will (wish) of God abideth forever." 1 John 2: 15, 17. Therefore blessed are you now and forever if you do the will (wish) of God! His will we learn from our holy Bible, from which our weekly Bible Readings are taken.

May God bless these Bible Readings in our hearts, so that we do not love the world and the things of this world, but love the Word of God and learn to do His will!

SUNDAY, JULY 15 — Read Luke 5:1-3*Love God's Word; Help Bring It to Others*

Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, also called the Sea of Galilee. And we see the people pressing (crowding) upon Him to hear the Word of God. That we see happen in Japan today. The people of that country now are crowding to services, Bible classes, and Sunday school to learn the Word of Jesus. Do the people in our country press and crowd to churches to hear the Word of God, as did the people in our lesson? Oh, no! In American churches we find empty seats. Many do not come to every service. They have all kinds of excuses. They love the world and the things of this world more than the Word of Jesus. People crowd to movies. We see them standing in line waiting to get in. They crowd to baseball games and other amusements. But we never see people standing in line in front of churches. Forget it not! Jesus and His Word are the one thing needful for every one of us. Only by the Word of Jesus the Holy Ghost will work in our hearts, bring us to, and keep us in, the true faith unto the end. Love to go to church and to learn His saving Word.

And we should gladly help in His work and do all we can for Him. He saw two ships (fishing boats) standing by the lake. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. And He stepped into Simon's boat

and asked him to take his boat out a little from the shore. Peter and the others then dropped their nets and took his boat off from the shore. Gladly he gave his boat to Jesus for His work. And Jesus sat down and taught the people from it. So let us do all we can to help in bringing the Word of Jesus to people. Let us give ourselves and all we have for this blessed work!

PRAYER: Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for Thy Word of forgiveness. Let us gladly hear and learn it and help Thee in bringing it to others. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 22 — Read Luke 5:4-11*Do Your Work for Jesus*

After the disciples and the people had heard the Word of God, Jesus told His disciples to go and do their work. Hearing the Word of God is the first thing, more necessary than any work, or pleasure, or getting a dinner ready. Jesus and His Word always first!

He told His disciples to take their boats out into deep water to let down their nets. Deep water and the time of day were not good for fishing. Nighttime is a good time; but they had been working all night and had caught nothing. But because Jesus told them to do this, they went and did it. Peter said: "At Thy Word I will let down the net."

And a wonderful thing happened! They caught very many fish, and their net broke. And they called their partners in the other boat. These came, and they filled both boats with fish. So in our daily work, let us do it because Jesus wants us to do it. Let us also trust in His Word and blessing. Indeed, we have not deserved His blessings. Peter knew that. Therefore, when he saw the many fish, he was astonished (surprised), as also the other disciples, at the draught (catch) of fishes. And Peter fell down at Jesus' knees, saying: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." He humbled himself before the mighty Jesus, who had power also over the fish. So let us humble ourselves before God for His many blessings, and thank Him!

But Jesus told them not to fear, saying to Peter: "Fear not; from henceforth (now on) thou shalt catch men." They now should be *fishers of men, catch people*, for Him and His

kingdom. They should go to people with the Gospel of God's grace (love) in Christ Jesus, and tell them of salvation by faith in Jesus and His blood. So He tells every one of us: "*Thou shalt catch men.*" We should go out and win men and women for Him. That He tells us to do with these words: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Come, let us do as did the disciples. When they had brought their boats to land, they forsook (left) all, and followed Jesus.

PRAYER: Mighty Savior Jesus, Thou canst save from sin, death, and hell, and hast finished salvation for all people. Help us to go out gladly with Thy Word and catch people for Thee and Thy kingdom. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 29 — Read Luke 5:12-15

Jesus Saves from Sin. Tell It to the World

A man full of leprosy (a terrible sickness) came to our Lord Jesus, fell down before Him, and said: "Lord, if Thou wilt (wish), Thou canst make me clean." And He put forth His hand and touched him, saying: "I will; be thou clean." And straightway (quickly) the leprosy departed (left) from him. A wonderful work! So we all have a terrible disease like leprosy. No doctor, no medicine could help lepers in the days of Christ. Our terrible sickness is sin. No doctor, no medicine, can take it away. As did this sick man in our lesson, so let us go to Him with our sin and say: "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Indeed, Jesus is the mighty Son of God. He could cure leprosy, so He also can take away sin. For that He came into the world. He says: "The Son of Man is come to save that which was lost." Matthew 18:11. John writes: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. Yes, go to Him, He can save from sin. But you need not pray, as did the leper: "If Thou wilt . . ." Only when we pray for bodily blessings, as did the leper, we should pray thus. But for forgiveness and peace with God we need not pray these words, for He always is willing to grant us these heavenly blessings. Paul says: "God will have all men to be saved." 1 Timothy 2:4.

Jesus then told this man not to tell anyone about it, but to go and show himself to the priest and bring an offering as Moses com-

manded. Jesus did not want honor and glory in this world for His wonderful works. He only wanted to show that He is the One who should come. But the people could not keep silent. The fame (story) of His wonderful work spread more and more, and many people came to hear and to be healed. But Jesus does not tell us not to say anything about His love for sinners and His forgiveness. No, He says: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." We should tell all the world of His great salvation and help to make it known among all people. Will you help?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Thou Savior of the world, let me make known Thy good Word of salvation by faith in Thee to all the world, that many may be saved. Amen.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 — Read Luke 5:16-17

Pray, and Gladly Hear and Learn the Word of Jesus

Jesus went about teaching and healing the sick. Now Jesus withdrew Himself, He left the people and went into the wilderness, where no people lived. And what did He do there? We read: "And He prayed." Jesus was a Man of prayer. He was always praying. Again and again we see Him praying to His Father in heaven. A good example for us! He wants us to pray much also. Listen to Him, saying: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7. He teaches us that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint (give up)." Luke 18:1. And by His servant Paul He says: "Pray without ceasing (stopping)." 1 Thessalonians 5:17. And to make us pray more diligently, He gives us many beautiful promises. John 14:13-14 He says: "Whatever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." Come, let us pray in everything. Pray for all the Deaf, pray for our pastors and missionaries, pray that God may bless our work among the Deaf for the salvation of many. Pray, trusting in His promises!

Praying and teaching, that was the Savior's work. And it happened on one day, as He was teaching, that Pharisees and teachers of the Law were there from every town of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem. These were His

enemies. They believed not in Him, but always were trying to find something of which they could accuse Him. Our lesson does not tell us why they came there, but surely they came not to learn the Word of God out of the mouth of Jesus. But He showed them plainly that He was the Son of God and the promised Savior, for "the power of the Lord was present to heal them." From His wonderful works they could learn that He was the One that should come. But they would not believe. So today all people may learn from God's Word that this Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. However, many will not believe, they do not want this crucified Lord. Oh, come, gladly hear and learn His Word! It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.

PRAYER: Lord, teach me to pray, and fill my heart with love for Thy Word, which can save our souls. Amen. J. L. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Sixth Chief Part — The Lord's Supper

From the Bible we have learned that in the Lord's Supper we eat the body of Christ in and with the bread and drink His blood in and with the wine. Now for whom is this Holy Supper? Let us learn that from the Bible and our Catechism.

Examine Yourself Before the Lord's Supper

Our Catechism says that it is "for us Christians," that means, for believers. If anyone wants to come to the Holy Supper, the pastor must first know that he, or she, is a Christian. For this reason we have "close" Communion in our Church. We do not invite everyone to the Lord's Table, but only those who have confessed their faith in the Savior and who understand what the Lord's Supper is and what its blessings are. Many churches have "open" Communion, and invite all visitors to the Holy Supper. Now which way is right? Paul says: "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28. Before coming to the Lord's Table one should examine himself. He should ask himself: Am I a sinner, and am I sorry for my sin? Do I trust only in the Lord

Jesus to be saved? Do I know what I receive in the Lord's Supper? Do I, with the help of God, intend to live a better life? If you can answer "Yes," then you are a Christian, and the Lord's Supper is for you. We cannot let those come who cannot examine themselves.

The Lord's Supper Is for Believers Only

Why is it so necessary that a man examine himself before going to the Lord's Table? Paul answers: "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily (without faith), eateth and drinketh damnation (punishment) to himself." 1 Corinthians 11:29. A pastor therefore cannot let a man go to Communion who knows not his sin, knows not why Jesus came into the world, and understands not what the Lord's Supper is. If he did, he would let such a man eat and drink damnation to himself. Therefore our Church first instructs people in the chief teachings of the Bible and asks them to confess their faith before inviting them to come to the Lord's Table. Furthermore, we ask people to register, to give their names to the pastor before coming to the Holy Supper. It surely is Christ's wish that we have "close," not "open," Communion.

Prepare Your Heart for the Holy Supper

In our Catechism we have "Christian Questions with Their Answers" for a good preparation. Before going to the Lord's Table read these questions prayerfully, humble yourself before God in your sin, ask Him to bless His Word in your heart, then give your name to the pastor, and ask him for his blessing. Then rich blessings shall be yours! J. L. S.

NORTH EAST CONFERENCE

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sizing the great truths and blessings of the resurrection of Jesus, was brought to the assembly by Pastor W. Westermann.

Supper Rally for Deaf Missions

A most enjoyable and successful supper rally highlighted the second day. A gathering of 175 people met in the church hall to enjoy the delicious turkey supper served by the Tabitha Society of First Lutheran Church. Proceeds of the supper helped pay the expenses of the conference.

After the supper Pastor Gerhold introduced a number of people from Boston who have been of great help to him in his work. A rising ovation of appreciation was given Misses Martha and Lucy Bruhn, sisters, who have done great service in behalf of the Deaf.

The Boston Lutherans were also given an opportunity to become better acquainted with the visiting pastors and their work. Pastor Possehl spoke of the new Lutheran School for the Deaf which our Church plans to open this fall on Long Island, N. Y. Beautiful Kodachrome slides of the school were shown on the screen. The interest of the people of Boston was evident by the questions they asked about the school. Pastor Westermann spoke about his work in the Washington, D. C., area and at Gallaudet College. The Pennsylvania and Western New York field was described in colored slides by Pastor Rohe. Pastor Kraus concluded the program with an interesting discussion and demonstration on visual aids and their use in training Deaf children.

An Interesting Visitor

When Miss Martha Bruhn visited the conference, it was an event that all who were present shall remember. Miss Bruhn is a Lutheran Deaf lady who has given her life in behalf of the Deaf. She is one of the leaders in speech and lip reading in the world. One of her great works is a translation from the German of a book, *Mueller-Walle Method of Lip Reading*, which is today a standard textbook on lip reading for the adult Deaf and hard of hearing. Miss Bruhn is also an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Volta Bureau. She was a personal friend of the late Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and of Miss Helen Keller. In 1903 she began her own school of lip reading in Boston. The school is still at work today.

Although totally deaf, Miss Bruhn's ability to read lips is wonderful. Those who first meet her rarely think her to be a deaf person. She has studied in Germany and France and can read lips and speak in three languages, English, French, and German. The members of conference spoke all three languages to her, and although we skipped from one to the other, she always replied in the language

which we had spoken. Her visit and the discussion with her on the various methods of speech among the Deaf was of great benefit to all the pastors at conference. Miss Bruhn is a member of our First Lutheran Church of Boston.

Special thanks is due to Pastor Paul Brauer and the members and societies of First Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities for the conference sessions, and also for the beautiful little chapel which they have permitted the Deaf to use for their regular church services. Also Pastor Gerhold should be commended for his efforts in arranging the meetings. And the visiting pastors and their wives will long remember the wonderful Bostonian dishes prepared and served by Mrs. Gerhold.

H. W. R.

Gospel Gems

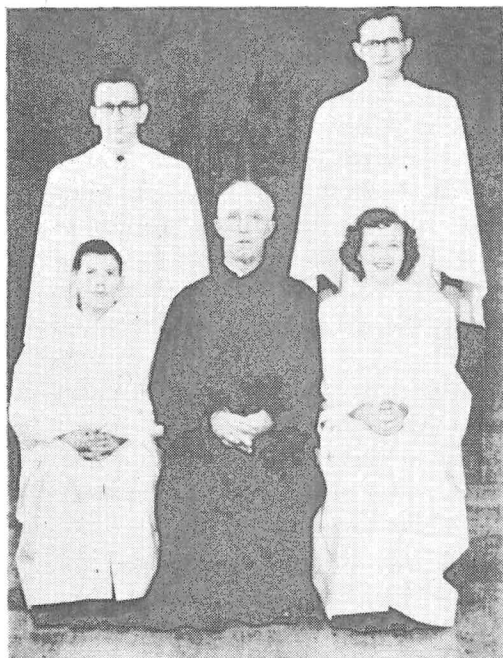
JULY 22, St. Mary Magdalene. "And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdelene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, . . . ministered (served) unto Him of their substance (money and goods)." — Luke 8:2-3.

JULY 25, St. James the Elder. "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant); and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant (slave): even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto (served), but to minister, and to give His life a ransom (payment) for many." — Matthew 20:26-28.

Field Gleanings

Devils Lake, N. Dak. — During the past school year the Rev. W. Ferber has again spent considerable time in the State School for the Deaf in Devils Lake, conducting services, teaching Sunday school, and privately discussing problems with the children in the school. This work has come to a successful end for this school year with the confirmation of a class of four, with a hearing brother of one of the members of the class also coming to be baptized. The Devils Lake local hearing congregation is building a new church. Ar-

rangements will be made in this church to give a room to the Deaf. W. F.



Confirmation Class, Devils Lake, N. Dak., May 13, 1951
 Standing, left to right: Richard Scofield, Minot, N. Dak.; Charles Cadwell, Beach, N. Dak.
 Seated, left to right: James Whetter, Lansford, N. Dak., baptized; the Rev. W. Ferber; Patricia Carlson, Colfax, N. Dak.
 Richard Whetter of Lansford, hearing brother of James, was not able to come for the taking of this picture. He was baptized with this class

Fargo, N. Dak. — The Deaf have again given their room, which they had begun to arrange for a chapel for the Deaf, to the hearing children of the parochial school. Since the hearing congregation is erecting a new school building, the Deaf hope to be able to move back into the room again in fall.

The Fargo-Moorhead group has taken a great interest in gathering information on our Church's mission work. The Rev. W. Ferber had collected many pictures of various missions in faraway countries and showed them to the Bible class in his home this spring.

Mr. Arthur Strege, student assistant in Grace Lutheran Church of Fargo, showed us the mission movie "Beyond Our Own Horizon." After the movie he surprised us by giving a talk in the sign language. (Mr. Strege studied the sign language under his brother, Paul, now missionary in Japan, under Pastor Otto Hintze, now of New Guinea, and under Pastor Simon of Columbus, Ohio. — Ed.)

Quite a number of our Deaf have been

on the sick list. In Fargo Mrs. I. Dahl and Miss K. Kuntz have again recovered from painful operations. Tom Swanton, our elderly friend from Moorhead, had to leave us for the Twin Cities to be put under another doctor's care. At the time of this writing James Newcomb is also seriously sick in his home in Moorhead. Let us thank God for upholding all of these through faith in Jesus. W. F.

Grand Forks, N. Dak. — Mr. and Mrs. Alphaeus Wisler are studying the Catechism and preparing themselves for church membership.

In Killdeer, N. Dak., and Twin Valley, Minn., services were again begun after a lapse of several years. We hope to have regular services in both of these places. W. F.

Minot, N. Dak. — The Deaf are enjoying the use of the new Minot church, one of the most beautiful churches of our Synod in North Dakota. W. F.

Oshkosh, Wis. — Nineteen members and friends of the Oshkosh Lutheran Deaf group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Scheuerman on February 4 to welcome two adults who had been confirmed earlier that evening in Trinity Lutheran Church. The two new members are Mrs. Joseph Mand and Richard Feil. May they always remember that Jesus said: "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8: 31-32). A large marble cake with the words "Happy Confirmation" was served with sandwiches, salad, cookies, cake, and coffee. R. M.

Sheboygan, Wis. — Robert William Elmer Sand made a good confession of his faith in Jesus the Savior during his confirmation on March 3 in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Robert Sand also clearly promised, with the Lord's help, to live according to the Lord's will. After the confirmation service the 12 members and friends of the Lutheran group in Sheboygan met in the church basement for a tasty lunch. The confirmation memory verse given to Robert Sand was Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." R. M.

Springfield, Ill. — On August 7, 1950, Mr. Delbert Thies, vicar of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., supplying the Central Illinois field during the summer months, baptized Harold Wilber Burris, Jr., son of Harold W. Burris

and Viola J. Simpson Burris, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield.

Mrs. Elizabeth Close of Springfield died September 18 and was buried September 20 at Springfield. And December 5 Mrs. Emma Willi Smith, the wife of Wm. Smith, passed away after a lingering illness at Decatur and was laid to rest at Lebanon, Ill., December 8. These faithful Christians were glad to see the Savior as He has promised. May they rest in peace.

On November 5 Pastor N. P. Uhlig baptized the three children of James E. Todd and Evelyn E. Merry Todd at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield. These are Robert Edward, born July 4, 1947, Marilyn Jean, born March 1, 1949, and Catharine Evelyn, born September 5, 1950.

In that service also Larry Duane, born August 3, 1945, and Decie Paul, born December 26, 1947, sons of Paul F. and Nelda N. Ditzler-Huffaker, were received into Christ's kingdom by Baptism. May God keep these lambs safely in His sheltering arms. N. P. U.

Vincennes, Ind. — Our sincere thanks to the Vincennes group for remembering the first wedding anniversary of their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Martin G. Kosche. A tasty potluck supper was arranged by them after the church service in March. Pastor and Mrs. Kosche were presented with a beautiful chenille bedspread and several brightly colored towels and washcloths. Twenty-one Deaf and hearing attended the program. M. K.

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The DEAF LUTHERAN is published in about 7,500 copies each month and is sent to many Deaf people free of charge. But do you know how much our Board has to pay for it? About \$250 a month, or \$3,000 a year. We have very few paying readers. It would be of great help to our work if every reader subscribed for it. It costs only 50 cents a year, one dollar for two years, not even 5 cents a month! Surely, everyone can afford this! Give your 50 cents or dollar to your pastor, or mail it to the DEAF LUTHERAN, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo. Pay for a year's or two years' subscription, and so help the good cause along. Thank you!

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Women of the Bible

Delilah — Money Made Her Betray
Judges 16: 5: "We will give you . . .
eleven hundred pieces of silver."

God gave Samson great strength to fight the enemies of Israel. For many years these enemies oppressed God's people. Samson had no army. He fought these enemies alone. The enemies did not trust God as Samson did. They prayed to false gods and carried charms. They thought Samson carried some charm, because he was so strong. They were afraid of him.

When Samson fell in love with Delilah, these enemies asked her to find his secret. They promised to make her very rich if she would tell them what made Samson so strong. They knew Delilah loved money.

Delilah also did not love Samson. She pretended to joke. She asked Samson what would make him weak. Three times she got a false answer from Samson. She bothered him daily with the same question: "What is the secret of your strength?"

Delilah was making Samson weak. Samson did not know this. At last Samson explained to her that he was a Nazarite, a man given to God before he was born. His long hair was a sign that God was with him.

While he slept, Delilah called for a man who shaved Samson's hair off. When she called the enemies, Samson was easily captured. We never hear of Delilah again in the Bible. We can be sure that her money bought her no happiness. She could have been happy with Samson if she had married him. She could have learned about the true God who hates sin, but forgives the sins of people who trust in the Savior. But Delilah loved money.

PRAYER: O Lord, forgive my sin of loving anything more than Thee. Make me strong where I am weak. Keep me in true faith. In Jesus' name. Amen. C. R. G.

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