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New School for the Deaf

September 26 Opening Date

Mill Neck Manor, Lutheran School for the Deaf, tells us that when you get this paper, the New York Lutheran School will be in full swing. After several years of fund raising the school now has a Superintendent, Mr. Melvin Luebke, an assistant to the Superintendent, Deaconess Marie Twenhafel, and three regular teachers of the Deaf. On August 14 there were fifteen pupils enrolled for 1951—1952. We cannot say how many came to school on September 26, the first day (our paper must go to press on August 24 if you want it in October). But we are sure that much progress has been made in finding more and more children.

Meet the Superintendent

Mr. Melvin Luebke, born May 3, 1924, in Watertown, Wis., is one of the youngest superintendents (perhaps *the* youngest) among the executives of American schools for the Deaf. He was graduated from St. John's Lutheran School and Northwestern High School in Watertown. He earned the B. S. in Ed. de-

gree at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., in 1945, and the Master's at Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., in 1948, where he has also done work toward a Doctor's degree in school administration and supervision. Thus he ranks high among the superintendents and administrators of American schools for the Deaf.



Mr. Melvin W. Luebke,
M. A.

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Mission Gets New Pastors

Deaf Lutherans Now Have 30

Thanks to the Lord of the harvest, our Lutheran churches among the Deaf in the United States now have *thirty full-time workers*. Twenty-nine of these men are ordained pastors; one is a student vicar (interne). In addition, we have Pastor O. C. Schroeder of Chicago, who divides his time between the Deaf and the Blind. Several other pastors help serve the Deaf on a part-time or once-in-a-while basis.

Pastor E. W. Rische is now with us at St. Philip's (Negro) Deaf Church in Chicago and is taking half of Pastor Scheibert's former field.

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Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Mission to Blind Celebrates in October

Upon the recommendation of Synod's Board of Missions to the Deaf, the convention of our Church in 1926 resolved to do mission work among the blind. Dr. E. J. Friedrich three years previously had presented to Synod the request of the blind for Lutheran literature in raised type.

Pastor A. H. Kuntz was the first Lutheran Missionary for the Blind. He did valuable pioneer work in this field from 1926 to 1939. In 1927 Pastor O. C. Schroeder also entered this Mission, editing the foreign-language Braille and Moon-type literature. Pastor Schroeder, now in his 25th year of service to the blind, also developed the Lutheran Library for the Blind. He was assisted very ably by Rev. C. Bremer from 1941 to 1946. Since 1946 Mrs. V. Piehler has rendered valuable service as assistant librarian.

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Faith and Works

(James 2)

Martin Luther was a man who knew sickness. He felt the temptations that come with it. He felt this because he himself had been sick and was suffering. He was also a man who felt the great comfort that God's Word gives to someone who is weary and worn, suffering with many afflictions.

In 1527 a great plague of sickness spread over all of Germany and the city of Wittenberg in which he lived. Many people began to run away. They did not think about helping their neighbors. But this is what Luther said: "We are duty bound to help our neighbor in every need and danger. If his house is burning, we ought to help put out the fire. If he falls into the water, we must run up and help him. If our neighbor is hungry or thirsty, we must not leave him, but give him food and drink." He said this because the Bible says: "Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion [feeling of mercy] from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Luther knew it took more than medicine and food to help and heal the sick. He knew that there is a sickness of the soul, a sorrow of the heart, that will make a man more ill and more in need than any sickness of the body. He knew that God's Word alone could help people like that. He knew that only Jesus with His love could make such a person well again.

Once when he visited a sick man, he declared that it is a great mercy of God that He leads us to believe on Jesus, our Savior. He encouraged the sick to continue in such faith with the help of the Holy Spirit and to pray diligently to God. Finally he told the sick man to fear nothing, for God had sent His Son into the world to deliver us poor sinners from death, hell, and the power of the devil. Let us always follow this advice, both in sickness and in health.

(Guest Editorial by Luther E. Russert, from *Life and Light*.)

BLIND ANNIVERSARY

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The Board of Missions to the Blind is working diligently to expand its service to the blind.

It has set October 14 as the Anniversary Sunday. Leaflets, a sermon, and other information will be sent to all pastors of our Church, urging a proper observance of the anniversary. We wish also hereby to express our sincere appreciation to the members of Ephphatha Conference for their assistance in the past 25 years.

As our Mission for the Blind goes forward for Christ into its 26th year, we cannot thank God enough for His overflowing grace in permitting us to send His Gospel in raised type to the blind in every State of our nation and in 28 foreign countries. To Him alone all glory!

O. C. S.

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These ministers preach in more than 200 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at many State schools for the Deaf. You will find them ready to serve you; call upon them or write to them. The Deaf need God's Word.

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Bible Readings for October, 1951

The words we are studying are taken from Christ's Sermon on the Mount. In it He shows His Christians how they may have a blessed and happy life. All the people in the world seek true happiness. In this sermon, Christ shows His people the way to this true happiness. Therefore David says: "The statutes [words] of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart," Psalm 19:8. And the Prophet Jeremiah writes: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart," Jeremiah 15:16.

May the study of these Bible Readings be the joy and rejoicing of your heart!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 — Read Luke 6:31-35

Follow the Golden Rule

Here we have the Golden Rule: "As ye would [wish] that men should do unto you, do ye also to them likewise [same]." We want everyone to love us, to be kind unto us, and to help us in every need. Now, as we want people to do to us, so we should do to them. Or, as Jesus says: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We should love all people, do good unto all, and help all that need our love.

Jesus speaks these words to His Christians, to people that know Him and believe in Him and His salvation and love and serve Him. If Christians love only those that love them, they deserve no thanks for that. Sinners, people that are not Christians, do the same. Or if they do good only to those that do good to them, they again deserve no thanks. Sinners do that also. And, if they lend to them of whom they hope to receive again, they deserve no praise. Sinners, the wicked people of this world, do the same.

No, Christians are to love all people, also their enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, hoping for nothing again. Then they shall receive a great reward or blessing. Then they are true children of the Highest, for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil (wicked). We were dead in sins, enemies of God, and lost; but now we have forgiveness of sins and salvation. Daily we receive many good things, although we daily sin much and so often are unthankful. Surely we, as God's

dear children, also should be kind to the unthankful and to the evil and love people whether they love us or not. All this makes for true happiness.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Thou hast loved me when I was dead in sin, and Thy enemy, and lost, so let me love, and also show kindness to, the unthankful and wicked people. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 — Read Luke 6:36-40

Show Mercy to All

We have a kind and merciful Father. He saw that we were lost and could not help ourselves. Therefore in His great mercy He sent His only-begotten Son into the world, let Him become a Man, flesh and blood like us, laid upon Him the sins of the whole world, and let Him suffer and shed His blood and die for all, also for you and me.

Do you believe and rejoice in this? Then also you will show mercy and kindness to others. Jesus says: "Judge not; condemn not." We should not quickly with a jealous or proud heart judge others and say that they have done wrong and are worthy of punishment. We should forgive and excuse them. If we unkindly judge and condemn, then God and people will judge and condemn us also. Love should rule in our hearts if we are true Christians.

Furthermore, we should gladly give, as Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us. He gives a beautiful promise, saying: "It shall be given you." And that not only a little, but much. People and God shall give us a good measure, pressed down, and shaken together. Gladly we ought to give; for as we do to others, so it shall be done to us. The measure we use in dealing with others, the same measure God will use with us.

But if a Christian with a proud and jealous heart judges and condemns others as worthy of punishment, then he is blind. And how can the blind lead the blind? They surely cannot lead others. Both shall fall into the ditch, both shall be lost. The disciple is not above his master. He who wants to be master over others and judges them without love cannot expect better things from them. Let us seek to

be perfect like our Master, love one another as He loved us, and show mercy to all.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant that we show mercy and kindness to all people as Thou art merciful and kind to all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 — Read Luke 6:41-45

Turn from Sin, and Help Others from Sin

So often people see mistakes in other people, but see not their own mistakes. And this often is true also of Christians. Therefore Jesus says to His followers: "Why do you see the mote [little piece of straw or wood] in your brother's eye, but see not the beam [large piece of wood] in your own eye? And how can you say to your brother: Let me pull out the mote that is in your eye, when you yourself see not the beam in your own eye?" So quickly we see little sins in our neighbors, but see not our large sins. Jesus therefore says: "First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to pull out the mote in your brother's eye." Jesus intended to say: "First put away your sin by turning to God and asking Him for forgiveness in Christ Jesus; then you will humbly and lovingly help your neighbor from his little sins."

And then you are a good tree in God's garden? A good tree cannot bring forth corrupt [bad] fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree is known by its fruit. From thorns you cannot gather figs, nor from a bramble [thorn] bush get grapes. Of a true Christian, a true believer in Christ, we should expect good works; of an evil man we cannot get good things. A good man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good, as a good tree brings forth that which is good. Out of the abundance (fullness) of the heart the mouth speaks. If the heart is full of Jesus and His love, a man will speak good things. But if the love of the world and the things of this world fills a man's heart, he speaks evil things. Keep the Word of Jesus and His salvation in your heart; then you will speak good things, help your neighbor, and excuse him when others speak against him.

Prayer: Dear Savior, let Thy Holy Spirit fill my heart with Thy love, and I will show kindness and love to others. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — Read Luke 6:46-49

Hear the Word of Jesus and Do It

So many people say to Jesus, "Lord, Lord," but do not do the things He says. Blessed now and forever are they that do as He says. They, as Jesus tells us, are like a man who built a house and dug deep and laid the foundation on a rock. Such a house cannot fall. Let the floods come and the winds blow; they cannot shake it. So if a man builds his whole life upon the Word of Jesus, he builds on a rock. Then let the devil come with his temptation, and the world with its mockery; let trouble and sorrow come (yes, let death come!) he will not fall; for his faith is built upon a rock, upon Jesus and His Word. In this Word he finds strength against the devil's temptations, rejoicing against the world and its laughter, comfort and peace in trouble and sorrow, and a blessed hope in death. Oh, hear the Word of God, and do it, and you shall be truly happy!

But if you hear the Word of Jesus, and do it not, then you are like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation. And if floods come and the winds blow, that house will quickly fall. So if a man hears the Word of Jesus and does it not, he so easily falls when the devil tempts him and the world laughs and mocks, when sorrow and trouble come to his home and when his last hour is near. He has no strength, no comfort, and then commits suicide, as our daily papers so often report. It is not enough to say: "I am a Christian; I love Jesus." No, Jesus says: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it," Luke 11:28.

The Word of Jesus is the one thing needful. It can save our souls, keep us in all temptations, uphold us in trouble and sorrow, and give us a blessed hope in death. Hear the sayings of Jesus, and do them!

Prayer: Thanks for Thy holy Word, which can save our souls and keep us on the way to everlasting life. Help us to hear Thy word and do it and so be truly happy. Amen. J. L. S.

Deaf Members: Send us more news, please! See Editor's addresses, second page.

Writers: Type double-space on half sheets. Help us save time and work, please!

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Sixth Chief Part — The Lord's Supper

Instituted by Christ Himself

The Lord's Supper is only for believers, for them that can examine themselves, knowing their sin and the Savior and what the Holy Supper is and what its blessings are.

Christians Should Eat and Drink

What should we do with the bread and wine, which is the communion of the body and blood of Christ? With our Catechism we answer: "Eat and drink it." Some do more than that. They fall down before the bread and worship it. But Jesus says: "Take, eat." Paul says the same. Nothing else should be done with the bread. And as all eat the bread, so they all should drink the wine. Our Lord Jesus says: "Drink ye *all* of it." Paul also tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:26-28 that Christians should eat the bread and also drink the wine. Christians should not eat the bread only and let the pastor alone drink the wine. It is good and right that in our Lutheran Church we give not only the bread, but also the wine to every Christian.

Jesus Himself Instituted It

Our Catechism says of this Holy Supper: "Instituted by Christ Himself." It was not invented by any man, but the Lord Jesus Himself gave it to us. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Paul tell us: "*Our Lord Jesus Christ*, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread . . . the cup." Many seem to forget this and go to the Lord's Table only once in a great while. Jesus gave it to us; therefore let us think highly of it and go to this Holy Supper often.

The Mighty Son of God Instituted It

It seems so many people overlook this. When we teach that according to Christ's own words we eat His body and drink His blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, they quickly ask: "How can this be?" We people always like to put this question. When the angel told the Virgin Mary that she would bring forth a Son, she asked: "How shall this be?" And when our Lord said to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again," he asked: "How can these things be?" So people today ask: "How can the true body and blood of Christ be under the bread and

wine?" As the angel said to Mary, so we say: "With God nothing shall be impossible." Our Jesus is the mighty Son of God. There is nothing too hard for Him. Remember, our risen Lord, God's only-begotten Son, says: "This is My body"; "This is My blood." Then you will not ask: "How can these things be?" but in true faith say: "This is most certainly true."

Hold Fast This Teaching of God's Word

The Lutheran teaching of the Lord's Supper is that of God's holy Word. Let us rejoice in it and often go to the Lord's Table for our temporal and eternal good! J. L. S.

Women of the Bible

Bernice — Almost Had Faith

Acts 26:28: "*Almost you persuade me to be a Christian*"

Bernice and her brother, King Agrippa II, visit Governor Festus in Caesarea. After several days of royal entertainment, Festus speaks to them about a man in prison, named Paul. He explains that the rulers of the Jews want Paul killed. Festus finds no legal reason to kill him. He asks Agrippa and Bernice to hear Paul. Festus knows nothing about Jewish customs or religion. Perhaps Agrippa and Bernice, who are Jews, will help him understand the charge against Paul. (Read Acts 26:27-31.)

Bernice and Agrippa agree. Paul tells them how he once hated believers in Christ and persecuted them. Jesus appeared to him, changed his heart, and ordered him to preach faith in Him for forgiveness of sins. Because he preached Christ in the Temple, the Jews wanted to kill him. Then Paul speaks to King Agrippa: "YOU KNOW MOSES AND THE PROPHETS WROTE that CHRIST MUST SUFFER AND WILL RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND ALL THE WORLD WILL HEAR OF THIS." Agrippa answers: "THIS APPEARS TO BE TRUE, YOU ALMOST PERSUADE ME TO BE A CHRISTIAN."

Bernice knows that her brother, King Agrippa, must be careful. Both she and the King would lose their thrones if they believed in Jesus Christ. The Jews would rebel overnight. Still Paul is so earnest, and she knows this "Jesus faith" is spreading. It could be true. Then Bernice, her brother, and the gov-

ernor decide on Paul's case. They agree he is not guilty of death and should not be in prison. Since Paul asks for a trial before the Roman Emperor, Paul must go to Rome.

If only Bernice and the others had believed. . . ! But they let all the blessings of faith slip through their hands. As many people are friendly to ministers, so they help Paul. But this is not faith.

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, we thank You for giving us faith in Jesus. Help us know the Bible better, so that we can tell Your Word to the many people who are "almost Christians." Bring these to true faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

C. R. G.

First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

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

CHAPTER V

Don't scold an old man, but talk to him as *your* father; *talk* to younger men as brethren, old women as mothers, younger ones as sisters, in all purity. Honor widows who are truly widowed. But if any widow have children or grandchildren, let them (*the children*) first learn to show godliness toward their own house and give a repayment to their parents, because this is pleasing to God. But she who is truly widowed and left alone has hope in God and continues in supplications (*begging in prayer*) and prayers night and day. But she that lives in self-pleasure, is dead while living. And command these things that they may be blameless. But if anyone doesn't take care of his own, and especially for his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (Verses 1-8.)

Don't put a widow on the list for *help* who is less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, having a reputation for good works in bringing up children, in practicing hospitality, in washing the feet of the saints, in helping those in trouble, in carefully doing every good work. But refuse to *put on the list* younger widows, because when they may become wanton (*immoral*) against Christ, they want to marry and are judged because they have broken their first promise. More than that, they learn to be idle, going from house to house, and not only idle, but also gossipers and busybodies, speaking things they ought not

say. I want therefore the younger ones to marry, bear children, rule the house, giving the adversary (*enemy*) no reason for reproach (*blame*), because some have already turned aside after Satan (*follow Satan*). If any believing woman have widowed relatives, let her provide for them, and let the church not be burdened, so that it may provide for the truly widowed. (Verses 9-16.)

Let the elders (*ministers, pastors*), who lead well be held worthy of double honor, especially those who work in the Word and teaching. Because Scripture says: "You shall not muzzle an ox that threshes" and "A laborer is worth his wages." Don't accept an accusation against an elder except upon testimony of two or three witnesses. Those that sin reprove (*scold and punish*) before all, so that the rest also may have fear. I earnestly (*eagerly*) testify before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, that you should guard these things without prejudice (*without deciding before hearing testimony*), doing nothing by favoritism. Don't lay hands on anyone hastily, don't be a partner in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure! — Don't drink water, but use a little wine for the stomach's sake and for your frequent (*often*) sicknesses. — The sins of some men are apparent (*seen*) before investigation, and some also after. Likewise also good works are apparent, and those that are otherwise (*bad*) can't be hidden. (Verses 17-25.)

NEW SCHOOL

(Continued from page 73)

Mr. Luebke taught at Concordia Lutheran School, Louisville, Ky., one year, and at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., five years. He also served as instructor in the summer school speech-and-hearing clinic of Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind.

The Luebke family now consists of Mr. and Mrs. Luebke and two girls, Leah Ann, three years, and Patricia Ellen, one year old. We understand that Mrs. Luebke's maiden name was Peterson; her first name was not given to us. (We did hear him call her "Honey," though. Ed.).

Visit the School

At the front door you will meet Miss Marie Twenhafel, well known by the alumni and

friends of our Detroit school, who is the executive assistant of the school. She will be glad to show you through the three-story main building and the other buildings on the 86-acre campus. The buildings there will take care of 125 or 150 children without any new construction. The school now needs \$30,000 to furnish and equip the houses. The Treasurer tells us that \$325.00 has been given by Lutheran Deaf churches. (Some Deaf Lutherans perhaps sent money direct to the school, but there is no way to tell, from the money, whether the giver was Deaf or Hearing.) We Lutheran Deaf can surely do better than that, and we will, with God's help!

We are glad to promote this school as well as the one in Detroit. *Give your donation to the treasurer of your church this Sunday!* Make checks payable to Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc. Address letters and questions to Mill Neck Manor, School for the Deaf, Box 12, Mill Neck, N. Y. If you are on Long Island, the Mill Neck Station (LIRR) is right next to the school's gate. By auto take Route 25A to East Norwich and Route 106 to Mill Neck.

Who May Attend the School?

Deaf children from kindergarten through high school age may be sent to this school. College graduates who wish to become teachers of the Deaf may also apply for scholarships to train for positions as teachers. Write to Mr. Melvin Luebke, Superintendent, at the above address.

F. G. G.

NEW PASTORS

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Pastor Delbert Thies has filled the vacancy left in Memphis in 1947, replacing Vicar Stacy, who returns to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

Still to be manned are the new Florida Field (served now by visiting pastors) and the South Dixie (Jackson, Miss.) Field, where Vicar Lee Lennon is doing a second term. Pray that these fields and many others may also have pastors soon.

The stories about the new pastors will be printed in future issues of the DEAF LUTHERAN. May God give their work much blessing and through them bring many more Deaf souls to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. F. G. G.

Field Gleanings

Fort Dodge, Iowa. — On May 12 two couples were married in a double wedding ceremony: Clarence Malcolm to Viola Cirks, and Ernest Miller to Evelyn Cirks. About 200 hearing and Deaf friends attended the ceremony. Both couples are now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa. — On May 20 Calvary Congregation celebrated the first anniversary of the dedication of its church. The ladies' aid served a dinner for nearly 70 members and friends in the church basement. After the dinner all went up into the church for the anniversary service.

V. H. M.

Former Memphis Vicar Weds

Mr. William F. Reinking of St. Joseph, Mich., was married to Miss Ethel L. Kelso ("Sue") of St. Louis, Mo., August 18, 1951. Deaf and hearing friends from St. Louis attended the wedding and reception. The couple will spend the next year in St. Louis, while Mr. Reinking completes his studies at Concordia Seminary. The groom was vicar in Memphis and North Dixie in 1949—1950 and in Kansas City and Denver in the summer of 1951. He assists the pastor in St. Louis, teaching the sign language at the seminary and conducting oral services and Bible class at Holy Cross Church for the Deaf. Mrs. Reinking assists in the oral Sunday school. She has learned to sign and spell very well in the past year, too. We all wish this couple the Lord's continued blessing in their work among the Deaf.

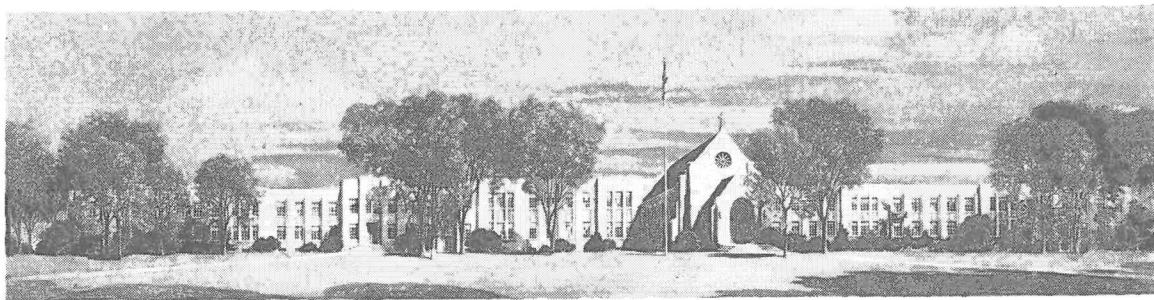
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Deaf Co-Workers for Christ

25 Years of Service

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Conrad Ulmer as secretary of the congregation on January 23, 1951. The congregation gratefully acknowledged 25 years of faithful service to our Savior.

Mr. Ulmer served as secretary under all three pastors of St. Matthew's Church: Rev. Arthur Boll, Rev. Floyd Possehl, and Rev. George Kraus. He was confirmed by Rev. Boll as one of the first members of our Lutheran Church for the Deaf in New York City. In 1925 he took over the responsible position of



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secretary to the congregation and continued in that office through the year 1950. His thoroughness and dependability were an example to the entire congregation.

Mr. Ulmer's wife is also an active member of the Church and has devoted much of her time to the choir. Surely, a Christian family working together in the Kingdom of God is a wonderful blessing both to the Church at large and to the family itself. Our many thanks and God's richest blessings for your years of service, Mr. Ulmer.

G. R. K.

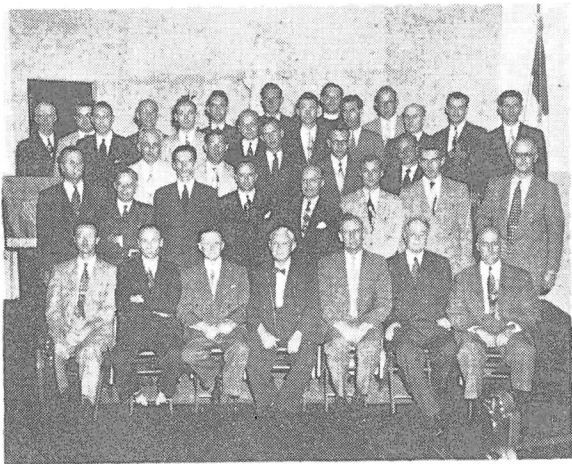
Reformation Hymn

Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Martin Luther



Ephphatha Conference, Minneapolis, Minn.,
August 24—28, 1951

First row, l. to r.: Gyle (St. Louis), Bremer (Minneapolis), Salvner (Exec. Sec. of Board), Streufert (Synod's Sec. of Missions), Uhlig (Jacksonville, Ill.), Schroeder (Chicago), Lottes (Board Member)

Second row: Frederking (Cleveland), Gaertner (Oakland), Thies (Memphis), Borchardt (Detroit), A. E. Ferber (Kansas City), Kraus (New York), Mesenbring (Des Moines), Westermann (Washington, D. C.)

Third row: Mappes (Omaha), Stacy (Vicar), Rische (Chicago), Simon (Columbus, Ohio), Jonas (Los Angeles)

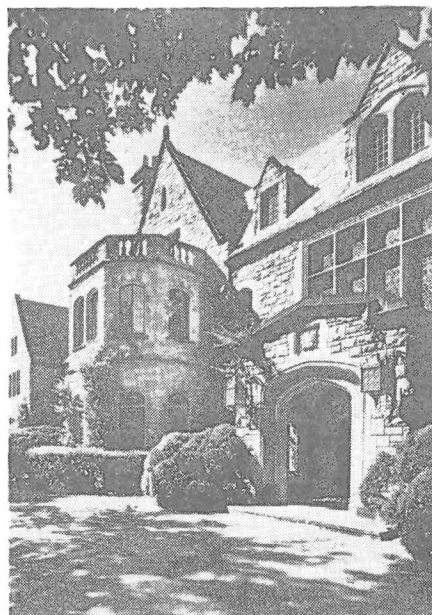
Fourth row: M. E. A. Mueller (Milwaukee), Kosche (Indianapolis), Rohe (Pittsburgh), Ring (Portland, Oreg.), Possehl (Newark), Cordes (St. Paul), Mackensen (Delavan), Bruns (Great Bend, Kans.)

Back row: W. Ferber (Fargo), DeLaney (Austin), Scheibert (Chicago), Reinking (Vicar), Hauptman (Spokane), Gerhold (Boston), Lennon (Vicar in Jackson, Miss.)

Missing: Beyer (Seattle); Krug (Wabash, Ind.) and Schleicher (Sioux Falls), part-time workers; and Board Members Buege, Nieman, Kruse, and Miller

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