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Indianapolis Dedicates Chapel-Parsonage

Indianapolis, Ind., May 11. — The twenty members of Peace Congregation had much reason to rejoice on this day. After more than 50 years of church work among the Deaf here we now have a very fine building that we can call our own.

The building is a sturdy old duplex residence, located on the near North Side, about half way between the center of Indianapolis and the Indiana State School for the Deaf. The car line going to the School passes our building.

The six rooms downstairs have been converted to church use. By removing one wall we now have a chapel 16'×26'. A large room opening off the chapel room gives more seating space with a good view. A small sunroom gives yet more seating space. On the day of dedication bad weather made it impossible to have the service outdoors on the spacious lawn. We found that 100 persons could be seated (a little crowded we admit) in the chapel rooms. Also on the first floor are a kitchen for church doings, and the pastor's office. The bathroom was converted into two washrooms. The second floor provides a very cheerful 6-room apartment for the pastor's family.

Cost of the building was \$13,000. Repairs, alterations, and equipment costs were kept low because the members and several hearing friends donated much labor and materials. A Lutheran plumbing supply man donated all necessary fixtures and supplies. A Lutheran plumber donated his labor to install them. A Lutheran painter from Anderson, 40 miles away, came often and supervised the interior and exterior painting and furnished all necessary tools without charge. A Lutheran linoleum layer and a paper hanger also donated

their services. A Lutheran contracting firm donated a part of their services and some building materials.

Complete chancel furniture (consisting of altar, pulpit, lectern, and baptismal stand) was given by the Lutheran congregation in New Albany, Ind. A Lutheran trucking firm delivered this free. A beautiful brass altar cross and candlesticks were donated in memory of Mrs. Harriet F. Horney, Deaf, by her surviving husband and daughters. A Lutheran jeweler gave two beautiful brass vases and a brass bookstand to match the altar set. Several ladies of the congregation made the dossal curtain, the altar cloths, and drapes for the chapel windows. Altogether the members donated well over 900 hours of work and our hearing friends more than 200 hours.

After figuring all expenses, the amount invested runs just about \$15,000. Our Mission Board has given us \$10,000, borrowed from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Church Extension Fund. The Board will pay it back over a number of years. The Deaf themselves have raised about \$1,000. We have asked each of the hearing Lutheran congregations of Indiana to have a special offering to help pay off the remaining indebtedness. Already 40 hearing congregations have sent in a total of \$2,000. We are confident that under God's blessing the other \$2,000 will come in soon and our congregation will be debt free.

Our deepest gratitude to all who have donated money, work, and things to make our building the attractive chapel-parsonage that it is today.

Dr. J. L. Salvner, Executive Secretary of our Mission Board, preached the dedication address to the 150 persons who came to rejoice

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When is Your Vacation?

During the summer months many people take vacations. Perhaps you are now on your vacation. Maybe your vacation is finished. Or maybe you are preparing for a vacation in a few days or weeks.

Before leaving on a vacation, you must make plans. You must remember to take the clothes you want to wear. You must take the things you want to use. You must figure about how much your trip will cost and take enough money with you. If you go by train or plane, you must get your ticket. If you go in your car, then you must prepare the car for the trip. Forgetting things often makes trouble for vacationers.

Are you ready for your vacation? Maybe you think that is a foolish question. You say, "My vacation is finished." But you are still alive; so I know you shall leave on a vacation. There is a song — "When I Take my Vacation in Heaven." Indeed, we all have a vacation coming. All true believers in Jesus shall take a vacation in heaven. And we won't have to think about coming back. That will be an everlasting vacation. Oh, how wonderful that you and I can stay on vacation forever!

When is your vacation? When are you leaving? Someone says, "I'm leaving on my vacation next week. Oh, you mean my real vacation in heaven! About that vacation, I don't know. Maybe I will leave tomorrow. Maybe next week, maybe next month or next year. But I am prepared if I were to go tomorrow. Jesus has made all the arrangements for me, and He shall come to go with me."

Are you eager to go with Jesus on your vacation? People who live in sin, people who love the things in this world, are not eager to go with Jesus. They are afraid of punishment. But those who believe in Jesus and love Him can say with St. Paul, "I have a wish to leave, and to be with Christ, which is far better."

GEORGE RING

Cavalier, N. Dak. — Mr. Sidney Schroeder took instruction for confirmation by mail. His wife helped him in his instruction. He came 112 miles to Devils Lake to be baptized, and he invited his friends to come to this service.

W. F.



Mr. Sidney Schroeder, Cavalier, N. Dak. and Mrs. Schroeder

Mr. Schroeder was baptized in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Devils Lake, on Sunday, May 18. All instruction was by mail.



Left to Right: Rev. M. Kosche (Indianapolis), Rev. T. Fred-erking (Cleveland), Rev. D. Simon (Columbus), Delegate J. Riddlebaugh (Columbus), at Central District Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, June 16—20, 1952, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

"Conquest for Christ"

Miami, Fla., August 11, 1952. With 17 of our 32 pastors reporting, the "Conquest for Christ" offerings of the Lutheran Deaf have now reached \$3,000. Complete report will come later. Watch for it!

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Bible Readings for September, 1952

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — Read Luke 11:29-32

Hear Jesus, Greater than Solomon and Jonas

Jesus did many miracles, or wonderful works. But the Jewish teachers and leaders believed not. Always they asked Him for a sign from heaven. And He tells them that no sign shall be given them except the sign of Jonas. Jonas, whom a large fish had swallowed, was in the belly of that fish for three days and three nights. So Jesus shall be three days and three nights in the grave and then arise from the dead. Then they shall see that He is the Son of God, the mighty Savior.

But His people would not listen to Him. Therefore He tells them that the Queen of the South shall rise up in judgment against them. She came from far to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And now a greater than Solomon is here, the Son of God, who became man and brings salvation. But they would not hear Him. This Queen of Sheba will judge them. Again, the people of Nineveh also will rise up in judgment on the Last Day and will judge them worthy of punishment. And why? They heard Jonas preach to them, and they turned to God with sorrow for their sin. And now here is one greater than Jonas; here is the Son of God, who rose again from the dead, who is come into the world to speak words from heaven and to save sinners from God's wrath and curse. But they would not turn to God and trust in Him whom He has sent. The people of Nineveh will judge them worthy of punishment.

Friend, we have the Word of Jesus. He has words of salvation for us. Oh, if we will not hear it, but despise it as did the Jewish people, then the Queen of Sheba and the people of Nineveh will rise up against us also on Judgment Day and declare us worthy of everlasting punishment in hell. Oh, come; hear Him! Turn from sin to His Cross! Trust in Him and love Him because He first loved you!

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Thou risen and victorious Savior, help us love Thy soul-saving Word more than anything else in the world. Amen.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — Read Luke 11:33

Let Your Faith in Christ Shine Forth

When you light a candle, what will you do with it? Perhaps put it in a secret place or under a bushel basket? "No, no," you will say, "I will put it on a candlestick, so that all who come in may see the light." Right you are! Now God has made you to be a light in this world by giving you faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. Surely He does not want you to hide this faith. Joseph of Arimathaea did this. He was a disciple of Jesus; but he kept it a secret for fear of the Jews. He hid his faith as Christians so often do. They are afraid to confess Jesus as their Savior, afraid that people will laugh and mock.

Why do you think that Jesus gives us faith? First, He did it to save us; but He also did it so we would let our light, our faith, shine before men, confess Him before all the world, walk as children of light, show the world the precious Savior, in whom we believe. Then all people that meet us will see our joy, our peace, our hope through faith in Jesus. Joseph did that on Good Friday. No more afraid, he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, then took it down from the Cross, and before all people confessed: "This is my Lord and Savior." For this reason God by His Holy Spirit also worked faith in our hearts. He wants us to let our faith shine forth and by that bring other sinners to the Cross and everlasting life.

PRAYER: Thanks, heavenly Father, for giving me the true faith and making me to be a light in this world. Help me always let my faith shine forth before all people. Amen.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — Read Luke 11:34-36

Believe in Jesus and Walk in Light

Have you the true faith in Christ Jesus? Does your heart believe that Jesus died for you? That is the eye which is the light of the body. When your eye, your heart, is single, without false thoughts, and sincerely trusting in Jesus, then your whole body is full of light and has no part dark. Such faith cannot be hidden. A heart trusting in Jesus' blood and His righteousness will lead the whole body into light. The mouth will confess His holy name, the

hands will work for Him, the feet will run to do His commandments, and the eyes rejoice in seeing the beauty of the Lord. It is just as the bright shining of a candle.

But if your eye, your heart, is wicked and believes not in Jesus, then your body is full of darkness. People that believe not walk in darkness, do the works of darkness, love to walk in sin. Their mouth will speak against Jesus, their hands will do the things that displease God, their feet run to do evil, and their eyes enjoy seeing wicked things. And, at last, they will go to everlasting darkness.

Therefore Jesus warns, saying: "Take heed therefore that the light which is in you be not darkness." See whether you truly believe in Jesus or not. If your heart does not trust in Jesus, then you are in darkness and lost forever. But if your heart rejoices in the Lord Jesus and His blood, which cleanses from all sin, then your whole body is full of light. And, at last, you will go to everlasting light in glory.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, grant me true faith, and keep my body, soul, and whole life full of light now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — Read Luke 11:37-41

Saved Only by Faith, Not by Works

What do you speak about when you visit your friends? Learn from Jesus. He accepted a Pharisee's invitation for a meal. There, as always, He spoke of heavenly things. He is come to save souls. So let us never forget that God lets us stay in this world to speak for Jesus and to lead sinners to Him. When we visit our friends, let us speak not only of the weather, of war, of Presidential candidates, of the pleasures of this world. Above all, let us speak of heavenly things.

Jesus did that in the Pharisee's house. The Pharisee was surprised that Jesus did not wash His hands before eating. The Jews thought that if they did this and other commandments of men, God would accept them and receive them into everlasting life. That was wrong. Therefore Jesus did it not. He showed them that it is not enough to clean the outside of the cup and the platter and then let robbery and all wickedness stay in their hearts. The heart cannot become clean by the washing of hands and the doing of other commandments. Even

God's Law cannot clean the heart. We cannot be perfect, and therefore we are under God's curse and punishment. The Law only shows us our sin and God's wrath. Now if God's Law cannot save us, then surely doing the commandments of men cannot save us. Many people think that if they do not smoke or drink a glass of wine, they are good and righteous before God. But their hearts keep anger and hatred and pride.

Only by faith in Jesus and His blood our hearts become clean and then are filled with love and kindness. We shall give gifts to the poor and do other good works. And then all things are clean unto us. We are saved by faith alone, not by works. And faith works by love.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, make my heart clean from sin by faith in Thy blood. May this fill my heart with love to Thee and my neighbor. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 — Read Luke 11:42-44

Remember, God Looks at the Heart

Jesus speaks of hypocrites, of people who seem to be good and holy, but have hearts full of selfishness and pride and all wickedness. They are like an apple which looks nice and red, but is rotten inside.

The Pharisees were hypocrites. They were very strict about paying to the Church one tenth even of little things. But they had no love for their neighbor, did not judge him in love, and helped him not when he was hurt. They also had no love for God, but only for themselves. Therefore Jesus says to them: "Woe [trouble and punishment] unto you!" Let us remember this: God looks at the heart. People that believe in Christ crucified for their soul's salvation love God and their neighbor in their hearts. Hypocrites have not this faith and love.

Believers will not seek glory and honor, but give all glory to Jesus. The Pharisees wanted all glory and honor for themselves. They loved the chief seats in their churches. They loved greetings in the markets. They looked for glory and honor from men, not the glory that comes from God. If we believe in His Son Jesus, the Father will honor us. And that is greater honor than the world can give. Woe to them that seek only their honor and glory!

Again, again, woe to them! They are like

graves that people cannot see, perhaps overgrown with grass. People walk over them and know not that they are walking over the ashes and bones of a dead person. The Pharisees, and many people like them, hide their selfishness and pride and wickedness, and people see and know it not. But God sees it all. They cannot hide their hearts full of sin from God. Man's heart is an open book before Him. Therefore woe unto them! Let us not try to hide our sins, but confess them and cry for mercy in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thou knowest all things and seest all wickedness in my heart. Humbly I confess my sins unto Thee, and ask Thee to have mercy upon me for Jesus' sake. Amen.
J. L. S.

The Executive Secretary Speaks

Notes from Field Trips

It is a pleasure to go from place to place in our various fields and to see how the Word of God, also being preached to the Deaf, manifests itself as a power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes. That we have seen on our way through the five fields of the West Coast.

The Los Angeles Field

February 4 we started out. Our first stop was Omaha, where we spent several pleasant hours with our friend and co-worker Mappes and his good wife. February 7 we arrived in Los Angeles, where Brother Jonas is stationed. We talked much about the needs of the field. Then we went to the hospital to visit an old member of Minneapolis Grace Church, Mr. Paul Kopprasch. Several others of the Minneapolis group we met who are very active in church work there. On Sunday, February 10, services were held in the remodeled church property. (The Deaf and their pastor did a fine job.) The writer preached the sermon, and two former members of Grace Church, Mrs. Schlanser and Mrs. Fischbach, signed hymns. So we felt right at home. After the service a special meeting was held with the 80 Deaf who attended. Services were held also in Santa Ana, San Diego, and Long Beach. In Long Beach Pastor Jonas also has religious classes in one of the schools which we visited in the morning. May God be with pastor and people and keep them in His grace.

While our friend attended to other duties, we went down to the "University of the Air" on the beach and heard several men proposing remedies for the troublous times that are upon us now. But not one mentioned the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the only cure of all ills.

The Oakland Field

February 13 the Rev. Geo. Gaertner, our Pacific Coast pioneer pastor, met us upon our arrival in Oakland. He has worked 36 years in our Mission. God has richly blessed his work. May the good Lord continue to be with him and his fine groups of Deaf. That day we went with him calling on his shut-ins, on whom he calls every Thursday morning. In the afternoon we visited the California School for the Deaf, in Berkeley, where he has religious classes. It was a source of great joy to see how well the boys and girls answered. We were pleased also to see the new group of buildings of the School. They are beautiful. In Oakland we find also a very active Young People's Society. They meet every Friday, the first and third Friday for Bible Study and the second and fourth for a social with a religious film. There also is an active Ladies' Aid, which meets regularly twice a month. On Sunday morning, February 17, we went to the School and met with a class of 34 boys and girls. Another class is conducted by one of the members, Mr. Norman Davis, who is very much interested in the blessed work of saving souls. In the evening we went to San Francisco for a service. In this field also we met old friends from Minnesota and former members of the Minneapolis church.

The Portland Field

February 19 we arrived in Portland and were met by Mr. and Mrs. Foss. Mrs. Foss was confirmed by us in North Dakota. When we arrived at the parsonage, Pastor Ring was instructing a class of seven. Just recently he confirmed a class of ten. The Lord surely is richly blessing his work. The following day services were held in Salem, where we also visited the Oregon State School. In Salem we called on three old friends, Mrs. Clara Lauby, a member of our first confirmation class in Minneapolis of 1905, her sister, and Miss Olson. Pastor Ring also took us to Toledo to visit our deaf-blind friend Mrs. Emily Eaton, to whom we brought

the "one thing needful." On Sunday a service was conducted in Portland with a fine group of Deaf. Here we must commend the members of the church for the many hours they have put in and the contributions they made toward the building of a home for their pastor. It is a pleasure to enter and to see it. A fine spirit! On Monday we attended the classes of Pastor Ring at the Washington State School. May God fill all with His Holy Spirit and grant that they all keep up the good work.

The Seattle Field

Our old friend Pastor Beyer, formerly of St. Paul, met us on February 27 in Seattle. The following day we were in Vancouver, B. C., for a service. An interesting discussion followed. There we also visited the School and its new buildings, all modern and up to date. The same day a service was held in Everett. After the service we went back to Seattle. There we met more Deaf friends, some of whom we had confirmed years ago. On Sunday, March 2, services were conducted in both Tacoma and Seattle. A special meeting was held after the Seattle service in the afternoon, and in the evening the film "All That I Have" was shown. A number of calls were made in Tacoma and also in Seattle and the needs of the field were thoroughly discussed. March 4 we boarded the bus for Yakima, where we held services in the evening. Again we were greeted by old friends. May the Lord Jesus, the Chief Shepherd of His Church, bless the pastor and all the groups in the various places unto the glory of our Savior's precious name!

The Spokane Field

March 5 we arrived in Spokane, and there Brother Hauptman greeted us. We found that he had arranged for us to make talks on our work: First, the local branch of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, then the Spokane Women's Club, and, finally the Lutheran Business and Professional Women's Club. We were glad to serve. For March 9 a service was scheduled for Spokane. After a chicken dinner, served by the men, a meeting of several hours took place. All kinds of subjects were discussed. A very interested and enthusiastic group of Deaf! God be with them and fill them all with more and more love and zeal for Christ.

In the evening we addressed members of Rev. Dorpat's congregation. Monday we left for Montana for a service in Missoula, in Butte and Bozeman on Tuesday, Wednesday in Great Falls, and Thursday in Havre, where we also addressed the Ladies' Aid of the church in which we had services. In every place we found Deaf trusting in the Savior, who died for them, and willing to serve Him in His kingdom. Thanks be to God!

Home Again!

After the Havre service we boarded the train at midnight, and the following evening we again were home with our loved ones with a prayer of thanks to God for His gracious protection on our way. The Deaf in all places took care of our physical needs. Everywhere there were free lunches, potluck dinners, and meals galore. That accounts for our not having lost weight during these weeks of traveling. Hearty thanks are due to all. It was not a pleasure trip or a vacation, as the reader will readily see. However, it was a joyful trip to see how the Kingdom of God is spreading also among the Deaf by the preaching of His Word. May He also in the future grant that His name be hallowed, and His kingdom come, and His will be done among the Deaf everywhere! We ask it in Jesus' name.

J. L. S.

Two Regional Conferences in the East

North Atlantic Pastoral Conference

April 15—17 our workers from the East met in Pittsburgh. We arrived there April 14, and Pastors Kraus and Possehl came with the bad news that Brother Rohe took sick on the way to the depot and had to be taken to the hospital. For this reason the Conference could not do the work that it was scheduled to do. Several meetings were held in which the constitution of the newly organized Deaf Mission Society was discussed at length. This society has for its chief goal the starting of missions to the Deaf in foreign countries, so that these Deaf, too, may learn to know the Savior, who died for them.

For the evening of the 15th a service had been arranged for the purpose of observing the 30th anniversary of the Pittsburgh congregation of the Deaf, which also was to be a con-

ference service. The writer spoke from the word of God in Colossians 3:23-24, urging one and all to do all things "heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; for ye serve the Lord Christ," and then showing "the reward of the inheritance" for such service. Four pastors, including the writer, were present. We are thankful to the Lord that at this writing (June 12) Pastor Rohe is doing all his work again.

Great Lakes Deaf Lutheran Conference

We made a short visit in Saginaw, Mich., where we joined an aunt of ours in celebrating the hundredth anniversary of her birthday with praise and thanksgiving. Then we went to Cleveland. The Conference met April 26-27. It was a very profitable one. Eight pastors, Deaf delegates from congregations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, as well as quite a few Deaf of Cleveland and vicinity, attended. Three papers were read by Deaf members of our Church. Mr. Horgen of Madison, Wis., delivered a paper on "The Christian and His Home," Mr. Kress of Akron, a paper on "The Christian and His Church," and Mr. Berry of Detroit, on "The Christian in the World." Lively discussions of each paper followed.

OUR DEAF FRIENDS WERE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT NOW OUR SPRINGFIELD SEMINARY WILL BE OPEN TO DEAF STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PREPARE FOR THE MINISTRY.

On the morning of April 27 a service was held in the beautiful chapel of Christ Congregation, the writer preaching the sermon. In the evening, services were held in Akron and in Mansfield on April 24.

Two Candidates and One Vicar Secured

After the Cleveland Conference we hurried to St. Louis for the meeting of the Board of Assignments, which places candidates and vicars. We had requested three candidates and two vicars for our work. However, there were 221 applications for vicars and only 124 available, and 187 calls had been sent in and only 138 candidates were available. Indeed, all our Christians should fervently pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His vineyard. Thanks be to God for two candidates

and one vicar assigned to us! The two candidates are Wm. F. Reinking, of St. Joseph, Mich., to fill the St. Louis vacancy, and Laurence Stacy, of Vermont, to work in the Pittsburgh area. The vicar, Donald Sallach of St. Louis, will go to the Jackson, Miss., field, where Vicar Lee Lennon has worked so faithfully for two years. Vicar Lennon now will return to the Seminary for another year. May God be with these new workers and give them a good measure of His Holy Spirit for their work!

Chapel-Parsonages in Columbus and Indianapolis

From St. Louis we went to spend a few days with Pastor Simon and also to see the building which has been bought to serve as a chapel for the Columbus, Ohio, congregation and living quarters for the pastor. The pastor lives on the second floor, and the room for the chapel is being used for services. However, there still is much work to be done. They hope to dedicate in the near future. We preached in a service at the Home for Aged Deaf in Westerville and also in Columbus. The members of this congregation have donated, and still are donating, many hours toward getting things ready for the Lord's work.

After a service in Richmond with Pastor Kosche we left for Indianapolis, where we were scheduled to preach at the dedication of a chapel for the congregation and a home for the pastor. However, many things still had to be done for dedication, which was to take place May 11. Pastor Kosche and the Deaf were kept busy until late Saturday evening. On Monday a meeting was held with the congregation, after which refreshments were served. Before leaving for home the Deaf presented the writer with a gift in appreciation of his help during the days of getting things ready for the dedication. With a hearty "Thank you" we then boarded the train for dear old Minneapolis.

May God grant that these buildings in Columbus and Indianapolis will always be true houses of God in which our Deaf will assemble regularly to learn the precious words of Jesus for their eternal salvation. J. L. S.

INDIANAPOLIS CHAPEL-PARSONAGE

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and praise God with us. He based his sermon on Psalm 26:6-8 and reminded us that this chapel is now God's house, where God Himself

comes to us through His Word and Sacraments and brings forgiveness and peace to our souls. He urged us therefore to thank God and to love to meet in our house of worship.

May God's hands of blessing rest upon this house and all who worship and dwell herein. May He use this building for the glory of His holy name and for the salvation of many souls.

M. G. K.

Field Gleanings

Fargo, N. Dak. — Mr. Merle Gruenhagen has for two years helped faithfully in the Sunday school class work of the defective-speech children in the State School. Mr. Gruenhagen is not returning to the school next fall. We wish to thank him for his good work with these children.

W. F.

Des Moines, Iowa. — On May 18, the Ladies' Aid Society of Calvary Lutheran Church served their second annual Anniversary Banquet in the church basement. Many Deaf from out of town attended, some driving as far as 125 miles. The ladies served about 75 Deaf, also many of their children, and some hearing friends. A total of more than 100 were present.

After the banquet the entire group went up into the church for a service of worship, thanking God for His blessings to our church during the past two years.

In their April meeting the Des Moines Ladies' Aid voted to give \$25 to the "Conquest for Christ." Also from one young man in one of our stations we received a gift of \$50 for this church expansion work.

Some improvements have been made in our Des Moines church recently. A group of men spent a day painting the kitchen and cleaning the church grounds. The ladies also spent two long evenings cleaning the entire church.

Another improvement is the new lectern in our chancel, given to the church in memory of Mrs. Barbara Sawhill by her relatives. Mrs. Sawhill passed away suddenly last November.

V. M.

Detroit, Mich. — Easter of this year was outstanding. Our chief joy was, of course, the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. But there were other things that helped to make it a joyful day. Church attendance reached a rec-

ord high of 200. Also we had the special privilege to receive 10 new members into our congregation by confirmation. There were supposed to be 11, but one, Mr. Harry Petrowske, was not able to come, because he was ill. He was confirmed on April 20th. It is our earnest hope and prayer that they will remain faithful and active members of the Lutheran Church while they sojourn here on earth and in the end receive the crown of eternal life in heaven.

The names of those confirmed are: Mr. Elbert Denson, Mrs. Fred Mobus, Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, Miss Marjorie Jones, Miss Greta Olsen, Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, Mrs. Clarence Schulz, Mr. Harry Petrowske, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stemplowski.

N. B.



Front row, l. to r.: Shirley McLeland, Des Moines, Iowa; Zelma Cunningham, Nebraska City, Nebr.; Jean Swan, Auburn, Nebr.; Verona Hendrickson, Algona, Iowa; Bonnie Kendall, Burlington, Iowa; Melinda Jensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Norman Prine, Davenport, Iowa; Sandra Erb, Buhl, Idaho. — Second row, l. to r.: Harris Daggett, Des Moines, Iowa; Janice Booy, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Doris Beik, Wapello, Iowa; Karen Bazyn, Traer, Iowa; Gwendolyn McGrearty, Des Moines, Iowa; George Vernon, Monticello, Iowa; Pastor E. Mappes. — Third row, l. to r.: Norman Wilson, Cherokee, Iowa; Alva Burnett, Clinton, Iowa; Gerald Froehlich, Norfolk, Nebr.; Lawrence Gingerich, Wellman, Iowa; Edward Jones, Waterloo, Iowa; Ivan Cox, Des Moines, Iowa; Marion Van Manen, Reasnor, Iowa; Leon Dean Ireland, Omaha, Nebr.; Roger Wing, Waterloo, Iowa

Omaha, Nebr. — The picture above is of the Omaha confirmation class which was confirmed on May 4.

There were 21 pupils from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, School and five from the Omaha School. One girl, Alice Golda, from the Omaha School was confirmed two weeks later on account of an injury which she suffered on May 3. Thus she was unable to be present on May 4 and is not on the picture.

E. M.