

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

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Work Begun Among Foreign Deaf

Former Sign Language Students Active

Cuba

Pastor Ray Bowles, formerly of Havana, Cuba, now in Wheat Ridge Sanatorium, Colo., wrote us a year or more ago that he had found a Deaf girl and was trying to bring her the Gospel. Our Board sent him a copy of Long's *Manual* to assist him. But when his health failed temporarily, he had to return to the United States. Pastor Herman Glienke left Miami for Havana. He had six months of Sign Language in the class of Vicar Luther Russert. God hears our prayers! (Sept. 1, 1952.)

Philippines

Pastor Arnold Strohschein, Davao City, Philippine Islands, writes: "Remember I studied sign language with Don Simon for about six months? You told us (Becker also) that we should remember our sign language and see if we could not use it for work here in the Philippines. Well, we never used it. Fact is, I had never found any person who needed it. . . . But in the past month or so (October, 1951. — Ed.) I found my first Deaf person. She lives right across the street from us here.

"She came to our Sunday school, and so I asked about her and learned that she was Deaf. She is 11 years old, and a cute little girl at that. I thought about it for a week or two, then decided I ought to try to help her. So I looked up my old notes on sign language, then visited her father. . . . Her mother is dead. I learned her history a bit and will pass it on to you. She, Virginia, was not born deaf. But during the Japanese occupation, her father kept her hidden in the mountains with him. Virginia got mighty sick. Her dad doesn't know what it was, but she became all swollen.

She was only two then. But since that time she has been deaf.

"Well, we had to start from scratch. She had not even learned the alphabet, though she could write her name. She has a hard time learning her ABC's now. . . . But she has a good memory for signs. So now I teach her both to write letters and sign them at the same time. She learns the signs much quicker than writing. I have taught her the most common of the signs contained in the notes . . . especially the nouns. Mental ideas are hard to communicate, but we succeed a bit." (November, 1951.)

Japan

"My name is Akira Honda, and I'm a boy. If I may ask you, Do you know the Rev. Strege who lives in the same city? (Asahigawa, Hokkaido.) I was shown your name and address by him. So I wrote to you. I have always wanted to know, as far as possible, everything of the school for deaf-mute. . . . So if you have mind to give me your knowledge, would you please send me your knowledge?

"I live in Asahigawa, Hokkaido, Japan. My house is church. That's Lutheran Church. It's in the center of Asahigawa. I am working at the school for deaf-mute. Now I am 19 years old.

"Rev. Paul H. Strege was saying that kind regards to you. My letter is so humble that you can't take home to yourself what I mean. Please forgive me. I want to stop my writing here. Please lead us."

New Guinea

Sign Language Teachers Hintze and Stotik write that they have not found one Deaf person since they arrived. We wonder whether Deaf children are killed, African style.

We thank God these men have not forgotten the Deaf. May they lead our Church to act!

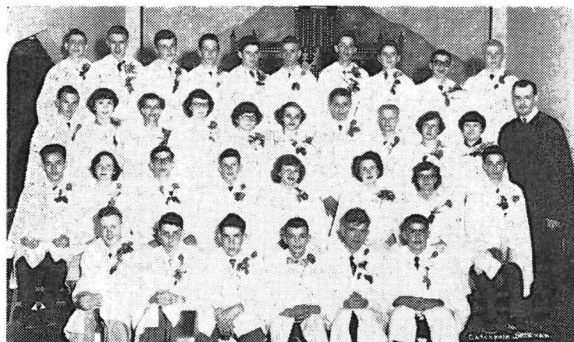
CHRISTIAN HONESTY

Some time ago a Deaf widow gave a box of clothing to Mr. Fred Draeger, member of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Indianapolis. The clothing had belonged to her husband. That evening Mr. and Mrs. Draeger sat down to look over the various items. They came upon a stack of handkerchiefs. In one of them, they were surprised to find neatly folded and hidden, three twenty-dollar bills. What should they do with that money? For Christian people there is only one answer. Mr. and Mrs. Draeger knew that answer. He went to the hook, took down his hat, and began walking back to the lady's home to return the \$60. He received \$5 reward and more than a thousand dollars' worth of joy in being able to do something that pleased God!

M. G. K.

Confirmation Service, June 1, 1952

Redeemer English Lutheran Church
Delavan, Wisconsin



Confirmation Class, Delavan, Wis., June 1, 1952

NAMES OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

(Pupils of Wisconsin School for the Deaf)

Lorenzo Alderman	Vivian Hurd
Marvin Anderson	Marion Iverson
Saimi Bakkila	Peter Klundby
Rose Bible	Roger Knutson
Edward Blaney	Claire La Forge
Ruth Carlson	Elisabeth Luebke
David Christianson	Richard Melaas
Franklin Dobbrotz	Gilbert Myhre
Nancy Doris	Andrew Nordby
Donald Du Bois	Richard Payne
James Ebeneter	Howard Runte
George Evans	Robert Ruosch
Harold Freeman	Delores Seidel
Donald Gauthier	Wayne Smith
Donna Hanson	Lois Tyvol
Warren Haroldson	Dean Webb
Shirley Hathaway	Laura White

We gratefully acknowledge the use of Redeemer Lutheran Church and the co-operation of Mrs. O. C. Thusius, organist.

Bible Quiz

(Thanks to Miss Katie Schmidt, Arkansas)

1. Name two men who did not die.
2. Who buried Moses?
3. Who tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden?
4. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God after eating the forbidden fruit?
5. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
6. What king ordered children under two years old killed?
7. Name the three men who did not burn in the fiery furnace.
8. Who was put into a den with lions and was not eaten up?
9. Who went up to heaven in a chariot of fire?
10. How much should we pray?

(Answers — page 61)

DEATH

Mrs. Minnie Bohling, age 81, wife of William Bohling and communicant member of our Lutheran Church at Sheboygan, Wis., died Saturday, June 21, and was given a Christian burial on Tuesday, June 24, with Pastor R. W. Mackensen officiating. The pastor directed those present to the comforting words of Psalm 23:4.

Mrs. Bohling, by the grace of God, was a sheep of the flock of Jesus here on earth and is now in heaven with the Good Shepherd. She showed her faith and came regularly to church and often hungered for the Lord's Supper and rejoiced over the preaching and reading of God's Word. She also generously supported the Church with her money offerings. R. M.

THE most important business of the Christian's whole week is transacted on Sunday.

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Bible Readings for October, 1952

"Lord, open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law."

Psalm 119:18

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 — Read Luke 11:45-46

The Law Cannot Save; Only the Gospel Can

Jesus had spoken against the Pharisees because of their false hearts, or hypocrisy. Then one of the law teachers said to Him that with these words He had insulted the teachers of the Law.

Often when we warn people and speak of their sin, they become angry and say that we insult them. But we do it only with love to keep them from sin, as Jesus did. If anyone speaks to us about our sin, let us thank him and turn from sin.

But that teacher did not stop Jesus. He had a "Woe" for the lawyers. They also had a false heart. They were hypocrites. They taught only the Law, Law, Law, from the Old Testament and said nothing of the many promises about the King and Savior. They made it hard for the people, but they themselves did not move a finger to obey the Law. They knew nothing about the Lord Jesus, who perfectly obeyed all commandments of God for us and paid for our sins with His blood.

Indeed, we also come to people with the Ten Commandments. We show them that they have broken these Commandments and must go to everlasting punishment in hell. A poor sinner then will ask: "How can I get forgiveness?" Then we speak of Jesus, who lived a holy life for us to the glory of His Father and then laid down His life and saved us from sin, death, and devil. Come, let us thank God for this good word.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, thanks for sending Thine only Son to obey all commandments for us and to die on the Cross for our sins. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 — Read Luke 11:47-51

God Punishes Unbelievers

Jesus again shows the law teachers that they have false hearts and are hypocrites. Their fathers in the Old Testament murdered God's prophets who showed people their sin and told them to turn to God. Now, the teachers of the Law during the days of Jesus built

monuments for these dead prophets and wanted to show honor to them. But they had false hearts as their fathers. They did not listen to the words of these prophets. Yes, they were worse than their fathers! In His wisdom God said that He would send prophets and preachers to them, and they would persecute and kill them. And this they did. They stoned Stephen and persecuted the disciples of Jesus and hurt them. And worse than that, they killed Jesus, the promised King and Savior, the Son of God.

Many people think it terrible that the Jews killed Jesus. They also think it terrible that the Russian rulers persecute and kill Christian people, close Christian churches, and teach the children things against God. But these same people in America will not listen to the Word of God. They believe not in Jesus and love Him not. And so they lead their children upon the same evil way.

A terrible punishment came upon these people. That happened when the Romans came, destroyed their Temple and city, and killed many of their people. Indeed, a great trouble will come today upon people that hate the name of Jesus and hurt His Christians. Come, let us all turn to Jesus with our sins in great sorrow, trust in Him and His blood shed for us, and then serve Him in love. And we shall be blessed forever!

PRAYER: Dear Savior, change the hearts of all them that hate Thy name. Help them, like us, to trust in Thy holy name unto the end and to be saved. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 — Read Luke 11:52-54

Thank God for True Teachers of His Word

Another "Woe" Jesus had for the Law teachers. Teachers of the people should open the Bible to them and teach the true knowledge. They did not teach people about Him who "was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities," as the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah says. They came only with the Law and had nothing to say about the Savior. Today many preachers do the same. They take away the key of knowledge, the knowledge of forgiveness and salvation. They preach not of the crucified and risen Lord. They themselves have not learned to know Him, and they are keeping others from knowing Him. Let us thank God for our pastors who come to us with

the Word of salvation by faith in Christ Jesus. Only that Word can save.

The Jewish leaders did not like it that Jesus showed them their sin and false hearts. Therefore they strongly urged Him to answer their many questions. They wanted to catch some word out of His mouth for which they could accuse Him to the people and the Roman government. People never like it when we show them their sin. They also ask us many questions and watch to find something against Jesus and His Christians. Ask Jesus for wisdom and understanding so that you will not say anything that will hurt Jesus and His work.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, give us true teachers of Thy Word so that we shall learn to know Thee, and Jesus Christ, Thy Son, the only Savior from sin, and then serve Thee in love now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — Read Luke 12:1-3

God Knows Every False Heart

When Jesus came out of the Pharisee's house, there were come together very many people that could not be counted. The Jewish leaders tried everything to keep people away from Jesus, but always more and more came to Him. The enemies of Jesus who want to keep people from Him, cannot succeed. Always more and more will come to learn the Word of salvation.

Now Jesus spoke to His disciples that they should not do as did the Pharisees. These had false hearts that worked like yeast in their whole life. They seemed good and holy, but their hearts were full of wickedness and deceiving, that is, hypocrisy. Jesus shows that we cannot hide our false hearts. We can fool people, but we cannot fool God. Everything that is hid shall be made known. If you say anything against Him or His Church in the dark or in your room, that will surely be heard in the light, on the Last Day, when Jesus comes again to judge all people. On that day all the secrets of men's heart will be made known.

Therefore Jesus says: "Look out!" Let us be careful and come before Him with a true heart, confess our sins, and trust in Him who died for us, and then live for Him before all the world.

PRAYER: Dear Lord and Savior, Thou know-

est all false things in our hearts. Forgive us, and help us always come before Thee with a true heart. Amen. J. L. S.

The Doctrine of Scripture

(What the Lutheran Church Teaches About the Bible)

By REV. THEO. DELANEY

(Paper Read at Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference, 1950)

In 1832 Sir Walter Scott died. During his last sickness he asked a friend to read to him. The friend looked in Sir Walter's library. He saw about 20,000 books. He called out, asking, "What book?" The dying man answered, "There is only one Book . . . the Bible!" This man had many books in his library. He himself had written many famous books. Still for him there could be only *one book*. We Lutherans feel the same way. Among all the multitudes of volumes in this world, there is still only one Book for us . . . one Book which stands like a strong beacon light in the darkness of this world. That Book is our Holy Bible.

We use many different names for the Bible. Sometimes people call it *Holy Writ* or *Holy Scripture*, or simply *The Scriptures*. All of these names have the same meaning in sign language. They all mean "holy writing." Other people call the Bible the *Book of Books* because it is made up of many books, but still forms only one Book. In sign language we call the Bible "*Jesus-Book*," because Jesus is the thread that ties all the books into one continuous account. In the Bible we find that this Book is called *Law and Prophets*. But chiefly the Bible is called the Word of God.

1. The Author of the Bible

This makes us ask, "Who wrote the Bible?" If we look at a few passages in the Bible, we must admit that *people* wrote the Bible. Let's quickly glance at a few verses. In Romans 1:1 and 8; 15:15; and again in 1 Corinthians 5:9 and 2 Corinthians 2:3, 4, 9 Paul tells his readers that *he* has written to them. In Galatians 1:20 Paul tells us *he* is writing to these people in Galatia. In 1 Timothy 3:14, St. Paul tells Timothy that *he* writes this Letter to him and hopes to be able to see him personally in the near future. In 1 John 2, St. John uses the words "*I write*" 11 times. Jesus Himself tells us that *Moses* wrote part of the Bible (John

5:45-46). In the New Testament we read that *Isaiah* (Luke 3:4; Matthew 8:17, 12:17, 13:14, 15:7), *Micah* (Matthew 2:5), *David* (Luke 20:42), *Jeremiah* (Matthew 2:17, 27:9) wrote portions of the Bible. If we examine the Bible closely, we will find that about 40 different men helped to write it. They used four different languages 1) Hebrew, 2) Chaldean, 3) Aramaic, 4) Greek. These many men wrote for a long time. Moses began writing his part of the Bible about 1,500 years B. C. St. John wrote the last book, the Gospel of John, about 100 years after Jesus' birth. This shows us that it took about 1,600 years to write the Bible.

Where are these writings today? We recently read much about some scrolls that were found in a cave in Palestine. Although these were very old, they still were not the copies written by the writers of the Bible. These wonderful papers have disappeared. But before they were gone, many copies had been made.

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ

Gen. 1:1 in Hebrew

Οὕτως γὰρ ἡγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπολήται, ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

John 3:16 in Greek

(See the picture of the copy.) But the original copies wore out from much reading.

There are 66 books in the Bible, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Perhaps you are wondering about the extra books in the Catholic Bible. This Bible has 72 books. But these extra books were never accepted or believed by the ancient Jews to belong to the true Bible. These books were like the writings of preachers today, when they write about church history. They are good to read, but they are not God's Word. Sometimes the Deaf are puzzled by things they read about the so-called "lost books of the Bible." There are many books which some people would like to have us believe belong to the Bible, but these are only human writings. They do not belong to the Bible. God's Book is complete.

Yes, I said *God's Book*. Although human writers did the actual setting down on paper, still the words are God's own. In Mark 7:10, 11, 13, Jesus called the Old Testament God's Word. And St. Paul calls the New Testament God's Word, as he writes to the people in

Thessalonica (1 Thessalonians 2:13). We can find similar expressions in Romans 3:2; 1 Peter 1:25; Matthew 22:31; and Acts 11:1. If we search through the Old Testament, we find "Thus saith the Lord" appearing about 2,000 times. If we take these words and their context out of the Old Testament, not much will remain.

(To be continued)

Answers to Bible Quiz

(From page 58)

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| 1. Enoch (God took him) and Elijah. | 6. Herod. |
| 2. God buried Moses. | 7. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego. |
| 3. The serpent (Satan). | 8. Daniel. |
| 4. They were afraid. | 9. Elijah. |
| 5. Zacchaeus. | 10. Without ceasing. |

Lutheran Pastors of the Deaf Meet in Detroit

Twenty-eight of the thirty-two full-time Lutheran pastors of the Deaf spent five very profitable days in conference at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., July 4 to 8. Mr. J. A. Klein, superintendent of the school, and his household and office help did their best to make our stay in their midst most pleasant for all of us. Nearly all of the pastors were housed at the school. A few stayed with relatives or friends in the city.

Mr. Donald Sallach, a student at Concordia Seminary, who will work in the Southern field during the coming year in Vicar Lee Lennon's place, also attended the conference. Pastor William Buege, chairman of our Board of Missions to the Deaf, represented the Board together with the Executive Secretary, Dr. J. L. Salvner. Three of the pastors who were absent were forced to stay near home to await the arrival of newcomers in their families.

During the four full days of conference sessions a large amount of business was transacted, and a number of essays and other papers were read and discussed.

Pastors J. A. Beyer and F. Possehl signed parts of Romans 4 and Romans 6. Dr. J. L. Salvner read a paper on the work of a pastor of the Deaf, giving some sound advice and suggestions as to the pastor's preaching and his private ministry to his members and others. This paper was very much appreciated, and a

good deal of discussion followed. Pastor A. E. Ferber read an interesting and instructive paper on Public Relations. The work of our Lutheran pastors of the Deaf is gaining the favor of many instructors and other workers among the Deaf. We must continue to show to the general public as well as to the members of our church at large that this work of serving the Deaf, both children and adults, with God's saving Word, is a work which must go on and which deserves the earnest support of all.

The paper read by Pastor W. Westermann on "Marriage Counseling and Divorce" was a very timely topic and brought forth much interesting discussion. He stressed the great need for a pastor of the Deaf in advising young people in particular who are planning to take the serious step of being joined in holy wedlock. It is often the case that holy matrimony is regarded too lightly, and the duties and obligations assumed thereby are not fully and seriously considered. This lack of understanding of God's will in regard to marriage often leads to an early and unnecessary divorce causing much grief and mental anguish to the parties concerned. Much of this trouble could perhaps be avoided with proper counseling.

Pastor George Kraus gave some valuable demonstrations in Visual Education, showing that a varied program, such as pictures in slides, movies, flannelgraph, and other materials, is a most necessary part of our work with our school children, to bring the Bible stories and their meaning close to the hearts and understanding of these little ones.

Under the leadership of Pastors Kraus and Simon the constitution of the newly organized Lutheran Deaf Mission Society was read and discussed. After a number of suggestions were made as to changes and additions to the constitution, it was adopted by the conference and was turned over to the Board of Missions for their approval. Each pastor will in due time receive a copy of this constitution to be presented to the various Deaf congregations in his field, and each pastor is to try to interest members to become affiliated with this Mission Society. The great purpose of this society is to further the cause of missions to the Deaf in foreign countries. This is indeed a worthy cause and merits the earnest support of all of our Christians.

The Fifth Chief Part of the Catechism, "The Office of the Keys and Confession," was given in signs by Pastor E. Mappes.

Dr. J. L. Salvner and Pastor Mappes led the presentation of signs from Long's *Manual of Signs* in several sessions. For both the young and older pastors these exercises in the study of correct signing help to keep our way of signing on a high level and help to avoid careless and indistinct signing.

Pastors M. E. Mueller and A. T. Jonas, serving as program committee, were kept busy preparing a varied docket for the eight sessions held, and at times were "sweating it out" to find time for all the important matters to be taken up.

Pastor A. E. Ferber served as chairman of the publicity committee, whose duty it was to secure pictures and reports for the public press.

Every session of conference was opened with short devotions, prayer, Scripture reading, and a hymn. Pastor M. Kosche served as chaplain.

At the Communion service for the pastors held on Saturday morning the Rev. Theo. Frederking preached the sermon. Pastor Mappes preached the sermon on Sunday morning; Pastor Borchardt of the Detroit congregation took the liturgical part of the service, and Pastor F. Gyle interpreted the Scripture readings. Two ladies' choirs of Our Savior Congregation helped beautify the service by rendering two well-prepared sacred hymns in signs.

On Sunday noon the Detroit congregation members served a bounteous meal to all the pastors and a large number of members and friends in the basement of the Lutheran School. A short program followed the meal, which was a fine get-together meeting. Pastor J. A. Beyer served as a very competent toastmaster.

A vote of sincere thanks was extended to Superintendent Klein and to our Savior Congregation and its pastor for all favors rendered in our behalf.

And so another of our annual Ephphatha conferences came to a close. Many were the blessings each one received, and all the pastors went home with new zeal and an earnest determination to continue to serve the Lord with gladness in their respective fields of labor. The Lord be praised for His abundant blessings He has showered upon us and our members and upon all our work.

E. M.

Reunion in Fargo

For a number of years Pastor W. Ferber has had re-union services in which communicant members of North Dakota and western Minnesota come together for a Communion service. And that is an excellent idea! A service was held June 8 in Fargo in the afternoon. The writer preached the sermon, basing his remarks upon the word of God in 1 Corinthians 11:26. He set forth that death rules in this world because of sin; then that by His death Jesus has overcome death for us; and finally, that we proclaim the Lord's death for our sins in the Holy Supper. Forty-five Deaf attended this service, thirty-seven coming to the Lord's Table. There would have been more, but the car of some had a breakdown, and they therefore were late for the service. Such an arrangement gives many isolated Deaf who were confirmed by Pastor Ferber while attending the North Dakota School an opportunity to partake of the Holy Supper. I am sure these Deaf appreciate it.

After the service all went to a city park, and there the newly organized Ladies' Aid served a meal. Here the writer again addressed the Deaf group.

We should like to add a few remarks regarding our work in North Dakota and western Minnesota. The work is coming along nicely. Sixty-one are in religious classes at Devils Lake. At the recent convention of the North Dakota District of our Church nearly \$2,000 were allotted for the adding of a small chapel to the new church building of St. Peter's Church in Devils Lake. Thus a place of worship for the Deaf and a meeting place for their classes will be provided. The North Dakota Lutheran Women's Missionary League also will lend a helping hand.

Likewise in Fargo a room has been set aside in Grace Church where the Deaf can assemble for services. The Deaf are seeking to furnish this chapel with altar, lectern, and other church furniture. What a blessing that our hearing Christians are so willing to do these things for our work among the Deaf! May our dear Lord reward them!

J. L. S.

PASTOR C. R. GERHOLD has moved to Newark, N. J., and Pastor Frank G. Reiter, Bronx, N. Y., has been called to Boston, Mass.

Former Sign Language Student Awarded Bronze Star

Percy Jones Army Hospital. — Chaplain Leland A. Hoyer has been awarded the Bronze Star decoration for meritorious service on the battlefields in Korea. The hospital's commanding officer, Colonel Norman H. Wiley, presented Chaplain Hoyer with the medal at a special ceremony.

Assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 23d Infantry Regiment, and known among the troops as "the front-line chaplain," Chaplain Hoyer served outstandingly in his field from June to December, 1951. His official citation reads: "Throughout his period of service, Chaplain Hoyer served outstandingly in his field, constantly affording the troops the very best in spiritual guidance and counsel. He conducted services on the front lines, often within range of enemy snipers and mortar fire. He could frequently be found going from foxhole to foxhole, personally visiting the men and discussing any and all problems. On one occasion, enemy fire destroyed his tent and seriously wounded his assistant, but Chaplain Hoyer continued his duties, even though wounded himself. At all times Hoyer has served as an inspiration to the men of the Regiment, providing a tangible spiritual contact so sorely needed by men engaged in combat."

Worked with Deaf

A graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Chaplain Hoyer assisted there with Deaf patients in the State Hospital. Not forgetting the sign language, he ministered to Deaf patients in the Baltimore area, while he served as Institutional Chaplain from 1948 to 1950. Entering service in 1950, he was later sent to Korea and overseas for one year. He returned to the United States this February and on June 1 was assigned to the 5612th Army Service Unit to serve as Chaplain in Percy Jones Army Hospital. His wife and two daughters are with him at present. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. Hoyer, live in Big Spring, Texas.

Selected from *The Lutheran Chaplain*

WHERE the heart gives thanks and the mouth sings praise, there an offering of the hands naturally follows.

Field Gleanings

Delavan and Madison, Wis. — During June the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod met at Concordia College in Milwaukee for its 26th convention. One of its first duties was to vote to accept into membership Silent Lutheran Congregation of Madison and Redeemer Deaf Lutheran Congregation of Delavan. The convention voted to accept these two Deaf groups along with other church groups that wanted to join The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Pastor W. F. Lichtsinn, D. D., one of the Vice-Presidents of our Synod, spoke words of welcome to the new member congregations. He was glad to see that we wanted to help with the great work that God does through the Missouri Synod.

Mr. Arthur Hanson of Madison Silent Congregation was the lay delegate or representative for both the Madison and Delavan Deaf congregations. The Madison church paid for his expenses and registration and also for the pastor. Pastor Mackensen explained in sign language the various business of the convention, and in this way Mr. Hanson could also take part in the work.

On June 22, during the afternoon church service in Madison, Sarah Beth, infant daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Robert Mackensen, received Holy Baptism. Sponsors for the child are Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sampson, communicant members of Silent Lutheran in Madison, and Mrs. Mackensen's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harnack of Akron, Ohio.

R. M.

Memphis, Tenn. — On July 20 the members of our Deaf church remembered their pastor's first anniversary in the ministry. They gave him a white robe and a gold cross.

August 10, Karen Fay, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Thies, was baptized at the Deaf Chapel in Trinity Lutheran Church. She was born July 28, 1952.

The 21 members at Memphis have pledged \$400 to the "Conquest for Christ" offering, and have paid in \$125 to date. This is an average of \$6 per member. *What is your Deaf church doing? It is not too late to start; and you can always add more gifts.*

F. G. G.

Rockford, Ill. — Baptism of the month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verle Suhr took

place in St. Paul's Lutheran Church here on May 18. The baby was given the name Nancy June. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson. Thank God that His Spirit moves parents to have their children baptized at an early age! Also that the parents choose sponsors who promise to rear the child in the Christian Faith if something happens to the parents!

Confirmation of the little child's mother, Mrs. Verle Suhr, took place the same evening. What a wonderful blessing for an entire family to be all of the same Lutheran faith! Think of how much that will mean to the children later on in life. Yes, for happiness in the home, parents must agree — especially on religion.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Anderson of Lena, Ill., travel 45 miles one way each month to church and have now transferred their membership to our Lutheran group for the Deaf in Rockford. We welcome them into our communicant group.

R. M.

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