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### Rev. William Reinking

On the birthday anniversary of the "Father of Our Country," February 22, 1928, a baby boy, not George, but Bill, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reinking at South Bend, Ind. Little Billy was the second of three children in the family. When Billy was near school age, his parents moved to St. Joseph, Mich. Here, at the age of five, this dark-haired, spry youngster enrolled at Trinity Lutheran School. After graduating from parochial school he attended high school for three years. In 1943 William decided to become a minister of the Gospel and started his training at our Milwaukee Concordia College. In 1947 he graduated, and that fall he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

While teaching parochial school in Paducah, Ky., during the early part of 1947, he became interested in Deaf work. He often attended the services for the Paducah Deaf conducted by Pastor F. G. Gyle. Entering the seminary in the fall, he took up the study of the sign language. During the summer of 1948 he served Pilgrim Deaf Congregation in Los Angeles, Calif. From July, 1949, to August, 1950, he was in Memphis, Tenn., serving the Deaf in a very large area called the North Dixie Field, thus receiving some very valuable experience. In the fall of 1948 student Reinking became an instructor of a sign-language class, and on many occasions he preached for the Deaf in St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.

On August 18, 1951, Student Reinking was married to Miss Ethel Kelso. This marriage was blessed with a little daughter, arriving on August 14, 1952.

In 1949 Student Reinking was the recipient of a B. A. degree. June 8, 1952, soon after

### Rev. Laurence M. Stacy

Laurence Stacy, the new Lutheran pastor of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, is a native of Vermont. He was born in the town of Eden Mills, Vt., on January 13, 1920. The fact that his father is a Congregational minister no doubt was a good reason for the son to follow that profession.

After finishing his elementary school training he enrolled at Averhill High School at Hinckley, Me., and then attended Colby College of Waterville, Me., for one year. In 1946 he entered Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Ill., and graduated from this seminary on June 6, 1952. In 1950—51 he served the Deaf of Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, and Kentucky, with headquarters in Memphis, Tenn. Prior to taking up his theological studies he served his country for four years in the Army Medical Corps, with overseas service in Okinawa. He was confirmed by a Lutheran chaplain in 1943.

In June of 1950 Mr. Stacy, a student at the time, was married to Ruth Benning of Chicago, Ill. Their first child, a son, was born May 12, 1952. Mrs. Stacy is a graduate of Nazareth Lutheran School and Lindblom High School in Chicago.

On Sunday, July 13, at a 7:30 P. M. service held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland, Pa., the ordination and installation of Pastor Stacy took place. Pastor Floyd Possehl, formerly of Newark, N. J., and now of St. Paul, Minn., representing the Board of Missions to the Deaf, preached the sermon and installed the new pastor. Rev. Theo. DeLaney of Austin, Tex., assisted in the service. A large number of Deaf members and friends were present, and a reception followed.

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## Wonder Drugs

Every now and then you read about some new *wonder drug* in the newspaper. Two news items in the same paper recently were interesting. One told about new kinds of medicines to cure sickness. The other told about sick people and hospitals and doctors. It said more people are going to doctors than ever before, all hospitals are overcrowded, and there is a serious shortage of doctors. Does this mean that the wonder drugs aren't doing any great wonders?

Most sickness nowadays is caused by a certain sin — worry. And there is a real wonder drug that can help worry. What is it? Perhaps, before you go on reading, you have already guessed it — it is God's Word of Truth. "Let not your heart be troubled," says God in His Word. "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; thou art Mine" is God's comfort for sinners. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" is the Lord's kind invitation and promise. "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you." That's the wonder drug to take away worry.

But you must take it, you must use it — not in occasional doses, but regularly.

There are people, yes, also members of Christian congregations, who think that they are too busy to meet for the preaching of God's Word in church. They are too busy to sit down and read God's Book that was given them to help their immortal soul. Someday, and that may be soon, they will not be too busy to die. No amount of any kind of wonder drug will help them keep their life when God decides that their days in this world are ended.

Many Christian people are faithfully using God's Word, both at home and in church, and they are finding the peace of God that overcomes all worry. But so many are still going on from day to day without the precious Word of God. What will it take to wake them from their careless slumber before it is too late?

E. MAPPE

WE must certainly show men their rags, but we must also direct their hopeless eyes to the robe of righteousness and the clothes of salvation. — *J. H. Jowett*.

## Deaf Lutheran Policy

### Deaf Asked to Write More

A committee to study the DEAF LUTHERAN met at St. Louis, Mo., in January, 1952. Co-Editors Kosche and Gyle, Pastor A. E. Ferber, and Pastor E. J. Kolb discussed all affairs of the paper, both business and editorial. This committee, reporting to the Minister's Conference, July 4—8, 1952, recommended that the paper should have:

1. *News from Deaf Churches* — 4 pages. A motion carried to encourage the appointment of Deaf reporters in each field to send in news directly to the editors. Speak to your pastor if you want the job. Let's have news from the Deaf about the Deaf churches.
2. *Doctrine (Bible and Catechism)*, 2 pages.
3. *Editorial* — one-half page. To be written by pastors or members. Let's have an editorial from *you*.
4. *Stories with a Christian lesson*.
5. *Mission and church stories*.
6. *Pictures, Bible quiz, and drawings or cartoons by Deaf members*.
7. *Life stories of pastors*.
8. *Life stories of Deaf members*.
9. *Poetry*.
10. *List of pastors, as often as possible*.
11. *Vital statistics*.
12. *Idea corner*.

### Send Us Your News, Art Work

What will *you* send us? Think it over! We want *your* stories, *your* drawings (black), *your* snapshots of Deaf churches and members, and *your* poems. This is the DEAF LUTHERAN. We want the ideas and writings of the DEAF.

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**Bible Readings for November, 1952****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — Read Luke 12:4-7**

The things that the disciples of Jesus spoke in secret shall be made known in all the world. The wicked world will hate them for it, try to stop them, yes, to kill them. But Jesus says: "Be not afraid of them." And why not? The enemies of the Christians can only kill the body, and then can do nothing more. They cannot hurt our soul.

But there is One of whom we should be afraid. This One can kill us and can throw us into hell. This One is the God of heaven and earth. If we are afraid of men and give up Jesus and His Word, remember, God can cast us into everlasting fire. Therefore better let men kill us and have our soul go to heaven than give up Jesus and have our soul go to hell.

Be not afraid of men, for the Lord Jesus calls us His friends. He died for our sins on the Cross and then sent His Holy Spirit to give us faith in Him, our crucified Savior. Now we are His friends. He will not forget us. You know the sparrows. They are worth very little. Our Lord says that five of them are sold for two cents! But God does not forget one of them. And we are worth more than many sparrows. Surely He will not forget you and me. Yes, the hairs of your head are all numbered. Before God every hair on our head has its number. If one of them falls, He knows it. He watches over us. We need not fear.

**PRAYER:** Thanks, Lord Jesus, our dearest Friend, help us trust in Thy love and forgiveness, boldly speak for Thee, and not be afraid of men. Amen.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — Read Luke 12:8-12**

We should not be afraid to speak for Jesus before people. Gladly and boldly we should speak of our faith in Him who laid down His life for us. Then blessed are we! Before the angels He will say that we are His friends. That will be great joy for us on the Day of Judgment, when the angels with joy welcome us to be with them. The praise of angels is better than the praise of men.

But how terrible if we deny Him before people and say: "I do not know Jesus. I am not His." Jesus will deny such people before

the angels. And they must go away from Jesus and His holy angels to everlasting shame with the devil and his angels. Oh, let us stay with Him who shed His blood for our sins and washed them away and joyfully speak of our faith in His name before all the world!

Some speak against Jesus and deny Him as Peter did. Let them turn to Jesus and cry for mercy, and it shall be forgiven them. But if a man has the Holy Spirit and will not obey Him, and speaks curses against the Holy Ghost and mocks, such a man never shall get forgiveness. He does not want forgiveness. If you still want forgiveness and mercy, you have not done this sin against the Holy Ghost.

Boldly tell about your Lord and Savior before all the world. Perhaps you must suffer for it. Jesus told His disciples that people will bring them before courts, rulers, and mighty men, accusing them of following Jesus and loving His name. Then they should not worry what they should answer or say; the Holy Ghost will teach them the words which they should say. So when the world laughs and mocks us today, remember that the Holy Ghost is with us and comforts us with the Word of Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, let me never be ashamed of Thee, but always speak of my faith in Thee, my crucified and risen Savior, before all the world. Amen.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — Read Luke 12:13-15**

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, the day when our President asks us to go to our house of worship and to give thanks to our God. Many will not think of doing that. They only want more and more money, more and more houses, more and more land. They have no time for God, not time for giving thanks. They eat and drink and enjoy the good things of this life; but God, the Giver of all good things, is not in their thoughts.

Jesus warns us against this today, against greediness and selfishness. One man came to Him and asked Him to speak to his brother and tell him to divide the inheritance with him. But Jesus came not to judge in earthly matters. He came to give people the heavenly inheritance; that means, forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, peace with God, and everlasting life. And He has earned

all that for us by His bitter suffering and death on the Cross. He said to this man: "Who made Me a Judge and Divider over you?"

And then He warns against covetousness, the wicked wishes in our heart to have and to get more and more. Watch and pray; keep these greedy thoughts away. And why? Jesus tells us that a man's life is not in the many things he has. All money and all lands and houses cannot give man true life, but perhaps only a few years of pleasures. At last he must leave it all, and then he will open his eyes in hell and suffering. Do not make the things of this world the chief things of life.

Give thanks to God for all the good things He has given you for body and soul. With them do the things that will be to the glory of God and the good of your neighbor. Above all thank God for Jesus and His salvation; and with your money help to bring this good word to many more people. That is true thankfulness!

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thanks for the many good things Thou hast given me for both body and soul. Help me do good for Thee and my neighbor and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

##### *First Sunday in Advent — Read Luke 12:16-21*

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

In less than four weeks we shall again remember the birthday of our King and Savior. The four Sundays in Advent speak to us of His coming as the Child of Bethlehem to save the world. Then they also call to our mind the second coming of our Lord and Savior to judge the living and the dead. They urge us to watch and to be ready always.

Our lesson tells us of one who cared not for the One that should come to save him. He was not ready to go before his God. He was a rich man and had wonderful crops. His barns were too small, and he was wondering what he could do. At last, he decided to pull down his barns and to build bigger ones. And into these large barns he would put all his good things. Then he would take his ease and not worry, because he had enough good things for many

years to come. He would enjoy his good things, eat, drink, and be merry. Also today you find many people like this man. They have no time for the Babe of Bethlehem, no time to prepare to meet their God. Have you?

God called this man a fool. That night he had to die. And then who would receive all his good things? He must leave them all. And so is everyone who lays up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God. Prepare your heart and home for the birthday of our King, and sing praises unto God for the gift of His Son. And then bring your gifts for His blessed work of saving souls in all the world. Then you will be rich toward God. And when He comes again, you will with Him enter into eternal life.

PRAYER: Thanks, heavenly Father, for the gift of Thy dear Son! Let me trust in Him and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins, serve Him in love, and then watch and pray for His coming again. Amen. J. L. S.

### *Studies in Luther's Catechism*

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

##### *Who Goes to the Lord's Supper Worthily?*

The Lord's Supper should be most precious to us. Jesus Himself prepared it. In it we eat and drink wonderful food and drink — the Lord's body in, with, and under the bread and His holy blood in, with, and under the wine. And in it He offers, gives, and seals to us the greatest blessings upon earth: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

##### *Fine Outward Training for the Holy Supper*

When people get ready to go to a fine banquet, they put on fine clothes, eat little or nothing at home, and do other things. Now, what should we do to get ready for the Holy Supper of our Lord and God? Luther says: "Fasting [eating little or nothing] and bodily preparation is indeed a fine outward training [preparation]." There are some who eat nothing or very little before coming to the Lord's Table, and others perhaps put on special clothes for it. All that is a fine training [preparation]. Thereby people show that this Supper is most precious to them and that they think very highly of it. But remember that this is only an *outward* training. A man may



do all this and yet be not prepared for the Holy Supper. And another man may do nothing of this and still worthily eat and drink the Sacrament.

#### *True Preparation for the Lord's Supper*

Who, then, is truly worthy and well prepared? Our Catechism answers: "He that has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the remission [forgiveness] of sins.'" In the Holy Supper our Lord Jesus comes to us with His word and promise, and therefore only he is truly worthy and well prepared who believes these words.

When you come to the Lord's Table, God does not look at your body or the clothes you wear, but at your heart. He looks for faith. And when a man has faith, he will not come in dirty clothes or laughing or thinking about other things. No, he will do it "in remembrance of Me," as his Lord says. He will remember that he eats and drinks the body and blood of his Lord Jesus Christ, trust in His words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," and then go his way in peace.

#### *Come to the Lord's Table in True Faith*

Yes, come with a believing heart, confessing your sins and trusting in His forgiveness. Then you have what the words of Jesus say: forgiveness of all sins.

J. L. S.

#### REINKING

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graduation from Concordia Seminary, he was ordained to the ministry in the presence of six other Lutheran pastors. In the same service he was installed as pastor of Holy Cross Lu-

theran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis and the surrounding mission field.

The Rev. Edwin L. Wilson, Vice-President of the English District of our Synod, officiated at the service, with the Rev. Walter Heyne serving as liturgist. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Alvin E. Ferber, Regional Assistant to Dr. John L. Salvner. The sermon topic was "GOD, WHOSE I AM, AND WHOM I SERVE," Acts 27:23. Pastor Ferber also interpreted the ordination and installation ceremony and the service.

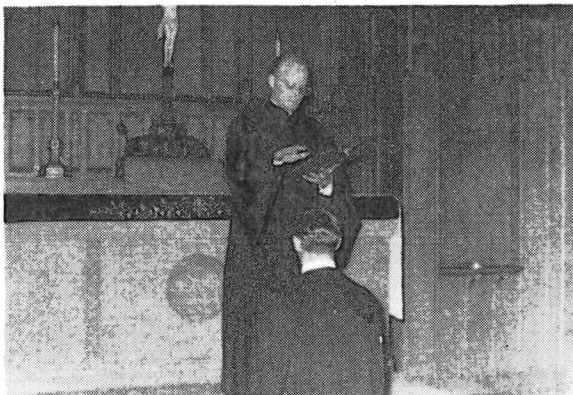


Rev. William Reinking

Members and friends of Holy Cross and St. Philip's (Negro) Congregations were present, together with the parents of Pastor Reinking, from St. Joseph, Mich.

In addition to the parish activities, the Rev. Reinking will teach the sign-language classes for students of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

We welcome our new co-worker into our Mission and wish him God's richest blessings in the ministry, together with his devoted wife "Sue," Ethel. E. M. and A. E. F.



Left: Pastor Herbert Rohe ordains Candidate Laurence M. Stacy as new missionary to the Deaf and pastor of Trinity Lutheran Deaf Church, Pittsburgh. Right, Pastor Laurence M. Stacy gives the Benediction (blessing) after his ordination in Pittsburgh

(PHOTO BY DE LANEY)

## "Conquest for Christ"

### Deaf Churches Pass \$5,000

With thirteen headquarters not reporting, twenty-two Deaf churches have given \$5,432 for missions and colleges of our Synod. If your report is not listed below, please send it to the editor, 930 NE 138th St., Miami, Fla.

| Churches                   | Members | Contributions |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1. Texas-Oklahoma          | 26      | \$ 30.00      |
| 22. Chicago, Savior (10/1) | 128     | 230.00        |
| 2. Chicago, Shut-ins       | 62      | 50.00         |
| 3. Chicago, St. Philip     | 20      | 60.50         |
| 4. Northern Ohio           | 142     | 371.65        |
| 5. Southern Ohio           | 94      | 71.50         |
| 6. Michigan                | 254     | 1,102.50      |
| 7. Iowa East               | 179     | 281.55        |
| 8. Wisconsin               | 186     | 84.25         |
| 9. North Dakota            | 152     | 41.15         |
| 10. Indiana                | 32      | 371.00        |
| 11. Central Illinois       | 44      | 45.90         |
| 12. W. Missouri-Kansas     | 140     | 108.00        |
| 13. Tennessee-Arkansas     | 36      | 175.00        |
| 14. Florida                | 8       | 45.00         |
| 15. Minneapolis            | 189     | 410.91        |
| 16. Eastern New York       | 104     | 415.50        |
| 17. Northern California    | 197     | 100.00        |
| 18. Nebraska-Iowa West     | 354     | 996.94        |
| 19. Pittsburgh             | 25      | 15.00         |
| 20. Oregon                 | 80      | 113.00        |
| 21. Eastern Missouri       | 59      | 313.00        |
| 23-35. No Reports          | 1,038   | ?             |
| Total                      | 3,549   | ?             |
| 1-22. Totals (Reported)    | 2,511   | \$5,432.35    |

Average reported, \$2.16 from each member. We know of one man who gave \$500! What did you do for your Lord in this offering? Is your gift reported here? Highest six fields in average gifts were: Indiana, \$11.59; Florida, \$5.62; Eastern Missouri, \$5.30; North Dixie, \$4.94; Michigan, \$4.73; and New York, \$3.99.

### STACY

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Pastor Stacy will serve Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh and missions in Western Pennsylvania which were formerly served by Pastor H. Rohe.

To Pastor Stacy and his faithful wife we extend our best wishes for a very successful ministry to the Deaf under God's gracious guidance and blessing.

E. M.

## Field Gleanings

*Evansville, Ind.* — On July 20 Mr. and Mrs. William Pennell were baptized at our regular Sunday morning worship service. Both are very much interested in the Lutheran services and are studying the Catechism, preparing to become members of our congregation here. May their Baptism always be a comfort to them.

M. K.

*Des Moines, Iowa.* — On August 3, four people were confirmed. Three of them were baptized earlier in the pastor's home. These new members are Mr. Warren Nevin, Mrs. Glen Brower, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oelberg.

V. M.

*Iowa City, Iowa.* — Mrs. Edwin Fisher was baptized in our May service and then confirmed on August 4. Also Trina Della, the baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, was baptized.

V. M.

*Monticello, Iowa.* — On July 12, Mr. Howard Aldrich and Miss Mary Lou Lidia were united in marriage. They are now making their home in Chicago.

V. M.

*Indianapolis, Ind.* — Mr. Arthur Zschiegner, student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, has been doing summer field work in the Indianapolis area. His chief duty during that time was to canvass the northeast part of the city to see whether it is a good area to begin a new hearing congregation. He has studied signs under Pastor Reinking at the seminary, and on August 3, he preached his first sermon in the sign language before the Indianapolis congregation. He did very well; and we are hoping someday to see his name on the list of Lutheran ministers to the Deaf.

M. K.

*Lincoln, Nebr.* — Mrs. Austin Beegle of this city was baptized and confirmed in the service on the evening of May 18, after she had studied the chief teachings of the Bible. We welcome her as a member of Grace Lutheran Congregation and wish her the Lord's blessing and guidance.

E. M.

*Muskegon, Mich., June 14, 1952.* — Miss Joanne Whisler and Mr. William Griswold, both of this city, were married at Our Savior Lutheran Church by Pastor E. W. Rische. The text for the wedding sermon was Psalm 37:3-5. At the present time Mrs. Griswold is taking

instructions in the Bible teachings of the Lutheran Church. For this wedded couple we pray that God will keep them.

*Fort Myers, Fla., September 8, 1952.* — Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Schock, formerly of Winnipeg, Sask., are now attending our Deaf services here. Mr. Schock was confirmed by Pastor W. Ferber and later served by Pastors Cordes and Fox. (He comes from Saskatchewan, which is now served by the American Lutheran Church's Professor Nehrenz, who studied the sign language under foreign missionaries Strege and Hintze.) Mrs. Schock went to public school in Great Falls, Mont., and learned the sign language when she met Gottlieb. He works for the Supertest Oil Company and has been stationed in Wildwood, and now at Fort Myers, Fla., for several years.

*Miami, Fla., September 16, 1952.* — Miami Area Deaf Lutherans now number five, not counting the pastor and his wife. Two men have expressed the wish to become members of our Lutheran Church. With the help of God we hope to form a congregation early in 1953. Mr. George Bilenky, Jr., is working in a cabinet shop, and Mr. William Wheeler is making lamps in a small lamp factory. Mrs. Wheeler (formerly Mildred Reinke, N. J.) is preparing to become a mother and a Lutheran real soon.

*Fargo, N. Dak.* — Mr. and Mrs. Martin Engen, members of the Lutheran Deaf congregation at Fargo, tell an interesting story. Mr. En-

lived at the home of Pastor Salvner in Minneapolis. Mrs. Engen was instructed by mail by Pastor W. Ferber; while she studied for confirmation, she never saw her pastor. She was confirmed in 1929. W. F.

*Miami, Fla.* — August 13, a twelve-day vacation Bible school for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children closed with a picnic and swim at the home of Gaston Cooke, one of the pupils, in Miami Springs. Twenty Deaf children and three of their sisters finished the twelve-day course in the "Life of Christ." A closing program on August 12 brought 20 of the children and 43 parents and friends out to Faith Lutheran Church, Hialeah, where the school was held.

The pastor was assisted by Vicar Harold Scheibert of Chicago, who taught the teenagers; Mrs. Verna Thompson Welsh, teacher of the Deaf, who taught the 9- to 11-year-olds; Mrs. Alice Gyle, teacher of the Deaf, who taught the 5- to 8-year-olds; and Mrs. Caroline Thompson (Deaf), who helped teach the teenagers and helped with handicraft work. Mr. Jack Russell of our Hialeah Lutheran church (hearing) donated punch every day. Three Miami pastors helped to bring the children from all over the city and county area. A daily offering from the children enabled the project to support its own costs. Our thanks to all who helped us, especially to one mother who gave up a job to bring her daughter for the one thing needful! F. G. G.

## Deaths

Mrs. Ovina Thompson passed away at an Omaha hospital on June 2. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 5. Mrs. Thompson had been in ill health for some time. Her husband died last October. E. M.

Mr. Otto Culp of Elwood, Ind., entered into rest Tuesday evening, August 5, at the Elwood hospital. In the afternoon of that day he gave eager attention to Pastor Kosche, who spoke to him on the words of Genesis 18:14: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" and he rejoiced to know that it was not too hard for Jesus to take away all his sins. M. K.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Engen, Kindred, N. Dak.

gen was instructed and confirmed in 1910, the first member of our Deaf Church in North Dakota. While he studied for confirmation, he

WHEN life is only a picnic, pleasures are small and only as deep as the stomach.

## Indianapolis Invites 1953 Meeting

Indianapolis, Ind. — Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf has officially invited the Lutheran Deaf of the Great Lakes area to hold their 1953 conference in Indiana's largest city. (Los Angeles is bigger! — Ed.)

The dates for the meeting have been set for the fourth week end in May. The sessions



Chapel-parsonage of Peace Ev. Luth. Congregation of the Deaf, Indianapolis, Ind.

will probably begin at 9:00 A. M. on Saturday, May 23, and close early Sunday afternoon, May 24.

The Indianapolis congregation has appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clemons, to work with the pastor in planning what we hope and pray will be an inspiring event.

Lutheran pastors of the Deaf, Deaf members, and friends from the Indianapolis, Chicago, Delavan-Madison, Detroit, Columbus, and Cleveland fields are expected to attend. Do you live in this area? If you do, circle May 23 and 24 on your next year's calendar, and begin to plan now to come to Indianapolis in '53.

EMPTY pews are so much dead-wood and are probably also proof that there is dead-wood [absent members] in the congregation. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

## Corrections

### Statistical Yearbook, 1951

The following facts were reported, but not included: Page 40. St. Louis Deaf Field: Name, Holy Cross; Circuit 11; Associate Pastor, Paul J. Schulze (called and ordained); Organized, 1930; Language used — English; Sunday School, 32 pupils, 1 teacher; Bible class enrollment, 15.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf is a bona fide member of its District and is visited by the Circuit Visitor. The most friendly relationship exists between the officers of the District and the congregation. The Rev. Paul J. Schulze was duly called and ordained as associate pastor in 1951; he serves part time as a pastor. The congregation was organized in 1930 by the late Pastor Schubkegel and incorporated later during the pastorate of Rev. N. P. Uhlig. The English language is spoken audibly, and some of the members are lipreaders. Sunday school classes, held weekly at St. Louis and at Fulton, Mo., are supported financially by the adult Deaf members. The weekly Bible class had an average attendance of about 18 in January, 1952.

We publish these facts to show our hearing friends that our Deaf Church is active and working in all departments. Our Deaf churches will always be small, because there is only one Deaf person in each 2,100 population. But given a fair chance, we know that the Deaf will do their share in the work of God's kingdom as long as they put all their trust in Him.

F. G. G.

At the close of the services, after a moment of prayerful silence, greet with cheerfulness all whom you happen to meet, remembering that Christian fellowship is a part of Christian worship.

Watertown, Wis. — Deaf churchgoers here were glad to have Mr. Gene Merrill as a visitor this summer. Gene is studying to be a Lutheran minister. He has learned sign language under Pastor Reinking of St. Louis. He signed the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and a hymn at one service, and did very well.

R. W. M.