

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

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## New Alpha Lutheran Church Of the Deaf Launches Weekly Services at St. Mark's

By DON YERGER

*Times-Union Church Editor*

At Rochester's newly organized Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, they "talk" to God with their fingers — using the manual alphabet.

The congregation of 20 Deaf members, many of whom are able to speak, was organized formally by the Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, who was installed as pastor in August.

St. Mark's Lutheran, Dr. Charles A. Behnke, pastor, has volunteered quarters for the Deaf rites since the early 1940's. Now Alpha members meet every Sunday at 10:30 A. M. for worship in St. Mark's Church School building.

Alpha Lutheran members have been taught lip reading and speech at the Rochester School for the Deaf, a pioneer nationally in the manual alphabet method.

### Members Active

Devoted in their worship and actively interested in the Church's welfare, several of the men have refinished an altar and pulpit which was donated by a "hearing church" of a distant community.

Herbert Altemoos is building a Communion rail.

The congregation has already organized a Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Alvin Heinz, president, which has had monthly meetings at the homes of members. Now the 20 women meet at the church for social activities.

Queried as to his goals for the future, the Rev. Mr. Rohe said:

"My chief aim in the Rochester area is to concentrate on the unchurched Deaf and to urge them to take part in the activities of our

church, become members, and thereby promote their spiritual growth.

"I hope eventually to encourage my parishioners to take a greater interest in social service work among the Deaf."

The newly organized congregation has elected Chester Leary president. Other officers are: Secretary, Clarence Heffernan; treasurer, Herbert Altemoos.

As many as 35 persons have attended the services for the Deaf, the Rev. Mr. Rohe reports. A class of five new members are now taking instructions preparatory to joining.

When services were held monthly, the Lutheran Women's Auxiliary Missionary League of the Rochester Circuit provided social entertainment following the worship. The women also furnished transportation for the pastor in making visitations.

### History of Group

Alpha Lutheran, previously classified as a "mission station" by the Missouri Synod, dates back to the early 1930's, when for nearly 10 years its followers met at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, St. Paul St. This church also had donated its quarters free of charge to the Deaf.

Previous to being installed as pastor of the Rochester church, the Rev. Mr. Rohe served the upper New York State area, including Rochester, Jamestown, Rome, and Buffalo, for seven years.

In addition to his Rochester duties, he continues to serve the Deaf at unorganized mission stations in the other three cities.

The first three Sunday nights of each month the Rev. Mr. Rohe also helps Rochester school for the Deaf children to conduct a religious program which is sponsored by the school's Christian Endeavor group.

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## My Friend Wants Me to Visit Him

Recently in a certain city we were making calls on some of the Deaf, who had not been coming to church. It is amazing how many different excuses we hear when we talk to people about going to church. One young man, who has a fine new car, said: "I would like to come to church, but I have so many friends in different cities. They always want me to come to visit them. That's why I don't get to church."

That remark gave us a chance to talk to him about friends and about our best Friend of all. Who are our friends? Are they not the people who love us and do good things for us when we are in need? There are some "friends" who are friendly to us only when we are well and happy and have things to give them and can take them around in our car, etc. But when we are sick and poor and in trouble, these so-called "friends" vanish away like smoke. A true friend will stand by and help in time of need.

Our greatest trouble is our sin, because our sin makes us guilty before God and earns for us eternal punishment in hell. But, thanks to God, we have a Friend who helps us in this great need. That Friend is Jesus. He died on the cross to take away all our sins.

Every time your pastor has a church service in your city, this best Friend of yours, Jesus, is inviting you to come to visit Him. Church is His house on earth, where He speaks to you through His Word and where you speak to Him in prayer and song. What a blessed visit!

Where will you be the next time He invites you to visit Him? Will you be in God's house visiting your best Friend, or will you pass by His gracious invitation and go with other friends who can never do for you what He did?

The Christian answers: "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

LET us give thanks. This is not so easy as it may appear. Most of us spend more time in sorrow about our loss than in counting our gains. Our minds often run in habits of criticism and bitterness. But God has been good to us, and we should think of the blessings showered upon us and thank the almighty Giver of all good gifts.

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These ministers preach in more than 260 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at over 50 city and 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.

ENTER the church reverently, silently, praying for a blessing for yourself and others.

OUR Christian wishes for other people naturally change into prayers.

THE Church is easy to slam and hard to replace. Kick it if you like; but you will be wiser and happier to back it. — *Theo. Roosevelt.*

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**Bible Readings for January, 1953**

Great God, we sing that mighty hand  
By which supported still we stand.  
The op'ning year Thy mercy shows;  
Let mercy crown it till it close.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1953

*Read Luke 12:49-53*

*Stay with Jesus During the New Year*

What will the new year bring to the world? Peace or war? What will it bring to us Christians, trusting in Jesus, who loved us and gave Himself for us? Jesus tells us that the Christian must fight against his wicked heart, against the evil world, and against the devil. Jesus says to His believers: "Ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake," Matthew 10:22.

In our lesson He says that He is come to send a fire, a fire of jealousy and hatred against Him and His followers. He must be baptized with a Baptism, and He wishes that it were already finished. People will pour spit and shame, mockery and suffering, and a most painful death on the cross upon Him. His followers must expect the same treatment, also from their own friends and relatives. He is come not to give peace, but quarreling and fighting. In one house, three against two, and two against three! The father against the son, and the son against the father! The mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother!

But let us rejoice! We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our sins are washed away in the precious blood of God's Son. He has perfectly kept the Law for us and has given His Holy Spirit into our hearts. Therefore if during the new year we must suffer because we believe in Jesus and love Him, then let us rejoice and be very glad. We shall be glorified with Him on the Last Day.

PRAYER: Dear Lord and Savior, with Thee I begin the new year. Keep me with Thee in the one true faith, and help me to love Thy name even though the world hate me for it. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 — *Read Luke 12:54-57*

*Prepare to Meet Your God*

When the Jews saw a cloud rising in the west, they knew it would rain; and when they felt the south wind blowing, they knew it

would be very hot. John the Baptizer came telling them of their sin and pointing to the Lamb of God. Jesus came as promised in the Old Testament, speaking as never any man spoke and doing many wonderful works. But they did not know, no, did not want to know, that the time for the promised King and Savior had come. They would not believe in Him, but took Him and nailed Him to the cross. They despised the promised Savior of sinners.

So today people are wise in the things of this world. They also know what the weather will be, and they arrange their work accordingly. But when they hear of earthquakes, famines, wars, and other things which tell the world that Jesus is coming again to judge the living and the dead, then they know not, and do not want to know, that the time of Christ's second coming is near. And they prepare not to meet their God.

Jesus therefore in surprise said to the Jews: "Why judge ye not what is right?" So He says to the world today: "Why do you not rightly judge the happenings in this world and turn to God?" May the Lord help us during the new year to look at these things in the light of God's Word, to trust in Him who died for us, and then to serve Him in love until He comes again.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, the happenings in this world teach us that Thou wilt come again to judge the world. Help us to trust in Thee and to follow Thee and so be ready at Thy coming. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 — *Read Luke 12:58, 59*

*Make Peace with God*

The Day of Judgment is coming nearer and nearer. What shall we do? Perhaps we have wronged a man, and we must go to court with him. What is the best thing we can do? Settle with him before going before the judge. If you do not, he will take you to the judge; the judge will give you into the hands of the jailer; and the jailer will throw you into prison. And then you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. But how shall we pay if we have nothing?

So we have a large debt before God, that is, many, many sins. And we must go before our God and Judge. While we live, we are on the way with Him. What shall we do? How can we be saved? God Himself has prepared a way. He sent His only Son to pay for us with His

blood on the cross. In Him God has forgiven all sin, also yours and mine. Now He says: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Oh, come, let us hurry to this crucified and risen Savior before He comes again to judge. Then we shall be saved now and forever and need not fear Judgment Day. If anyone will not believe, on the Last Day he will hear these terrible words: "Depart from Me into everlasting fire." And then he will stay in hell forever because he never can pay for his many sins. Do not turn away from the one and only Savior.

**PRAYER:** Dear Father, grant that we trust in Thy dear Son Jesus Christ and receive forgiveness of all our sins and with joy wait for the day when He shall come again. Amen.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 — Read Luke 13:1-5**

*Turn from Sin to God's Mercy*

Often people say: "This man must be a very bad man because he has so much trouble and sorrow and suffering." Jesus teaches us that it is not right to say that. People told Him about the Galileans whom Pilate killed while they were bringing offerings to God and mingled their blood with that of the lambs. Jesus then told them of another terrible accident. The Tower of Siloam had fallen upon eighteen men and killed them. Now, were these Galileans and those eighteen men greater sinners than the other Galileans and the other men because these things happened to them? Jesus says, "No," and then warns the people, saying: "Except you repent, you also will perish [be lost]." By the great troubles that come upon people God wants to call on us to repent — to turn from sin and to trust in His great mercy in Christ Jesus. Every day many people die in accidents, in wars, in earthquakes, and other terrible happenings. Let us not say that these things came upon people because they had done some great sin. Oh, no; let them make us think of our sins, and then let us hurry to Jesus and His Cross so that He will wash us clean from sin in His blood. And then let us live for Him and thank Him for His love all the days of our life. Then earthquakes, or wars, or famines cannot frighten us, but we shall rejoice in our heavenly Father and kind Savior and His protection and salvation.

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord and Savior, help me al-

ways think of my sin with sorrow and turn to my Father in heaven, trusting in His mercy and forgiveness in Thy name, our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

J. L. S.

## **Studies in Luther's Catechism**

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

#### *Who Eats and Drinks This Worthily?*

Faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," makes a man worthy and well prepared for the Lord's Supper. And that is true even if he has only a weak faith. This Supper is for the weak and troubled, for the "bruised reed and the smoking flax," Isaiah 42:3. And Jesus says: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out," John 6:37. "Only believe," and you are well prepared.

#### *Unworthy and Unprepared*

Our Catechism says: "He that does not believe these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared." If a man does not believe that Jesus has given His body and shed His blood for him, he is not prepared for the Lord's Supper. If he believes not that Jesus offers, gives, and seals forgiveness to him in the Holy Supper, then this Supper is not for him. The words "For you" demand that all hearts believe.

#### *Let a Man Examine Himself*

Paul writes: "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup," 1 Corinthians 11:28. A man should ask himself and see whether he believes Christ's words and promises. He must first know his sin and the need of forgiveness. Therefore before he comes to the Lord's Table, he should first ask himself: "Am I sorry for my sin?" A believer also knows that he cannot help himself, but only Jesus can help. He gave His body and shed His blood for the forgiveness of your sin. The second question therefore should be: "Do I trust in the crucified Lord Jesus for *my* salvation?" Furthermore, a believer will hate sin and love to do good and lead a holy life. When he goes to the Holy Supper, he should finally ask himself: "Do I, with the help of God, intend to live a better life?" If he with an honest heart can say "Yes" to these three questions, then he truly is well prepared.

J. L. S.



## ALPHA

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"I get so much satisfaction and enjoyment working among the Deaf I have never had any inclination to go into the hearing ministry," the cleric said. "I enjoy preaching to the Deaf much more than I do to a hearing audience."

*About the Pastor*

The Rev. Mr. Rohe first became interested in problems of the Deaf while he was attending Concordia College, St. Paul, in the middle 1930's.

While doing summer work in northern Minnesota, he met a young deaf fellow who was employed on a project near him.

Every communication he had with the young man had to be written down. The potential clergyman was disturbed, as he wanted greatly to "speak" the fellow's "language."

This prompted the cleric to attend services later at Grace Lutheran, St. Paul, Minn., where he became vitally interested in a desire to minister to the Deaf.

Upon his graduation from St. Louis in 1945 he entered a full-time ministry to the Deaf in Pittsburgh, Pa., serving as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf for seven years.

In addition, he traveled a monthly circuit, ministering to the Deaf in 11 cities of Western Pennsylvania and New York State until August of this year, when he was assigned exclusively to the upper New York area.

The Rev. Mr. Rohe is married and has a son, David, 6. The couple resides at 25 Darwin St.

From the *Rochester Times-Union*

*From the District Papers**Montana*

The Deaf at Missoula had a rare privilege last August. Pastor Luther Russert, Park City, preached to them at their monthly service. Since July, Pastor Russert [now son-in-law to Pastor E. J. Scheibert. Congratulations! — Ed.] has been preaching to the Billings Deaf every month. He also serves some in Park City.

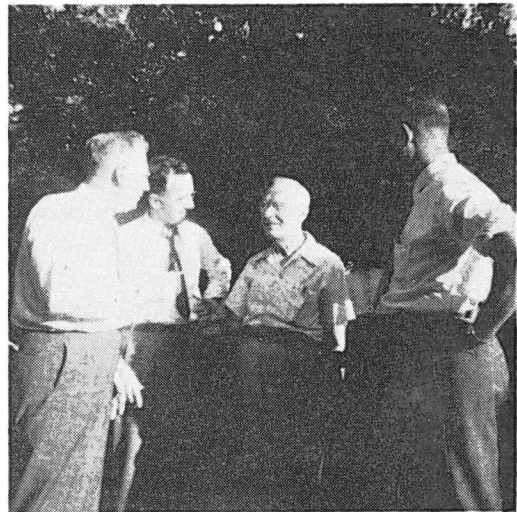
*Northern Illinois*

"Your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, in Detroit, Mich., reopened its doors for its 80th

school year on Tuesday, September 2. (There are twelve deaf children from the Northern Illinois Area. . . . The support . . . which you give to the Lutheran Church Charities Fund also helps to provide a Christian education for the deaf children enrolled in the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf."

*Central Illinois*

At recess Pastor N. P. Uhlig, Christ Deaf Church, Jacksonville (left), was telling about our 33 fields of church work among the U. S. and Canadian Deaf. Mr. William Zelle (center), Quincy, Ill., asks about the new building



Courtesy, *The Lutheran Witness Central Illinois District*

"Let me ask you this . . ."

at Jacksonville. Pastor Elmer Koch (next to N. P. U.) and Walter Uhlig (right) listen while our Jacksonville pastor tells that much money is still needed to finish the job. Deaf members in Dixie Conference, please pray about this!

*Traveling with the Executive Secretary**Dr. Salvner Visits Six Fields*

Our first stop was Springfield, Ill., where we met with Pastor Uhlig and Mr. Lennon. We sat in with the Sign-Language class at the Seminary and spoke words of encouragement to the members of the class.

The next day we spent in St. Louis attending to several matters, chiefly talking with Dr. O. H. Schmidt, Executive Secretary of our Board

for Foreign Missions, about beginning mission work among the Japanese Deaf. We are sending him all the information we can gather about the Deaf in Japan. We also spoke with Mr. Groerich regarding our chapels and parsonages. Of course, we went out to see Pastor Reinking as well as Student Drachenberg, who served as summer vicar in the Kansas City field. We were pleased to see the St. Louis parsonage remodeled and newly painted. The Deaf and their pastor did the greater part of the work.

*Jackson, Miss., Field — Vicar Sallach*

September 25 we arrived in Jackson, and there we conducted the weekly Bible class, studying the first chapter of the Gospel According to St. Matthew. The following day we went out to the school for white Deaf children and were deeply impressed by the new buildings which just recently had been completed. Here Vicar Sallach meets with about forty Boy Scouts every Wednesday and addresses the assembly every month. He also gives monthly addresses to the children of the school for colored Deaf. Furthermore, he makes regular visits to the Whitfield State Hospital and conducts services for the twenty-two white patients and also for the thirty-two colored patients. In Jackson services are held twice, sometimes three times, a month.

On Sunday, September 28, we spoke to the hearing Bible class of Pastor Gardels in the morning, addressed the assembly at the colored Deaf school in the afternoon, and in the evening preached to twenty-five Deaf of the city. We also visited Meridian, Gulfport, and Pascagoula, Miss.; Mobile, Ala.; Baton Rouge, La.; and Pensacola, Fla.

We enjoyed visiting the Baton Rouge school, where Vicar Sallach preaches to the assembly once a month.

On the day when the Mississippi faculty and the students had a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Parks, we spoke on our work to the entire gathering, upon the request of Superintendent Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Parks have now moved to the Arkansas school, where he is Superintendent.

We see great possibilities in this field. May our good Lord guide Vicar Sallach with His counsel and bless his work.

*North Dixie Field — Pastor Thies*

At midnight of October 8 we arrived in Mobile, Ala., and we were up again at 4:00 A. M. to get the bus for Memphis, Tenn. In this field we spoke to the assemblies at the Alabama schools, both white and colored, and also to the assembly of the Georgia school at Cave Spring. In every place our worker receives a hearty welcome. Services are held once a month in the Atlanta Home for Aged Deaf and Blind. Mr. and Mrs. Ligon are at the head of this home. May God reward them for the kindness shown to us during our stay there. We also preached to the Good Will group at Memphis, speaking to four Deaf and thirty-five Hearing.

October 12, we were privileged to preach to twenty-six Deaf in the Memphis chapel for the Deaf, in Trinity Church's parish house. In the afternoon we addressed fifteen colored Deaf. Services were conducted with sizable groups in Florence and Nashville. At our Lutheran Co-operative School for Colored (167 hearing children are enrolled) we visited four classrooms and asked the boys and girls to thank God for being able to hear the good Word of Jesus and His love, and also for having led our Church in bringing the Gospel of salvation to the Deaf. With the men of the Memphis group we held a meeting for the purpose of organizing. On this trip with Pastor Thies we could speak of Jesus to more than six hundred Deaf.

During our stay in Memphis we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Correll, active members of our group there. October 17 was the seventy-sixth anniversary of our birthday. The Memphis Deaf arranged a birthday party for the occasion on Saturday, October 18. A fine meal was served by them, and a birthday cake with two candles (one for each half century, as one remarked) was placed on the table, and then they surprised us with a beautiful gift. Hearty thanks to you, my Memphis friends!

*Pittsburgh Field — Pastor Stacy*

Six days were spent in this field. We arrived there October 23, and on the evening of the 24th two of Synod's TV films were shown to about forty-five Deaf. On October 26, services were held for the Pittsburgh Deaf, and Monday we met with boys and girls from the Edge-

wood school, the writer leading the Bible class. The remainder of the time we spent in the study of Long's *Manual of Signs*. God be with our Pittsburgh worker also to the glory of our Savior's name.

#### *South Chicago Field — Pastor Rische*

On our way to Chicago we stopped in South Bend, Ind., for a service. A very enthusiastic group of Deaf attended. The day following we made calls and gave Holy Communion to a member who was not able to attend. Then we went on to Chicago. Friday evening we met with four Deaf for confirmation instruction. The Deaf served refreshments. From there we hurried to Our Savior Church to greet Pastor and Mrs. Scheibert and the young people of Our Savior Congregation, who had arranged a Halloween party. While there, we spoke about what this day means to our Lutheran Church (the Lutheran Church celebrates Reformation Day on October 31). Services were conducted November 2 with thirty-one colored Deaf, a very fine group. God be with them and their pastor, and let the work in their midst grow and spread.

#### *Home Again*

November 2 we boarded the train for dear old Minneapolis, thanking God for His protection and for the many blessings He has showered, and still showers, upon our work in these fields. May He be with every worker and fill each worker with great love and zeal for this blessed work of saving souls!

J. L. S.

#### DEATH

Mr. Harry Morden of Sturgis, Mich., died on October 6. He seemed to have recovered from his illness and was getting ready to go home from the hospital when a heart attack ended his life. Funeral services were held on October 9. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Mr. Morden is survived by his wife, who is a faithful member of our Coldwater congregation.

N. E. B.

#### MARRIAGES

Leo A. De Rose and Marian Elling, August 2, 1952, Battle Creek, Mich.

Arvi Heikkala and Helen Winkelmann, June 21, 1952, Monroe, Mich.

Norwin Last and Dorothy Scharrer, October 18, 1952, Detroit, Mich.

Robert E. Miller and Irene Kelley, February 23, 1952, Monroe, Mich.

Fred Mobus and Helen Laikind, January 18, 1952, Detroit, Mich.

William Reiher and Iave Hall, June 21, 1952, Detroit, Mich.

Russel Tolen and Thelma Rhodes, August 2, 1952, Indianapolis, Ind.

Glenn Wilson and Lois B. Smith, August 30, 1952, Saginaw, Mich.

Eugene Winans and Shirley Hubbard, June 7, 1952, Detroit, Mich.

Robert Gornall and Dorothy Lewis, June, 1952, St. Louis, Mo.

Hubert Elrod and Hulda Kerckhoff Roesch, August, 1952, St. Louis, Mo.

#### *Field Gleanings*

*Baton Rouge, La.* — Lutheran services were begun again in this city on October 30. Interest among the Deaf here is very good. We hope that with God's help our work in this area will grow.

D. E. S.

*Delavan, Wis.* — A farewell supper was given for Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hirte at the home of Albert Riemer on October 9. Mr. and Mrs. Hirte intend to move to St. Louis. After the supper the pastor signed several beautiful farewell hymns and Psalm 23.

A housewarming party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beaver on October 6 by members of Redeemer Deaf Lutheran Church in Delavan. A money offering was taken and given to Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, so that they can buy something they need for their new home and remember their friends by it. The pastor led the group in prayer for God's blessing upon the new home.

The following men of the congregation were elected for office and will begin serving after their installation on January 4, 1953: Oscar Beaver, president; William Mueller, vice-president; George Tschanner, secretary; William Kruckenberg, treasurer. Elder for two years is Albert Riemer, and auditor for two years is Russell James. William Mueller is to serve as

elder for one year, and Max Richardson is to serve as auditor for one year. Thank God for the blessings of serving His Church.

The South Wisconsin District of the L. W. M. L. voted to give one fourth of its mite-box offerings to the Lutheran chapel for the Deaf which is being planned for Delavan.

At the Wisconsin State School for the Deaf, 115 students are enrolled in Lutheran classes this year. 62 of these students attend church services twice a month. R. W. M.

*Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss.* — The first Lutheran service for the Deaf was held in this twin-city area on October 5, with perfect attendance from Gulfport. D. E. S.

*Madison, Wis.* — Two confirmations took place on September 14. Arlyn Trieloff and Gerald Heser were welcomed into full membership. Mr. Heser also received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. After the church confirmation service the members of Madison Silent Lutheran gave a welcome lunch for the two new members.

A father-and-son banquet was held September 24 in the church basement. About 50 fathers and their sons enjoyed a wonderful ham supper prepared and served by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. A program followed the supper and included movies of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich.

Four members of our L. W. M. L. society attended the district convention in Milwaukee on September 23. The pastor kept them informed on what was being spoken during the day. Our local society paid the expenses of our two delegates. R. W. M.

*Terre Haute, Ind.* — Welcome to our new member, Miss Janice Cox, who was confirmed on October 26. May the Holy Spirit keep her in the true faith, which she so gladly confessed that evening. M. G. K.

*St. Louis, Mo.* — Miss Joyce Langeneckert was received as an adult member in Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf last August. I. A.

*Miami, Fla., October 11, 1952.* — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Florida-Georgia District has provided the local Deaf field with an SVE slide and filmstrip projector and the start of a visual-aids library. We

thank them for their prayers and their help in our work. F. G. G.

*Savannah, Ga.* — Services in this section of the Florida-Georgia District began in October. Two Deaf Lutheran members of hearing churches meet with us. They have had no preaching services for a number of years. Deaf population is 25. F. G. G.

*South Carolina.* — Pastor W. Westermann now visits the students at the State schools in Spartanburg, while Pastor F. Gyle preaches in Charleston and Columbia. We have found eight Lutherans in these three cities. Except for Bible classes these Deaf have not had the year-round services of a regular minister of their own for several years. Pastor H. Bollow of Columbia is assisting in the work there. F. G. G.

### Something to Think About

Some time ago, after the church service in New Albany, Ind., Mr. William Heagie, one of our regular comers, said: "I wonder if we do the right thing when we sit here after church and talk about all different kinds of news. Church is God's house. We have just heard God speaking to us through the pastor's sermon. I think it would be better if we went home and would think about the things God has just told us."

Surely we all agree that Mr. Heagie has something there. The devil is always busy after church, trying to fill our hearts and minds with all kinds of other thoughts and ideas, so that we quickly forget the Word of God that we have heard. (In your Bible, read Mark 4: 3, 4, 14, 15.) Wouldn't it be much better to make it a habit to speak *about the sermon* with our friends after church and then to go home to *think over the things we have heard God tell us*?

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THE thankful heart is so crowded with the sense of God's mercy that it can give no time to worry and care. — J. H. Jowett.

EVERY book of the New Testament was written by a missionary.

If you must say something in church, say a prayer.