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Thanks!

From the bottom of our hearts the pastor and his wife want to thank all our members and friends in Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, and elsewhere for all the kindness and favors shown us during the pastor's illness. Surely we liked the flowers sent us at the hospital and appreciated the many cards and well-wishes sent to us, all of which helped to cheer us, knowing that so many were thinking about us. Then also some of you gave sums of money to us with which we are now purchasing fruit, fruit juices, etc. — For all these gifts, cards, and flowers, and above all, your prayers, we again say "thanks very much, and may God bless you for your thoughtfulness and many favors!"

The pastor is indeed grateful to our good and gracious Lord for sparing his life and for helping him improve. He is now at home again since April 11 after five weeks at the hospital. Doctor's orders are to take things slow and easy for some time to come, and we have to obey orders. — We are grateful also to our Board for their assistance in carrying on our work in the field. Pastor Floyd Possehl of St. Paul, Minn., took over our Omaha Good Friday and Easter services, and Dr. J. L. Salvner of Minneapolis, Executive Secretary of our Board, had charge of Omaha and Lincoln services on March 22 and also the Sioux City service on April 12. He intends to stay in Omaha till the latter part of May and attend to the preaching at the different stations as well as teaching the classes at the Omaha and Council Bluffs schools. — We do not know at this time when your pastor will again be able to take over all his duties. God grant it may be soon. E. M.

Dixie Conference Meets

Tampa Host to Group

The fourth Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference met at Zion Church (hearing) in Tampa, Fla., March 21 and 22. It was the largest gathering of Lutheran Deaf in these conferences south of St. Louis. Eighteen received the Lord's Supper Saturday morning after hearing Pastor D. Thies's sermon. Election of a chairman pro tem followed, since both W. C. Correll and U. C. Jones could not be with us. Mrs. Correll (Memphis) was elected.

Papers were read by Mrs. E. L. Wear, Kansas City, Mo., Pastors Theo. De Laney, A. E. Ferber, and Mr. William Ragland of Kansas City. Rev. Utten Read of Cleveland, Fla., spoke on the history of Deaf churches in the United States.

Lunch and dinner were served by Zion Ladies' Aid, assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Stegner (Sophie Rose), Miss Amy Aymond, Miss Lorena Wertheim, and Mrs. Thelma Boltz. Forty persons attended the dinner, and 53 attended the Sunday sessions to hear and discuss problems of church work. Pastor H. G. M. Wolter's early service was interpreted for the delegates. The afternoon sermon was delivered by Vicar Donald Sallach. Coffee was served after the last service.

Other visitors were: Miss Friend of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Rappolt of Miami, Miss Jeffries of Kansas City, Mrs. Schrader of Memphis, nine Negro Deaf from St. Augustine and Jacksonville, Mr. Clarence Petersen of New York and Miami, Mr. Gottlieb Schock and family and the Jameses of Fort Myers, and the usual number from near-by counties. F. G.

God's Word

The HOLY BIBLE is God's Word. God speaks to us through the Bible. He tells us what we are. We are poor, lost, blind, and condemned sinners. The gates of hell are open to receive us into everlasting fire. But God tells us more. He shows us in the Bible that He sent His only-begotten Son to save us from sin and hell. When we sinners learn from the Bible that Jesus is the Savior, then we have peace and joy which we cannot describe. That peace and joy which we have in our hearts, we cannot keep secret. We are eager to inform the world about it. So the great problem is always before us: *How can we inform others about the love of God?*

The only purpose in life is to tell others. We are *priests of God* with a message. We want our message to be heard and believed far and near. Therefore we shall gladly perform our duties. (A few of our duties are written below.)

1. PRIESTS MUST PRAY. We cannot tell others without the blessing of God. Pray that God will bless you and make you a faithful priest.

2. PRIESTS MUST STUDY. We cannot teach others if we are ignorant ourselves.

3. PRIESTS MUST LEAD A GODLY LIFE. We cannot expect others to believe if we do not obey the faith.

4. PRIESTS MUST WORSHIP WITH OTHER PRIESTS. We cannot long remain priests if we do not meet to strengthen and encourage one another.

5. PRIESTS MUST BRING OFFERINGS. Our offerings are used to inform others.

G. R.

News Item.—Recently we received a letter from a sister of Mrs. Anna Fee of Belmond, Iowa (Deaf), telling us that Mrs. Fee had passed away and that in her will she left \$1,000 to our Lutheran Deaf Mission. A wonderful spirit indeed and an example for other members of Christ's Church to follow!

A Slighted Invitation

A certain church prepared a service of worship and invited those who would come. It sent out invitations to members saying: "Come, for we have made all things ready." And many made excuse.

The first said: "All week I labor hard and unceasingly. On Sunday I must needs rest in bed till noon. I pray, have me excused."

Another said: "I have bought a car, and on Sundays my family doth make a great clamor to be taken into the country. Pray, have me excused."

And another said: "I have children, and, behold, by the time they are dressed and fed and dispatched to Sunday school, I have reached the end of my Sunday morning enthusiasm, and to get myself ready is more than I can manage. I pray, have me excused."

And still another said: "The members of my family are peculiar; they must needs eat on Sundays, the same as on other days. And if I go to church, will the minister send someone to prepare our dinner? To sit down an hour late is unthinkable, for we are not of a mind to subdue the call of the stomach to the needs of our immortal souls. I pray, have me excused."

And many other excuses of equal impressiveness did the people make. Yet this same people raised a great hue and cry and made bitter complaint when war and crime and corruption did flourish greatly. Especially did they resent the resulting high taxes, and with one accord they began to lament, saying, "Why is not something done about these things?"

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Bible Readings for July, 1953

SUNDAY, JULY 5 — Read Luke 16:10-12

Do Good with the Things God Gives You

God gives us all things. He gives us money to manage for the welfare of our neighbor and the glory of His name; so we shall be faithful stewards. Jesus now says that he who is faithful and does good and right with the smallest blessings will be faithful also in greater things. He that manages the good things of God in a good and right way will do it also with the blessings God gives us for our soul. And he who does it not with earthly blessings will not do it with spiritual blessings, such as the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, forgiveness through His blood, and the hope of everlasting life.

Jesus also says if you have not done good and right with mammon, or money, which so often is connected with unrighteousness and wrong, do you think God will give you the true riches, heavenly riches and blessings? Oh, no! If you waste your money and other good things of this life, God will not give into your care the true blessings. God gives into your care earthly blessings: money, health, strength, and other good things. These are not your own, but God gives them all to you to manage for Him. And if you do not good and right with these things to the glory of His name, do you think He will give you spiritual blessings, such as forgiveness, life, and salvation? Oh, no!

Let us use the worldly things which God gives us to manage for Him in a good and right way for spreading the glory of Jesus' name in all the world, and then God will be glad to give us also the everlasting heavenly blessings.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help me to use all earthly blessings for Thee and Thy glory. And I pray Thee, also give me the great heavenly blessings for my soul's salvation. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 12 — Read Luke 16:13

Let Jesus Be Your One and Only Master

Jesus again speaks of money, saying: "You cannot serve God and mammon." Some people think they can. They use their money only for themselves, for their own pleasure and good, and think they can also serve God by giving a few pennies for church, by going to church on Christmas and Easter Day, and by spend-

ing a little money at a church supper, or bazaar, or picnic.

But what does Jesus say? "No servant can serve two masters." He cannot love both of them, cannot work for both. If he loves one, he must hate the other; if he stays with one, he cannot stay with the other. If your heart is with God, it cannot be with money or worldly things; and if your heart is clinging to money, it cannot be with God. If your heart is filled with love for Jesus, who shed His blood for you and died for you, then your heart cannot be filled with love for the world and the things of this world. If Jesus is your Master, then you will give yourself to Him and serve Him. If money is your master, then you will give all your thoughts and labor to it, and you will have no time for Jesus. If any man thinks he can serve both, then remember Jesus says you cannot.

PRAYER: Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my only and greatest Treasure, help me to love and serve Thee only, because Thou hast bought me with Thy blood. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 19 — Read Luke 16:14, 15

God Knows Our Hearts

The Pharisees were proud people. They were not pleased with what Jesus had to say about money. They made fun of Him. Why? They were covetous. They loved money and wanted more and more. That is why so many people today do not like the words of Jesus and make fun of them.

The Pharisees thought they were better than other people. They seemed to be very good people. They prayed much, they gave money to the poor, they fasted often. However, all this they did not for God, but for themselves, so that they might receive praise, and honor, and glory from men. And people praised them for it. Jesus therefore said to them: "You say you are good and right before men. But God knows your hearts. People think highly of you, but not God. You are an abomination in His sight; you are people whom God hates."

Let us not do as did the Pharisees! Let us not say: "We are not so bad. We are better than other people." People perhaps praise us and honor us, because we seem to be such good people. But remember, God knows our hearts. In them He sees evil thoughts, sometimes also

covetous thoughts. We often love money and want more and more and forget God. We are not good and right before Him. But, thanks be to God, He sent His only Son into this world, laid upon Him the sins of us all, let Him suffer and die in our place, and then raised Him from the dead. In Jesus we are just and holy before Him. And now we want to live only for Him.

PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, take away all covetous and proud thoughts from our heart, and by Thy Holy Spirit help us to trust in Thy Son Jesus Christ and His blood for the forgiveness of all sin and then serve Thee in love. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 26 — Read Luke 16:16-18

Take Hold of Jesus and His Salvation

In the Law and the Prophets, that is, in the Old Testament, there are many commandments concerning offerings and sprinkling of blood and also many promises about the coming Savior. All this was until John the Baptist. He came and preached of One standing among the people greater than he himself, One who takes away the sin of the world. John preached the kingdom of God, as did also Jesus and His disciples. And Jesus tells us that many pressed into the Kingdom. They firmly took hold of it. That was what they wanted. All the commandments about offerings and sprinkling of blood in the Old Testament were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He offered Himself for all on the cross and sprinkles us all with His blood. Let us take hold of Jesus and His salvation.

For those that will not trust in Jesus the Law still stands. Jesus tells the Pharisees that not one tittle, not one little mark of a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, will fail, or pass away, but will stand. It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the Law. The Seventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," still stands. Covetous thoughts, the loving of money and wishing for more and more, are sins against the Seventh Commandment. And, furthermore, there is so much uncleanness, adultery, divorce. The world is full of sin and is under God's curse and wrath.

But rejoice! Here is Jesus, who did all commandments for us and cleanses us from all sin in His blood. Let us also press into the king-

dom of God, believe in this glorious Savior, and then in love do His commandments.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, by Thy Law I know my sin. Thanks for the sweet Gospel of Jesus Christ. Help me to trust in Him always and be saved. Amen. J. L. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Praying at Meals

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray for daily bread. We should remember that also our daily bread is from God and then receive it with thanksgiving.

Jesus Always Gave Thanks

When He fed the five thousand, He took the bread and gave thanks to God. This He did also when He fed the four thousand. We read: "He took the seven loaves and the few little fishes and gave thanks." So Jesus took the cup at the last Passover and gave thanks. As He did so, so we should do. He is our good Example in everything.

How to Pray at Meals

God gave us no command that we should pray before and after a meal, as many do; or only before a meal, as others do. God only tells us to pray and to give thanks. Our Catechism gives us a prayer before meals, in which we ask God's blessing upon our food, and also a prayer of thanksgiving after the meal. Some people say a word from the Psalms when they say grace or give thanks. Here are a few short prayers which Christians often use. This one is to be used before eating: "Come, Lord Jesus, bless this food, To Thy glory and our good. Amen." And here is one to be used after a meal: "We thank Thee, Lord, for food and drink, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

Give Thanks Also for the Heavenly Bread

Let us at every meal think of Him who is the true Bread from heaven. He says: "I am the Bread of Life. He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst," John 6:35. He also has "living water" and says: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst," John 4:14. Thank Him for this food and drink for our souls. And, finally, let every meal fill our heart with a longing for that day when we

and all believers shall sit down in the Father's home for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Revelation 19: 9.

J. L. S.

Baptisms

Linda Lee Hinch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hinch of Elgin, Ill. Born February 26, 1953. Baptized May 8, 1953.

Karen Ellen Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Jackson of Lombard, Ill. Born December 10, 1952. Baptized March 29, 1953.

We rejoice with the parents to know that these children have thus been placed into the loving arms of Jesus.

E. J. S.

Death

Mrs. Johanna Sauerborn, member of Our Savior Congregation in Chicago, fell asleep in Jesus on May 8, at the age of 93 years, 1 month, and 4 days. She had kept her physical well-being almost to the last. The Lord has thus taken to Himself, and into her eternal rest, the oldest member of our congregation. We thank God that He led her to the true knowledge of her Savior. May the bereaved family comfort themselves with the sure hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Mrs. Sauerborn was born in Stolp, Germany, and came to this country at the age of 20. Her husband, William, three daughters, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren mourn her passing.

E. J. S.

Field Gleanings

St. Louis, Mo. — Mr. Hubert Elrod, formerly of Georgia, was confirmed on January 18. He took over the duties of usher, replacing Mr. Theodore Wrausmann, who had served faithfully for twenty years.

Sunday, December 28, 1952, Rev. William Reinking was installed as assistant pastor in charge of the Deaf work at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. St. Philip's is very happy to have Rev. Reinking with them, as is evident by the steadily increasing attendance. On the same day Messrs. Norman Ingram and Archie Marshall were installed as deacons. When in February Mr. Ingram moved back to Albion, Mich., Mr. Muriel Weaver was chosen to replace him as deacon. Sunday, January 25, Jerry William Ellis, born December 18, 1952,

to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ellis, was baptized. Sponsors were Mr. Norman Ingram and Mrs. Archie Marshall.

April — Holy Cross voters' actions: Messrs. Viets, Keim, and Maack will receive gifts from the members, \$2.00 each, 1952—1954, for the Lutheran Hospital, St. Louis. The congregation promised \$300 in 1952. The church will pay its share of the pastor's pension. The pastor will take part of his vacation, beginning June 6. Mr. Viets will be chairman of this year's church picnic. The Rev. Paul Schulze, associate pastor, was released to a mission field near Seattle, Wash.

First Quarterly Report, January 1 to March 31. Average attendance, 26; total at Lord's Supper, 187; confirmed 1; weddings, 2; receipts, \$744.57.

IRENE ALLMANDINGER

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Muskegon, Mich. — On February 7, 1953, Mrs. Josephine W. Wilkinson, formerly the wife of Mr. George Wilkinson, passed on to her eternal rest. She reached the age of 75 years and is survived by four daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister. On the 10th, after a worship hour in memory that God had given salvation to her, her body was given to the earth at Ravenna, Mich., to await the glorious appearing of the Lord of the nations, Savior of the world.

E. W. R.

San Jose. — Recently the following faithful attendants professed their faith and united with us: Mrs. Max Hernandez, Mr. Wm. Norvell, and Mrs. T. Davenport. San Jose has 22 communicants and is an interesting and active church of young people.

San Francisco. — Present membership is 52, and during the Easter season the following were added to the church: Mr. L. S. Bender, Mrs. M. Krueger, and Mrs. A. Duvall.

Oakland. — After a fall and spring instruction these were received into the church by the sacred Act of Baptism: Miss Sarah Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gornall, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. H. Stokes, and Mr. R. Coash. Because of illness Mrs. A. Stokes was instructed privately and baptized at her home on Palm Sunday.

At the present time seventy children are enrolled in Catechism classes. Over the period of



At the Memorial Chapel for the Deaf at Oakland, Dr. G. W. Gaertner, pastor, six adults were recently accepted into the Kingdom by the sacred act of Baptism. A seventh, a shut-in, was baptized at her home. At present the pastor serves seven deaf-mute-blind shut-ins. These were first taught one or the other systems of embossed type, "Moon" or "Braille," by the pastor and then baptized. There are seventy-two deaf children in this parish. The present number of souls served by our Mission is 286. A recent survey shows 420 Deaf, who at one time or another were within easy reach of our chapel and other Mission Stations, but owing to social and employment reasons, are scattered over this vast area. A second missionary has been called, and three more cities in this area are to be served to reach these

twenty years we have seen a tremendous growth of smaller communities, and many Deaf have moved to these areas who were once attendants at our main centers. We are pleased that the Lord of the harvest has made it possible to call another man and that Pastor Theo. De Laney has accepted the call. This will enable us to open fields at Redwood City, Richmond, Vallejo. Our former work at the Blind School is turned over to Rev. W. Peters, but we still have charge of the Deaf-Blind.

G. W. G.

In "Our Sanctuaries of Silence." — St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Butte, now has a church meeting every Sunday morning. A Bible study is conducted by Mr. Elmer Francisco. Other members sign prayers and hymns. Their children attend the Sunday school of the St. Mark hearing congregation. In this way parents and children go to church together. This small group of six families has adopted a budget of more than \$600 for 1953.

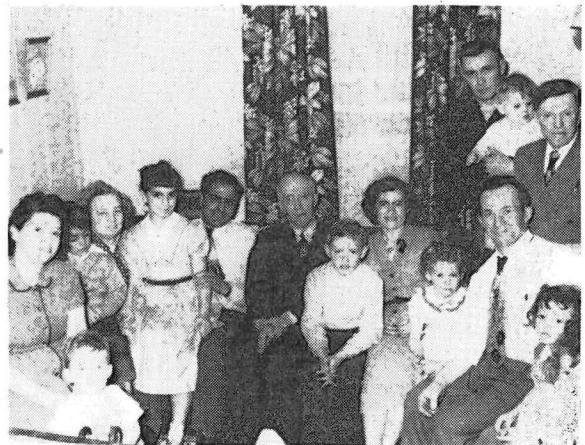
For some months Pastor Luther E. Russert of Park City has been helping out with services for the Deaf. He signed services for the Deaf

in the Billings area. Now that Pastor Russert has accepted a call to Oregon, Pastor A. L. Hauptman will have to re-arrange his schedule to include Billings on his trips into Montana.

Pastor W. F. Biel suggested that the members of his congregation at Havre attend the service with the Deaf, which was conducted there last month. We have found that Pastor Hauptman will be glad to speak while he signs, in order that all may benefit from the service. If you have the opportunity, see this part of your Church's mission among those who worship in the "Sanctuaries of Silence."

Montana Messenger

The Deaf and their children, who met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hanson of McCanna, N. Dak., for an afternoon service on Sunday, April 19. Three of the preschool children on the picture also are Deaf children. Up here in North Dakota we try to follow the Deaf



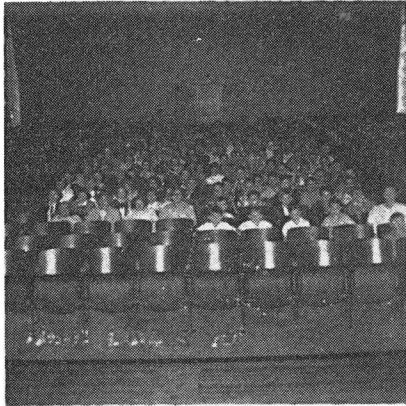
person from the cradle to the grave. All of the Deaf adults shown on this picture have been in my classes or attending my services since early childhood days, with the exception of Mr. Oscar Lybeck, the man at the extreme right, who has been attending my services for the last 30 years.

W. F.

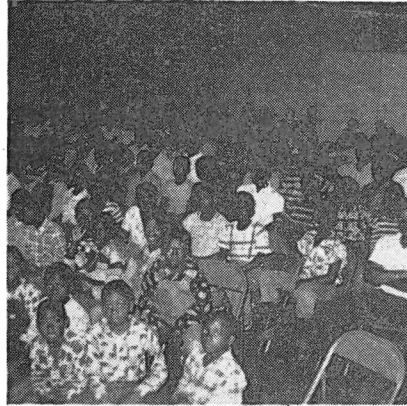
Send us news, art, photos, poems, etc.

We are happy to get so many poems from a few Deaf members. Have you any news, art work (black and white), stories. PLEASE, DEAF FRIENDS, SEND THEM TO YOUR EDITORS!

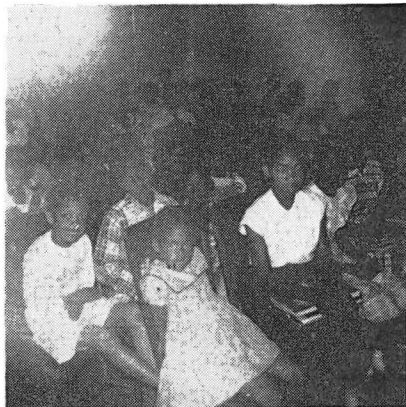
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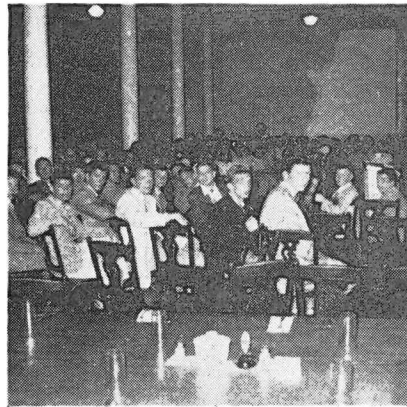
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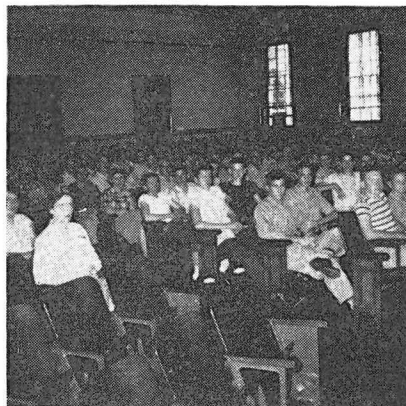
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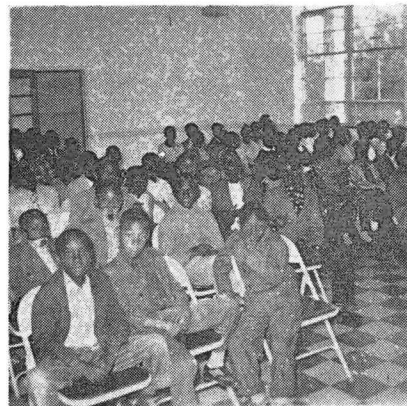
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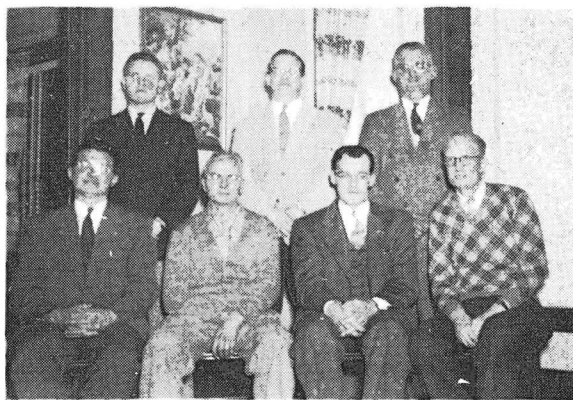
The Deaf arrange a birthday party for the pastor, March 17, 1953. Many nice gifts were received and refreshments (cake and ice cream) served



Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf and Blind
(Atlanta, Ga.)



Mrs. Ligon transmitting sermon, as it is signed, to two deaf-blind of the Home



Officers of Silent Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis.
Left to right, front row: Raymond Rasmus, Harold Schrank,
Rev. R. Mackensen, Royal Eklof. Back row: Howard Davis,
Robert Pagel, Thomas Hansen

"THE longer we remain away from the Lord's Supper, the less we feel the need, and the more self-righteous and self-satisfied we become, which certainly is an unfailing sign of spiritual decay. . . . Do we commune just enough to keep going or enough to keep growing?"

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