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Our Senior West Coast Worker

Apprenticeship has its value in our church work among the Deaf. Pastor Geo. W. Gaertner, now of Oakland, Calif., agrees to that fully. In June 1916, being graduated from the St. Louis seminary, where he had been given some sign-language instruction by a fellow student, now Rev. A. Dahms, he was assigned to the further furnishing and furbishing by Pastor N. P. Uhlig. From June to December he was farmed out to the use of the pastors and served at Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and sundry places. He learned much from such men as Pastor T. Wangerin, Doctor J. Salvner. But there were also wonderfully patient Deaf. The conversations with such people as the Weinrichs, Retzlaff, and Hayman were no little help in his development. In January 1917 he was sent to Spokane, Wash., and installed there by Pastor Nathaniel F. Jensen, who at that time was circuit rider of the Pacific Coast and needed assistance. The Pacific Northwest was assigned to the new man. He served the Pacific Northwest for 15 years, living in Seattle, and opened the following missions: Tacoma, Anacortes, Everett, Yakima, Victoria, Vancouver, B. C. For three years he also served bimonthly Vancouver, Wash., Portland and Salem, Oreg. He brought about the establishment of residential pastorates for Spokane and the Portland area and served both fields during their repeated vacancies. With the resignation of Pastor N. F. Jensen at Los Angeles, Pastor Gaertner repeatedly was requested by the Board to keep in

touch with Los Angeles and the present California Field.

In 1932 he was transferred to Oakland. A responsive group of Deaf rallied to the church by the Word. Berkeley and Oakland were started separately and later united



Dr. G. W. Gaertner

into one group. San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento and the State Deaf School were added. The State Blind School was also served, and later services were conducted for 18 hearing Blind at the Industrial Home. This latter place was later turned over to the District for Hearing work. These places kept him busy conducting four services every Sunday for 20 years. With the arrival of Pastor Theo. Delaney this field has now not been reduced, but rather extended, and we both

continue with three services per Sunday. Norman L. Davis and his wife were drafted into the church services, and these two consecrated Deaf people helped with the Primary Sunday school at the State Institution for four years. Without this help we would have lost many pupils. The organization and incorporation of the Oakland congregation took place in 1951. Under the able leadership of such men as Donald Goodrich, E. Brodrick, and W. West and a most capable accountant, Miss C. Crawford, willing workers were organized.

Mrs. M. Brownrigg, Miss M. Johnson, and Mrs. M. Hartman worked up an aid society which would make bees envious. Here was real "self-help." This church for the Deaf could receive no outside help from any church funds at that time and has had none since, but has stood on its own. Negotiating their loans

and sacrificing, they purchased excellent property. With their own hands, skilled in many trades, the men and women together remodeled the entire building. Horace MacAllister, L. Claver, and C. Springer proved their skill as painters, while G. Hinman and W. Brodrick took over the carpentry. Pastor Gaertner then took over an adjoining nine-room house and converted it into a residential home for elderly Deaf. Many elderly Deaf, otherwise lonely, have had a happy home life here. The properties together have excellent ground and parking space.

With 130 members, the congregation has twenty ready signers, both men and women, who can conduct the Sunday service for responsive signing by the congregation. Our liturgy is simple in form and of such a nature that the visitor can join in with understanding and feel that he is included in the worship



Oakland Memorial Chapel Liturgy Signers. L. to r.: Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. N. Davis, Mrs. H. McAllister

hour. Mr. N. Davis and Mr. M. Corson are stand-by lay readers for emergency. This was a development during the twenty years when Pastor Gaertner was alone. The young people meet twice a month and the aid society also. The trustees are all men qualified in some skills which are essential in upkeep of property. They report on the needs and attend to matters promptly. Ground crews and volunteers are not lacking. Mr. W. Hammerlund and Bruce Burroughs have very sharp eyes for things out of order on the grounds. It can be said of this church financially: "It is of the Deaf, by the Deaf." Pastor Gaertner serves San Jose, with 27 members, and Richmond, with 10. The State School has 74 pupils enrolled with

us, and these have to be shared with Pastor Theo. Delaney. Mr. and Mrs. N. Davis continue to help us on Sunday mornings with the Primary Department. Work has also been undertaken on an experimental basis at the School for Cerebral Palsy. While located in Oakland, Pastor Gaertner took over Los Angeles during two vacancies. When Pastor N. P. Uhlig first met Gaertner in 1916, he was disappointed in his size. He was looking for a "superdreadnaught battleship" and was surprised to see that the Mission was given a little "submarine." That is what he wrote in the DEAF LUTHERAN in 1916. But the little "submarine" still runs by the grace of God.

G. W. G.

(So he torpedoes me. How right I was! THE EDITOR.)

"Strengthening All the Disciples"

What? Another trip? Why all this journeying and traveling? Read the Book of Acts, and you will see that Paul and his helpers "went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia." And why? "Strengthening all the disciples" (Acts 18:23). Again, "they returned again to Lystra and to Iconium and Antioch." Why? "Confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith" (Acts 14:22). And once more: "And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas: Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the Word of the Lord and see how they do" (Acts 15:36). And this is the purpose also of our going here and there to see how our deaf Christians do in this and that city, for we want to strengthen them and exhort them to continue in the

faith. During February and March we visited six fields: Washington, D. C., Jacksonville, Fla., Newark, N. J., New York, N. Y. Boston, Mass., and Rochester, N. Y.

Washington, D. C., Field

That was our first stop, and we were greeted by a snowfall. We thought we could escape the snow and ice of dear Minnesota, but all of no avail. In this field we visited also the Baltimore group. After the service this group handed us a beautiful wallet as a somewhat belated birthday gift. A hearty Thank you, Baltimore friends! We also paid a visit to Gallaudet College, where we have 28 students of the Synodical Conference. We wanted to see some of our boys and girls, but they were nearly all gone on this Saturday afternoon. However, we were happy

to see some of them in our Sunday service. We also met several of the professors, among whom was Dr. Elstad, with whom we had a cup of coffee in the snack bar. We used to meet him frequently when he was superintendent of the Faribault School.

Jacksonville, Fla., Field

Then on to Florida to spend a few days with Vicar Bauer. Here we were greeted not by snow but by real warm weather and flowers all abloom. Twice we were in St. Augustine, the first time to attend Pastor Gyle's two classes at the School, one a class of seven boys and another of seven girls. . . . This was Saturday. Sunday morning we again went there, and then preached in the School for Colored at 10 A.M., in the School for White at 11 A.M., to the adults at 3 P.M., and in the evening at Jacksonville. In St. Augustine we met the principal of the School, Mr. Ambrosen, who will in fall take over the superintendency of the Maryland School to succeed Mr. Bjorlie. By the way, Mr. Ambrosen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gulick Ambrosen, members of our Winona group. We baptized him when he was a babe.

Newark, N. J., Field

Then we went on to the Newark field. The same evening we attended the Lenten service of Pastor Gerhold. Since we had had such a strenuous week in Florida, Brother Gerhold took pity upon us, doing the most of the preaching. On Sunday morning we preached in Newark, and Pastor Gerhold in Trenton in the afternoon and in Paterson in the evening. However, we addressed also these groups.

New York Field

Then on to New York to be with Brother Kraus and Vicar Hoemann for a week. We preached in the Lenten service of St. Matthew's. We also attended religious classes at the Lexington School for Girls by Vicar Hoemann and at our Mill Neck School by Pastor Kraus. Wonderful changes have taken place in the Mill Neck School. They now have up-to-date classrooms. We enjoyed our visit there as also the noon-day lunch at the school. Sunday morning we attended the Sunday school classes, seventeen boys and girls being in attendance. In the morning service Vicar Hoemann preached, and we addressed the group after the service. In the afternoon service we addressed the assembly, exhorting them to continue in the faith and to be diligent in church and Communion attendance. After the service we met with the entire council of the church and discussed certain matters with them, stressing that they are to be leaders and good examples in churchgoing and also in coming to the Lord's Table, in prayer, as well as in the grace of giving.

Boston Field

March 22 we arrived in Boston. And the same evening we attended a parent-teacher organization of all of Massachusetts with Pastor Boerner. We again enjoyed preaching to our friends in the Danvers Home for Aged Deaf. With Brother Boerner we also went to Worcester for the purpose of making several calls. On Sunday we preached to a good attendance in both New Haven and Springfield.

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Field gleanings

Springfield, Ill. — The sign language class of Concordia Theological Seminary of Springfield reports a successful term. There were ten enrolled in the class, which met every Monday evening from 6 to 7 o'clock, under the instruction of Mr. Earl J. Thaler, also a seminary student, who since January has relieved Pastor Uhlig of the weekly chore of coming from Jacksonville for the class. Mr. Thaler has taken a very great interest in serving the Deaf and the sign language class. He hopes to have a good staff of teachers for working in the Sunday school department of Christ Lutheran (Deaf) Church in Jacksonville, beginning in September. A trip is made from the seminary to Jacksonville every Sunday morning to assist in teaching the 98 children enrolled there of pupils of the Illinois School for the Deaf.

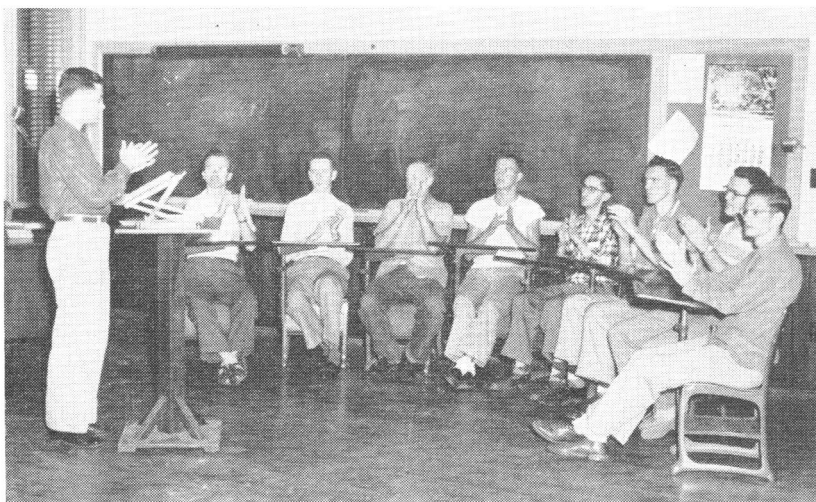
The seminary students interested

in the sign language are seen in the picture. Left to right: **E. J. Thaler**, Youngstown, N. Y. (standing); **Herman Christiansen**, St. Catharines, Ontario, Can.; **Donald Hanley**, Topeka, Kans.; **Ernst Steyer**, Lapeer, Ark.; **Dean Kohlhoff**, Worthington, Minn.; **Donald Reed**, Danvers, Ill.; **Marlyn Tesch**, Waldorf, Minn.; **Raymond Reich**, Brownwood, Tex.; **Wm. Ludwig** (Deaf), Omaha, Nebr. Missing from the picture is **Norman Betke**, Detroit, Mich.

The class will again begin in September. We pray that there will be an even larger enrollment in the new term and ask the Lord's blessing on our work among the Deaf.

E. J. T.

St. Paul, Minn. — Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf has extended a call to **Pastor Geo. Kraus** of New York to become the successor of Rev. Floyd Possehl, who



entered the hearing work by accepting a call to a mission in Duluth, Minn. The call had first been given Pastor Wm. Reinking of Saint Louis, but his congregation begged him to decline, since he has been so visibly blessed in his work there and in the work he is doing at Concordia Seminary, where great interest is being developed for the work among the Deaf.

Madison, Wis. — At a meeting of the Silent Lutheran Church **Rev. Martin Kosche** of Indianapolis was called to succeed Rev. R. W. Mackensen, who accepted a call into the Wisconsin Synod and is serving four small churches near Tomah, Wis. Rev. Kosche accepted the call, and June 19 is the date of his installation at Madison. He will serve the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan and the many stations in the field.

Neenah, Wis. — Neenah and Oshkosh are twelve miles apart and services have been conducted once a month in each one on the same week end. By having services at one place in one week and two weeks later in the other, the Deaf can have two services a month, since they drive back and forth between these cities readily. Perhaps this arrangement can be followed in other places and so more opportunities given to hear the Word of God.

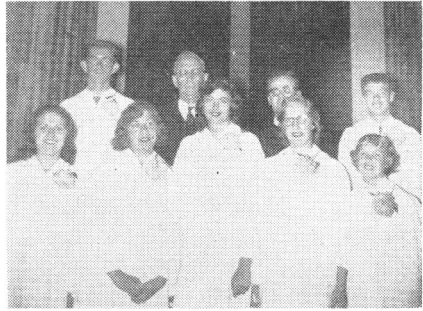
On April 9 **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Liechtenam** of Oshkosh brought their infant son **David** to the Neenah service to be baptized into the Christian faith.

LLOYD HAGEN, *Reporter*

Spokane, Wash. — **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond** were received as members of the Lutheran Church on June 5 by Baptism and confirmation.

May God bless and keep them in His grace.

Jacksonville, Ill. — A class of seven was confirmed May 15 at Christ for the Deaf Chapel. The members are: **Jo Ann Boggess**, Decatur; **Thomas Chisholm**, Chi-



cago; **Edmund Christian**, Chicago; **Joan Hansen**, Gilman; **Barbara Heath**, Montgomery; **Vickey Sargent**, Decatur; **Miriam Spencer**, Sailor Springs (all of Illinois). May God keep them faithful to the Savior.

The auxiliary of Christ for the Deaf Church joined the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League recently, and **Mrs. Minnie Bowman** and **Mrs. Betty Broecker** were delegates to the 1955 convention at Moline, May 18. At this convention the grant of \$4,500 became payable for the Christ for the Deaf Chapel at Jacksonville, making a total of over \$20,000 for the chapel by this organization.

June 5 **Vicar W. O. Neisch** was given a farewell party by the members of the Jacksonville congregation and friends from the various stations in the area which he has served during the last year. He was given a very fine brief case and a wedding gift in view of the wedding

July 2 at St. Louis, when **Miss Elaine Arkebauer** of St. Louis will become his bride. He now returns to complete his studies at Concordia Seminary and will be graduated in June 1956.

Christ (Deaf) Congregation has decided to become a voting member of the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at the convention to be held from August 21 to 25 at Springfield. Mr. Clarence Broecker is the delegate to the convention.

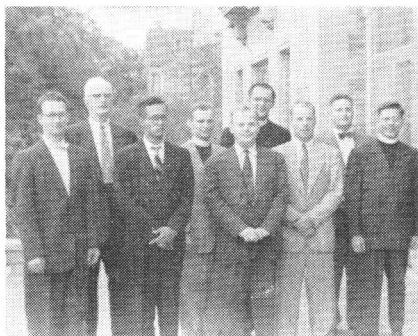
Milwaukee, Wis. — The relocation and building project of Emmanuel Congregation of the Deaf received a real boost by the good will and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ortgiessen, members of Sherman Park Lutheran Church, who donated their beautiful home to Emmanuel Congregation. M. E. A. M.

(EDITOR'S NOTE. — This wonderful piece of news will be the subject of a feature article in the next issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN. We are happy to be able to show good pictures of the new parsonage and site of the future chapel. We also have pictures of the old chapel, which has a great historic value in our Mission to the Deaf and deserves a special feature article.)

Florence, Ala. — At Our Redeemer Lutheran Church here Rev. Delb. Thies on February 13 united in marriage **Eva Waldrey** of Cullman, Ala., and **John Bradford** of Huntersville, Ala. God bless their union!

Indianapolis, Ind. — Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf with regret granted a release to **Pastor Martin Kosche** to go to the large field in Wisconsin and serve the many Deaf there. Pastor Kosche has done very fine work in the Indiana field, which he has served for a number of years. All wish him the

blessing of God in his new field. **Mr. John Nickerson** of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, has been assigned to serve the Indiana field during the next year. He is married and has three children and will occupy the parsonage at Indianapolis. He comes with a good knowledge of the Deaf and signs. He gathered himself a Bible class at Springfield while studying there and was serving them because he loves to serve the Deaf and the Lord. May God bless his work in Indiana also.



Pastors and Officers of the Eastern Regional Conference. L. to r.: **Vicar Hoeman**, New York; **Rev. Westermann**, Washington, D. C.; **Mr. Daniels**, New York; **Rev. Kraus**, New York; **Rev. Boerner**, Boston, Mass.; **Rev. Gerhold**, New Jersey; **Mr. Cummings**, Boston, Mass.; **Mr. Libby**, Orange, N. J.; **Rev. Stacy**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

St. Louis. — At a meeting of Holy Cross Church on May 8 a unanimous vote urged **Rev. W. Reinking** to decline the call from Calvary Church of St. Paul, and he declined it.

Attention, Please, Northwest

The **Conference of Deaf Laymen and Pastors of the Northwest** will be held July 15 to 17 at beautiful Camp Colton, near Portland, Oreg. A good program is being arranged, and according to all indications it will be a real success again this year.



Know Your Bible

The Books of Samuel

The two Books of Samuel were in the old Hebrew one story, divided into two books in the later Greek translations, and cover the time of about 1170 to 1060 B. C. They carry Samuel's name, but they were not written by Samuel, whose death is recorded 1 Samuel 25:1. Many references to later events show that they were written by some later prophet.

Samuel, the last of the Judges of Israel, followed Samson, the strong man. When he grew old his sons assisted him in judging, but they were not worthy (1 Samuel 8:3), and so the people wanted a king. Saul, the son of Kish (ch. 9:1), was chosen (ch. 9:17), and Samuel anointed him to be king (ch. 10:1) and introduced him to the people (ch. 10:24). When Saul had become disobedient (ch. 15:10-12), God rejected him, and Samuel anointed David to become king (ch. 16:13). In the remaining chapters of First Samuel (chs. 17-31) we hear no more of Samuel except the report of his death; we have the account of the time of Saul and his attempts to kill David and finally Saul's suicide (ch. 31).

In the Second Book of Samuel we have the account of the administration of King David. Under David Israel had its greatest glory and power; it was its golden age. David was griefstricken when he heard of Saul's death and had the Amalekite executed who brought word and the crown and bracelet of Saul to

David (2 Samuel 1:15). The man told David that Saul was badly wounded when he leaned on his own sword. He had asked the man to kill him, and he had done so.

We read that the house of Judah now recognized David as king (ch. 2:7), but some of the other tribes anointed Ishbosheth, Saul's son, as opposition king (ch. 2:8, 9), but he was murdered, and David was now recognized as the real king.

In chs. 5-10 we are told of the time when things went well and the people were prosperous and happy. Chs. 11-20 tell of trouble that David brought upon himself by his adultery with Bathsheba and the punishment that Absalom, born to David of Bathsheba, brought to David. The concluding chapters tell of restored peace, David's psalm of praise (ch. 22), the list of his mighty men (ch. 23); then (ch. 24) the census which he had taken because he had become proud of his mighty land and the punishment that came over the land for his sin, the pestilence that lasted three days.

We read of sins and forgiveness in these books. We have the wonderful prophecy (2 Samuel 7:12-14) of Jesus, who would build the spiritual temple of God, the holy Christian Church, and whose kingdom will endure forever. David should not build the Temple, as he was a man of war. Solomon, David's son, built a beautiful Temple. This was a weak reminder of the glorious church that Christ would establish. U.



Devotions

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SUGGESTED USE

1. As you open your Bible, say: "Speak, Lord, Thy servant hears."
2. After finding the place in the Bible, read the short explanation given under the date.
3. Now read the words of the Bible. *Read slowly, and think what each verse says.*
4. Read again the short explanation and the prayer, adding what is on your heart and perhaps the Lord's prayer.

Friday, July 1

John 15:12-19

The Lord chose us because He loved us; He made us His friends and even died for us. As His friends He wants us to love Him and others. Even if the wicked world hates us, we should love our enemies.

Prayer: Lord, help us to bring fruit by leading others to You. Bless these, and keep them in Your love. Amen.

Saturday, July 2

Exodus 34:10-16

God destroyed the people of Canaan because they worshiped false gods and did much evil. Moses warned his people not to forget God. So today also we bring punishment upon ourselves if we copy the ways and thoughts of the wicked world.

Prayer: O God, help us to learn the lesson that history teaches us, and help us to resist temptation and sin. Amen.

Sunday, July 3

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

We can not be joined with unbelievers and think and do as they

think and do nor worship with them nor associate with them as brethren. We can be kind to them but must still show that we are separate. God wants it that way.

Prayer: Lord, give Your church in America strength to confess Your name always and to stand up for You and Your Word. Amen.

Monday, July 4

2 John 4-11

God here clearly tells us that Christians should not treat unbelievers and false teachers as brethren. True love and faithfulness demands that we kindly and firmly go our way alone.

Prayer: Lord, let us firmly stand by Your Word, and give us strength always to confess that You are our only Savior. Amen.

Tuesday, July 5

Galatians 1:6-9

Some people in Galatia soon forgot the Gospel which Paul preached, and believed that we can be saved without accepting Jesus. So in our day many believe and teach people something else. But that is very

wrong. There is no other way to heaven.

Prayer: Jesus, our only Savior, let us be true to You, and let Your Word overcome the enemies of truth. Amen.

Wednesday, July 6

Psalm 26

David's prayer should be our prayer: He wanted to think and do the right thing, and he knew that he would in God's house be led correctly. So he prayed to be instructed that he could lead others properly. He loved to thank God in public worship.

Prayer: Savior, let us gladly and regularly go to our house of worship to thank You and hear Your Word and be blessed. Amen.

Thursday, July 7

Psalm 27

God's house is the best place. There we find light and strength (v. 1), protection (vv. 5, 6) and comfort (v. 10). When you are downhearted, read this Psalm; but, above all, do what this Psalm asks us to do.

Prayer: Lord, we thank You that here in America we can at any time freely and undisturbed worship in our churches. Preserve us this blessing. Amen.

Friday July 8

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

There is great danger that we become spiritually sleepy and are not watchful against the sinful ideas of our time. That is bad. We must watch our own hearts and encourage others with God's Word to be watchful also.

Prayer: Jesus, You will one day come suddenly to judge the world. Through Your Word keep us in faith

and love, that we may be ready for Your coming. Amen.

Saturday, July 9

Colossians 3:12-17

Since God has chosen us as His children, let us become as He is; holy, patient, kind, not quarrelsome but forgiving. We become thus through the study of His Word; let us study it always, follow it, and remind others to do so.

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, keep the church obedient to Your Word and its members in harmony and peace with one another. Amen.

Sunday, July 10

Romans 12:14-21

Here we have fine, short rules for the life of a Christian: Loving God and the neighbor, let us bless our enemies, be sympathetic with others, and be humble. Simple rules, but often hard to follow.

Prayer: O Lord of peace, bless the Christian missions in Latin America, where people seem to be so quarrelsome, that they may learn the way of peace. Amen.

Monday, July 11

Psalm 122

God blesses us through the church. The church is strong (3). In it we thank God (v. 4). There we get wise judgment (v. 5). Forget not that peace and blessings rest on those who use the church right.

Prayer: Lord, we thank You for our church and congregation; bless it and through it us all. Amen.

Tuesday, July 12

Romans 10:14-17

People must know about Christ to believe in Him. There must be

more preachers of the true Gospel. We must train, send out, and support more sincere Gospel preachers; for faith comes only through hearing God's Word.

Prayer: Lord, as the church colleges will soon begin a new year of school, let many young men and women come to prepare themselves for mission work. Amen.

Wednesday, July 13

John 20:24-29

Like Thomas many want to believe only what they can understand. But God's wisdom is too deep for us; so Jesus says that they are blessed who believe God's Word even if some things are beyond our understanding here on earth.

Prayer: Jesus, give us that inner peace that comes from knowing that our sins are forgiven and we are Your own. Amen.

Thursday, July 14

Mark 16:9-16

Jesus scolded His friends because they had doubted that He rose from the dead. Then He gave orders to them and to us to preach the Gospel and to baptize, because faith comes into men's hearts through God's Word and Baptism.

Prayer: O Lord, since You are the only Savior of the whole world, make us eager to tell the whole world that good news. Amen.

Friday, July 15

Acts 8:26-39

After the treasurer of the African queen had heard that Jesus is the promised Savior, he believed and wanted to be baptized. Faith obeys God's command; and Baptism was to him a seal of forgiveness of sins. It is that to us also.

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to understand and believe the Bible's wonderful message of salvation. Amen.

Saturday, July 16

Acts 9:10-19

Paul, whose name at first was Saul, was baptized after he had been turned by Jesus from an enemy to a believer. Let us never despise nor neglect Holy Baptism. It is necessary and blessed.

Prayer: O Lord, bless those with wisdom who teach others, that they may, like Ananias, clearly show to others Your will. Amen.

Sunday, July 17

Titus 3:1-11

Paul reminds Titus and us that before we came to faith, we all were "foolish" and lost, but God's "mercy saved us by the washing of regeneration." This washing is Holy Baptism; it is a "means of grace," a "bringer of faith." It gives us the new spiritual birth.

Prayer: O God, give Your children the spirit of holiness that we live like Christ and for Christ. Amen.

Monday, July 18

Matthew 3:13-17

John the Baptizer did not think that Jesus needed to be baptized. But because Jesus had taken on man's nature, it was proper that He should submit to every law of God, also to be baptized. Let no one say that Baptism is not necessary.

Prayer: O God, let us learn of Jesus to obey every commandment even if we may think it is not necessary. Because You want it, it is. Amen.

Tuesday, July 19

1 Peter 3:13-22

When we have a good conscience, we need not fear anything. Peter says that the answer, or we could say result, of Baptism is a good conscience, because Holy Baptism takes away sins, gives life and salvation, since God's Word gives it that power.

Prayer: Lord, nothing can harm us if You are our Friend and Father; thank You for making us Your children by Baptism. Amen.

Wednesday, July 20

Matthew 26:17-29

The Old Testament eating of the passover lamb told of the coming of Jesus, God's Lamb, who would take away the world's sin. In the Lord's Supper we get Christ's body and blood, together with the bread and wine, to make us sure He really died for our sins.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, let us always take the Sacrament with faith and become sure You have really paid for all our sins. Amen.

Thursday, July 21

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

St. Paul here clearly calls bread and wine the "communion," or we would say "union," of body and blood of Jesus (v. 16). The bread is "united with" the body, the wine is "united with" the blood. Jesus said: "This is My body; this is My blood." A holy thing is this indeed.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as we receive the Sacrament, let it be to us a strong influence to lead a holy life. Amen.

Friday, July 22

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Some Corinthians received the Sacrament carelessly (vv. 20-22) and

were punished for that (v. 30), as they sinned against the body and blood of Jesus, which (v. 27) is given in the Sacrament. We must examine (v. 28) ourselves whether we are sorry but believing sinners that wish to become better Christians.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank You for dying for us; now let the Holy Supper give us strength to live for You. Amen.

Saturday, July 23

John 20:19-23

Jesus gave His disciples the Holy Spirit and the right and power (v. 23) to forgive one another's sins. So every Christian has the right and power to tell people that are sorry about their wicked life and believe that Jesus is their Savior that their sins are forgiven.

Prayer: Lord, You still want us to tell sorrowful believers that they have forgiveness; make us eager and willing to tell them so. Amen.

Sunday, July 24

Matthew 18:15-20

When people do us wrong, it is our duty to speak to them alone first, telling them kindly that they sinned against God and us and asking them to be sorry and ask forgiveness. If they do, forgive and forget; if not, their sin remains against them until they are sorry.

Prayer: Jesus, we thank You that even if only two or three of us are together to worship, You still are with us and will bless us. Amen.

Monday, July 25

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

The Corinthians were told to put out of the congregation plain sinners if they would not change. Like yeast

(v. 6) works through the whole dough in breadmaking, so the bad example of sin will spread through the whole congregation.

Prayer: Holy Jesus, the church is Your body; let us live holy and watch that our congregation honors You with sincere worship and a holy life. Amen.

Tuesday, July 26
2 Corinthians 2:5-11

The Corinthians had put a man who had sinned and was not sorry out of the church. Later he repented. Now Paul tells them that they must forgive him and receive him again. Whom God has forgiven, we dare not refuse to receive again.

Prayer: Lord, help sinners to see their wrong, and give us wisdom and love to go to them and try to win them back. Amen.

Wednesday, July 27
Matthew 18:21-35

Peter thought it would be enough to forgive someone seven times, but Jesus tells him we must always be ready to forgive. Because we daily sin much during our life and God forgives us, so all our life we must forgive others, or forgiveness will be denied us.

Prayer: Merciful Father, give us a heart that understands that our neighbor has just as bad a heart as we, and therefore make us to feel sorry for him and gladly forgive him. Amen.

Thursday, July 28
1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Christians should settle their differences in a friendly spirit among themselves and not go to court. We must be willing rather to suffer wrong than to do wrong. Many people are quarrelsome and forget this.

Prayer: Lord, help us in our churches to live as brethren in love and not give the unbelievers reason to despise the church. Amen.

Friday, July 29
2 Samuel 12:1-13

David had greatly sinned. The prophet Nathan showed him his sin. David repented and was forgiven. But all his life David suffered bad results from his sin. That kept him humble. So God forgives us now, but let us humbly carry crosses that we made ourselves. Let us be silent but thank God for His forgiveness.

Prayer: Savior, heal us from sin, and make us thankful that we have a merciful God, and keep us humble. Amen.

Saturday, July 30
Ephesians 6:10-17

Forgiveness of sins makes the Christian confident and strong. God gave us good weapons to fight the strong devil. Alone we are weak, but by using God's Word and prayer we can overcome.

Prayer: Lord, give us the courage which the missionaries had that went alone to heathen lands, preached, suffered, and died but won victories for You. Amen.

Sunday, July 31
1 John 2:7-17

John tells us to remember the commandment of Jesus to love God and His Word and to love one another. We are strong if God's Word rules and guides us; then we will overcome the enemies of our soul.

Prayer: O God, teach us Your will, and lead our hearts to follow Your commandments for Jesus' sake. Amen.

"Strengthening the Disciples"

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Rochester Field

And now in Rochester. We met Pastor Rohe in Buffalo for a Lenten service in which he preached. The following evening we attended a Lenten service in Rochester. In this city we spent several pleasant hours with an uncle and aunt and cousins. With Pastor Rohe we visited the Rochester School, where we also met Superintendent Galloway. And we were just in time for the usual morning cup of coffee. Pastor Rohe and I also made several sick calls.

Friday evening we met with the church council and discussed church matters with them, such as church and Communion attendance, contributions for the Lord's work, etc. Sunday we preached in Alpha Church, and in the evening Pastor Rohe had eleven boys and thirteen girls from the Rochester School, which youth-service meeting was conducted almost entirely by the students. For a farewell we had a heavy snowfall on Sunday. Minnesota is not so bad after all.

May God richly bless this trip and also the words which were spoken to so many Deaf. J. L. S.



Bible Quiz

Did Paul, who tried to earn his own living (Acts 18:3, 2 Thessalonians 3:8), get a salary from the churches where he preached? Philippians 4:16.

What was the color of the mules on which judges usually rode? Judges 5:10.

Why did Demas, who had for a while believed, turn away from Christ and Paul? 2 Timothy 4:10.

How did the Jews tell tomorrow's weather? Matthew 16:3.

What was the name of the copper-smith who did much evil to Paul? 2 Timothy 4:14.

Must people always wash their hands before they eat? Matthew 15:20.

By whom did Saul try to have David, his son-in-law, whom he hated, killed? 1 Samuel 18:25.

How many male Philistines did

David's men kill so that David would get the daughter of King Saul as wife? 1 Samuel 18:27.

How did the shepherd boy David kill the lion that stole a lamb from his flock? 1 Samuel 17:35.

Who even is helpless if the foundations of order, truth, and faith, are destroyed? Psalm 11:3.

What were the names of the three sons of Noah? Genesis 10:1.

What will one find by losing it for Jesus' sake? Matthew 16:25.

Which is the way by which one can begin to fulfill the Law of God? Romans 13:10.

Who called his countrymen liars, evil beasts, and slow bellies (lazy people eat much)? Titus 1:12.