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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Emmanuel Ev. Luth. Congregation of the Deaf

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Part II

Succeeding Pastors

Unfortunately, after 30 years of service, in May 1926, Pastor Wangerin was obliged to resign because of a physical breakdown and increasing attacks of chronic arthritis, and upon his physician's advice took up physical work. During the summer of that year nearby missionaries served this field. In September of that year the Rev. C. Baker was called to fill the vacancy and served until October 1927. Shortly thereafter Pastor F. C. Gade took over. He was called from Delmont, S. Dak., where he had served a hearing congregation for 15 years and had taken up the study of signs from the Deaf of that city, to whom he had several times preached in signs. On January 22, 1939, after eleven years of service, the Lord called him to his eternal rest.

Our Present Pastor

Immediately thereafter Emmanuel Congregation extended the call to

the Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller, who for the previous eight years had served the Deaf in Texas and Oklahoma. His installation in Milwaukee took place on April 23, 1939. He is the present pastor. It is self-evi-



Pastor and Mrs. Mueller and (left) Carolyn, and Betty and Vicar Martin Mueller. Absent was Donald, age 12

(This history, prepared for the fiftieth anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of the Deaf, was written in 1948 by the late Rev. T. M. Wangerin, who died Sept. 9, 1951. He was the organizer and first pastor of the church, one of the two first missionaries to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and the first editor of THE DEAF LUTHERAN. The passing of the first chapel, the progress made by the congregation, and now its relocation and impending building program bring Emmanuel of Milwaukee into the limelight. The article from the pen of the sainted pastor, we feel, best befits the occasion. Incorporated later data are from the present pastor, the Rev. M. E. A. Mueller, and the Editor.)

dent that a missionary to the Deaf must do a great deal of traveling by rail, bus, and auto in order to bring the Gospel to the groups of Deaf scattered in the area around his headquarters. So the pastors stationed at Milwaukee served groups in Madison, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Oshkosh, Neenah, Baraboo, Watertown, Kenosha, and Waukesha, all in Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan. The area has now been divided, and Pastor Mueller works

the Milwaukee metropolitan area, while Pastor Kosche, with headquarters in Madison, takes care of the other stations.

Devoting his entire time to his field, he has become expert in directing and supervising its financial needs, as the financial reports will substantiate. His aim has been to place his field on a self-supporting basis, and happily we record that his efforts have been crowned with success. Since 1943 all expenses necessary for the upkeep of the Milwaukee Field have been successfully covered by the contributions and combined efforts of the Deaf, for which we bow in gratitude to the Lord, who made them willing to support the cause of Christ for their own eternal good. They value their salvation and prize, as a treasure above all treasures, the saving Gospel of Jesus. Though the support of the other stations was lost to Emmanuel since the field was divided, the congregation supports itself without subsidy from the Board of Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Emmanuel Congregation at present numbers 38 voting members and 105 communicants. For the year 1954 total contributions by these Deaf amounted to \$6,579. The budget for 1955 has been fixed at \$5,100. With profound thanks to our gracious Lord we acknowledge this fact that the Milwaukee congregation could stand on its own feet, never having thought it a possibility years ago.

Golden Jubilee

On August 15, 1948, Emmanuel Congregation celebrated its golden anniversary, with appropriate services. Ephphatha Conference, all the

missionaries for the Deaf, again met in Milwaukee for their annual sessions and joined in the celebration. Also, it happened that anniversary Sunday was Ephphatha Sunday, the 12th Sunday after Trinity, when the Gospel story of Christ healing the deaf-mute is read throughout Christian churches, a lesson which should induce us to bring also other Deaf to Jesus whether we be deaf or hearing. (Mark 7:31-37.)

It had become evident that a relocation of the church would be very desirable, and for a long time the need for more room in the church and in the parsonage had suggested sale of the property. The relocation and building project of Emmanuel Congregation of Deaf in Milwaukee received a real boost by the good will and generosity of a Lutheran couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ortgiesen, members of Sherman Park Lutheran Church. Mr. Ortgiesen is president of Mid-States Shoe Company. These fine people became persuaded that their elegant home with an adjoining, beautifully landscaped lot would supply the needs of our congregation of Deaf towards planning and building a new church. Consequently they made arrangements to convey their property, valued at \$42,000, to the congregation as a gift. This gift together with the proceeds from the sale of its old property enables the congregation to launch out on a project of building a new church in the very near future. In the meantime the Milwaukee Deaf will have the use of the facilities of Parkside Lutheran Church, located on a corner which is ideal for public transportation.

The entire church property at 1717 W. Meinecke, dedicated April

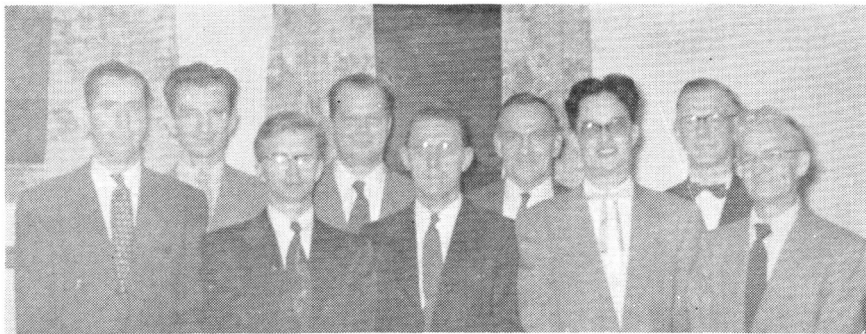


First Chapel and Parsonage (rear) of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Milwaukee.
First Lutheran Chapel of Deaf in United States

14, 1901, was the first Lutheran church for the Deaf in the United States. It has been sold to a Baptist group of colored hearing people who will use it for church purposes. A farewell service was held by Emmanuel Congregation on June 26. With feelings of deep gratitude to God for the many blessings received

in the old church, the congregation has left the location.

So then, with deep gratitude, we acknowledge that EMMANUEL is still with us as in the past, even as in the days of His earthly wanderings. Sing praises unto Him for His bountiful blessings in these last days. Joyfully exclaim with St. Paul:



Officers of Emmanuel Congregation of Deaf, Milwaukee. L. to r.: R. Schneider; W. Hoewisch, Financial Secretary; A. Arneson, Vice-President and Elder; H. Boldt, Trustee; Pastor Mueller; E. Dubratz, Trustee; Y. Sue, President and Elder; J. Goetsch; M. Drews, Treasurer and Elder; R. Lager, Trustee, absent

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place." (2 Cor. 2:14.) Earnestly ask Him to abide with us in the future also, to the everlasting glory of His holy name and our eternal salvation. And finally, let our thanks be weighed on the scale of faith, offering unto Him gifts of "gold, frankincense, and myrrh" with the silent prayer to "bless the gifts our hands have brought, and bless the work our hearts have planned," then uniting in prayer in the following words:

Prayer

Lord God, our loving Father, we thank Thee for Thy manifold and innumerable blessings which for a long time Thou hast so abundantly bestowed upon those who are deaf and have an impediment in their speech. We beseech Thee mercifully to grant that ever many more, yea all, who likewise have been so dearly purchased through the holy, innocent, and precious blood of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may come to this saving knowledge, and that through Thy life-giving Word, as preached to them in the Christ-

sanctioned sign language, their lives be made a stairway to heaven. Through Thy Holy Spirit bestow upon them, we pray, that happiness which is everlasting and which alone can come from knowing, believing, and following our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we ask it. Amen.

T. M. WANGERIN

A Faithful Servant

"It was a joy to serve, because it was done unto the Lord." So spoke Mr. John Philip Miller of Minneapolis recently when a reporter of the DEAF LUTHERAN asked him various questions about the thirty-five years of service on the Board of Missions to Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. And our readers will be glad to learn a little more about that venerable gentleman.

Mr. Miller is not a man of many words. But he is a man of excellent judgment and action. A person of such qualities is very valuable on any board or committee; as chairman such a one gets things done by leading wisely and directly and not letting matters become too involved nor the discussion confused; as gen-

eral member of a committee such a person will rather listen than talk at length, but will easily evaluate and concisely clarify the situation and suggest helpful action. So it is not at all surprising that Mr. Miller has constantly been chosen to serve in various capacities on committees and boards, especially in church and welfare work.

In 1920 he was elected a member of the Board of Missions to Deaf and has now served for thirty-five years. He vividly recalls former members of this board, some of whom have gone to their reward, as Pastors A. H. Kuntz, John Huchthausen, E. G. Nachtsheim, and E. H. Bertram and Messrs. Fuerbringer and Ellinger. Others that served during his time were Pastors H. Gamber, C. C. Niemann and O. Lottes.

He has been a member of First Trinity Lutheran of Minneapolis and for fifty years has served his congregation, having held practically every office from president down at some time or other. He was chairman of the building committee when First Trinity's new church was erected, which was dedicated in April 1953.

He vividly recalls the time when in 1924 our Lutheran Church took up the work among the Blind. Pastor A. H. Kuntz then was chairman of the Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind. Some years ago the work among the Blind was put under a separate board. Rev. Kuntz took a special interest in the work among the Blind, resigning his chairmanship and devoting himself entirely to this type of work.

With Doctor Herman Wollaeger Mr. Miller was very active in organizing the Twin Cities Mission So-

ciety, and he was one of the organizers of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society, of which he was the first president and after thirty-seven years still serving on its board of directors. Other projects and committees on which he served are too numerous to mention.

Unstintingly he gave of his time, talents, and goods, for "it was a joy to serve, because it was done unto the Lord."



Mr. J. P. Miller and His Wife, the Late Mrs. Katharine Miller

Mr. Miller is a very successful businessman, having built up a large pole and post lumber establishment. The oldest of seven children of William and Wilhelmina Utecht Miller, he was born January 8, 1881, at Sleepy Eye, Minn. He came to Minneapolis with the family when ten years old, attended First Trinity School, and is a business college graduate. He remembers all his pastors from Pastor Deubert, who baptized him, and Rev. F. Sievers, who confirmed him, unto his present pastor, Rev. C. M. Pauling.

His faithful companion was Miss Katharine M. Reichmuth, whom he

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Field gleanings

Everett, Wash. — On June 19 the officers of Bethany Lutheran Church of the Deaf were installed by Pastor J. A. Beyer. They are: **Ernest Frederickson**, president; **Vernon McGriff**, vice-president; **Edward Koshelnik**, secretary-treasurer. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as officers in a church of Christians, and we should appreciate this privilege when elected to serve the church.

St. Louis. — **The 25th anniversary of Holy Cross** Lutheran Church of the Deaf was celebrated on May 29 in connection with the meeting of the **Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference**, which met in St. Louis, May 28 to 30.

Holy Cross was organized in January 1935, under Pastor C. Schubkegel. It has become a well developed and energetic congregation. The services and the Dixie Conference were held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, at present the home of Holy Cross, until the Deaf will have their own church again. Pastor Uhlig of Jacksonville preached the anniversary sermon. He was pastor of Holy Cross from 1938 to 1945. Pastor Fr. Gyle of Miami, pastor from 1945 to 1951, and the present pastor, Rev. Wm. Rein-king, were liturgists at the Communion service. At a get-together in the evening the history of the work of our church among the Deaf in St. Louis and the story of Holy Cross were told by those who have been with the congregation for many years.

At the meetings of the Dixie Conference 26 certified delegates with almost one hundred representatives of the churches in Dixieland, including the pastors of Miami, Fla., Jackson, Miss., Houston, Tex., Memphis, Jacksonville, Ill., and St. Louis, conducted four business meetings. A constitution was adopted.

In the opening service Pastor M. Sampson of Jackson, Miss., preached the sermon. Rev. E. Oermann of Houston opened each meeting with a devotion. The general theme of the conference was "Giving Thanks Always," and a very full program of essays was enjoyed, the speakers always emphasizing the idea of thankfulness for blessings. Mr. Cl. Broecker of Jacksonville, teacher at the Illinois School for the Deaf, spoke on "Thanking God for Being a Teacher of the Deaf at a State School"; Vicar W. O. Neisch of Jacksonville, Ill., had a study of Romans 5 on "Giving Thanks"; Mr. Walter Viets, St. Louis: "Thanking for My Church"; Mrs. Rob. Bowman, Jacksonville: "Thanking for a Christian Home"; Rev. Del. Thies, Memphis: "Thanking God for the Holy Christian Church"; Mrs. F. P. Lupien, Jacksonville: "Thanking God for Women's Work in the Church"; Student Wm. Ludwig of Springfield: "Thanking God for Being a Deaf Minister of the Deaf"; Mr. Ralph Davis, Memphis: "Thanking God for Being God's Steward"; Mr. Walter Maack, Collinsville, Ill.: "Giving Thanks for the Dixie Conference."

Prof. E. C. Zimmermann of Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, was the speaker at the banquet of the Dixie Conference in the evening of May 28 at St. Stephen's Hall.

Mr. Clarence Broecker was elected as member of the Executive Board, and **Rev. Delb. Thies** as program committee for the next meeting, which is to be held, God willing, on April 28 and 29 at Jacksonville, Fla.

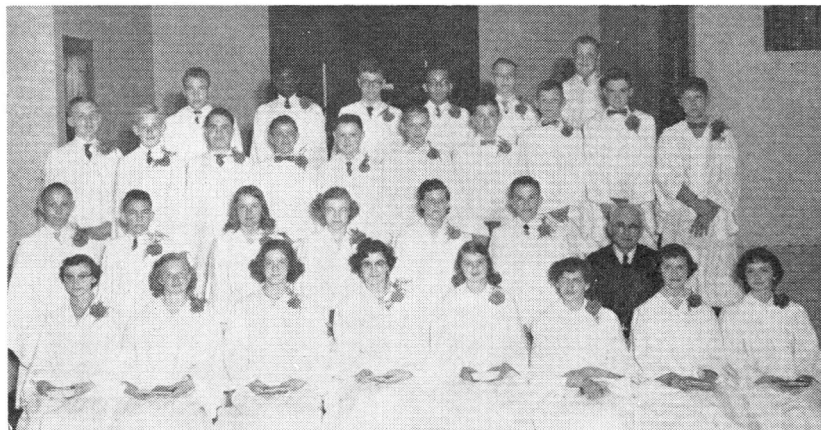
A good representation of members of Holy Cross and St. Philip's (colored) congregations attended, and the ladies of these organizations served the meals.

Omaha, Nebr. — On May 1 a class of thirty pupils of the Nebraska and of the Iowa Schools for the Deaf were accepted as members of our Lutheran Church by confirmation. Also **Mrs. Hazel McLaughlin**, teacher at the Council Bluffs school, was baptized and received as a member that day. Her daughter **Esther** was a member of the children's class. Many parents of the children were present at the service. The following, all of Nebraska, were confirmed from the Omaha School:

Glenda Drake, Kearney; **Helen Kuhl**, Osmond; **Bonnie Luedtke**, Omaha; **Marie Pace**, Chadron; **Emory Booth**, Gordon; **Dale Brazzle**, Omaha; **Allen Jackson**, Omaha; **Frederick Nichols**, Omaha; **Gary Olsen**, Grand Island; **Edward Reitz**, Gering; **Clifford Rentschler**, Fairbury; **Larry Shively**, Central City; **Gerald Zimmerman**, Omaha.

From the Council Bluffs School the following, all of Iowa, were confirmed: **Carol Bean**, Centerville; **Sharyl Du Bois**, Waterloo; **Barbara Gibson**, Council Bluffs; **Dorene Good**, Ames; **Connie Henry**, Sidney; **Esther McLaughlin**, Council Bluffs; **Rebecca Zimmerman**, Oakdale; **Boyd Brinkley**, Buffalo; **James Brown**, Ottumwa; **Gene Burnett**, Clinton; **Robert Carlson**, Armstrong; **Dicky Day**, Boone; **Lemuel Good**, Zearing; **Lynn Ohm**, Guthrie Center; **Soren Peterson**, Mason City; **Howard Stansberry**, Sioux City; **Michael Whaley**, Van Meter.

May the Triune God, whose name they confessed on that day, keep these His children faithful unto death and finally give them a crown of life in heaven.



Pastor Mappes, Omaha, and 1955 Confirmation Class from Nebraska and Iowa Schools for the Deaf



Catechism

Table of Duties

TO EMPLOYERS

Ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening; knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him. Ephesians 6:9.

God here spoke first to Christian masters of slaves. But as the words of Paul to the slaves are to be heeded by all servants, hired help, and laborers, so these words are written for Christian employers also.

Christian Employers Should Do Their Work "with Fear and Trembling"

God says to employers: "Do the same things unto them (servants)." As Christian servants and employees obey and serve their masters "with fear and trembling," lest they wrong them and displease their Lord, so also masters and employers should govern their hired help and employees "with fear and trembling," lest they, too, on their part do wrong to their workers and to their heavenly Father. And they should do their work "in singleness of heart," always seeking the welfare of their employees, "not as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

Christian Employers Also "Forbear Threatening"

They will not deal with their help in a harsh and cruel manner, nor be too hard with them, but be over them in love. They will not give their laborers as little as possible

for their day's work, but in every way seek the welfare of their employees. And they should do this "knowing that their Master also is in heaven." They have a kind Master, Jesus Christ, who is over them in love. They are to do their work with an eye to Christ. Employers and employees have the same Master who bought them with His holy precious blood from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil.

Employers, Serve the Lord Jesus!

As the Christian servants and employees serve the Lord Jesus in their daily work, so also the employers. If both capital and labor heeded these words of God, all would be well.

No Respect of Persons with God

God tells us in Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Before God the master is not greater than the servant, nor the servant greater than his master. God favors not the one over the other. All are servants of the one Master, Jesus Christ. All are children of the same heavenly Father, redeemed by the same almighty Savior, and must stand together before the judgment seat of a righteous Judge on the Last Day.

All are Equal Before God

What a blessing if every employer would bear in mind that before God all people, employers and employees,

are equal! Both are sinners and need a Savior. Jesus came not only for the employer nor only for the employee, but for one and all. This should urge every Christian employer to deal with his employees as his fellow redeemed. And, furthermore, as the servants, so also they should remember that "whatsoever

good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."

Please the Lord Jesus Always

Come, whether we be employers or employees, let us always do those things that please Him, John 8:29.

J. L. S.



Bible Quiz

How can we prove that we love God? John 14:15.

In Solomon's beautiful Temple stood a "sea," a large water basin, that measured about 16 feet across the top. How was it supported? What did these supports look like? 2 Chronicles 3:8.

Who is lying? 1 John 1:8.

What is a longer time with God, a day or a thousand years? 2 Peter 3:8.

What sad report did Paul make about almost all that had been with him in Ephesus of Asia? 2 Timothy 1:15.

Why did Paul and Barnabas at Antioch decide to turn to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and no longer preach only to the Jews? Acts 13:46.

What was the last command of Jesus before He ascended to heaven? Matthew 28:19.

Who was the first bishop of the church at Ephesus? 2 Timothy 4:22.

In what respect does God's judgment differ from man's judgment? 1 Samuel 16:7.

To which city did Lot escape when the wicked city of Sodom was destroyed by fire? Genesis 19:22.

The word "world" often means the wicked people in the world; now about what should a Christian not be surprised? 1 John 3:13.

What was the name of the Roman emperor before whom Paul was brought twice for trial? 2 Timothy 4:22.

What was the name of the king of Israel who built the first Temple at Jerusalem? 2 Chronicles 3:1.

For what does a servant wish, especially when he works in the sun on a hot day? Job 7:2.

What was the name of a Christian who was in prison with Paul in Rome? Colossians 4:10.

What must good soldiers of Jesus Christ be able to endure? 2 Timothy 2:3.

At least how many witnesses were necessary to have a death sentence imposed on a murderer? Numbers 35:30.

Why did Paul tell Timothy to drink water mixed with a little wine? 1 Timothy 5:23.

Why was the vision of the Lord to be written on tables, or, as we would say, signboards, in very large letters? Habakkuk 2:2.



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.

Thursday, September 1

Ephesians 6:1-9

Those over others as well as those under others are all under God. God wants loving obedience, and that is the key to happy relationships between children and parents and employers and employees. Note that the servants here mentioned were slaves in those days.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, let us in love live with those You have placed over us and those in our care. Amen.

Friday, September 2

Matthew 22:15-22

Every government is of God. We have duties towards the government as well as towards God. Let us be truthful and honest also in the payment of taxes and observe the laws of country and city.

Prayer: Bless our government, O Lord, that it may be fair and just, and give us an obedient heart. Amen.

Saturday, September 3

Romans 13:1-7

Government, "the higher powers that be," is of God and should protect its citizens from harm. It has power to punish evildoers even by death, and power to levy taxes. Riots and revolutions and lynchings are sinful.

Prayer: We thank You, God, for our government. Preserve us our liberties. Amen.

Sunday, September 4

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

In the church God has placed pastors, overseers. These and their message from God's Word we should respect. Let us live peacefully with them and with one another in our congregations.

Prayer: Lord, give our church officers wisdom, courage, and zeal to do their duties, and bless them. Amen.

Monday, September 5

Genesis 4:1-16

The first recorded murder began with anger that developed into hate.

Hateful thoughts bring angry words and wicked actions. Even angry thoughts and hatred are murder. Love is needed in life always.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, make us interested in seeking and protecting our brother's welfare. Amen.

Tuesday, September 6
Deuteronomy 19:1-13

Wrongs should be punished without pity. The cities of refuge gave the people a chance to give the murderers a fair trial. Nowadays sometimes the papers create much sympathy for the criminal and forget the harm he has done to the victim's family.

Prayer: O Judge Eternal, give courage and wisdom to those in charge of our courts of justice, and have mercy upon us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Wednesday, September 7
Matthew 5:21-26

Hatred is murder. We all are murderers before God. As He forgives, so we must be ready to forgive and help others to see their duty to forgive. With hate no right worship is possible.

Prayer: Lord, give us a heart that is willing to forgive others as You forgave us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday, September 8
1 John 3:11-18

Love is the answer to all problems, and it distinguishes the Christian from the unbeliever. Real love looks out for the welfare of the soul as well as of the body. Mission work as well as welfare work is necessary.

Prayer: Lord, help those that have lost their homes as a result of the

recent wars, and heal the wounds of body and soul. Amen.

Friday, September 9
James 2:14-26

People that claim to be Christians must show by acts that they are what they claim to be. Faith in Jesus makes us right before God, but works prove to others that we mean what we say.

Prayer: Bless the welfare institutions, O Lord, where tears are dried and heavy loads lifted. Amen.

Saturday, September 10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Our bodies are temples of God through faith which the Holy Ghost worked through the Word and Baptism. Let us live a clean life, for we were bought with the price of Christ's blood. So let us glorify God in our body.

Prayer: O Lord, temptations are strong and ever with us. Help us to resist them for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday, September 11
Genesis 39:6-12

Joseph would not listen to the woman's tempting words because he knew that he would be sinning against God. That is the right way to look upon sin. It is wickedness against God.

Prayer: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Monday, September 12
Matthew 5:27-32

By having a sinful desire people already commit adultery in their heart. God gave to man and woman

the desire for union, but it is proper only in marriage, and marriage is a lifelong union between husband and wife.

Prayer: Preserve, O Lord, holy matrimony, and bless family life. Amen.

Tuesday, September 13

1 Peter 3:1-7

Husbands and wives here clearly find the secret of a happy marriage: love for each other, helpful consideration for the needs of the other, and prayers for each other. "The family that prays together stays together."

Prayer: Jesus, as You blessed the couple at Cana in Galilee, be present in our home. Amen.

Wednesday, September 14

Ephesians 4:25-32

The Christian is honest in his public and private dealings. He works to have bread for himself and his family and to give bread to the hungry. He will also gladly by mission work provide the Bread of Life for those who have it not.

Prayer: Give us strength to earn our bread honestly and to share it with others. Amen.

Thursday, September 15

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Paul worked with his hands as a tentmaker to earn his living. A lazy life is neither right nor good. Paul's counsel to the people still is good: Work honestly, then God will bless your efforts.

Prayer: The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord. Give us our meat in due season. Amen.

Friday, September 16

Jeremiah 22:13-17

Honest and generous wages are here demanded for the worker. Who withholds fair wages from his worker builds his house with wrong. There will be no lasting blessing on his home.

Prayer: O Lord, grant wisdom, love, and willingness to do what is right to the hearts of employers and employees that our troubled social life may find peace. Amen.

Saturday, September 17

Psalms 5

This Psalm is a prayer for truthful speech. A person that has evil intentions and lacks love will speak harsh and hurtful words. God has no delight in such and will destroy them. We, too, must be warned against unkind and untrue speech.

Prayer: Make us truthful, O Lord, that we may not injure our neighbor nor sin against You with our mouth. Amen.

Sunday, September 18

James 3:1-12

The tongue shows what is in the heart. A man's talk indicates his thought. How necessary it is that we keep our tongue under control! It can inflict terribly painful wounds that may never heal.

Prayer: O Lord, let your love to us move us to be kind and careful in our speech to others. Amen.

Monday, September 19

1 Kings 21:1-16

King Ahab and Queen Jezebel wanted the vineyard of Naboth. Coveting, earnestly wanting that which is not ours and which we cannot obtain in an honest and fair way,

is sinful and leads to great sinful actions. Here it led to lies and murder. "Thou shalt not covet" is a command that we in our day need to observe very carefully.

Prayer: Lord, give us a contented heart that is satisfied with the blessings You give. Amen.

Tuesday, September 20

Isaiah 5:8-10

In our day of prosperity, people are anxious for great wealth and power. They try to lay their hands on all they can. Selfishness leads to unmerciful acts and then to God's punishment and loss of all.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, mercifully You give to everyone his food. Give us the spirit to share with others. Amen.

Wednesday, September 21

Ecclesiastes 4:1-8

The Preacher Solomon calls to mind the greed of so many and the tears of those that are oppressed. He tells us it is better to have a handful with quietness than both hands full with suffering and a troubled mind.

Prayer: O Lord, help those who are troubled by unkind and grasping people, and save them. Amen.

Thursday, September 22

1 Timothy 6:1-10

Money is not evil, but loving it more than God and neighbor brings all kinds of evil; temptations come, then wrongs are done, and finally come punishment and sorrow. May God give us a contented heart.

Prayer: We trust You, O Lord, to give us what we need. Free our minds from worry and care. Amen.

Friday, September 23

James 1:12-21

These golden words should be read often. Our hearts have evil wishes which result in sin and bring death. Let us remember that we are children of God through Christ, and let us put away all wickedness, believe His Word, be contented and happy.

Prayer: Lord, we thank You for having given us faith. Give us hearts that hope for the best and trust You always. Amen.

Saturday, September 24

Psalms 38

In this prayer David admits that all his troubles were caused by his sin, and he seeks forgiveness. Let us never forget that we are the cause of our own troubles. The cure is forgiveness; and the Doctor is Jesus only.

Prayer: O Lord, help us to realize that in You alone there is help for all our troubles. Amen.

Sunday, September 25

Luke 17:1-10

Let us always remember that we are servants of the Lord and beware of giving offense to others, especially to children. Let us always be ready to forgive others and realize that after we have done everything we have only done our duty and cannot claim special reward.

Prayer: Give us a humble spirit, O Lord, and let us not be proud if we are of the opinion that we have performed a thing well. Amen.

Monday, September 26

Ephesians 4:17-24

Our wicked heart, which is here called the "old man," always tries to

lead us to do the sins of the heathen. But the "new man" tries to please God with a holy life. This new man we should "put on," that means, cultivate daily.

Prayer: Father, give us a new mind which tries to do Your will as Jesus did. Amen.

Tuesday, September 27

Ephesians 5:3-20

Here is a good summary of what is wrong and should be avoided and what is right and should be done. Let us redeem the time, that means, make the best use of every chance to be engaged in Christian activity.

Prayer: O Lord, we thank You for having called us into Your church and for having given us many blessings of body and soul. Amen.

Wednesday, September 28

Romans 13:8-14

The key to a holy life is love, Christ's love for us. Now we love Him and will love others. Remem-

ber that our life is short, and its end may be very near.

Prayer: God, let every morning be a new beginning to live a life that glorifies You. Amen.

Thursday, September 29

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love is good will for others. If good will is not present, no accomplishment nor ability counts. This chapter deserves careful and prayerful reading every week.

Prayer: O Lord, give us faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Friday, September 30

1 John 5:1-12

The proof that we love God is that we respect and obey His commandments, that we accept and trust Jesus as our Savior. Then our life will be a life of love and happiness.

Prayer: O Savior, thanks to You for having saved us. Keep us in faith, and help us to bring others to You. Amen.

A Faithful Servant

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married in 1902. After almost fifty years of happy life she died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1951 while they were visiting their children in California. He had four children. Two of his sons, Chester and Laurence, are wholesalers in pole and post lumber businesses. His daughter, Miss Florence Miller, keeps his home at 1104 S. Vincent Ave., Minneapolis. His eldest son, Walter, died at age of 46. He has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The latter, Wallace, John, and Patricia Miller, are descendants from the line of his deceased son Walter and are living in California.

This is in brief the story of a long and useful activity of a respected man to whom our Lutheran Church and the Deaf owe much and who is beloved and highly respected by his fellow men on the various boards, by his fellow congregation members, and by the pastors who preach to the Deaf. Our prayer is that the Lord may keep Mr. Miller in His grace, continue to bless and use him and finally reward him with the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

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