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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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The 1957 Ephphatha Conference Meeting

Ephphatha Conference met July 5 to 9 at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. It was opened with a Communion service in Grace Lutheran Church (Dr. O. A. Geiseman, pastor), which church adjoins the college. Rev. N. E. Borchardt of Detroit preached the sermon on 2 Cor. 3:4-6, on the basis of which text he set forth the three qualifications of a Christian preacher: faith, humility, and trust. When men like the consecrated apostle Paul, speaking by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, set forth the qualifications of the high office, it makes the ordinary pastor very humble, especially when he compares himself with Paul and hears of the great responsibility and honor which a Christian preacher has. "Whoever knows God will be humble, and whoever knows himself will not be proud," said Rev. Borchardt.

The conference was attended by 35 of the 40 pastors of the Deaf. The Pastors DeLaney, Mappes, Bauer, Beyer, and Ring could not be present on account of illness or conflicting duties. The Board of Missions to Deaf was represented by the Chairman, Rev. Wm. Buege, and Pastor Schroeder, Mr. J. P. Miller, and the Executive Secretary, Dr. J. L. Salvner. A number of new members were welcomed, namely Pastors Gene Merrell, Indianapolis; Wayne C. Bottlinger, Memphis; and Vicars L. R. Jasper, Boston; Wm. Ludwig, Twin Cities, Minn.; and Rodney Rynearson, Chicago. Interested visitors were Mr. Melvin Luebke, Headmaster of the Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, and Rev. Robert M. Corl, Jr., of Oak Harbor, Ohio, and a number of

spouses of workers who had come with their husbands.

Rev. Wm. Hausmann was chaplain and opened each session with a devotion.

A workshop on "Social Work Among the Deaf" was the topic of the first afternoon. Topics such as the following were discussed: To what extent are pastors to the Deaf able to act in nonpastoral capacity? How can the Deaf be assisted vocationally? Hints, helps, and procedures in legal interpreting for the Deaf. Making full use of community agencies. Men well-prepared to bring out very helpful suggestions led the discussions.

On the program for the first evening session were Dr. Richard Buckingham, an otologist of Chicago, who spoke on "The Physical Anatomy of the Ear and the Physical Causes and Results of Deafness," and Dr. Sophie Sloman, a psychiatrist, who spoke on "The Mental Health of the Clergy." Dr. Buckingham presented interesting slides, illustrating the points of his topic, and Dr. Sloman urged that the pastor take good care of his body and mind, suggesting diversified activity and work-free days in order to keep alert for the important work a pastor must perform.

The Saturday sessions were devoted to the discussion of a number of topics, such as public relations, working in state schools, enlisting and training lay Bible class leaders, and a survey of the use of liturgies in our services. Considerable time was given to the signing of sections of the Bible, namely, Psalm 19, Romans 8:18-23, and Luke 6:36-42. In the afternoon session Headmaster

Melvin Luebke of the Mill Neck School for the Deaf gave a report; the enrollment at present was given as 82. The Regional Representatives of the Board of Missions to Deaf gave their report on the progress of the work in their Districts.

There were no sessions held on Sunday morning. Members of the conference attended services in the two Deaf Lutheran congregations or served as guest preachers in hearing Chicago churches. In the afternoon session a workshop on "Evangelism" was held. A word study on "Witnessing" was given, and suggestions for making members witness-conscious were presented. In a panel discussion the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching programs were treated, and helpful points brought out. The great importance of prayer in the work of evangelization was emphasized. It was shown that even socials can be used to advantage to witness for Christ. To witness for Christ simply means to speak up for Jesus and to bring the knowledge of salvation through faith in Christ to the attention of those who know not the way to heaven or have gone astray.

Another important workshop was that on "Soul-Keeping." Are we as interested in keeping souls as we are in gaining them? What role does the pastor's personality play in keeping and feeding the souls? How can we keep the young Deaf in the church? How can we best gain those again who have gone astray?

Visual aids came in for a good demonstration. Chalk talks, slides, filmstrips, flannelgraphs, and pictures were discussed; and various types of projectors were presented

and the good features or disadvantages pointed out.

Officers elected for a term of two years are: Rev. Clark Bailey, chairman; Rev. Don. Simon, vice-chairman; Rev. Theo. DeLaney, secretary. Rev. Wm. Hausmann served as secretary pro tempore in the absence of Rev. Theo. DeLaney, who was unable to be present because of the fact that he was serving in an action to gain better insurance laws for the Deaf of California.

The next session of Ephphatha Conference is to be held next year, the selection of time and place of the meeting being left to the Board of Missions to Deaf and the executive officers of Ephphatha Conference.

The sessions were held in the old chapel of Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, and the delegates were housed in dormitories of the college.

It was a very stimulating and interesting conference. W. O. N.

Some Striking Statements Made at the Sessions of the Ephphatha Conference

"Whoever knows God will be humble, and whoever knows himself will not be proud."

"Hold up the Gospel of Jesus Christ with humility and with zeal, but never with apology."

"We must remember that some things which seem unimportant to a pastor in an interview with a person may be the most important thing in that person's life at that specific time; and a failure to show a sincere interest may mean a failure to gain or hold that person for Christ."

Two Memorable Days

Two important days stand out in the memory of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne C. Bottlinger and of the Deaf of Oklahoma City and Memphis.

The first one of these days was June 16. At three o'clock on that



The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne C. Bottlinger

Sunday afternoon Miss Bernice Shedeck came down the aisle of Zion Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City to the waiting young man who received her in marriage. They stood before the altar and heard the associate pastor of Zion Lutheran, Rev. Norman Behrmann, speak words of counsel and wisdom in a sermonette. Then Rev. Marlin Sampson, pastor of Christ Deaf Church to which the bride belonged, performed the marriage rite. The entire service was interpreted in sign language for the benefit of the Deaf by Mrs. Robert Coder, a hearing member of Christ Church. A re-

ception in the church parlors followed.

The bride, who is deaf, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shedeck of Yukon, Okla., and the groom, Rev. Wayne C. Bottlinger, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ermin Bottlinger of Hamilton, Tex. He is a graduate of Concordia Junior College of Austin, Tex., and of Saint John's College, Winfield, Kans., and of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He met his bride when he vicared in Oklahoma City.

The second memorable day was July 21. On that day, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Memphis, Rev. Wayne C. Bottlinger was ordained and installed as pastor of Grace Deaf Church and Peace Deaf Church of Memphis. Rev. Everett Grese of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Memphis read the installation service which was interpreted in signs by Rev. William F. Reinking, pastor of Holy Cross Deaf Church, Saint Louis, who delivered the sermon.

Grace Deaf Church gave a luncheon at noon of that day, and Peace Deaf Church served at the reception that followed the service.

Rev. Bottlinger serves the Northern Dixie Field of which the two Memphis churches are the head-quarter churches. The parsonage is at 3765 Tutwiler Ave.

May the Lord of the vineyard richly bless the work of the new pastor of the Northern Dixie Field and may God's blessing rest upon the home and lives of Rev. and Mrs. Bottlinger.

God is our Refuge and Strength,
a very present Help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

School Days

September brings the reopening of schools and the beginning of another period of intensified activity in churches and Sunday schools. Mothers are happy to enjoy a few hours of quiet in the home while the children are in the classrooms.

Deaf parents having hearing children have a greater problem than hearing parents have. It is all the more important that the parents make full use of the advantages which the schools offer. God has placed upon parents the responsibility to bring up the children "in the nurture [training and discipline] and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Parents should never try to get away from their responsibility by expecting the teachers in the schools and Sunday schools to take care of this training for them. Nevertheless it is a fact that teachers have a great opportunity to strengthen this training. It is therefore very important that teachers have a good character and that they be well qualified to teach.

Religion is necessary to obtain and develop a Christian character. Recently newspapers carried large headlines with the name of Leopold featured. He had applied for a pardon from a state penitentiary for killing a boy named Frank. But the governor refused to pardon him. Leopold and Loeb were children of well-to-do families and had gotten all the advantages of a "good" education, but one in which religion was left out. This shows that it is a mistake to train the head and the hand of a child and not the heart.

Our Lutheran congregations have throughout the years tried to make sure that their children receive

a good Christian education. They have therefore maintained church schools in which daily instruction in the Word of God is an important part. Much money is needed to maintain these schools.

Sometimes people say that by maintaining a church school we condemn the public school system. But this is not true. We support and defend the system of public schools, for a state must insist upon having the children instructed in secular knowledge, so that they may become intelligent citizens. Since religion is an important part of a Christian's life, however, and since the state can not support any one religion or teach its doctrines in the common schools, many of our congregations have maintained their own schools. In these schools the secular branches of knowledge are taught on the required level of the public schools. In addition religion comes in for its daily fair share. Other denominations are also establishing church schools similar to ours.

Many intelligent people admit that our system of church schools helps to keep down the expense of maintaining public schools. This was shown several years ago in the city of Shawano, Wis., when the Lutheran school was destroyed by fire and over 300 children could have been thrown upon the city school system. The city administration begged that the Lutheran school be rebuilt, because the city would have had to erect another large school to care for the additional children.

But the point for deaf parents with hearing children is this: Give

your children a good education, and if you can send them to a good Lutheran school in addition to the Sunday school, you will not be sorry. You will find the teachers very understanding and helpful and that will be a great relief for you.

The Illness of Rev. E. Mappes

Our readers will be anxious to hear that Rev. Ernest Mappes of Omaha is recovering from a heart attack that he suffered on May 31. In a telephone conversation with the Editor the last days of July he reported that he has been making good progress, but that the doctor wants him to have several more months of rest before taking up his work again. He was in the hospital seven weeks and two days. He now is at home and able to move about carefully.

God has blessed the recovery; but Pastor Mappes still is a very sick man, and we must not forget to remember him and his faithful wife in our prayers. Praying is one form of help that all can render, no matter where they may be.

Pastors of the Deaf in the area adjoining Pastor Mappes' field of labor have been helping out. Especially Dr. Salvner has made a number of trips to preach for Rev. Mappes, and he will continue to do so, despite the fact that he had the care of Grace Deaf Church in Minneapolis after Rev. Bremer's departure. Rev. Stacy of Des Moines is helping, as is Rev. A. E. Ferber who is to be the guest missionary in the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Week of Evangelism that is scheduled to be conducted in the Omaha area soon.

This illness, with its discomfort for the many stations of Rev. Mappes' field, gives a very clear lesson, showing how important the work of a pastor of the Deaf is. Sometimes some of the people of a territory think or say that the pastor of the Deaf, or for that matter of any congregation, is not important and really not very necessary; but let happen what happened with Rev. Mappes and they feel how vital it is to have a faithful and dependable pastor. A number of parishes have found this out. Let us never forget to thank God for faithful and dependable pastors.

In order to gain more space for news items and other articles of general interest we shall not bring special devotions henceforth, but rather refer our readers to the "Portals of Prayer" published by Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., Saint Louis 18, Mo., where they may be ordered (50¢ for 1 year, \$1 for 2 years) and will be sent postpaid directly to your address. Copies usually are obtainable also from your pastor.

Also available are the daily Bible readings as selected and submitted by the Board for Parish Education, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, 210 N. Broadway, Saint Louis 2, Mo. There may be ordered the quarterly pamphlet "Light for Your Way" from which we shall henceforth bring the readings for the month of issue.

The Northwest Lutheran Deaf Conference

July 19—21, 1956, were happy days for the Deaf of the Northwest, who were able to come to beautiful Lutherland on Lake Killarney, near Tacoma, Wash. The success of the meeting at that pine-crowned spot with its wonderful "old swimmin' hole" and the congenial people of silence studying the Bible hard and then playing just as hard, lured many. Mr. James M. Lowell, president of the Northwest Conference, was chairman of the camp committee which had arranged for a very fine balanced program. The theme was "Fishers of Men," and Rev. Arnold T. Jonas of Los Angeles set

forth in several chapters the duty, work, and joy of those whom Christ has called to be His own and His workers. Pastor Jonas was preacher in the Sunday morning service concluding the conference. Friday and Saturday evening were spent in instruction and recreation, as movies, slides, talks, skits, "magic" tricks, etc., made the hours fly. The Deaf of our church in the Northwest are fortunate to have available such a fine spot for their annual camp, and they have been building up a tradition which can't but draw an ever-increasing number of satisfied Deaf to come and work and play the Christian way.

IN our country freedom of religion must not mean freedom *from* religion.



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Readings for September

September 1 — Isaiah 40
September 2 — Proverbs 3:1-26
September 3 — Proverbs 4
September 4 — Deuteronomy 11:18-32
September 5 — 2 Chronicles 17:1-11
September 6 — Isaiah 48
September 7 — Luke 3:1-18
September 8 — Psalm 84
September 9 — Luke 4:1-32
September 10 — Luke 5:1-26
September 11 — Luke 11:1-13
September 12 — John 7
September 13 — John 8

September 14 — Acts 18
September 15 — John 14
September 16 — 1 Timothy 1
September 17 — 1 Timothy 3
September 18 — 1 Timothy 4
September 19 — 1 Timothy 5
September 20 — 1 Timothy 6
September 21 — 2 Timothy 1
September 22 — Joshua 1
September 23 — Titus 1
September 24 — Titus 2
September 25 — Titus 3
September 26 — 2 Samuel 18
September 27 — 1 Samuel 3
September 28 — Acts 17
September 29 — Psalm 46
September 30 — Isaiah 55



In Debt to God

Our Christian giving is not a matter of "charity" as church people sometimes think. Too often we think that we are doing God and the preacher a *favor* when we give time, talent, or money for church. But our giving is not doing a favor to God; it is paying what we *owe*. It is our way of saying *thanks* to God for all the things He gives us. We do not "give" the storekeeper or the garageman the amount of the bill due him; we *owe* him for the services and goods received. "Render unto Caesar [civil government] the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's," says Jesus (Matt. 22:21). So in our "giving" we are debtors, *owers*.

Even the best and most faithful stewards are still called "unprofitable" stewards by our Lord Jesus, for they have done nothing more than their *duty*, saying in Luke 17:10: "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are *commanded* you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was *our duty* to do."

God will never be indebted to us. All the world is His, and so are we and all that we have. We are now, and always will be, *indebted to God*. St. Paul shows this very clearly and beautifully when he asks, 1 Cor. 4:7:

"What hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory [boast] as if thou hadst not received it?" *Pulled by the magnetic love of Christ*, "offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the Most High." (Ps. 50:14)

Here is a little story that helps to show how much in debt to God we really are. Years ago a southern plantation owner was attracted by the sobs of a slave girl who was about to step on the auction block. When her turn came, he bought her for a high price. When the auction was over, the clerk came to her and gave her the bill of sale over which the plantation owner had written in large letters: "Free." All the other slaves were taken away and she was left standing by herself. As the clerk was about to leave she came to him and wanted to know the name of her benefactor, for, she said: "I must find him; he has bought me and I must serve him the rest of my life." — Are our hearts thrilled that we are no longer Satan's slaves but have been bought — redeemed — by *Christ's* precious blood? Our Redeemer *expects* gratitude from us, and we *owe* it to Him. We are to serve *Him* by love in our stewardship life.

AUGUST L. HAUPTMAN



Know Your Bible

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The prophets, or “speakers” (that spoke what was revealed to them), also called “seers” (that saw what would happen in the future), and the apostles got by direct inspiration of the Holy Ghost what they spoke and wrote. But the priests and the Levites — and in the New Testament the bishops, preachers, evangelists, or whatever they are called today — taught what they learned from the Bible, written by the prophets and apostles.

In our Bible the first of the Major, or greater, Prophets is Isaiah. He was the son of Amoz (not the prophet Amos). According to the reported stories of the Jews, he was the brother of King Amaziah of Judah. Isaiah lived in the 7th century before Christ. There is a great variation among the dates of the Old Testament, but recent figuring places his dates between 700 and 584 B. C. According to Hebrew legend, he was killed in the persecution under King Manasseh. It is said he hid in a hollow mulberry tree, and the king ordered it sawed through.

Isaiah’s message was a grand one about the coming Savior and His glorious kingdom of peace in the New Testament. The book is one of the grandest in the Bible. He lived in a time of unfaithfulness of the people toward God. He spoke hard words of the Law against wickedness (chap. 1:2-15), but he always pointed to the remedy: sorrow for

sins and faith in the Lord. Wonderfully sweet are his Gospel messages. He told of the birth of Jesus, the Son of the Virgin Mary (ch. 7:14) and the Prince of Peace (ch. 9:2-7); the Good Shepherd, who comes right after John’s voice in the wilderness (ch. 40:1-11); the Servant of the Lord, who is despised and rejected and died as man’s Substitute. Ch. 53 is the most glorious chapter of the Old Testament. As we read it now, knowing the story of the Lord’s suffering and death, Isaiah’s description reads as if he had been standing in the crowd before Pilate and under the cross and at the same time had seen the fruit of Christ’s work in the march of the Cross through the centuries. Isaiah even mentions the ships that brought the missionaries to the islands of the seas, as doves flying through the blue sky (ch. 60:8). In short, if the people of old had had no other book except Isaiah, they still could have had a clear picture of Jesus and His work. U.

Why did Naomi with Ruth and Orpah, her daughter-in-law, return to Bethlehem-Judah from the land of Moab? Ruth 1:6.

What cheers up a person who is worried about a friend in a distant land? Proverbs 25:25.

Why are foolish people afflicted with trouble? Psalm 107:17.



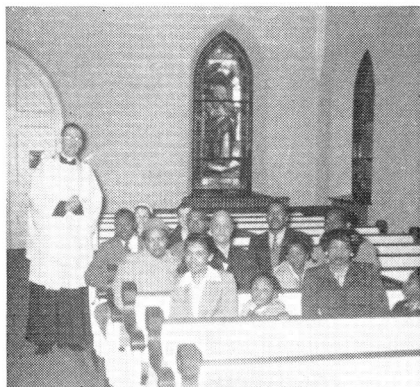
Field Gleanings

Niagara Falls, Ont.—St. Paul's Lutheran Church was the scene of a pretty wedding Sunday afternoon, August 18, when **Vicar Louis R. Jasper** and **Miss Joan Helen Weissbach** exchanged marriage vows before the bride's father, the Rev. Max C. Weissbach, pastor of the church. The bride, a graduate of Concordia Collegiate Institute of Bronxville, N. Y., was employed as private secretary in the DuPont offices in Buffalo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rud. Jasper of Bethpage, Long Island, N. Y., and is serving the New England Deaf Field until next June. Then he plans to return to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to complete his theological studies. After the marriage ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. The couple lives at 51 Royal St., Boston 34, Mass. May God bless this union.

New York, N. Y.—On May 19 St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf observed the 45th anniversary of the founding of our Lutheran Mission work for the Deaf in New York. Services were held at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. With gratitude to God we praised His goodness during these 45 years, recounting His blessings. Several members of the first class confirmed by the sainted Pastor Arthur Boll 44 years ago were present. A fine banquet, attended by sixty persons, was enjoyed after the afternoon service. A special offering for the Debt Reduction Fund exceeded \$700. Displays showed the many activities of

the church during the past years through pictures and objects. May God continue to bless the work of the faithful pastors that have served from the beginning until the present time among the Deaf of New York.—On June 2, in a confirmation service conducted jointly by Pastors D. E. Simon and W. J. Hausmann, **Robert Van Horst**, **Dorothy Linneman**, and **Cynthia Kotchin** became members of the Lutheran Church. The two young ladies were instructed by Pastor Hausmann in his classes at the Lexington School, and Robert attended Pastor Simon's class at Public School No. 47. Cynthia is now a member of the Yonkers Mission, and Robert and Dorothy belong to St. Matthew's, where the confirmation service was held. Pastor Hausmann on April 21 received into the Hartford Mission **Mr. William Brandt**, whom he had instructed. May God, who has led these people into faith through His Holy Spirit, keep them true to their confirmation vow until our Lord Jesus comes again to receive them into the heavenly kingdom.—June 1 **Miss Mary McLaughlin**, a member of St. Matthew's, and **Jay Dee Grant**, a member of St. Mark's, were married at the altar of St. Mark's by Pastor Hausmann. God bless their union.—The Conference of American Educators of the Deaf in June was attended by Pastor Simon and Headmaster Melvin Luebke of the Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Trenton, N. J.—On March 17, the group in Trenton, N. J., met and chose a name for itself — **Lutheran Deaf Church of the Nativity**. It is interesting to note that this new



Pastor Gerhold and Lutheran Deaf Church of the Nativity, Trenton, N. J.

group chose this name, because it will give them an opportunity to explain to their brothers and sisters in the deaf world the meaning of "nativity": the birthday of Jesus. And from that they can tell that the Savior came into the world to suffer and die for our sins. An interesting additional note is that on Christmas 1954 a group of four were locked out of the Savior's Lutheran Church and worshiped the newborn Savior in a Ford car in front of the church.

Denver, Colo.—The home of **Rev. and Mrs. Clark Bailey** was on June 23 blessed with a second son, **Andrew David**, who weighed almost nine pounds at birth. Congratulations and God's blessing!

Villard, Minn.—On August 4 merry wedding bells rang at Villard when **Deaconess Mary Elizabeth Andert** and **Rev. Gene E. Merrell** became united in holy matrimony at St. John's Lutheran Church. Miss Andert, a graduate of Valparaiso University, served as a deaconess at

the State Home for Feeble-minded at Grafton, N. Dak., and as parish deaconess at Grosse Pointe, Mich. Rev. Merrell, graduate of St. Louis Lutheran High, St. John's College of Winfield, Kans., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, vicared at Mexico City two years and held summer vicarages at Bethesda Home in Wauertown, Wis., and at Glacier Park, Mont. The couple will live in Indianapolis, where Rev. Merrell will be installed as pastor of Peace Lutheran Deaf Church August 25. May He who instituted marriage for the benefit of mankind bless this couple richly.

Cutler, Ill.—**Mrs. Edward J. Lutker**, nee Esther Kraft, passed away after a lingering illness on July 7 and was buried July 9 at Cutler. She attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf at Detroit in her youth and had learned to know her Savior there. She was a member of Pastor Reinking's flock.

Washington, D. C.—On May 4 **Miss Irene Almendinger** was joined in marriage with **Mr. Herbert R. Lyons**. Mr. Lyons, a hearing man, is well acquainted with deafness as he comes from a family in which a member is deaf. May God bless these newlyweds who reside at 25 Kennedy St., Washington 11, D. C.

Tallahassee, Fla.—We are only a few in number; but we do appreciate the fact that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is helping us through the services of the Board of Missions to Deaf so that we have the chance to hear God's Word which Rev. W. O. Neisch brings to us regularly.—**Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence** are happy because **Alton David** came to them May 11 to give their daughter a little brother for



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Zion Lutheran Church where conference
was held

company; he weighed almost seven pounds.

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Memphis, Tenn. — Sorrow and joy enter the lives of men, and so happy and sad events make up the story from the North Dixie Field. **Mr. Clarence Olinger** of Nashville died after a long illness, and **Mr. Emmett Blackwelder** of Anniston, Ala., passed away suddenly from a blood clot. These friends will be missed; but we have the blessed comfort of God's promise of eternal life with Him in heaven. In Florence, Ala., **Mr. and Mrs. Strickland Rowe** were blessed with the gift of a healthy son, **Gregory Allen**; and in Memphis **Mr. and Mrs. James Blackman** rejoice over the coming of a **new daughter**, who was placed in the arms of Jesus by Baptism May 26. — **Vicar and Mrs. Herman Graef** have returned to St. Louis, where he will complete his theological training at Concordia Seminary and be graduated in June 1958, and Rev. and Mrs. Wayne C. Bottlinger come now to serve the North Dixie Field as a permanent pastor. Vicar Graef's work has been a source of great joy and blessing to this field, and may

the Lord similarly bless the labor of Rev. Bottlinger.

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Sunday, May 5, **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conn** were added to the list of members of Christ Lutheran Church of Deaf by confirmation by Pastor M. Sampson. And at Sapulpa, Okla., **Mr. William Lee Thomas** was baptized by Rev. Sampson on May 19, and **Mrs. Thomas** joined the Lutheran Church by confirmation June 2. May the Lord's blessing rest upon these new members, and may their example lead others to confess their faith in the Lord and become affiliated with the Lutheran Church. M. J. S.

St. Augustine, Fla. — Eleven children were enrolled in a very successful one-week session of vacation Bible school conducted here by Pastor W. O. Neisch of Jacksonville, May 27 to 31. Last year only four children were enrolled. Miss Josephine Olson and Miss Christine Olson, both of whom are teachers at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, each taught one group; and Mrs. B. S. Searson, mother of one of the pupils, assisted with the little ones. A program was given for parents and friends on Friday night.

Great Falls, Mont. — Seven pupils of the Montana School for the Deaf, having been instructed by Rev. A. L. Hauptman, were by him confirmed on May 19. They are: **Carol Gosso, Karen Brown, Sharon Skogas, Mary Smith, Russell Kellmer, James Pedersen, and Lawrence Weese.** May the Lord's blessing be on them through life. — June 23 the Montana Lutheran Deaf Conference was held at Billings. "Witnessing for Christ" was the theme, which was treated from the various angles that must be observed if we would make the most of our opportunities to tell others about the Savior. The Deaf have a particular duty as well as opportunity to become testifying workers; for there are many Deaf that do not have any interest in religion, and many Deaf have little chance to go to church regularly. The program was held at Trinity

(hearing) Church, while the lunch and the social activities of the day were in Pioneer Park. Miss Beulah McFarland was in charge of the local arrangements; Victor Lyons is chairman of the conference.

A. F. H.

Jacksonville, Fla. — On Sunday afternoon, May 5, **Mrs. Willie Young** of Jacksonville and **Mr. O. Keith Sandager** of St. Augustine had planned to be married privately by the pastor of the Deaf, but many well-wishing friends surprised them by attending the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Florence Powell, the bride's sister, and Mr. Eugene Kurtz, a friend of the couple, stood as attendants. The groom's mother and Bruce, 11-year-old son of Mrs. Young, were also special witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Sandager are making their home in St. Augustine, where Keith works as a printer.



Parish Hall of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis. Entrance to church and hall in center of picture; church is to left, hidden behind bulletin board



View showing nave of Holy Cross, St. Louis, Church and Congregation on Dedication Sunday

Des Moines, Ia. — **David Harold Hagen**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hagen, received Holy Baptism on May 12, and **Patrick Joseph Dempewulf**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dempewulf, was baptized June 1 by Pastor Stacy. May the good Lord keep these children in their baptismal grace. During June Pastor Stacy officiated at the marriage of three couples: June 1 **Miss Patricia Deye and Mr. Donald Cook** were united. They will live in California. June 23 **Miss Carol Englehorn and Mr. Kenneth MacDonald** were married. They make their home in Waterloo, Ia., where Mr. MacDonald is employed. On June 29 **Miss Sharon Hagen**, hearing daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hagen of Ames, was joined in wedlock with **Mr. James Mott** of Cedar Rapids at Ames. For the benefit of both the Deaf and the hearing friends present these services were signed and orally spoken by Rev.

Stacy. May God bless these newly established homes, and may these people and all married people remember that "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." — Rev. Stacy will assist Pastor Mappes with his work at Council Bluffs and Omaha until the latter recovers from his present illness.

Jacksonville, Ill. — When the editor of the Deaf Lutheran dropped in at the parsonage of Christ for the Deaf Chapel on July 16 he was joyfully informed by the four brothers and the four sisters of the family of **Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Thies** that they had gotten a new sister on that morning, **Patricia Ann**, the girls being particularly gleeful that they now were in the majority. May God bless the newcomer with the other members of the family.

REST in the Lord, wait patiently for Him. Psalm 37:7.



Bible Quiz

Isaac's son Jacob was the father of Joseph, who became ruler in Egypt, but who was the father of Joseph, who married Mary, the mother of Jesus? Matthew 1:16.

At what time of the year did Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem from the land of Moab? Ruth 1:22.

What did Paul say to the Jews who claimed that if people were not circumcised, they could not be saved? Galatians 5:6.

How does God help people that are in trouble for their sins? Psalm 107:20.

What must we always remember about money and riches? Proverbs 27:24.

What did Naomi wish to be called when she returned to Bethlehem as a widow? Ruth 1:20.

What is like an apple of gold in a beautifully decorated silver dish? Proverbs 25:11.

What was the answer to the riddle (Judges 14:5-14) which Samson asked the Philistines? Verse 18.

How did the Philistines "plow with Samson's heifer" in order to get the answer to Samson's riddle? Judges 14:17.

Who can best understand the loving-kindness of the Lord? Psalm 107:43.

What must we do about our sins when we ask for mercy? Proverbs 28:13.

When do bitter things taste sweet to a person? Proverbs 27:7.

How did Absalom, David's wicked son, die as he was riding in flight and his head got caught in a fork of the branches of a tree? 2 Samuel 18:9, 14.

How did the high priest Aaron die? Numbers 20:28.

Who became high priest after Aaron's death? Numbers 20:28.

What should people remember who would like to fight about something with another? Proverbs 25:8, 25:8.

What will they have who drink much and long? Proverbs 23:29, 30.

What salary did Micah promise to the Levite whom he wanted to hire to become a priest in his house? Judges 17:10.

The Jewish historian Josephus mentions the story that David's son Absalom's hair got caught in the branches of the oak while fleeing, but how does the Bible describe it? 2 Samuel 18:9.

What was odd about one of the four sons of the giant Goliath? 2 Samuel 21:20.

What did the name Maher-shalal-hash-baz ("he hurries to take the spoil, he speeds to seize the prey"), given by Isaiah to his son, tell the people about the king of Assyria? Isaiah 8:4.

What was the carving tool called that men used to carve words in very big letters on tablets or scrolls? Isaiah 8:1.