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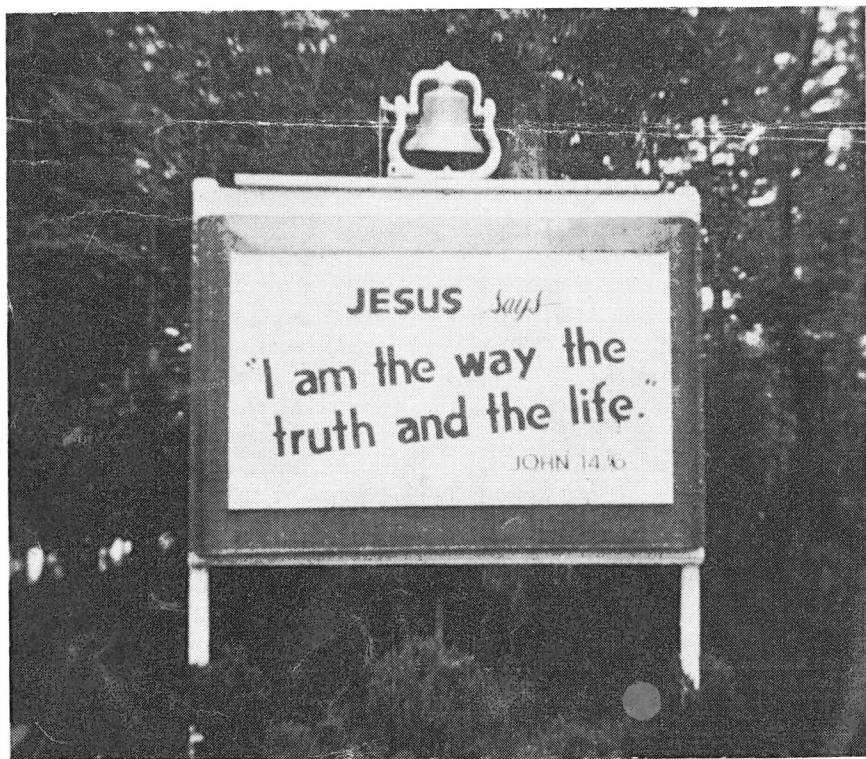
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Miss Gladys Schaulis of Somerset, Pa., took this picture of the bell at Camp Pioneer, Angola, N. Y., the camp of the Lutheran Laymen's League of the Eastern District

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Farewell, Rev. Buege

At the Minnesota District convention last August the chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, Rev. Wm. A. Buege of Christ Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, was elected to the office of a Vice-President. But inasmuch as the constitution of Synod prevents anyone from holding two elective synodical offices, he chose to resign as a member of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, having served seven years as chairman.

We regret to see Pastor Buege leave the Board. He has given much time to the work and has been an excellent, thoughtful leader. We thank him for his services and wish him God's continued blessing in his new office. We know that he will never lose his interest in the Deaf and Missions to the Deaf and hope to be able in a later issue to tell our readers more about him and his work as a member of the Board for Missions to the Deaf of our Synod.

Editor Moves Again

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This is the new address of the Editor. It is the eighth address in the last fourteen months. It may seem as though he likes to move around, which is a bad thing for an editor who should have a fairly fixed address. His activity last year as missionary at large gave him several addresses in Indianapolis, Jackson, Miss., and Boston. His plan to live in retirement with his son, Rev. Walter D. Uhlig, at Pleasant Plains, Ill., had to be changed when the latter recently was called to teach history and religion at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., where teachers are instructed for

our Christian day schools. So it meant moving again, this time to Overland, a suburb of St. Louis, which is very convenient, as the DEAF LUTHERAN is published at Saint Louis. He lives at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Braun, whose husband recently went to a hospital for what may be a prolonged stay; and here the Editor can do his work very well, watching the house while Mrs. Braun must go to work and the three children, ages 6, 8, and 10, attend school. It is not the most convenient thing for correspondents to note a new address for the Editor; but neither is it a pleasure to move; so let's remember that you can always find address and phone number of the Editor at the bottom of the second page of the DEAF LUTHERAN, where the names of the pastors of the Deaf are always given.

Good News from Delavan, Wis.

The chapel for the deaf children of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan and for the congregation of Lutheran Deaf of that city is gradually coming nearer. As was noted some time ago, a parcel of ground at Walworth and Walnut Sts., opposite the campus of the School, has been bought for \$8,000. Plans for the building have been drawn and approved. On June 9, 1957, ground-breaking ceremonies were held. The basement has been dug and the foundation made, and by the time this message is being read by the readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN good progress will have been made in the erection of the building.

Synod through the Board for Missions to the Deaf has granted and

remitted \$20,000. The cost of the structure is set at \$67,000. The Deaf of the area are collecting funds, and appeals have been made to the congregations of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

At the convention of the South Wisconsin District June 24—28 Pastor Martin G. Kosche was given fifteen minutes to present the matter. Two deaf boys from his classes, Ronald Arneson and Michael Schwebke, were with him, and he demonstrated the work with them and signed some prayers and hymns to the 400 delegates. August 12—15 the North Wisconsin District met at Merrill, and here also Rev. Kosche, with Stephen Boettcher and Mary Ann Barton of Wausau, gave a talk and demonstration. A number of pastors have asked for promotional literature and have promised to get help for the Delavan project from their congregations and from individuals.

Members of the Lutheran deaf groups in the state are at work also to contribute and to gather funds so that this important building can soon be erected. We appeal to deaf and hearing friends in other states to show interest and to help according to ability so that success can soon crown this fine cause.

To our hearing friends especially we would say that helping deaf children to learn better and oftener about the Savior is the finest way of saying thank you to God for the gift which He gives parents in that their children are able to hear and speak. We often forget that we are in a sense richer than millionaires if we can hear and speak, for when speech and hearing are taken away no amount of money can buy them. So let us help those parents whose chil-

dren cannot speak or hear, so that they still may learn regularly about Christ. Now Wisconsin is at work; several states have been supplied; perhaps your own state may need and should get such a building. So, let's all help Wisconsin now!

An Evening Prayer

"Now I lay me down to sleep;
I pray the Lord the souls to keep
Of other children far away
Who have no homes in which to stay,
Nor know where is their daily bread,
Nor where at night to lay their head,
But wander in a broken land,
Alone and helpless — take their
hand. Amen."

This little prayer, beginning with the familiar first line and reminding of others less fortunate than we are ourselves, is by Mrs. Marlin Sampson, the wife of Pastor Sampson of Oklahoma City. We copied it from the bulletin of Pastor Rohe of Rochester, who printed it, having gotten it from Mrs. Sampson at the recent meeting of Ephphatha Conference. It is a fact that those who have had crosses to bear feel more with others in trouble than do those who have no particular troubles. That's why the Lord puts crosses upon us: to make us feel the load of trouble and to teach us to pray for others as we take our own troubles to the ever-open ear of God. Mrs. Sampson herself has become totally deaf; the youngest of their five children has had to undergo several operations to overcome a defect of the face; their second-youngest child, a sweet girl, is a polio victim. Why not think of her and her family when you lay yourself down to sleep, and learn to help "bear the burden" of others

to the throne of grace? There are so many loads to lift, so many tears to dry in this world, that one has really many chances to "pray without ceasing" for the spiritual and bodily needs of our fellow men. That will have the great blessing for those that pray thus, that their own troubles will grow less in their own mind and eyes and charity—love—for God and others will increase and give them inward peace through Him who "bore our griefs and carried our sorrows" and who washed us from our sins with His own blood.

"Choose You This Day"

Joshua spoke these words to the Children of Israel after he had led them over the River Jordan to the Promised Land; but they soon preferred to mind other things than God's Word and the duties that He wanted to be done. These words come to mind as one reads words which Pastor Stacy of Des Moines wrote in a recent bulletin, and they express a great truth which should be remembered also by the Deaf. The article is:

"The Clear Lake picnic of the Mason City group certainly cut into the attendance at Des Moines and Cedar Falls. Those who came to

church in Des Moines did not plan to go to the Clear Lake picnic, and some of those who came to Cedar Falls preferred to wait until after church before going to the picnic. Some even turned down the picnic so they could be at church. This is a wonderful showing of a strong faith which finds food for the soul more needful than pleasure and food for the body. The pastor has spoken about this many times, and it seems that some have listened. Such choices have been hard to make for Christians down through the ages; but the right decision is pleasing to God, and though it may bring ridicule and pity from friends, it has eternal worth before our Father in heaven."

Yes, it means to make a choice and the old wicked heart loves pleasure and the world more than God. The very first Commandment says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before [rather than] Me," and Luther gives the short but accurate definition of its meaning, saying: "We should fear, love, and trust in God above [more than] all things." Such choices and decisions bring out what we consider the most important thing in our life. May God forgive us our many wrong choices and decisions!



Northwest Lutheran Deaf Conference, July 19—21, Camp Lutherland, Tacoma, Wash.



Our Synod

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A Synod

There is a Greek word, "synodos," which means a travel companion, one who walks with you the same way. From this word comes the word synod, which is used in our Lutheran Church and in some other organizations for groups of congregations that have joined themselves together to do together certain things in church work that cannot be done very well by one group alone or by an individual.

Church work is God-given work. Jesus has told us to work for Him in the Kingdom. "Occupy till I come," He said, which means, Keep busy at My work as long as you live. For He comes to us on Judgment Day, and while we know that Judgment Day is the last day of this age and world, it is also true that for every person the day of his death is his particular judgment day, for "if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be."

The general order of Jesus is: "Preach the Gospel in all the world, to every creature." This is a big order, given to the church in general and to each Christian.

This means that each one is to witness for Jesus, telling others what "we have seen and heard," even as a witness in court is asked to tell what he saw and heard. Witnessing for Christ means to tell of His life and work of salvation,

warning the sinner of the wrath of God and telling of the way to escape it through faith in Jesus.

Now, there is much to do and there are many different tasks. No one is able to go "into *all* the world" himself; so we must get people to go in our stead and devote all their time to the work, while we may be forced to work for a living for ourselves and families. Such men are called missionaries, pastors, teachers, deaconesses, medical missionaries. These must be trained in colleges and hospitals. One man cannot build and maintain and support a college. So it is quite natural and necessary that many go together and join themselves together to do together what one or a few cannot do. They form synods and by wise organization and management maintain a great business and system, training men and women workers in colleges, maintaining mission fields, hospitals, orphanages, so that through these institutions and organizations the command of Jesus can be better carried out.

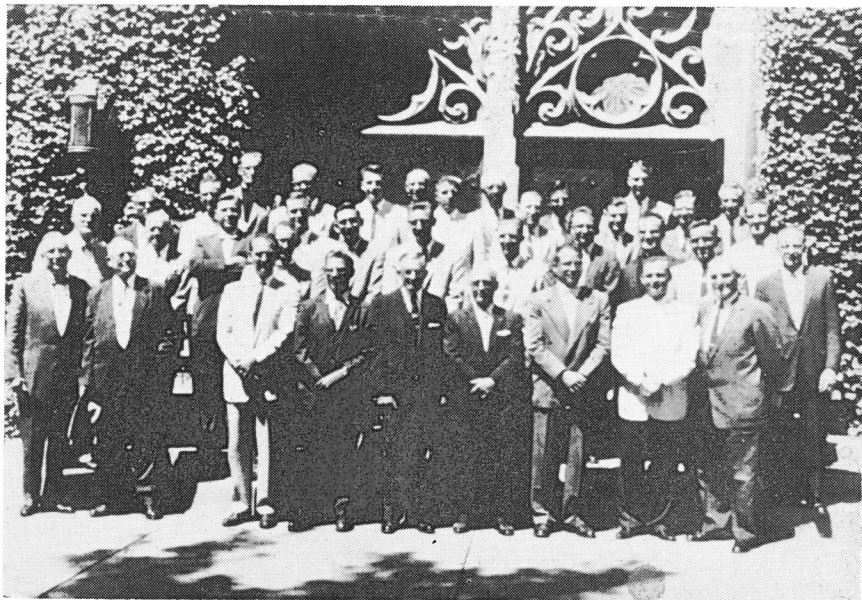
But let us not overlook a certain point. "Synodos" means walking together the same way. So not everybody is a good and proper "synodos" or travel companion. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" said the prophet Amos. So those only can well walk together who agree together. The great point is that we agree in ob-

serving Jesus' word: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So unity of doctrine is necessary. One who says that Jesus is not the Savior, or refuses to accept this or that clear doctrine of God's Word, is not a fit "synodos" or travel companion; and thus we insist upon unity of doctrine in a synod. Some people say or think that it makes no difference what one believes or thinks about the Bible, but he still can come with us and work with us. But what kind of work can an employer expect from a person who does not believe that this or that thing is necessary to do this or that job? Such a person would not be hired by the employer; for he is neither dependable nor can he be expected to serve well. The prophet Amos was right, for he spoke by inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

In future articles we will make our readers better acquainted with our Synod, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, which maintains and supports the Mission to the Deaf. We shall try to give an understanding of the machinery and the working methods of this great church body.

Austin, Tex. — Rebecca Jean Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neill, was laid into the arms of Jesus in Holy Baptism by Pastor E. Oerman on August 18. God keep her in His grace.

Columbus, Ohio — Mr. Clarence Jones, 78 years old, departed this life July 28 and was buried July 31, and **Mr. Charles Case, Sr.**, aged 66 years, died August 7 and was laid to rest August 10. May they rest in peace.



The Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Pastors of Deaf met July 5—9, 1957, at River Forest, Ill. In 1956 these men conducted over 4,600 services attended by 132,763 people, and made 20,387 calls. The services were held in 275 places in the United States and Canada. Work is being done with pupils of 38 state schools for Deaf and of city schools for Deaf. Contributions of the Deaf in these fields of work totaled \$95,803



Jacksonville, Fla. — For the fourth consecutive year a vacation Bible school for deaf boys and girls was conducted here by the Lutheran Church. Dates this year were August 12 through 16. Rev. W. O. Neisch, local pastor, was in charge, with Rev. F. G. Gyle of Miami assisting with the teaching. By the end of the week the enrollment rose to 15—two more than last summer's total. Those in attendance were: **Carolyn Hammock, Irene Brooks, Eddie Braren, Dougie Montgomery, Audrey Hammock, Mary Hoagland, Robert Hoagland, Joseph Garcia, Henry Bohannon, Wayne Christopher, Johnny Johnston, Jack Shay, Gilbert Fraser, and Lee Fraser.** Twenty were present for parents' night on Friday, when a chapel service such as we had each morning was conducted, class demonstrations were given, the children's handwork projects were displayed, and refreshments were served. —W. O. N.

Kansas City. — With the blessings of our heavenly Father the work in the kingdom of the Savior has been going forward in our midst and growth has been noted. In our parish activity, **Mr. Ceaser Rentie and Miss Myra J. Booth** were united in marriage June 6. Mrs. Rentie also became a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church a short time ago. — **Mr. Claron Lowry and Miss Ruth Keding** of Kansas City, Kans., were united in marriage at Olathe on June 3. — After a long illness, our

charter member, **Mrs. Fanny Wood**, fell asleep in Jesus on June 24. We have many pleasant memories of the past activity of this faithful member. By a sad coincidence, her son-in-law, at whose residence Mrs. Wood had made her home, died of a heart attack 16 hours before the death of Mrs. Wood. Mr. William Lyons was returning the family from Holy Cross Lutheran Church. A double funeral was held on June 25. Another faithful friend, **Mr. Fred Rieke** of Sedalia, Mo., fell asleep on July 25 and was buried in that city two days later. — These infants have been baptized into the kingdom of Jesus in the recent past: **Robert Dee Baker, Jon Erich Ferber, Margie Eva Johnson, James Francis Rogers, Darlene Irma Miller, Vonda Jill Booth, David Wayne Martin.** May God keep these persons in baptismal grace always. — We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the continued fine spirit of worship which so many of our loyal friends are showing with faithful attendance at all church meetings. Also many friends from the schools were attending while at home for vacation. A. E. F.

Chicago. — The Great Lakes Regional Conference was held in Chicago the end of May. The central theme of the conference was "Preach the Gospel to Every Creature." Pastor O. C. Schroeder spoke on "The Work of the Pastor." Mr. John H. Anderson of Chicago addressed the conference very convincingly and

instructively on "The Work of the Deacons or Elders"; and Mr. Leo Kuehn of Detroit on "Evangelism on the Part of the Individual Members of the Congregation." Our regional representative, Rev. Theo. Frederking of Cleveland, brought the work of Synod to our attention. On Saturday evening we saw the well-known and historical "Martin Luther" film. We are sure that the delegates derived a real blessing from attendance at this conference, and we look forward to our gathering in May of next year, God willing, at a Lutheran camp near Fort Wayne, Ind. — Pastor Herbert Drachenberg of Columbus, Ohio, was our guest preacher on Sunday, on both the North and the South Side of Chicago, and addressed the congregations on the subject: "The Fields Are White unto Harvest." — **Miss Sharon Anderson** was received into communicant membership in June by confirmation. May she re-

ceive rich spiritual blessings in her fellowship with us and remain true to her confirmation vow. — The following couples were recently married: **Mr. Sam S. Millick** of Oak Park, Ill., and **Miss Eleanore Soucie** of Kankakee, their marriage taking place in St. Anne, Ill., in the presence of hundreds of friends; **Mr. Louis Scheinberg** and **Miss Myrtle Morgenroth**, as also **Mr. George White, Jr.**, and **Miss Pirley B. Williams** on the North and the South Side of Chicago, respectively. May God abundantly bless their married lives. — **Larry Russell Martin**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Martin of Chesterton, Ind., was baptized into the Christian faith.

St. Louis, Mo. — On July 28 **Miss Dolores Davis** was confirmed at Holy Cross Church, and the **infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gastreich** was baptized. Miss Davis is a pupil of Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton and has for many



Wives of Pastors of Deaf at Ephphatha Conference

years been attending the class which Rev. W. F. Reinking conducts at Fulton during the school year. — After the church service on August 4 a surprise party was held for **Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ziel**, since it was their fortieth wedding anniversary. After a devotion by Rev. Reinking the ladies' aid society served refreshments. — On July 3 Rev. Reinking conducted the usual weekly Sunday school teachers' meeting. The attendance was unusually large, and even until the close of the meeting more people arrived, so that practically the entire congregation came together. But Pastor Reinking found out that the people were not so much interested in becoming Sunday school teachers all of a sudden, but rather had they come to celebrate the fifth anniversary of his pastorate. He was surprised to see brought in a big cake in the form

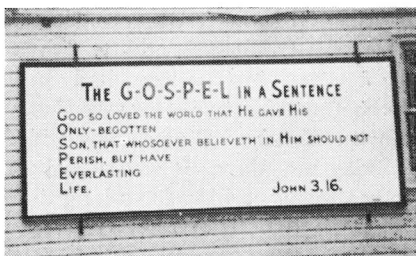
of an open Bible, and as a present he received a new suit of clothes. Twenty children were enrolled in the vacation Bible school August 5 to 19. — On August 9 **Mrs. Coombs**, the mother of Miss Maude Coombs, departed this life after suffering for a long time. She was given Christian burial August 12.

Rochester, N. Y. — The Deaf of the Buffalo-Rochester area had the opportunity to hear two men who have been putting in a very busy and profitable year working with and for the Deaf: Mr. Earl J. Thaler and Mr. Herman Graef. Mr. Thaler, who has now returned to the seminary at Springfield to complete his theological studies, preached at his home church in Youngstown, N. Y., on Sept. 8 to the Deaf and the hearing; he served the Oklahoma Field six months and the Indiana Field eight months. Mr. Graef served the Mem-



Our faithful Christians of Sedalia, Mo. The group represents 90 per cent of the deaf population of that city. In appreciation of his ministry, the group recently presented Pastor A. E. Ferber (standing at left) with the fine gift of a purse. Mr. John Deuel (rear row, extreme right) and Mrs. Deuel (front row, second from right) are the Bible Class leaders

phis Field a year as vicar and now returns to the seminary at St. Louis. He preached at Buffalo July 29, at Jamestown July 30, and at Camp Pioneer, Angola, N. Y., August 25 at the annual picnic of the Deaf of the area. Both men have learned to love and to understand the Deaf, and both are loved by the Deaf. — The mission festival of Alpha Lutheran Deaf Church was held September 8. — Although Rev. Rohe was absent July 7 and August 25, the services at Rochester were held as usual, **Mr. L. Van Vechten**, an elder, reading the service. This is the right thing to do; have and attend services on the Lord's day. — During the last week of October the Rochester Lutheran churches will again have a week of evangelism, repeating the program of two years ago. This time Rev. Wm. Hausmann of New York will be the guest missionary. In four sermons he will treat the topics, "What My Baptism, My Bible, Holy Communion, My Church Mean to Me." Much good comes from such a PTR (Preaching-Teaching-Reaching) week, in which the members conduct a visiting and inviting campaign. Some churches conduct such a program every year, but instead of having four successive days they have three two-day meetings during the twelve months. — We thank **Miss Gladys Schaulis** of Somerset, Pa., for sending us three



Gospel sign on wall of convention hall, Camp Pioneer, Angola, N. Y.

pictures, one of the dinner bell and one of the Gospel sign on the wall of the Camp Pioneer Casino at Angola, and one of the departure from



Going home June 10 from Pocono Crest, Pa., with pleasant memories of the fine retreat of the Eastern Seaboard Conference

Pocono Crest, Pa., when the happy Deaf folk left the camp last June after the fine second annual retreat there. We sent these pictures to the Editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN, for they may be worthy of publication.

H. R.

[Thanks, Miss Schaulis and Pastor Rohe. Editor.]

Jacksonville, Ill. — The summer season came to an end on Labor Day, and the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf became alive again with about 450 deaf boys and girls, and that meant that the work at Christ for the Deaf Chapel was resumed in earnest again. On September 5 the children saw the movie "Bethesda," which shows the work of the Lutherans for the epileptic and feeble-minded at Watertown, Wis. Such pictures make us thankful to God for having given us healthy bodies and healthy minds; may we use them aright to His glory and the welfare of mankind. — The staff of helpers from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, is again at work under the leadership of Mrs. Audrie Avery and Mr. Earl J. Thaler. — Rev. Uhlig preached

for Rev. Thies September 1 at Jacksonville and at Springfield September 8.

St. Paul, Minn.—**Mr. Henry Karow** and **Miss Virginia Clark** were united in holy matrimony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ka-



Pastor Geo. Kraus and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Karow

row, Sr., on July 27. Pastor Geo. Kraus performed the ceremony. May God richly bless the young couple and may they serve Him continually in this life and live with Him eternally in the life to come.—**Vicar William Ludwig** arrived in St. Paul-Minneapolis in June and immediately began to work with Pastor Kraus. He is a hard-working vicar and very consecrated to the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Already he is very popular with our people, and surely God will bless his work in the Twin Cities this year. The congregation in St. Paul gave Mr. Ludwig a black clerical shirt and several collars as a welcoming gift. The Minneapolis congregation gave him a book.

Omaha, Nebr.—Pastor Mappes is showing marked improvement in his recovery, but while he can get about and even enjoy rides in the automobile—however, not driving himself—he will not be able to take up work for a while. Meanwhile Vicar Rodney Rynearson, Mr. Herman Graef, Rev. Robt. Cordes, and Dr. Salvner have represented him in the pulpit, and Rev. Laurence Stacy assists in the school work which has been taken up with the coming of fall.—**Mrs. Bertha Rodda**, one of the charter members of the Omaha Deaf congregation, departed this life July 30 at the age of over 80 years. She will be missed. Vicar Rodney Rynearson conducted the funeral on August 2 from Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Church. In her memory and honor memorial gifts amounting to over \$70 were given by friends for various purposes.—On June 16 **Miss Bonnie Hankel** and **Mr. Lee Myers** were married by Rev. Lloyd Behnken, Mr. Harvey Christian interpreting, and on June 22 **Miss Patricia Fletcher** of Omaha and **Mr. Delbert Boese** of Lincoln were joined in marriage by Rev. F. Worthmann, Miss Emma Marshall being the interpreter. May God bless these marriages.

Delavan, Wis.—On May 19 a class of 18 pupils from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf became members of the Lutheran Church, 16 being confirmed and two baptized after instructions had been given them for two years by Pastor Martin Kosche. Classes were held Sunday mornings. It was a real joy to see them working for a long time, learning the truths of God's Word, which can and will guide them through life to heaven by the gra-

cious help of God. These children are: **Stephen Boettcher** of Wausau, **Janet Berndt** of Oshkosh, **Karen Crandall** of La Crosse, **Thomas Free-stone** of Eau Claire, **Susan Hanna** of Appleton, **Karen, Martin, and Marvin Huebner** of Tigerton, **Lloyd Ladd** of Cumberland, **Dolores and Sandra Mengel** of Owen, **Arthur Nadler** of Deerfield, **Kathryn Nelson** of Elkhorn, **Judith Rasmus** of Madison, **John Reimann** of Milwaukee, and **Sharon Smith** of Chippewa Falls; **Beverly Bresee** of Platteville and **Theda Immega** of Williams Bay were baptized. Marvin and Martin Huebner are twins. May these children ever remain loyal to their Savior and His Word. A number of people, friends or parents of members of the class, came from various places for the occasion. — The ladies' aid society of the Madison Deaf Lutheran church in the May meeting elected the following officers: **Grace Sampson**, president; **Eva Schrank**, secretary; **Emma Davis**, treasurer; **Alice Walsvik**, refreshments supervisor; **Esther Hansen**, membership secretary. — On June 2 **Melvin Knute**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wendt** of Rockford, Ill., was laid into Jesus' arms in Holy Baptism. — May 18 **Miss Lillian Evelyn Niemi** of Ogema and **Mr. James Miller** of Oshkosh were married by Pastor H. J. Kotila of St. Mark's Church of Ogema, and Rev. Kosche on that day joined in marriage **Miss Alice Biedermann** of Jefferson and **Mr. Truman Young** of Sterling, Ill., at Jefferson, Wis. — **Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Schulze**, both graduates of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, married June 5, 1912, by the sainted Rev. T. M. Wangerin, celebrated their forty-fifth wedding an-

niversary, and **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schrank** of Madison, married by Rev. F. Gade June 19, 1937, celebrated their 20th anniversary. May God continue to bless and protect all these people in His grace. — The members of Silent Lutheran Deaf Church of Madison have been very active improving their church property by buying or constructing a great number of articles and equipment for their church. The list is very large and shows a healthy interest and real good will for God's house. The Lord will surely bless such interest with increased spiritual blessings, for that is His way: Spiritual fruits come from earthly things used for His glory and given from love of Him who first loved us.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. — At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Dakota District, Pastor Robert F. Cordes presented plans which would increase the efficient use of the present chapel at Sioux Falls. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and take appropriate action.



At the Baptism of Patricia Ann Thies by her father at Jacksonville, Ill., August 4, three deaf ladies (l. to r.), Mrs. Rob. Bowman, Mrs. Alb. Buettner, and Mrs. Percy Huff, answered as proxies for absent sponsors



"The Gods Always Must Have the Best"

Mrs. Harvey waited for the milinery clerk to come with the hat that would match her sealskin coat. While waiting she opened her handbag to see if she had enough cash to pay for the hat. With the money she also drew out a tract entitled "Our Best for the Master." She read it. It told about a poor woman in India who had two children, one a beautiful, perfect boy, the other a blind girl. Her sorrow was great because she believed that the "god" was angry with her, for, if she had not offended him, both children would have been boys. The blindness she did not mind so much, but to have a poor, despised daughter was almost too much to bear; and at any cost the "god" must be appeased. . . .

One day the lady missionary found the cradle empty and the mother weeping in agony at its side. The blind girl sat beside the mother, but the beautiful dearly loved son had been sacrificed. He was cast into the Ganges river to calm the imagined anger of her "god."

The missionary asked why, if one of the children had to be sacrificed, it had not been the blind girl.

"Ah, that is my great grief," the mother replied. "I could not offer a girl when I had a boy, not a blind child when I had a perfect one. *The gods always must have the best.*"

The poor mother beat her breast and tore her hair in agony.

The tract then asked if we Christians with our pure faith are as *sincere* about our Christianity as was that poor heathen woman in her religion.

Do we give our *best* — the best of our time, talents, property, influence, and affection to our King, to Him who gave His best, His only Son, for us, to save us from such ignorance and superstition and misery as that heathen woman displayed?

Mrs. Harvey put the tract back in her handbag. She folded the fifteen dollars which she had intended to spend for the hat and placed them inside the tract. When the clerk came with the hat, she said, "I've changed my mind about that hat; I will take this one," pointing to one that was marked five dollars.

As she rode home she said to herself: "Fifteen dollars for the heathen and five dollars for a hat; that does seem better than five dollars for the heathen and fifteen dollars for a hat." Next Sunday Mrs. Harvey dropped an envelope containing fifteen dollars into the collection plate.

GOD gave His best to YOU. Are YOU always giving your "best" to HIM? Do you agree: GOD ALWAYS MUST HAVE THE BEST?

AUGUST L. HAUPTMAN



Know Your Bible

The Books of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah wrote the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Lamentations of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was the son of Hilkiah, a priest from Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. He lived between the years 650 and 575 before Christ, and during his life the Kingdom of Judah was destroyed and the leaders and important people were taken into captivity to Babylon. Jeremiah was not led into captivity, but after the destruction of Jerusalem we read that he was taken to Egypt, where he is said to have been stoned to death. However, there is no positive information of that at hand. He was never married, inasmuch as the times would be hard for those that had families. So he, like the Apostle Paul of the New Testament, never married.

Jeremiah's task was hard and thankless. The people had turned away from God to the idols. The king of Judah had made a covenant or agreement with the king of Babylon, and Jeremiah urged the people to stand by that promise. On that account he was not popular and was even imprisoned for a while. But he felt that Judah's interests were best served by being faithful to the promise and to Babylon.

The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah contains 52 chapters. After Judah had been led into captivity in the year 586 before Christ, Jeremiah wrote a book of five chapters, called

the Lamentations of Jeremiah, in which he expresses his sorrow that the city had been destroyed.

His message was a call to the people to repent or be destroyed. He, however, foretold that they would return and that eventually Babylon would be destroyed. In his book he spoke of the coming of the Messiah, called "the Branch"; "and this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness."

Jeremiah lived at a time of unrest. He was a sad and lonely figure. In our day, when there is much unrest in this world and believers are often called upon to endure hardships because of their Christian faith, the example of Jeremiah is of great comfort to such as are called upon to suffer for Christ and their convictions. The Lord does not forget His people, but the Lord's judgment upon unrighteousness is definite and sure.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake

To guide the future as He hath the past.

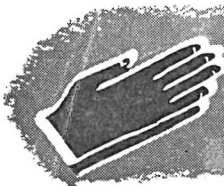
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Lutheran Hymnal, No. 651
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Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Readings for October

October 1 — Matthew 10
October 2 — Romans 3
October 3 — Romans 4
October 4 — Romans 5
October 5 — Romans 15
October 6 — Proverbs 6:6-11
October 7 — 1 Corinthians 8
October 8 — 2 Corinthians 6
October 9 — 2 Corinthians 10
October 10 — 2 Chronicles 34
October 11 — 2 Chronicles 29
October 12 — Revelation 1
October 13 — Matthew 5:21-26
October 14 — Revelation 2
October 15 — Revelation 3

October 16 — Revelation 22:8-21
October 17 — 2 Timothy 2
October 18 — 2 Timothy 3
October 19 — 2 Timothy 4
October 20 — 1 Corinthians 12
October 21 — Titus 2
October 22 — Titus 3
October 23 — 2 Thessalonians 2
October 24 — 2 Thessalonians 3
October 25 — Galatians 1
October 26 — Galatians 2
October 27 — Isaiah 46:4 and Psalm 91
October 28 — Galatians 3
October 29 — Galatians 4
October 30 — Galatians 5
October 31 — Psalm 119:105-136



Bible Quiz

Why was the "wicked" tax collector better than the "good" Pharisee? Luke 18:13

Which "laundry" takes all spots out of your clothes? Revelation 7:14

What can one say about so-called "Christian" preachers that do not preach that Christ saved the world by His holy life and innocent death as man's Substitute? John 20:13

Is it enough to be saved if a person is sorry for his sins and confesses that he is sorry? Matthew 27:5

Why did God create fruits and vegetables? Genesis 1:29

What order had the king of Syria given his captains before the battle against King Ahab and the Israelites? 1 Kings 22:31

Why was the altar never cold upon which the burnt offerings were given? Leviticus 6:13

What is the proper way to say thanks to God when we have been saved from great trouble? Psalm 22:25

What did the monument of twelve stones at Gilgal mean? Joshua 4:21-24