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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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The Epistle — Malachi 3:1-4

The Gospel — St. Luke 2:22-32

In His temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him;
God has now fulfilled His word.
Now, to praise Him, His redeeméd
Shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While His aged saints adore Him
Ere in faith and hope they die.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Lo, th' incarnate God Most High.

Jesus, by Thy presentation,
Thou, who didst for us endure,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with Thy promise sure,
And present us in Thy glory
To Thy Father, cleansed and pure.

Prince and Author of salvation,
Be Thy boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to Thee be given
By the world Thou didst redeem,
With the Father and the Spirit,
Lord of majesty supreme!

Stanzas 1—3, Henry J. Pye, 1851

Stanza 4, William Cooke, 1853

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The Chairman of the Board of Missions to Deaf

If you were attending a meeting of the Board of Missions to Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, the chairman would immediately capture your respect and attention. Soft-spoken, yet firm and businesslike, a kindly gleam in his eyes and yet forbidding, you would feel that those addressing him will get a sympathetic hearing but would not take liberties with him.

He is Rev. Ernest R. Drews, since July 1950 pastor of Jehovah Lutheran Church at St. Paul, Minn., and since 1951 a member of the Board of Missions to Deaf, serving as its secretary. When the Minnesota District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod last June elected Rev. Wm. A. Buege, then chairman of the Board of Missions to Deaf, as one of the Vice-Presidents of the District and he accepted that election and resigned from the Board of Missions to Deaf, since one individual may not hold two elective positions simultaneously in Synod, Rev. Drews was chosen to succeed Rev. Buege and gave up the secretaryship, which then went to Rev. Elmer E. Schroeder, who was presented to our readers in the January issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

Rev. Drews is forty-one years old, having been born May 24, 1916, at Milwaukee, Wis., and there received his elementary schooling. He studied at our Milwaukee Concordia College and St. Louis Seminary, graduating in June 1939. He served the Bethany parish at Wallace, Idaho, from 1939 until 1943, then Trinity Lutheran at Olympia, Wash., until 1950, when he came to Jehovah Lutheran at St. Paul.

During the time he was a member



Rev. Ernest R. Drews

of the Northwest District he served on the Public Relations Committee, with particular interest in the field of radio. He represented the Northwest District in legislative affairs which might have affected the church in the state of Washington and was Visitor of the Tacoma and Southwest Washington Circuit.

When Rev. Drews came to Saint Paul, he was appointed to the Public Relations department of the Minnesota District with a special assignment in the field of radio and television. Since January 1956 he has been participating in a local television program which recently has expanded into a program sponsored by his Jehovah Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church, of Minneapolis, whose pastor is Rev. Buege. Pastor Drews's voice has often been heard also in the songs he sings in the programs. Together with Rev. George Kraus,

pastor of our Lutheran Deaf churches in the Twin Cities, who interprets to the Deaf what is broadcast over the air, he has initiated a TV Sunday school which is now a regular feature over a Twin Cities channel.

When the churches of the Twin Cities area in 1956 conducted a Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission, he was selected to serve as chairman of this project, which was very successful. Since the Twin Cities effort was a parallel mission—other Lutheran bodies at the same time conducting similar missions—he served also as a member of the co-ordinating committee.

The parsonage of Jehovah Lutheran Congregation is a happy place, and one is reminded of Psalm 127:3-5: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." Queen of the hospitable home is the former Miss Adah Ave-Lallemant of Milwaukee. Their table is large, for around it with the parents sit eight children between the ages of two and sixteen; but still there is room for one Guest, who is always invited and welcome, and He comes in the form of some visitor or wanderer whose way may have brought him from afar.

May God bless this home and family; may Pastor Drews continue to enjoy the blessings of Christ in his work as pastor and as chairman of the Board of Missions to Deaf and the esteem and love of his fellow workers and congregation.

Rev. Koberg Leaves St. Paul

Rev. Elmer W. Koberg, member of the Board of Missions to Deaf and pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., is leaving St. Paul for Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has accepted the call extended to him by Trinity Lutheran Church of that city, according to information received in that city, and is expected there in February. The Editor wishes him well, knowing that he is going to a fine congregation which the Editor himself served from 1918 to 1927 and of which he never thinks except with a prayer that God bless that congregation and a wish that every church would treat its pastor with such love and consideration as Trinity did him.

"The Bible Quiz"

In answer to some inquiries if the Bible Quiz, usually appearing on the last or second-last page of each issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN, will be continued, the Editor wishes to say that he will continue to bring this feature, which has proved to be one of the best-enjoyed features of our little magazine.

In this connection we welcome suggestions from our readers. Some have asked why the questions are picked from different chapters and books and not from one particular book and chapter and verse in order. They thought that it would be better for Bible study and save time if the questions would follow the order of the verses.

But when the editor introduced the Bible Quiz four years ago, when the present format of the paper first

was used, he adopted the idea of mixing the questions for the very purpose of making the students turn back and forth in their Bibles and thus become much better acquainted with the place of each book in the Bible. From years of work with Bible classes and individuals we have found that so much time is lost when a Bible reference is given because so many must turn to the index of the books in front of the Bible and look over the list of 66 names for the book requested instead of being well acquainted with the order through memorizing the list of books and thus being able immediately to find the approximate position of the book called for and the place in that book in a few seconds. Not only the Deaf but the hearing frequently are not well enough acquainted with the order of the books; and we have found that by being forced to turn back and forth often many have become well acquainted with the Bible and now have no difficulty at all in turning to any book and chapter and verse in a matter of seconds.

Some pastors of hearing classes and pastors of the Deaf are using this monthly quiz with their instruction classes. Some have asked that these questions be collected in a separate booklet, and in that booklet they could be arranged according to books, chapters, and verses in their proper order. This can be done after years. The same request has been made about the little essays on the books of the Bible in "Know Your Bible."

We are happy that these features are proving themselves useful and shall continue them. Your comments are appreciated.

Our Conferences in 1958

Ephphatha Conference will meet at St. Paul between August 21 and 31. Originally scheduled for the last weekend, the fifth weekend of the month, it would extend over Labor Day. This appears to be inconvenient for some, since the schools open right after Labor Day and with that the classwork begins immediately. So the fourth weekend may be chosen. Definite announcement will be made later.

The secretaries of the various Deaf laymen conferences are encouraged to send the Editor of the **DEAF LUTHERAN** early notice of the dates and program features of the regional conferences. Please make use of this invitation; it brings notice to the Deaf in all areas, encourages attendance, and gives individuals enough time to choose vacation dates in order to be able to attend their conference; furthermore it shows that the secretary is "on his toes." So, program committees, chairmen, secretaries, please get busy. Thank you!

Thank You

When on August 11 Bethany Lutheran Church of Kohler, Wis., observed the 15th anniversary of the dedication of its church, it gave a donation of \$500 as a thankoffering towards the erection of the chapel and educational building now being erected opposite the campus of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan for the instruction of the Lutheran children at that school. Rev. Martin Kosche of Madison serves Delavan.

Lutheran Deaconesses

In an impressive service on January 12 the new Deaconess Hall was dedicated. It is located on the campus of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., where since 1943 the deaconess training has been given. The new facilities are certain to give this department of Christian service in our Lutheran Church a big boost, and its location at Valparaiso in our Lutheran university is very fortunate.

This gives us an opportunity to say a little about deaconess work. In the early church, deaconesses were widows or unmarried women who helped as servants of the church in the instruction of women for confirmation, helped at baptisms of women, served the poor in the congregation, visited women prisoners, and acted as ushers for women in the church services. Romans 16:1 we read of Phoebe; she was a deaconess, called a "sister" there.

Then came the changes during the centuries when many additions and changes in the Christian Church called forth the need of the Reformation later on. The female workers were looked upon as being a special, holy class if they promised to remain unmarried and poor, serving the church. This system is still in use in the Roman Catholic Church, the female class being called nuns, and the male servants monks; they lived in cloisters, or monasteries.

In the Protestant churches, since the Reformation, we hear little of deaconesses. But in 1836, in Germany, under Rev. Th. Fliedner at Kaiserswerth, the idea of specially trained women workers for service in the church took form again, and famous "motherhouses" were es-

tablished. Rev. Wm. Passavant, a Lutheran minister of Pittsburgh, established a school to train women for nursing service and other services in the congregations. These women were called deaconesses. Rev. Passavant was instrumental in establishing hospitals at many places; they were called Passavant Hospitals; such were established in Milwaukee, Chicago, Jacksonville, Ill., and other places. Deaconesses were used in the nursing service at these institutions.

One of the deaconesses trained under Rev. Passavant was Elizabeth Hess. Later she married, and one of her sons was Rev. Philip Wambsganss of Fort Wayne, Ind. He was a fine, friendly man with an interest in the Christian Church and in his fellow men. Hospital work was definitely in his heart, and he felt that deaconesses would be of great service in hospitals and in homes where illness had brought misery. He was president of the Lutheran Charities Conference in our Synod, to which conference our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit also belongs.

There was another man with a big, wide heart for Christ and poor, suffering, unfortunate humanity. This was the sainted Rev. Fr. W. Herzberger, truly a wonderful character. He was a missionary indeed, and was known far and wide for his zeal for Christ and for lost man. [It might be interesting, in passing, to note that when a letter of a deaf man, Mr. E. J. Pahl, to Director D. H. Uhlig at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit was submitted by him to the board of directors of that institution in February 1894, asking that Lutheran sign-language services be held for

the Deaf, Director Uhlig in his letter of February 14, 1894, to Rev. Augustus Reinke stated that if he, Rev. Reinke, could not give the Deaf services in the sign language, then Rev. Fr. W. Herzberger, then at Hammond, Ind., would be asked, because "he has a heart for missionary work."]

Rev. Herzberger came from Hammond, Ind., to St. Louis and became the first city missionary of our Lutheran churches in St. Louis. His work was blessed, and we see today what blessings God has showered upon those men who, as he and many others, literally did the things that Jesus mentioned when He said: "I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me; I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me." (Matthew 25:35, 36)

It was Rev. Fr. W. Herzberger who was particularly instrumental in founding the diaconate within the Synodical Conference. The Lutheran Deaconess Association was founded in Fort Wayne, August 14, 1919, and Rev. Ph. Wambsganss was its first president. Rev. Edgar H. Albers of Indianapolis is at present its president.

The deaconesses are trained at present in a full four-year college course at Valparaiso University with a major in religion and are graduated with a bachelor's degree. The new Deaconess Hall, which was erected largely through a \$225,000 grant from the "Building for Christ" collection of our Synod several years ago and a \$60,000 project grant of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and from many gifts by societies and individuals, will help

wonderfully to train many consecrated women workers for the church.

A deaconess does not promise to remain unmarried as nuns do; what God has established as good, no organization has a right to forbid. The deaconesses serve in congregations as teachers; they counsel individuals and groups, assist and plan programs and devotions for ladies' aid societies, minister to the sick and shut-ins, and call on prospective members. In city and foreign missions they counsel, comfort, and teach patients in hospitals and sanatoria, distribute clothing and food to needy, help released patients to find church connections, and serve as welcome and useful helpers of city missionaries. They are of great service in foreign missions where men cannot serve women, as in India. In the schools for the Deaf at Mill Neck, N. Y., and in Detroit we find deaconesses employed; and in many homes for the aged as well as in Bethesda Home in Watertown, Wis., where the feeble and mentally handicapped are given loving care, in health centers and hospitals these angels of mercy do fine and highly appreciated service.

The executive director of the Lutheran Deaconess Association is Rev. Arnold F. Krentz, 3714 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne 5, Ind. Since this worthwhile organization is dependent upon the good will of Christian friends for funds to carry on its work, individuals and societies that are able and willing can be of good help by aiding this work. The address of Rev. Krentz, given above, is the place where requests for information and gifts can be sent.



Our Synod

Its Presidents

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has had six Presidents since its organization in 1847. The first was **Doctor Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther**, who led the organization from 1847 to 1850 and from 1864 to 1878. He was a very learned and influential man, called “the most commanding figure in the Lutheran Church of America during the nineteenth century.” Born October 25, 1811, in Saxony, Germany, and educated to be a pastor, he was ordained in 1837. He stood firmly on the Bible and the Lutheran confessional writings. Because the leaders of the church in Germany were rationalistic, Walther resigned his pastorate. He joined the group that left Germany in 1838 to come to America, landing in Perry County, Mo. Dr. Walther wrote many books which guided the Lutherans and which still are authoritative. He became professor at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis. He died May 7, 1887.

The second President was **Rev. Friedrich Konrad Dietrich Wyneken**, born May 13, 1810, in Germany. He came to America in 1838. He was a great missionary, covering southern Michigan and northern Ohio and Indiana. He was pastor of a Lutheran church in Fort Wayne, later in Baltimore, Md., and then at St. Louis. From 1850 to 1864 he served as President of Synod. He died in San Francisco May 4, 1876.

Dr. Henry Christian Schwan was

the third President, serving from 1878 to 1899. Born in Germany and there educated, he served as a pastor for some years in Brazil, came to North America in 1850, and was pastor in Cleveland, Ohio, until 1899. He was the first to place a Christmas tree in the church; this custom has since gained almost universal acceptance. He died May 29, 1905.

Fourth President of Synod was **Dr. Franz August Otto Pieper**. Born June 27, 1852, in Germany, he came to America early in life, graduated from St. Louis in 1875, became professor at the seminary in 1878 and its president from 1887 to 1931. He was President of Synod 1899 to 1911. He died June 3, 1931.

He was followed as fifth President by **Dr. Frederick Pfotenhauer**, who was President from 1911 to 1935 and Honorary President until his death on Oct. 19, 1939.

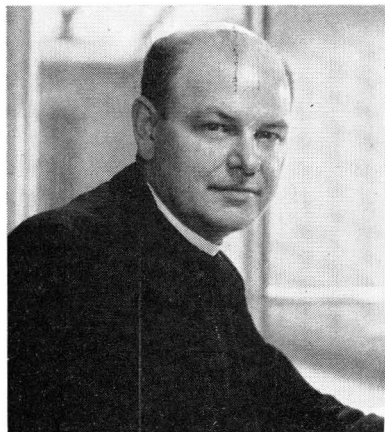
The sixth President of our Synod is **Dr. John W. Behnken**, who has since 1935 been its leader and has seen it grow to be one of the largest Lutheran synods of America.

God has give our church great and good leaders. For this we should thank Him and remember the admonition of Hebrews 13:7: “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.”



Field Gleanings

Minneapolis, Minn. — The ten years of service rendered by Rev. Wm. A. Buege as chairman of the Board of Missions to Deaf were duly remembered at a dinner in his



Courtesy of Walther League Messenger

Rev. Wm. A. Buege

honor given by the board on December 12. It was attended by the present and past members of the board and their wives and a number of friends. At such a meeting, naturally, memories come back of glad and perhaps of some sad meetings with thoughts of gratitude to God. One also muses on the thoughts of the wives of such board members who at home await their husbands' return from the meetings which take them so often and for so long from the family circle. Rev. Buege received gifts as tokens of appreciation and gratitude for the valuable services rendered Synod, the missions to Deaf, and the pastors laboring among the Deaf.

St. Louis. — The many friends of **Mr. and Mrs. Herman Graef** will be pleased to hear that **Kenneth Earl Graef** came to them on December 15, bringing much joy plus some noise to their home. Mr. Graef, who served the Deaf of Memphis and Dixie last year, is completing his theological studies at Concordia Seminary and will be graduated in June. — On December 12 the Young People's Club of Holy Cross Deaf Church presented a Christmas pageant which was exceedingly well done. A choir of seminary students signed several hymns. — **Mrs. Thomas Petrovic**, having been instructed in the doctrines of the Bible, was received as a member by Baptism on December 29. — **Mrs. Mary Aldrich** died at the age of 80 on December 31. She had been instructed by Rev. F. G. Gyle. She was laid to rest on January 4, Pastor Reinking officiating. — On December 31 **Mrs. Louise Schilling-Maack** and **Mr. Edwin Kurtzeborn** were united in holy wedlock by Rev. Reinking. Congratulations! — Officers of Holy Cross for 1958 are W. Viets, president; L. Muir, vice-president; A. Marshall, secretary; W. Lambur, treasurer; R. Alexander, recording secretary; L. Muir and N. Hollrah, trustees; W. Maack and R. Trice, finance committee; H. Harris, M. Rossell, O. Krumm, ushers.

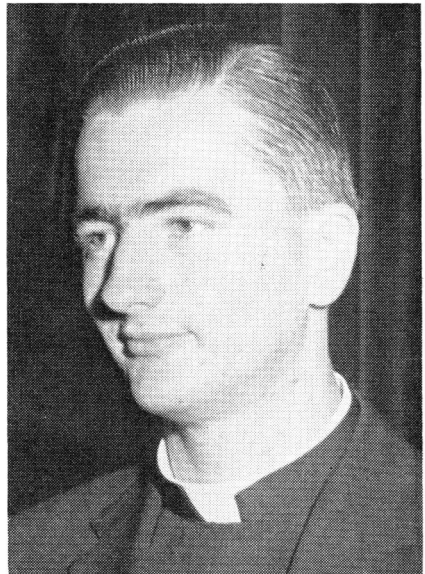
Jacksonville, Fla. — In an 850-mile trip December 8—11 Pastor W. O. Neisch visited Savannah and At-

lanta, where services were conducted, and called at homes of Deaf in Jesup, Claxton, Atlanta, Macon, Jay Bird Springs, Hazlehurst, Waycross, and Savannah. Having been instructed in the Bible doctrines, **Mrs. David Badger** (formerly Miss Ruby Miller) accepted the Lutheran faith. Mr. and Mrs. David Badger partook of Holy Communion in private after confessing their Christian faith. **Mr. Leon Bland**, a Lutheran at Jay Bird Springs, also received the Lord's Supper when the pastor called on him. It is not easy for the pastors of the Deaf to visit the scattered members of the flock. While such people, living alone in secluded areas, will be remembered in prayers and receive literature and have their Bible, still they are in need of personal contact. May God keep us all, whether in cities with others or alone in some secluded spot, in faith; but one sometimes wonders why those living in the area where services are faithfully and regularly conducted, do not show more interest by attending regularly.

Newark, N. J. — St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf was saddened on December 4 by the sudden death of its president, **Mr. Joseph Karus**. Pastor C. R. Gerhold officiated at the funeral service, which was held on December 7. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth." — In a community service project Pastor Gerhold on December 15 interpreted the film "The Ten Commandments" for the benefit of about 125 Deaf. The showing which lasts more than three and one half hours was given in the Adams Theater of Newark. His face and hands daubed with luminous greasy paint which reflects

light under the rays of the special "black light," he stood and surely had a long and hard workout; but it was very much appreciated by the Deaf, for he received many phone calls and thank-you's from Deaf and others. It enabled the Deaf to get the dialog. Mr. Cecil B. DeMille, the producer of "The Ten Commandments," upon being told of Rev. Gerhold's effort, sent this telegram to him: "Blessed is he who makes the Deaf to hear. I know that I speak for millions of people who will read and hear of your translation of 'The Ten Commandments' for the Deaf audience in the Adams Theatre, when I offer our gratitude for your almost miraculous deed."

Oakland, Calif. — Meet **LeRoy Mason**, student at our Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Ill. Two



Student LeRoy Mason

years ago this young man attended our services most regularly and made several visits with the pastor in the interest of the sign language.

This past summer, upon his return visit, he offered his help at our various missions. On several occasions he served Oakland, San Francisco, Redwood City, Sacramento, and San Jose. He made a very fine impression on all and really deserved the fine remarks made regarding his signs and his fine, modest personality. It is to be hoped that the additional experience he is acquiring at Jacksonville as Sunday school teacher will someday provide our mission with a well-trained man.

G. W. G.

Denver, Colo. — On November 3 **Mrs. Margaret Brooks** of Denver was accepted as a member by profession of faith. She had been instructed and confirmed in her youth but had become affiliated with another church when there were no Lutheran services for the Deaf in her home city. So, now she felt that she belonged to and should be connected with her Lutheran Church again. May God bless her and keep her in faith. — In the January 5 service the 1958 church officers of Bethel Deaf Congregation were installed, namely, Mr. Clarence Schmidt, president; Mr. Walter Schmidt, secretary; Mr. Raymond Dietz, treasurer, the latter two having been re-elected.

Des Moines, Iowa. — **Catherine Ann**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hjortshoj** of Atlantic, Iowa, was baptized November 8 at Des Moines; and **Patricia Kay**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Doherty** of Burlington, Iowa, was laid into Jesus' arms in Baptism on November 18. May God keep these children in His grace.

Chicago, Ill. — As in previous years, the Chicago Lutheran Wel-

fare Society again supplied us with Christmas packages for needy Deaf-blind and Blind which we distributed in the Chicago area. Checks were sent to others in distant cities. Christmas greetings and letters of appreciation for the printed Word of God in raised type reached us from many states and foreign areas, such as Kobe and Tokyo, Japan; Hong Kong, China; Jerusalem, Jordan; Bombay and New Delhi, India; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Kingston, Jamaica; Cairo, Egypt; London, England; Toronto, Canada; Sydney, Australia; Colombo, Ceylon; and other foreign places. If Christ had not come, there would be no Christmas message nor Christmas joy. Our Deaf-blind and Blind thank God for these spiritual blessings. They write: "I send you my grateful thanks for the messages printed in the Lutheran magazines. I have received much help and comfort from reading them." — **Mr. George Blose**, a resident of the Indiana Home for the Deaf, died of a heart attack in October. He had attended our service a week previously. Our sympathy to the bereaved! — **Mrs. Sally Guard** has been ill for some time at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lafayette; she asks that the Deaf visit her. We have visited her several times and found her cheerfully trusting in the Lord Jesus.

O. C. SCHROEDER

Sioux City, Iowa. — We had a good attendance at the December 8 Communion service, held by Pastor E. Mappes. Mrs. Mappes interpreted the entire service for our deaf-blind member, Mr. Ardo Beavers. After the service, in a meeting of the voters, the following were elected officers for 1958: August J. Mueller, president; Arthur Keller, secretary;

Robert Dunnington, treasurer; Floyd Good and Edward Humphreys, elders; Jacob Oordt and Donald Haines, auditors. Meanwhile the ladies, in their meeting, elected the following officers of their ladies' aid society for 1958: Mrs. Dean Krueger, president; Mrs. Helen Wells, vice-president; Mrs. Ed. Humphreys, secretary; Mrs. Floyd Good, treasurer; Miss Donna O'Conner, calling committee; Mrs. Arthur Keller and Mrs. Donald Haines, auditors.

Columbus, Ohio. — We here in Columbus work just as everybody



Mrs. Riddlebaugh Serving O. Garner, F. Moore, and "Two-Bowl" Tikkanen

else does; but we also have our good times. So we had a very fine Christmas party December 22. If you don't believe us, ask the six Negroes that came all the way from Cincinnati. We would have to write three thousand words to tell you all about it; but since a picture is worth one thousand words, we'll just bring



A Section of the Christmas Party Guests



Serving Hostesses (l. to r.), Mesdames Inman, Walker, Riddlebaugh, Donaldson, Baker, Green

three pictures instead, because the Editor knows you like to see pictures. The food was so good which the six hostesses served (not counting the one hiding behind Mrs. Walker) that "Two-Bowl" Tikkanen actually came with two bowls to refill. The picture of the section of the crowd was taken just as Magician Riddlebaugh was trying to make Sputnik disappear, but he failed. But even if he did not succeed, we wish you all a very good year in 1958, and if you come around to Columbus, be sure to drop in on us. "Reporter"

Yankton, S. Dak. — In a beautiful church service Miss Marie Mueller of Yankton was on December 1 wedded to Mr. Robert V. Haggard of St. Louis. Rev. W. E. Buss, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiated, Rev. Robert F. Cordes of Sioux Falls interpreting the entire service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August F. Mueller, members of Peace Deaf Church of Sioux City. Many of the Sioux City Deaf attended the wedding service.

Lincoln, Nebr. — On November 24 Mr. Earl Jones, the father of Mrs. Don Collamore, departed this life. The funeral was at Omaha. — At the

conclusion of the service conducted by Pastor E. Mappes in Lincoln on November 15, the group was pleasantly surprised when Prof. and Mrs. Walter D. Uhlig of Seward, Nebr., dropped in after a service he had conducted in the hearing church. Professor Uhlig was formerly pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Deaf Church of Los Angeles.

The Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference, taking in the area between Texas, Florida, and Illinois, will meet the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 29 and 30, at Christ for the Deaf Chapel at Jacksonville, Ill. Come!

On August 10 Rev. Eldor Cassens of Baltimore officiated at the wedding of Miss Martha Sprainis and

Mr. Glenn Trimble. She is a graduate of the Maryland School for the Deaf and was instructed by Rev. Cassens, whose church she joined. An interpreter assisted in the ceremony.

The Walther League, Lutheran Youth organization, now has about 4,300 societies with over 95,000 members in the United States and Canada and a few members in other countries.

According to a report in an American magazine American young people of the age 13 to 15 on the average earn \$3.02 per week, and \$7.42 per week is the average earning of young people 16 to 18 years old. Certainly these young people should not overlook the fact that a fair share of their earnings belongs to the Lord.



Devotions

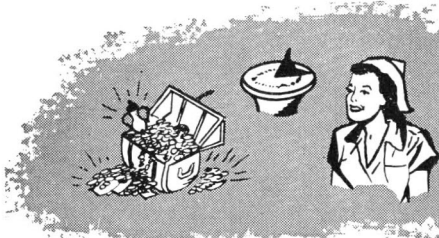
"Light for Your Way"

Readings for February 1958

February 1 — Exodus 14:10-25
 February 2 — Exodus 16:1-21
 February 3 — Exodus 19:1-25
 February 4 — Exodus 20:1-21
 February 5 — Exodus 24:1-18
 February 6 — Exodus 25:1-22
 February 7 — Exodus 32:1-34
 February 8 — Exodus 40:1-38
 February 9 — Leviticus 5:1-19
 February 10 — Leviticus 16:1-22
 February 11 — Numbers 13:17-33
 February 12 — Numbers 14:1-25
 February 13 — Numbers 14:26-35
 February 14 — Numbers 16:1-19

February 15 — Numbers 16:20-35
 February 16 — Numbers 20:14-21:9
 February 17 — Deuteronomy 6:1-25
 February 18 — Deuteronomy 8:1-20
 February 19 — Deuteronomy 30:15
 to 31:8
 February 20 — Deuteronomy
 34:1-12
 February 21 — Joshua 3:1-17
 February 22 — Joshua 6:12-27
 February 23 — Joshua 10:28-43
 February 24 — Joshua 22:10-29
 February 25 — Joshua 24:16-31
 February 26 — Judges 2:1-23
 February 27 — Judges 4:1-24
 February 28 — Judges 6:1-24

"The entrance of Thy Word giveth light." (Psalm 119:130)



Stewardship

Luxuries and Stewardship

Stewardship means the good management of our time and money for the glory of God with gratitude to our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ. How are we managing our life as the stewards of God? When we think about our own management of time and money, we find that we can improve in some ways so that we shall have more time and money to do the things that God wants to be done before all others. You know the things He wants to be done, the things that we do as a church, in our missions, in evangelism, welfare, and Christian education.

Here are some figures that we have found out by hard experience or by study, which may help you to improve in your management for Jesus:

1. If you smoke cigarettes, it costs you from \$6.00 to \$10.00 a month.
2. To buy and maintain and operate a car costs you from \$50 to \$100 a month, depending on the make and model and the amount you travel.
3. To buy and maintain a television set, you will pay out from \$8.00 to \$12.00 a month.
4. If you bowl once a week, it will set you back about \$8.00 a month on the average.
5. If you drink a can of beer each evening, it will cost you about \$6.00 a month.

6. I don't know what hunting and fishing cost on a regular basis, but we went fishing once last summer and had to dig up about \$20.
7. Most of us eat too much and too rich food. In America we have the problem of overnourishment rather than that of undernourishment. We probably spend from \$25 to \$50 a month too much for food.
8. And it would take more space than this page allows to list all the extra fine but unnecessary things that we build or put into our homes.

Now all of these expenditures are *luxuries* with the exception of a car. And for some people any car is a luxury, and for everyone some models are luxury models.

A luxury is something we can do without. We don't really need it to work and live or even to be happy. We are not saying that it is a sin to spend your time and money on those things listed above. It may be, and it may not be. Of course excessive indulgence in anything like that is sinful.

But it seems to us that a Christian steward ought to make sure that he gives generously for church and charity before he spends on luxuries. And if we spend more for luxuries

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Know Your Bible

The Book of the Prophet Joel

Very little is known of this prophet. He identifies himself as the son of Pethuel. It is generally believed that he lived about 750 B. C. He mentions nations that were the earlier enemies of Israel, the Philistines, Egyptians, and Edomites, but not the Syrians and Assyrians or Babylonians; evidently he was one of the earlier prophets; and since he does not mention the Northern Kingdom, but Judah and Jerusalem, he evidently prophesied in the Southern Kingdom, the Kingdom of Judah.

The book has only three chapters.

LUXURIES AND STEWARDSHIP

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than we do for church and charity, we should ask ourselves if we *really* love Jesus.

Christians should be ready to sacrifice *necessities* for Jesus' sake when He makes it plain that He wants it. Yes, some have even given up their life out of love and loyalty to Jesus. After all, He gave up more than a few luxuries for us. He gave up His body and blood, His holy, innocent life on the cross for us unholy, guilty men. And He did this that we might not perish in hell but that we could have everlasting life in heaven.

Surely we ought to be willing to give up a few luxuries in order to do the church work He plainly commands us to do.

AUGUST L. HAUPTMAN

He describes the terrible famine which had come after the locusts and a long drought had hit the land very hard. He shows that this was a judgment of God and pleaded with the people to repent. And he promises help through faith in the Lord. But he says that this trouble is only a forerunner of greater punishments if the people will not repent.

But he foretells that there would be coming a great day of salvation in the New Testament in which the heathen nations will be coming to the light of God. St. Peter on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:16, 17, refers to Joel 2:28-32 and points out that Joel had prophesied about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thus we see that Joel's message was not simply a message that concerned itself only with the hard times that had come through the locust and drought but had a deeper meaning and pointed out the message God's prophets proclaimed, namely, that our troubles should lead us to repentance. And the people of the Old Testament were to look forward to the time when the Savior would come.

We who live in the New Testament and have seen these prophecies fulfilled can and should still profit from the messages of the old men of God; for even now it means ruin to turn away from the Lord, and even now help and salvation come to those who look to the Savior in faith.



Bible Quiz

What is always the end of a person who is upright and strictly follows the rules of God? Psalm 37:37

Who were the two silversmiths that were in charge of making the work in gold and silver and precious stones for the tabernacle [tent church] of the Children of Israel? Exodus 31:2-6

What is as much and more important than paying one tenth of the herbs and garden vegetables to God? Matthew 23:23

A doxology is a song of praise of God. What grand doxology did John the Apostle in a vision hear all creatures speak? Revelation 5:13

What does, and what does not, save us? Titus 3:5

What influence did Adam's disobedience have upon every person that ever was born, except Jesus? Romans 5:19

Who was it that showed beforehand through the mouth of the prophets that Christ should suffer? Acts 3:18

When the apostle Paul urged the Christians to be liberal in their contributions and mentioned the good example of the churches in Macedonia, he said that it proves something if they gladly give a good share of their money for church and charities. What does it prove? 2 Corinthians 8:8

As Joseph did, how should parents always consider their children? Genesis 48:9

In the terrible hailstorm in Egypt at the time of Moses the Egyptians

lost all their barley and flax; but why did the hail not hurt their wheat and rye? Exodus 9:32

What was the signal which made the Children of Israel in the desert start and stop their marches? Numbers 9:17

What is the secret of a happy and blessed life? Deuteronomy 5:33

What do the eyes of the Lord always watch? Proverbs 5:21

What are good things to think about? Philippians 4:8

When can two people be three people? Matthew 18:20

The Lord owns everything and needs nothing; but how can one still lend Him something? Proverbs 19:17

Why should we always be glad to give? Matthew 10:8

What is the biggest surprise that this world will ever see? Matthew 26:64

How can one become the friend of Jesus? John 15:14

Why could Azariah, one of the kings of Judah, not live in the same house with the other members of the family? 2 Kings 15:5

What was the end of the wicked queen Athaliah of Israel, who after the death of Ahaziah had killed all that were in line to become king so that she could rule alone? 2 Chronicles 23:15

What is the mark of a truly faithful man? Luke 16:10