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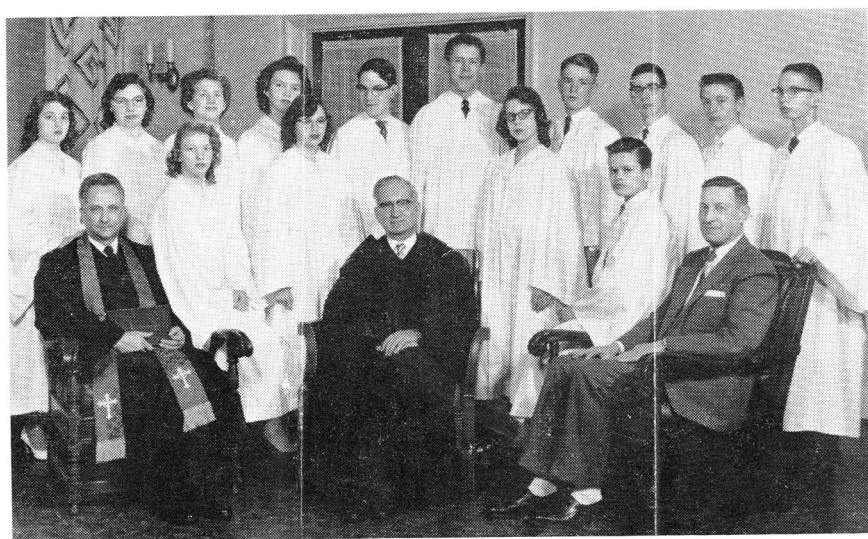
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Important Days at the Lutheran School for Deaf, Detroit

Two groups of deaf children of the Lutheran School for the Deaf are depicted in this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN. They give fine evidence of the blessed missionary work in which this school has now

Montana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, among others have children in the school.

And while Palm Sunday was a big day at the school, June 8 will be another day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. On that day the 85th anniversary of the maintaining organization will be celebrated, the first Lutheran educational charity of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. This agency has done very wonderful work, and hundreds of deaf graduates thank God for the training they have received through the ministry of this organization. Through years of hard struggle the work never lacked the support of prayers and gifts which devoted Christians have bestowed on it.



Children Baptized at Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit

Left to right, seated: Jackie Noble, Mount Clemens, Mich.; Georgia Ernster, Savage, Mont.; Connie Shook, Memphis, Mich.; standing: Robert Harrison, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Robert Wilkinson, Brighton, Mich.; Judith Tower, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Rodney Phillips, Lansing, Mich.; Georgia Bell, Iowa City, Iowa

been engaged for 85 years. One picture, appearing on the front page of this magazine, shows the class of fourteen children who were confirmed on Palm Sunday, March 30, two members of the class being baptized. The other picture shows the eight children who were received by Holy Baptism on this Sunday into the Kingdom.

While many of these children come from Michigan, this large percentage of Michigan children is incidental, for the school enrollment consists of children of many states and even from the Canadian provinces, as far away as British Columbia. Texas,

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the superintendent's service. Mr. John A. Klein, LL.D., looks back upon fifty years of distinguished work. Those years saw the replacement of the old red brick "Asylum," as the old three-story building was generally called in the years of yore, by the excellent set of buildings which are now in use. And the construction of these buildings brought with it a very hard task, which Dr. Klein assumed, and the maintenance of the school of about 125 pupils and large faculty and staff of employees is not easy, for the funds are not handed out by a state but must come from charitable benefactors, and to maintain the excellency of standards is an accomplishment indeed. Dr. Klein enjoys the respect of other educators of the Deaf and has held responsible positions in the organiza-

tion of American Educators of the Deaf.

The Lutheran Auxiliary for the Deaf, the warmhearted women of Detroit and vicinity, who have for many years now made the Detroit School for the Deaf the object of their special support, on May 4 celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Klein, and the Maccomb County Chapter observed it May 13 at Richmond, Mich. Only the Lord knows how much good these faithful women have done, the sisters of Lazarus, the Marthas and the Marys.

A son of Dr. Klein, Lt. Col. John J. Klein, a career soldier of Uncle Sam, at present in France on duty, has given his father as an anniversary gift a trip to Europe, which the father hopes to take this summer and surely will enjoy.

The DEAF LUTHERAN congratulates the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, the organization that maintains it, and the director, Dr. John A. Klein, on the occasions which are remembered in this anniversary year.

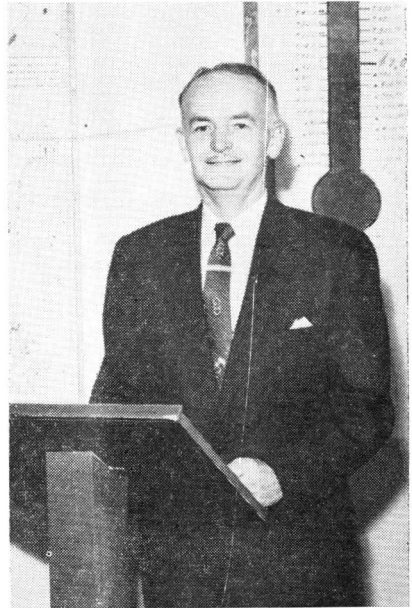
Progress at Los Angeles

Several weeks ago the Southern California supplement of the *Lutheran Witness* brought a story of the progress that is being made at Los Angeles, where Pilgrim Lutheran Deaf Church is working hard towards building a new and badly needed church.

At the parish house of Trinity Lutheran Church over 150 members and friends of Pilgrim gathered for a dinner, which was some sort of a "kickoff" effort to obtain funds for the new church.

Mr. Perry Stephenson, chairman of the congregation, acted as the

master of ceremonies and gave the keynote address. Speeches in the sign language were given by Mrs.



Mr. Perry Stephenson, Chairman of Pilgrim Deaf Church, Los Angeles

Fannie Degner, chairman of the ladies' aid; Mrs. Evelyn Tibbits, chairman of the Guild Society, and Mr. Fred Degner, treasurer of the church. Each stressed the growth of the congregation and the need for more room so that the Deaf really can "see" the sermons and take part in the services. More room for the Sunday school and larger facilities for the well-rounded youth program of the younger Deaf are needed. A church office is badly needed, also a room for counseling by the pastors of Deaf who come with their various problems. Pastors Jonas and Lange also spoke, urging support of the project and trust in God that success may crown the effort.

The church is to be built on Ver-

mont Ave., adjacent to the northwest corner of Pico Blvd., in a central location, easily accessible to all the Deaf of the Greater Los Angeles area. The project consists of a church seating 300 people, Sunday school rooms, church and pastor's offices, a parish hall seating 240 for dining, a kitchen, a lounge, a stage, and sufficient off-street room for parking cars. The architect is Mr. Walter Hagedorn.

The Deaf not only pledged \$10,000, to be paid within three years, but they collected \$965 on these pledges that evening. With this amount pledged over and above what these Deaf are already doing, they will now be able to pay off \$100,000 of the costs of the project, which according to the estimate of the architect will be between \$130,000 and \$135,000.

The Board of Missions to Deaf has requested that the congregation show its ability to finance and pay for this project within three years so that the congregation be not burdened with a large debt and heavy interest payments. This is a heavy task, but the Deaf are confident that with God's help the balance needed will be obtained to complete the financing within the given time limit of three years.

Surely all the readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN will join in the wish and prayer that Pilgrim Lutheran Deaf Church will be successful in this big undertaking.

When recently the Vanguard rocket was sent into outer space, a Roman Catholic St. Christopher medal had been bolted to it, the action having been sanctioned by a U. S. Navy official. That church teaches that such a medal assures

the protection of travelers, that particular saint being considered the guardian of travelers. This superstition is worthless and an insult to God, who alone is our Keeper, and putting such a medal on a government object is an insult to every non-Catholic. The Sunday school staff of Peace Lutheran Church at Scranton, Pa., sent a vigorous protest to the Navy Department at Washington, D. C.

Ephphatha Conference will meet from Saturday morning, August 23, to Wednesday noon, August 27, at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. The Regional Representatives will meet Friday evening, August 22. These dates are final.

Eastern Seaboard Deaf Conference will meet at Pocono Crest, Pa., June 6—8.

Northwest Lutheran Laymen's Conference will meet July 18—20 at Camp Lutherland, near Tacoma, Wash.

Montana Lutheran Lay Conference will meet August 9 and 10 in Rockhaven Chapel camp in Gallatin Canyon about 20 miles north of Yellowstone Park, near Bozeman, Mont.

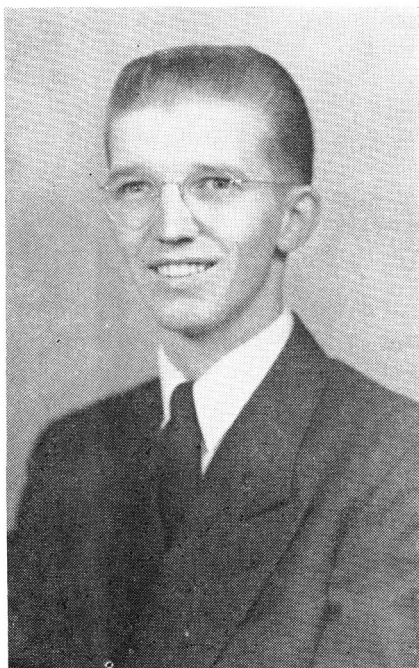
The North Central Regional Deaf Conference will meet at Milwaukee, Wis., August 9 and 10. In connection with this meeting the 60th anniversary of Emmanuel Deaf Congregation will be commemorated.

Midwest Deaf Laymen's Conference meets in Denver September 13—15.

Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

Again the time of the laymen conferences of our Deaf has come and the first has been the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference. The movement to have such meetings in which the Deaf of a certain region and the pastors of those areas meet for two or three days began in Dixie some years ago, and nearly all other areas have since instituted these annual meetings, and every year they become bigger and better. Not only do the people of these areas get to know one another better, but many matters of doctrine and practice in the Lutheran Church are discussed; men and women take an active and lively part, asking and answering questions and gaining a deeper insight into things that pertain to God.

At Jacksonville, Ill., on March 29 and 30, the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference met in Christ for the Deaf Chapel, of which Rev. Delbert I. Thies is pastor. Pastors Gyle of Miami, Bottlinger of Memphis, Reinking of St. Louis, Sampson of Oklahoma City, Dr. Salvner of Minneapolis and many lay men and women had come; Rev. E. Oermann of Houston, Tex., was not there, having been called to Pennsylvania in those days to the bedside of his very ill father.



Conference Host Pastor, Rev. D. I. Thies

The topic of the convention was "Total Commitment." The term means to give ourselves completely to God. Rev. Reinking showed in a paper how the apostles gave themselves wholly to God; Mr. Archie Marshal of St. Louis spoke of "Total Commitment in the Early Church of the New Testament"; Mr. Parke B.



Clergymen and Students Attending DDLC Conference



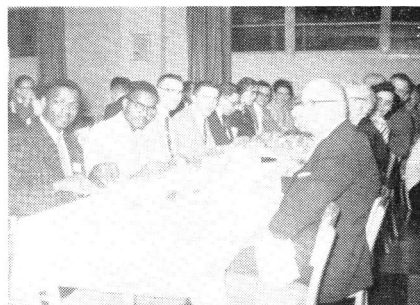
Women of Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Ill., Serving Delegates

Moses of Jacksonville's paper was on "Total Commitment and the Means of Grace," what the Word of God and the Sacraments have to do with our giving ourselves completely to God; Student Herman Graef spoke of "Total Commitment as Sputnik and Other Trials Grow." Rev. Sampson spoke on "Total Commitment and Love," and Mr. J. Wardell of Memphis spoke on "Total Commitment as It Affects Our Time, Talents, and Treasures." The essays were well prepared and well discussed.

In the Communion service on Saturday Rev. Bottlinger was the preacher, and in the Sunday morning service Rev. Gyle gave the sermon. A number of students of our seminaries at St. Louis and Springfield were in attendance. A picture of the clergymen and students appears in this issue, and also one of the ladies of Salem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville who served the delegates and also twice a month serve the Springfield students who go to Jacksonville every Sunday to teach the

children from the Illinois School for the Deaf in the Lutheran Sunday school at Christ Chapel. Another picture shows the hungry DDLC delegates feeding the body after their souls had been fed in the sessions.

The next meeting of the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference will, God willing, be held in Memphis, Tenn., April 4 and 5, 1959. The officers elected to serve the coming year are: Archie Marshall, St. Louis, chairman; Parke B. Moses, Jacksonville, vice-chairman; J. Wardell, Memphis, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Bottlinger, program chairman.



Hungry DDLC Delegates Hungry No More



Our Synod

Adding New Workers

In the month of June the two main theological seminaries of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, the St. Louis and the Springfield, Ill., Concordias, and the two teachers' colleges, at River Forest, Ill., and at Seward, Nebr., dismiss graduates who now are ready to enter upon their life's work in the harvest fields of the world, eager to gather sheaves for Christ's heavenly barns. There are some other seminaries located in distant lands where the people of the various nationalities are instructed to become pastors and teachers in these mission fields; but we are now speaking of the graduation of the classes in the four institutions mentioned above.

To become a pastor the student must have passed through the high school grades and college grades or their equivalent, and have four or five years of work in the theological seminary, one of which is spent in the vicarage, which means that the man serves one year in the field in a congregation under the local pastor, his work always being under the scrutiny and control of the seminary authorities. It thus takes twelve or thirteen years of intense study beyond the eighth grade to become a pastor. A teacher has four years of high school and four years of college before he graduates.

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod spends much money to prepare its workers, for these must be

well qualified in this age of high educational levels in the world. And when the time of graduation has come, these men rightfully belong to Synod. And Synod tries hard to find the places where the abilities of each graduate can be utilized to best advantage. To this end a Board of Assignment serves.

The Board of Assignment consists of the President and the four Vice-Presidents of Synod and the College of District Presidents. Faculty representatives of the seminaries and teachers' colleges and the representatives of the various missions also are present. A preliminary committee of five District Presidents and the faculty representatives meets several days before the general meeting takes place, and into this preliminary meeting the faculty representatives bring the necessary information about each candidate, his history, strong points, and perhaps special inclinations, while the District Presidents bring the calls and requests from the field. This committee then weighs the calls and makes preliminary suggestions of assignments. Then, when the general meeting is held, the preliminary work has been done, and the calls are assigned.

The rights of the congregations to call are safeguarded. Sometimes a congregation wishes to call a man directly and does so. Usually, however, and properly, a congregation,

in sending a call for a candidate to the District President, co-operates by not naming a man; for there may be another man better qualified for that congregation, or a man's ability can be put to much better use in the Kingdom in another position. The faculty representatives usually know the abilities and limitations of a man better than any one else. This system has worked out very well. After a man has been in a place and calls come, it is up to him and the congregation to make decisions, but in the case of the entry of new workers, this has been our policy, and it has served the church very well.

This year the Board of Assignment met the last days of April. Calls were assigned to 152 St. Louis Seminary graduates and to 46 Springfield Seminary men; 210 vicars were assigned, students who will have one more year of study at the seminary but now go out for a year into field work; 76 requests for vicars could not be filled.

The committee received 725 applications for men and women teachers

and supply teachers, the latter being about equivalent to vicars. Only 489 could be filled, leaving 236 applications unfilled.

Surely, "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2)

The Mission to the Deaf received two ministerial candidates: **Candidate Herman Graef** was called to Omaha, Nebr., to become pastor of Bethlehem Deaf Church with Rev. E. Mappes; and **Candidate Earl J. Thaler** received the call into the New England field. Four vicars were assigned to the Mission to Deaf: **Mr. LeRoy Mason** of San Pablo, Calif., of the Springfield Seminary, is assigned to the South Chicago field; **Mr. Orlin Anderson** of Appleton, Minn., also studying at Springfield, goes to New York City; **Mr. Gerhard A. Gehrs**, Crystal, N. Dak., of St. Louis, goes to the Florida field, and **Mr. Franklin P. Wagenknecht**, Kansas City, Mo., also of the St. Louis Seminary, will work in the Twin Cities, Minn., area.



Houston, Tex. — The dedication of the Austin chapel is scheduled to be held May 18. Details of this event will be given in a later issue. — Rev. Oermann was called to the bedside of his very ill father in March. Rev. Oermann's father, lives in Pennsylvania and was forced to undergo a very serious operation for brain tumor. He survived the operation,

but is still very weak. May the Lord watch over him.

Oklahoma City. — **Mr. Earl Baker**, who is deaf-blind, became a member of the local congregation on March 23. **Mr. Don McBride**, the blind brother of Mrs. Sampson, assisted Pastor Sampson greatly by transcribing in Braille the pastor's sermons and instructions. Mr. Don

McBride and **Mr. Charles Rahn** did this for Earl Baker also at Jackson-ville, Ill., at the DDLG convention, where they went, paying their fare themselves in order to serve their blind friend and in order to get the inspiration of the fine meetings. — **Mr. Garland Brown** is now studying the teachings of Christianity in preparation for Holy Baptism. — Among those recently undergoing surgery but now recovering are **Mrs. Gust. Falke** of Sapulpa, Okla., **Mrs. Louis Stevenson** of Eufaula, **Mrs. Rob. Seal** of Oklahoma City, and **Rebecca Sampson**, who had polio in Mississippi and was operated upon in the hope of making her right leg grow as long as the left.

Newark, N. J. — On March 29 **Arthur L. Thomas** of Gallaudet Home passed away and was laid to rest in Catskill Cemetery, and on April 14 **Bertha Swanson Little** of Roselle, N. J., was given Christian burial at Shrewsbury, N. J. — **Lauretta Russell** and **Joseph Bowen** were united in marriage April 5 in Epiphany Lutheran Church at Camden, N. J., and **Shirley Loeble** and **Edward Arlington, Jr.**, were married on April 26 at Neptune City, N. J. — Members added to the roll of the church are: At Camden, March 30: **Lauretta Russell** by confirmation and **Joseph Bowen** by affirmation of faith; at Patterson Mission last December: **Harry Laurie** by profession of faith, **Catherine Nuber** by confirmation, **Howard Hook** by Baptism; at Trenton in December: **Mrs. Annie Bell Pierce** by confirmation and **Miss Ruth Clark** by Baptism. May God bless and keep all these! — St. Matthew's LWML of Newark was host to the women of Zone 254. The house at 510 Parker St. was full! The District LWML sent the deaf

congregation a check for \$1,950 for a new roof.

Des Moines, Iowa. — On April 27, at Calvary Deaf Church, **Miss Janice Brekke** and **Miss Nellie Langstraat** were confirmed by Pastor Stacy



Confirmation at Des Moines
Left to right: Nellie Langstraat, Janice Brekke, Pastor L. M. Stacy

after instruction in the Christian doctrine. In the case of Janice Brekke, this may be of particular interest to Rev. Ring of Portland, Oreg., and to Rev. Cordes of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for she was at the Oregon School for the Deaf and attended Rev. Ring's classes a while, then came to Sioux Falls, where she attended the services of Pastor Cordes and finally moved to Des Moines, where she finished her instruction and was confirmed. This is an encouraging story for pastors who often see people going away before they could complete their study; somewhere the work is completed, and the seed ripens into fruit. — At Waterloo **Mr. and Mrs. O. Landsverk** grieve over the loss

of their expected baby. God's ways are mysterious, but Christians will find comfort in His promise that He loves them still.

Columbus, Ind. — When on Maundy Thursday the service for the Deaf coincided with the service of Grace Lutheran, one of the hearing churches and the place where the Deaf now meet for their services, the problem was easily solved. The Deaf worshiped with the hearing, Rev. Stratford Eynon conducting the Communion service, and Rev. Gene Merrell assisting him in the distribution and interpreting the entire service to the Deaf. As everywhere else, so in Columbus also there has been a most cordial welcome given the Deaf by the hearing during the many years that services have been conducted for the Deaf.

Columbus, Ohio — Our church got fine write-ups in two of the Columbus papers at Easter. In the *Columbus Citizen* pictures of Pastor Drachenberg were shown as he signed the words "Forgive us our sins"; and the *Columbus Dispatch* gave us a fine Easter story with one picture showing the choir of deaf ladies practicing an Easter carol, and one showing the pastor directing. It seems to be a sign of increasing attention on the part of the hearing public for the services of the Deaf that papers give feature stories with pictures about our services, and it increases the interest in our services to the Deaf in the eyes of the Deaf themselves when they see that the hearing public considers their worship worthy of special mention. — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of our Holy Cross Congregation on April 6 presented a Bell and Howell 16mm.



Mr. John Riddlebaugh Accepting Movie Projector from Mrs. Otto Seidowski, LWML Treasurer, on Behalf of Columbus, Ohio, Church

film-sound projector to the church. The treasurer of the LWML, Mrs. Otto Seidowski, presented the machine, which the president of the congregation, Mr. John Riddlebaugh, accepted on behalf of the congregation. A cut appearing in this issue shows the moment of the presentation, and our members are very happy over this useful gift. — On April 27 **Howard Harley Gilbert, Jr.**, aged 7, and **Bonnie Lou**, aged 8, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gilbert, were baptized. May God keep these lambs safe.

Jacksonville, Ill. — On April 27 in the afternoon an informal discussion meeting was held at Christ Chapel. All were invited and encouraged to ask any question about anything and thus to induce interesting talks on any subject about church doctrine and customs and practices. Such meetings are fruitful, since they give the people a chance to ask questions. Sometimes in a service this or that idea strikes a hearer, and he would like to get more information on the subject but does not get the chance for discussion. On that afternoon the pastor would

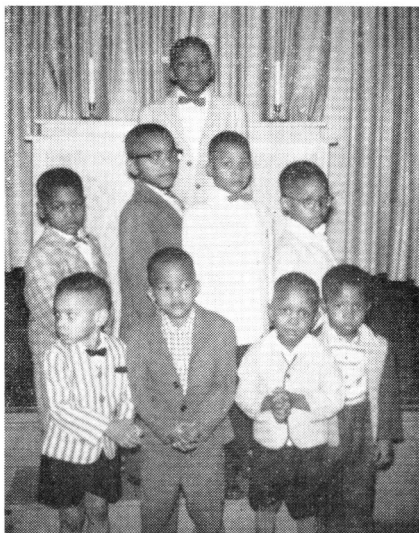
have gone to Hannibal for a service; but since he had to make a hospital call at Louisiana, Mo., to visit **Mrs. Loren Betts** of Bowling Green, he had made the rounds, visiting the Deaf instead in their homes at Bowling Green, Center, Perry, Curryville, New London, Hannibal, and Quincy. But such an arrangement cannot be made every month; the visit is valuable, but the visit to the church is also important. But such a visit will probably raise the church attendance. When on May 9 he again went to see **Mrs. Loren Betts**, the faithful Christian soul had gone to the Savior that morning, leaving her husband a very sad and lonely man. She was given Christian burial at Bowling Green on May 10. God grant His comfort to Mr. Betts. — Pastor Thies had some traveling to do that week. After the morning work at Jacksonville with the service and the Sunday school he preached at Springfield and Bloomington; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday he was in Springfield again for sign language classes at the seminary, Friday the trip to Louisiana, Mo., and Saturday to Bowling Green, Mo., for the funeral, Sunday to Peoria after the Jacksonville morning's work. That is indeed putting on the miles. — At the Easter service at Springfield, **Miss Sylvia Rodgers** and the two children of **Mr. and Mrs. Meiseman** received Holy Baptism. May God be their Shield and Guide! There were 20 Deaf at the service, and after the worship a social gathering was held.

Cincinnati, Ohio. — The ingathering continues. On February 9 **Eugene Caldwell**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caldwell, was laid into the arms of the Lord Jesus in Holy Baptism, and on April 6 **Lottie Pearl**



The Welborn Reids (left) and the Henry Caldwell with Their Children

Reid and Gwendolyn Reid, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Welborn Reid, were received into the Kingdom by Baptism. **Mr. Henry Caldwell** was confirmed on April 20. May God keep these His children in faith during all their life. — While Pastor Drachenberg conducts the Cincinnati service, Mrs. Drachenberg instructs a Sunday school class of nine Negro children.



Mrs. Drachenberg's Cincinnati Sunday School Class

Spokane, Wash.—We have had Evangelism Training supper meetings, and our people seemingly are learning something. These meetings are held from time to time at 6 P. M. on Fridays. The steadily increasing attendance figures on Sunday mornings and the record-breaking Easter attendance give proof that some of our Deaf are really “running” to tell others of Christ. That is what Jesus wants, and that is what builds the Kingdom.

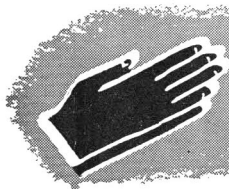
Detroit, Mich.—God be praised for the harvest of souls we can report from the Detroit field. May the names inscribed on the rosters of the churches be always found written in the Book of Life above! — On January 12 **Mrs. Alice Le Blanc** and **Mr. Edward Worrell** were confirmed; Palm Sunday, March 30, **16 children of the Detroit Lutheran School** for the Deaf were blessed in confirmation; the names are given in the article appearing in this issue about that school, and the picture appears on the front page of this issue; on April 6 six adults confessed their faith and were confirmed: **Mr. Willard Brenner** and **Mrs. Minnie Brenner**, **Mrs. Edith Kankula**, **Miss Nancy Schultz**, **Mrs. Beatrice Olesko**. On April 27 **Mr. Herbert Pickell, Jr.**, renewed his baptismal vow in confirmation. On May 4, in Flint, seven pupils from the Michigan School for Deaf were confirmed: **Edward Baird**, **Marcie Calles**, **Edward James**, **Robert Mathis**, **Charles Smith**, **Judy Weller**, and **Lois Wright**. Holy Baptism washed away the sins of **Ian Grant Simpson**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Simpson, on February 9 at Detroit. February 16 **eight pupils of the Lutheran School for the Deaf** were baptized; their names appear

under their picture given elsewhere in this issue; March 16 **Lee Luverne** and **Monica Ann Ortman**, children of Mr. and Mrs. Luverne Ortman, were laid into the arms of the Good Shepherd in Baptism, and on April 13 **Joan Bernice Denson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Denson, was given the Sacrament. What a list of names! And let us not forget that hours and hours of serious work and study of God's Word are involved! Thirty-one confirmed, twelve baptized; it reads like Acts 2:47: “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” — And may the Lord bless the marriage of **Martha Linden** and **Rex Henderson**, married in Lansing, and of **Eileen Snyder** and **Robert Gore** of Bowling Green, Ohio. — On March 13 **Jay Clinton**, and on March 31 the **infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ames**, both of Flint, died. Our sympathies!

Seattle, Wash. — On March 16 **Mr. Neil Beisner** was baptized and with **Mr. Milton Hendrix**, who was confirmed on that day, received into membership with Redeemer Deaf Church; and on Easter Sunday **Mrs. William Martin (Shirley Savage)** and her two children were baptized. In Tacoma, on April 13 **Mrs. Otto Lichtenberg (Janice Grinde)** was confirmed. May God's Holy Spirit be in and with them all and keep them faithful to Jesus and to His church all through their lives! — In the early morning hours of March 15 vandals tore the church name sign off Redeemer Lutheran Deaf Church and threw it over the fence into the yard of a neighbor. — The Easter offering of Redeemer Church was sent to China for the education of a small deaf boy of poor parents. May it help him to learn about Jesus!

Minneapolis, Minn.—Rev. Geo. Kraus recently performed three baptisms, **Jeffry Leroy Siebert**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Siebert, **Dean Marvin Johanson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johanson, and **Paul George**, who had come to him and Mrs. Kraus in the parsonage. May the Good Shepherd keep these His lambs close to His bosom!—**Miss Vera Gammon** of St. Paul is a deaf-blind lady. She is the first doubly handicapped person to graduate from the Minneapolis Society for the Blind School. She spent the year there studying home economics, handicrafts, gymnastics, typing, and “travel,” that is, learning to move about. A conscientious Christian, she attends services whenever possible, using a cab when not taken by some friend. She owns many

volumes of the Braille Bible and uses them often. Her passion to learn more about Christ, whether at home or in school, presents a fine example for others to follow.—The Almighty took **Mrs. Esther Pederson** of Eau Claire, Wis., to Himself March 7; she was given a Christian burial in her home town, Merrill, Wis. She is survived by her husband, Norman Pederson.—The men of Calvary-Grace Deaf Church during the winter enjoyed the wholesome Christian fellowship with the male members of seven hearing Lutheran churches through dartball games; and at the final banquet received recognition for being champions! They received a large dart, because they were “cellar champions”! But they had a good time all year and fun too.



Devotions

“Light for Your Way”

Bible Readings for June 1958

June 1 — Hosea 1: 1-11

June 2 — Hosea 2: 1-23

June 3 — Hosea 5: 13—6: 3

June 4 — Hosea 14: 1-9

June 5 — Joel 2: 1-17

June 6 — Joel 2: 18-32

June 7 — Amos 4: 1-3

June 8 — Amos 5: 1-24

June 9 — Amos 7: 1-17

June 10 — Amos 8: 1-14

June 11 — Amos 9: 7-15

June 12 — Obadiah 1-21

June 13 — Jonah 2: 1-10

June 14 — Jonah 3: 10—4: 11

June 15 — Micah 4: 1-10

June 16 — Micah 4: 11—5: 4

June 17 — Micah 7: 8-20

June 18 — Nahum 1: 1-15

June 19 — Habakkuk 1: 1-17

June 20 — Habakkuk 3: 1-19

June 21 — Zephaniah 1: 1-18

June 22 — Zephaniah 3: 1-20

June 23 — Haggai 1: 1-15

June 24 — Zechariah 1: 1-17

June 25 — Zechariah 8: 1-17

June 26 — Zechariah 9: 9-17

June 27 — Zechariah 11: 4-14

June 28 — Malachi 1: 6-14

June 29 — Malachi 3: 1-12

June 30 — Malachi 4: 1-6

“I am the Lord, I change not.” Malachi 3: 6



Know Your Bible

Micah

The Book of the prophet Micah has seven chapters in which Micah gives, as it were, a summary of his life and hope. He lived at the time of Isaiah and Hosea, approximately between 750 and 700 before Christ. He did not live in the capital city, but in the southern part of the Judean country in Meresheth near the site where the Philistine city Gath had stood. His name in the Hebrew version of Jeremiah 26:18 is also given as Micaiah and is shortened to Micah; thus he is distinguished from Micaiah, the son of Imlah, the prophet of Maresha, mentioned in 1 Kings 22:9.

He saw the destruction of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 B. C. His message is a call to Israel and Judah to repent. Evil days had fallen upon Israel, and it was destroyed for its sin, even as history tells of the fall of nations because of their iniquity. If we shake our heads nowadays about corruption and wickedness everywhere, even in high places, Micah 7:2-6 tells us of the evil days then. And Micah also instructs us what to do: "I will look unto the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me," he says in the next verse of that chapter. (v. 7)

The sins of worshiping false gods, as people do now even though these gods be not images of stone, but money, wealth, power, an easy life, lack of love of God and His

Word, and lack of love of the neighbor, all these sins are indicted. They brought the destruction of Israel then and of Judah later, and this destruction he prophesied and saw in the case of Israel. What a warning to us in these days when our national pride is being shaken as we see the forces of a godless Communism rising up like the black clouds of a gathering storm! But what about our nation? Is the warning to repent heeded?

But Micah is not hopeless. He trusts in the Lord and in the Savior. He gave us the beautiful words which we all will remember from the days when we were children, since we learned them as we prepared for the celebration of Christmas: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth that is to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). This Savior was his Hope, and he sees Jesus born there in Bethlehem and sees Him to be the Great King of the spiritual Israel, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. May He be our Trust and Hope also in these last days of the world!

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Bible Quiz

The wise men of Israel "healed the hurt of the daughter of Israel slightly" [were not very helpful] when they gave false hopes by saying certain words. Which were the words they shouted? Jeremiah 8:11.

Did priests that had a blemish or were crippled ever serve in making the sacrifices? Leviticus 21:21-23.

What were the rules about sowing different kinds of seeds together, mating animals of a different kind, and wearing clothing made of different kinds of materials? Leviticus 19:19.

Why did people in harvest never gather everything that had grown of grains and fruits and grapes? Leviticus 19:9, 10.

Which people are happy? Proverbs 3:13.

When Daniel was asked to tell the king's dream which the king had forgotten, what did he ask his three friends to do? Daniel 2:18.

Only whose funerals could a Jewish priest attend? Leviticus 21:2, 3.

What does a father do to his favorite son? Proverbs 3:12.

What prayer did St. Paul often pray? Romans 10:1.

Could a Jewish priest marry a widow? Leviticus 21:14.

What was Daniel's name among the Babylonians? Daniel 2:26.

Where did Jesus go immediately after John had baptized Him? Mark 1:12.

When King Darius forbade anyone to interfere with the rebuilding

of the temple under penalty of being hanged, he ordered that in such case the timber for the gallows should come from a certain place; from where? Ezra 6:11.

What was the name of "the place of a skull"? Mark 15:22.

What could a high priest not do, even when his wife or closest relative died? Leviticus 21:10-12.

The first temple, Solomon's, was built in seven years; the second, under Zerubbabel, was completed after many interruptions in twenty years; and how many years did the building of the third, under Herod, take? John 2:20.

What does the wild donkey not do when he has grass? Job 6:5.

Why can and should we let God take care of us and not worry? 1 Peter 5:7.

What impression did Jesus make upon those that heard His sermons, which other teachers of His time did not make? Mark 1:22.

Why will one not be able to find evildoers tomorrow morning after God has dealt with them tonight? Isaiah 17:14.

How many golden and silver vessels were returned to Jerusalem when the Jews came back from the Babylonian Captivity? Ezra 1:11.

Which persons can be trusted with big, important things? Luke 16:10.