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Notes from the Executive

A hearty hello to all of you! We are now in the spring of the year, and we see the earth changing around us. The leaves are coming out on the trees again, and the spring flowers are blooming. What a wonderful and happy time of the year spring is! It is always good to see things growing again; so it is good that each and every one of us continues to grow in love and faith to Jesus, our Savior.

Some changes are continuing in our different mission fields. **Rev. George Kraus** of St. Paul, Minn., has accepted the call to Holy Cross Church for the Deaf in St. Louis. **Pastor Martin Kosche** of Madison, Wis., has moved to Delavan and was installed in Delavan on April 19. The congregation of Madison Silent Lutheran Church has called **Rev. Herbert Drachenberg** of Columbus, Ohio, to be its pastor. Rev. Drachenberg has accepted and will be installed sometime during the month of May. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul, Minn., called **Rev. Clark Bailey** of Denver to be its pastor. However, Pastor Bailey felt it was the Lord's will for him to remain in the Colorado field, and so Prince of Peace called **Rev. C. Roland Gerhold** of Newark, N. J., to be its pastor. At the time of this writing no decision has yet been made. Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio, met in March to call a pastor, but at the time of this writing no word has been received as to whom they called. All of us should remember these missionaries in our prayers that the Lord will bless them in their new fields of work.

Our chapel building program is moving right along also. At last word, April 12 had been set as dedication day for the new chapel in St. Paul, Minn. May 3 is being considered the date for dedication of the new chapel in Delavan, Wis. The walls of the new chapel in Los Angeles are now going up. The building is progressing at a very good rate. We all must be thankful to the Lord that our Synod takes such an interest in this work among the Deaf to help us in the building of these different chapels. If you happen to live in an area where you have a chapel to worship in, are you there each time there is a service? God surely wants us to use His house to study His Word that our faith in Jesus can grow ever stronger.

Pastor Sampson of Oklahoma City has begun monthly services in Enid, Okla., and he reports that the Deaf are very enthusiastic to learn more of the wonderful Word of God. Pastor Lange of southern California has begun to hold services twice a month in the town of La Puente. If some of you who receive this paper know of a city where there are Deaf who are not being taught the Word of God, please write to me or to a nearby Lutheran pastor to the Deaf and let us know. We are always interested to hear of more people who want us to bring them the good news about Jesus.

The reports from all our fields show that our mission is continuing to grow. About 50 more have been added to the total number of Lutheran communicant members, now about 4,700. It is good to see that

more than 200 children and adults were born again as children of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 1958. Almost 250 children and adults stood before the altar of God in their church to make their confirmation vows and become communicant members during this last year. Our people gave a total of about \$5,000 more to the Lord in their churches last year, to make the total amount about \$109,000.

We are now coming to the time of the year when the different regions will have their regional conferences again. If you have a chance to go to your regional conference, it would be good if you can go. Not only is

it fun to meet the Deaf in different parts of your region, but it is good to sit down together to learn more from God's Word, how God wants us to work to spread His kingdom on earth. Be sure to send the stories of your regional conferences to our editor, Rev. Hoemann, so that we all can share the pleasant experiences that you have at your meetings.

For my next month's column I hope to have some figures for you from our different regions so that you can better know each region and see what the different regions are doing. So until next month I say, God be with you all.

W. F. REINKING

Bidding Good-by to Grace Chapel, Minneapolis

By DR. J. L. SALVNER

September 15, 1915, Grace Chapel was dedicated in Minneapolis, Minn., with a morning service for the Deaf, in which the now sainted Pastor A. Boll of Brooklyn, N. Y., preached the sermon. His text was: "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Genesis 28:17)

During those days Ephphatha Conference met in Minneapolis to rejoice with us. For 43 years the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been preached, and thus Grace Chapel has been the house of God and the gate to heaven for many Deaf.

In 1958 Grace Congregation, Minneapolis, and Calvary Congregation, St. Paul, were merged. They formed Prince of Peace Congregation, and a new church is being built between the two cities to the glory of our Savior's name. We hope to dedicate it by Easter, God willing.

Grace Chapel, in which we have been worshiping for 43 years, has been sold, and we held our last service in it January 25. The writer of these lines preached the farewell sermon from Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." We thanked God that during these 43 years our pastors and members were not ashamed of this Gospel, and we prayed that God never let us be ashamed of this Gospel in our new church.

During these years four pastors ministered to the Minneapolis Deaf: Pastors Salvner, Lutz, Bremer, and Kraus. Two vicars have also served Grace Congregation: William Ludwig and Franklin Wagenknecht. During these 43 years 81 children and 17 adults were baptized in the name of Jesus. Seventy-seven were confirmed, vowing faithfulness to their Lord and Savior until death.

Ninety-two couples were joined together in marriage, and 52 were buried from Grace Chapel in the hope of the glorious resurrection to everlasting life in glory with Jesus. Indeed, God has been with us during these 43 years and has richly blessed our work. All praise and glory be unto Him! To these numbers several must be added of those who were baptized, confirmed, married, and buried during the pastorates of Pastors Lutz, Bremer, and Kraus.

We regret that we must report that Pastor Kraus will leave us. He has accepted the call to Holy Cross

Congregation, St. Louis. Feb. 6 in a meeting of the members in Christ Church it was resolved to grant him a peaceful dismissal and to wish him God's richest blessings on his work in Holy Cross Church and at Concordia Seminary, training young men for the ministry among the Deaf. God be with him and keep him.

May our dear Lord Jesus, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, continue to be with us and richly bless Prince of Peace Congregation to the glory of His precious name and the salvation of many blood-bought souls among the Deaf!

The Signs You See in Church

Debt and Sin

Let us look at these two signs as used in the Lord's Prayer. It often happens that Deaf come to our church services and think we have a different Bible because we use the word "sin" and not "debt" in the Lord's Prayer. They were taught to sign, "And forgive us our debts." We happen to use the term "sin" or "trespass."

All three words are in the Bible. Turn to Luke 11:4: "And forgive us our sins." Now read Matthew 6:12: "And forgive us our debts." In Matthew 6:14 we find "trespasses." There is, then, no difference.

Let us see the meaning of these words. We make the sign for **debt** as follows: The left hand is held with the palm up as representing a record or a bill. Now the right "G" finger taps or points emphatically on the palm. It means, "Here is your

debt; this is what you owe; this is what you have not paid. *You are guilty.*"

Now what is **sin**? According to 1 John 3:4, sin is every transgression of the Law. **Transgression** means to walk over, to pay no attention to the Law which says, "You must not." Therefore if you broke the Law, you are fined. You have a debt.

We sign **sin** or **transgression** or **trespass** as breaking the Law. The left hand is held with the palm forward and the right letter "L" is laid against it. Next the hands are changed to "S" hands as holding a stick and wanting to break the stick. This is Law-breaking, sin.

This, then, should clear up the idea that we have a different Bible. The Bible uses many different words in order to make some of its lessons plain and understandable to the reader. G. W. GAERTNER

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf Announce Award

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, a sponsoring organization of Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, plans to honor outstanding achievement in advancing the welfare of the Deaf by the presentation of a medal.

Designed by Donald De Lue and cast in bronze, the medal will be known as "The John of Beverly Medal." John of Beverly was an English Bishop who befriended a deaf youth and taught him to speak.

A Special Advisory Committee has been created to regulate the presentation. Clergymen, educators, physicians, psychologists, sociolo-

gists, or any individuals who have made a positive effort in behalf of the Deaf are eligible for nomination. Anyone wishing to make a nomination for the first award may address his suggestion together with his reasons for the recommendation to "The John of Beverly Award, Mill Neck Manor, Box 12, Mill Neck, New York."

Although the medal is designed primarily to honor past achievement in service to the Deaf, Mr. Melvin Luebke, Headmaster of Mill Neck School, expresses the hope that "the John of Beverly Medal will encourage greater efforts in the future."

The Cover

The picture on the cover is the emblem [picture] of Pentecost. The dove represents the Holy Ghost. The seven lamps are the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost. The prayer, "Come, Holy Ghost," remembers the coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost Day and asks for His coming also now within His church.

The use of a dove to represent the Holy Ghost is based on the story of Jesus' baptism, Matthew 3:16 (RSV): "And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him."

The seven lamps are mentioned in Revelation 4:5: "Before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God."

The seven gifts of the Spirit are listed in Revelation 5:12: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to re-

ceive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." At first these praises were given to Jesus, the "Lamb of God," but now they are understood as gifts of the Spirit also to all believers.

Another list of spiritual gifts is found in Isaiah 11:2: "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." If you counted, you noted that there were only six gifts mentioned. To make seven, the last gift, the fear of the Lord, is divided into piety and reverence.

The number of gifts is not very important, really. Nor is it important that each lamp have an exact name. The important thing to remember is that there is a connection between the Holy Ghost and all spiritual gifts. Remember, too, to seek these gifts from Him.

"Moments with God" Televised for the Deaf

A Heart for the Deaf

Back in the early 1950's Rev. Oswald Bertram of Naugatuck, Conn., started a television program called "Moments of Comfort." This weekly



Pastor George Kraus, while serving St. Matthew's for the Deaf in New York City, signs for Rev. Oswald Bertram over Station WHNC-TV, New Haven, Conn. The topic was "Overcoming Death Through Jesus Christ"

fifteen-minute telecast was a public-service feature of WHNC-TV, New Haven, Conn. The program consisted of a short sermon and prayer by Pastor Bertram, with music by a soloist or a recording.

But Pastor Bertram had a heart and an eye for the Deaf. They, too, should hear the Gospel of our Savior. He felt television was a "natural" for the Deaf. He asked Rev. George Kraus of St. Matthew's for the Deaf in New York City to sign the program for the Deaf audience. Pastor Kraus traveled 90 miles every other Wednesday to sign the program for the Deaf. Pastor Bertram prepared his talks on common problems that people meet in their daily lives. The telephone calls and letters showed a warm response to these "Moments of Comfort." It was the church of Christ reaching out to all men with the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, the Son of God . . .

that by all means they might save some, and comfort them with the everlasting promises of God.

When both Pastor Bertram and Pastor Kraus accepted calls to Philadelphia, Pa., and St. Paul, Minn., respectively, the program went off the air. Later Pastor Bertram returned to the air by means of motion-picture film with the same program but with a different signer. This time Rev. Roland Gerhold of St. Matthew's for the Deaf in Newark, N. J., interpreted the message for the Deaf. The program is still produced by film over Station WHNC.

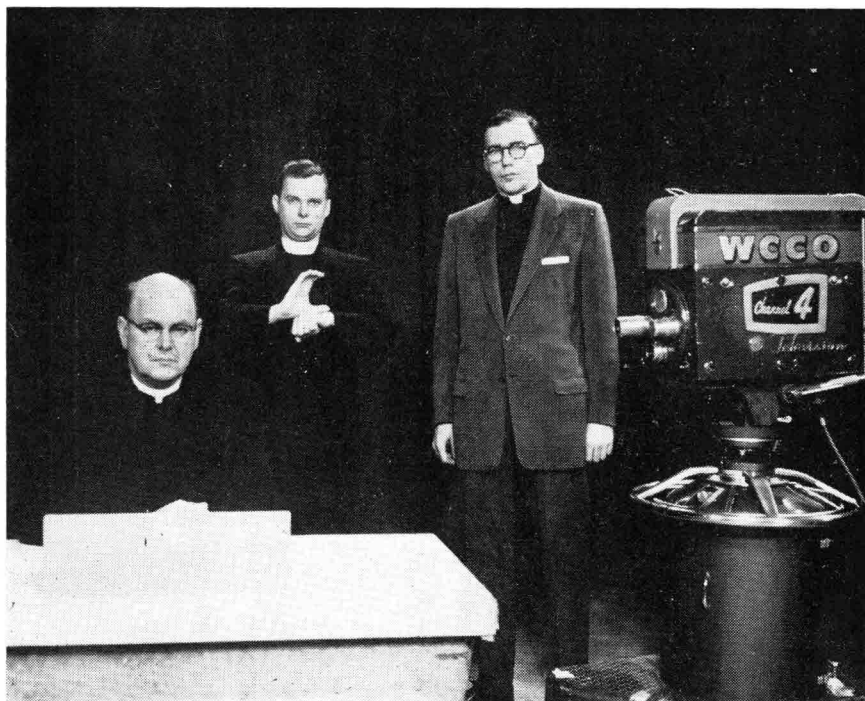
Gateway to the Northwest

When Pastor George Kraus arrived in St. Paul, Minn., in the summer of 1955 to become the pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, he brought Pastor Bertram's television ideas with him. Over Sta-



Pastor Buege tells men everywhere, "Look up to the cross of Christ; here is victory and life." Pastor Kraus interprets for the Deaf

tion WCCO-TV, the CBS affiliate in Minneapolis, a similar show was produced as a public-service feature. "Moments with God" was its name.



Pastors Buege, Kraus, and Drews begin a new series of devotions in the Northwest, called "Moments with God"

On this show, three pastors and an organist took part. Mr. William Niebuhr, organist of Christ Lutheran in Minneapolis, provided organ music for the ten-minute telecast. Pastor Ernest Drews, Jehovah Lutheran Church in St. Paul, sang the hymn for the devotional production. Pastor William Buege of Christ Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, gave a short talk on the important doctrines of the Lutheran Church. Pastor Kraus signed the program for the Deaf.

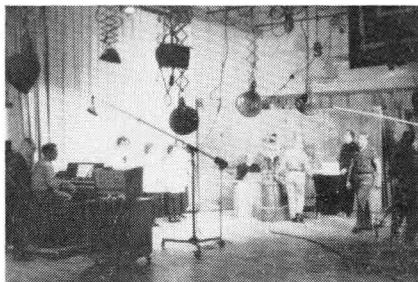
Unfortunately, "Moments with God" was short-lived over WCCO. A different program was given its time spot. In short and in TV slang, "She went commercial." The program had run from Jan. 3, 1956, to the end of July. It had a tremen-

dous audience. The time was 12:20 P. M. on every second Thursday just after the noon news. Money could not have bought a better time. It was a sad day when the three pastors "closed shop" on "Moments with God." But the large audience and the many letters and cards of praise and thanks made them feel the effort was very worthwhile for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Return Engagement

When "Moments with God" went off the air in July 1956, a year passed before the fifteen-minute devotion was back on the air. In the fall of 1957 Station WTCN-TV, affiliate of ABC, accepted the program on Saturday at the noon hour. This was to be a 36-week contract

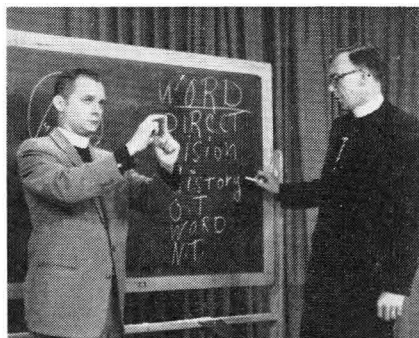
with the station. Jehovah Congregation and Christ Congregation paid for the weekly program at a cost of \$85 per week.



It takes a big crew to produce a live TV show. This is the director's view of "Moments with God" from the glass-lined booth of WTCN-TV

What Lutherans Stand For

The first half of the telecast was given to Pastor Drews for teaching the important beliefs of our church. A blackboard, progression pictures, a Eucharistic set, and similar visual



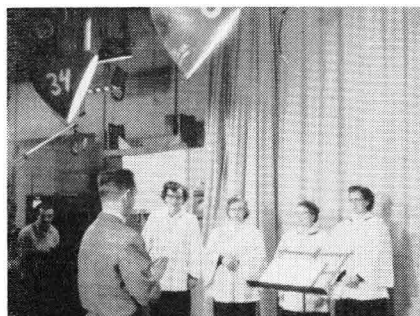
A blackboard discussion of the Word of God took the viewer from Genesis to Revelation

aids were some of the helps used to explain the Lutheran Church to the audience. Their intention was to identify the Lutheran Church with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of the topics were: *What Do You Mean by the Word of God? What Is a Sacrament? Who Is Jesus Christ? Can You See the Church?* Pastor Kraus signed

the program for the Deaf viewers. Occasionally, instead of giving a lecture, Pastor Drews would have an informal talk about a topic with Pastor Kraus. This informal presentation was very popular with their audience.

A Treasury of Hymns

Lutherans are a singing church. "Moments with God" tried to show this fact to the audience. Mr. William Niebuhr, Christ Church organist, played the studio organ and sang a hymn for every program. He



Pastor Kraus and the ladies of Calvary Deaf Church, St. Paul, get a "Stand by" command from the director. L. to r.: Mrs. Orville Hanson, Mrs. Charles Magnuson, Mrs. Ernest Berger, Mrs. Lois Merrill

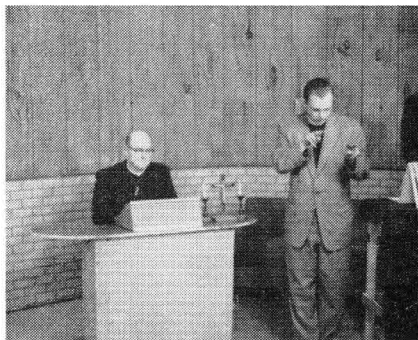
also opened and closed the program with the regular theme. The hymn was chosen to fit the topic for the day.

Nor were the Deaf forgotten here. The ladies of the Twin Cities Deaf congregation signed the many hymns most beautifully. The grace and the beauty of the sign language were appreciated not only by the Deaf, but also by the many thousands of hearing viewers.

Seeing the Word

The Lutheran Church stands for the preached Word. Its ministers speak out the good news of Jesus

Christ and Him crucified. Rev. William Buege, former chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, closes the program with a sermonet.



Pastor Buege speaks on "Behold the Lamb of God"

His talks usually follow the church year. These excellent short sermons by Pastor Buege received many fine comments from laymen and clergy-men alike.

Rating

A sponsor of a television show always wants to know how his program stands in the public eye. The "sponsors" of "Moments with God" are no exception. The Nielsen Rating of December 1957 listed "Moments with God" as having 10,800 television sets tuned in. If an average of two and one-half viewers are watching each set, this would amount to 27,000 viewers for each program. This, of course, cannot begin to compare with the number of people who watch the network programs each week which are broadcast from coast to coast. But the sponsors of "Moments with God" are very happy and truly thankful to God that this many people each week are watching and hearing the telecast which brings them the Gospel of Christ.

This Year

With the fall of 1958 "Moments with God" once more had to "shift gears." Station policy on WTCN forced a move to another Twin Cities station, KMSP-TV. A contract was signed by Jehovah and Christ congregations similar to the one which had been in effect with WTCN.

The current series will run for 36 weeks, and the format of the program will remain the same. Pastor Kraus has accepted a call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis; however, the minister to the Deaf who replaces him in the Twin Cities area may be able to replace him on the program. Meanwhile Pastor Drews at his blackboard, Pastor Buege sitting at his desk, and Mr. Niebuhr at his organ will continue to be identified



Timing is important. Pastors Kraus, Drews, and Buege compare the "clock with the script." Mr. Niebuhr is at the organ

by the audience as ministers of God and stewards of the mysteries of God. These consecrated men feel certain that God is using this program because the program speaks of the things of God: of salvation, forgiveness, eternal life, faith. May the Holy Spirit continue to reach out for men through this station and through "Moments with God."



CONFERENCES

The Great Lakes Regional Conference will meet at Christ Lutheran Church, East 25th Street and Payne Avenue, on Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24, in Cleveland.

The Montana Lutheran Deaf Conference will be held July 25 and 26 at Camp Maiden near Lewistown. The theme is "The Christian Faces the Space Age."

Spokane Church Plans Improvements

Spokane, Wash. Faith Church at Spokane has chosen a committee to study plans for improving the furnishings in the chancel. The following are on the committee: James Nickerson, Clyde Catron, and Arthur Anderson. The ladies are buying draw draperies for the church windows. A gift of fifty dollars has been given to our Mission Society by the Busy Bee Sewing Club. The ladies at their last meeting also decided to contribute toward new altar furnishings.

Organize Sewing Circle

Omaha, Nebr. Bethlehem Ladies' Aid in its February meeting organized a sewing circle under the leadership of Mrs. Mina Stinger.

The first project of the group will be to add to the congregation's supply of confirmation robes.

Official Acts Reported from Newark

Funerals: Wesley England, uncle of Fred Linde, on Dec. 16, 1958. Louise Ruezinsky, mother of Minnie Ruezinsky, on Dec. 20, 1958.

Baptism: Irene Louise Oxner on Saturday, Feb. 7. Sponsors: William Dunker and Faye Melanson.

Recovers from Pneumonia

Spokane, Wash. Frederick Hauptman, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. Hauptman, was hospitalized last February for pneumonia. He returned home from the hospital on Feb. 26 and is reported to be doing very well.

Interprets News on TV

During the newspaper strike in Columbus, Ohio, Rev. H. Drachenberg kept the Deaf informed on current events by interpreting the eleventh-hour news over WLW-C TV.

He also interpreted an 8:25 A. M. devotional program sponsored by the Columbus Council of Churches, called "Five Minutes to Live By," for the duration of the strike.

Results Reported on Springfield PTR

Springfield, Ill. A total attendance of 144 for five evening church services resulted from the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching evangelism effort of the Springfield Lutheran Deaf.

Pastor Thies reports that 11 lay witnesses completed 37 calls to promote the Christ-centered event. Contributions gathered during the special services totaled \$54.26.

The purpose of the special effort was to encourage the members of the congregation to reach out into the community where they live, to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf.

Rev. Delbert Thies expressed the hope and prayer "that the interest and enthusiasm which has been 'born' will not quickly 'die' but 'grow.'" Pastor Thies conducts services for the Deaf in Springfield on the first Sunday of each month. Bible classes are held on the second and fourth Monday.

Elderly Gentleman Baptized

Omaha, Nebr. Mr. Hutch Albin Willison, 84, in a special service conducted by Pastor Graef, was given a new birth through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The service took place in the chapel of Immanuel Invalid Home in Omaha, where Mr. Willison is a resident.

The nursing supervisor has said since the Baptism that Mr. Willison has a much better outlook on life, eats better, complains less about the pain which constantly plagues him, and is prepared to accept bravely anything which may come to him.

Memorial to Louise Ruezinsky

Newark, N. J. An embroidered "Lord's Supper" will be mounted in the narthex of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Newark, N. J., as a memorial from the family and friends of Mrs. Louise Ruezinsky. Jessie Karus, Helen Libby, August Beyer, and Wainwright Pearsall prepared and mounted the unique memorial. It was dedicated on Feb. 8.

† Mr. H. Whyland †

Buffalo, New York. Mr. H. Whyland, for 35 years an employee of the Rochester School for the Deaf, passed away on Feb. 2. He was 82 years old. The funeral services were held in Buffalo, New York, Thursday, Feb. 5. Burial took place in Evergreen Cemetery at Alden, New York. Pastor Rohe addressed the bereaved on the basis of Psalm 91:16: "With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."

Daughter Born to the Winans

Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Winans became the parents of a daughter born Jan. 26. They have called her Diane Sue.

Mission Sunday in Cleveland

The first Mission Sunday of 1959 was held at Christ Church in Cleveland on Feb. 1. Eighty-five attended the service. The offering for missions was \$132.18. During 1958 three such Mission Sundays were observed, with emphasis on missions, church attendance, and more generous offerings.

Pastors Meet in Fort Wayne

Pastors Scheibert, Frederking, Drachenberg, Corl, Merrell, and Vicar Mason met in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., for a two-day conference to discuss their work in their congregations in 1959. Topics read and discussed were: sermon preparation, making calls, finances, conducting worthwhile meetings, and the work of the vicar. Each pastor led one topic discussion, while Pastor Corl served as secretary. Pastor Borchardt was absent because of illness. The conference appeared to be so profitable that the group decided to meet again early in 1960.

Daughters Born to Two Iowa Families

Des Moines, Iowa. Debbie Jean Wiener arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wiener of Ames, Iowa. Mrs. Wiener is the former Marlene Booy of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Weight at birth: Eight pounds, five ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Merrifield of Des Moines are the proud parents of a daughter weighing a little over five pounds. In spite of her small size, she is a healthy baby. She has an older brother. Mr. Merrifield attended the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs.

Church Wedding for Deaf Couple

Hannibal, Mo. John Jones and Shirley Love were joined in holy wedlock at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hannibal, Mo., on Feb. 14. The marriage ceremony was conducted by Rev. Delbert Thies.

New Communion Ware

Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Alta Dammel, a member of Trinity, Great Falls, has donated a new Communion set to Rev. August L. Hauptman. The gift, a small silver set for use at sickbeds and in small services, is given to the Lutheran Deaf Mission as a memorial to her husband, Mr. I. E. Dammel.

Pastor Gerhold in Minor Accident

Newark, N. J. On his way to Trenton, Sunday, Feb. 8, Pastor Gerhold had a minor accident. No one was hurt, but the Ford station wagon, a gift of the LWML, was damaged. Pastor Gerhold was unable to stop in time when a hood blew off another car and forced the traffic to stop abruptly on the Garden State Parkway. Fortunately there was no pile-up even though the parkway was crowded.

† Mr. William Arras †

Lima, Ohio. Mr. William Arras of Lima, Ohio, died on Feb. 27 at the age of 74. He received a Christian burial on March 2.

Injured on Missouri Highway

Omaha, Nebr. Mr. and Mrs. James Strunk of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were seriously injured in a head-on collision with a gasoline truck on an icy Missouri road.

Pastors Graef and Mappes thank God for sparing Mr. and Mrs. Strunk and for keeping their children safe. The *Silent Visitor*, church paper for the Omaha field, reports that the couple is now on the road to recovery.

† Miss Bertha Lange †

Chicago, Ill. Miss Bertha Lange was called home to her heavenly rest during January 1959. She had been ill for quite some time and was living with her sister, Mrs. Martha Thielman, in Ludington, Mich.

Cleveland Reports Baptisms

Lillian Norman and Magnolia Swope of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dean Luikart and Diane Cervinski of Mansfield, Ohio, were baptized recently by Pastor Frederking. During 1958 a total of seventeen were baptized and nine confirmed.

New Members in Seattle

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1: Five new members were added to the Lutheran congregation in Seattle during 1958. They were confirmed or baptized and confirmed by Pastor Beyer.



Front row, l. to r.: Mrs. William Martin, Miss Elvie Mae Arnold, Pastor J. A. Beyer; second row: Neil E. Beisner, Duane E. Florence, Milton D. Hendrix

Two Adults Confirmed in New York

New York, N. Y. Mr. Arne Olsen and Mrs. Louis Hermann have completed their instructions for church membership and were confirmed during the regular morning worship service at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, New York, on March 15. Student Pastor Orlin Anderson welcomed them into membership in the name of the congregation.

Children Born to New Jersey Parents

Newark, N. J. Irene Louise Oxner was born to Rosemarie and Charles Oxner on Dec. 17, 1958. Jeffrey James was born to Lauretta and Joseph Bowen on Jan. 25, 1959.

Surprise Anniversary Celebration

Lincoln, Nebr. The Lincoln congregation surprised Rev. and Mrs. Mappes after the service on Feb. 22 with a celebration in honor of their anniversary. The group presented the pastor and his wife with a gift.

Mrs. Neva Howsden Baptized

Arapahoe, Nebr. Mrs. Neva Howsden of Franam was baptized into the Christian faith at Arapahoe, Nebr., by Rev. Clark Bailey on Feb. 14.

Received into Membership

Peoria, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Manley were received into membership with the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Peoria, Ill., on Feb. 8.

Pentecost Called Whitsunday

Why is the Festival of Pentecost sometimes called Whitsunday?

Most people think the name "Whitsunday" comes from the white clothing which the newly baptized Christians wore on that day. This day has always ranked high in the church year. Along with Easter and Christmas it is one of the three major Christian feasts. It was natural, then, for people who had not been baptized to choose an important day like Pentecost for their

baptism. They also wore special white clothing to show how God had washed them "white" in Holy Baptism by forgiving their sins. The syllable "Whit" means "white" in the old Anglo-Saxon language.

A few people prefer to spell the word "Witsunday." These people choose to recall the gift of wisdom by the Holy Spirit. The Anglo-Saxon word for "wisdom" is "wit." The full name, then, would be "Wisdom Sunday."

Propose Joint Effort with Synod

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the sponsoring agency of Mill Neck Manor, has developed a five-phase plan to further improve the outstanding efforts of our church in bringing Christ to the Deaf.

Phase I: A specialized and intensive training program for those seminarians interested in a ministry to the Deaf with special emphasis on oral communication.

Phase II: Special annual summer seminars for those pastors now engaged in the Deaf ministry that they may share and improve their mission activities and experiences.

Phase III: A specialized and intensive training program for young men and women for the teaching ministry in both our church-related and other schools for the Deaf.

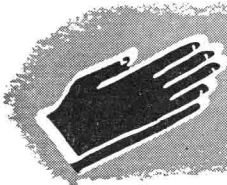
Phase IV: Development of effective religious teaching materials and literature designed to overcome the limited vocabulary handicap of the Deaf.

Phase V: Survey of possible and feasible additional areas for Deaf

missions, both preaching and teaching — not only within the United States, but also in such foreign countries as the need may arise — seeking thereby to expand the presently blessed missionary efforts to include those who cannot hear.

The *Mill Neck Manor Bulletin* reports: "While it is too early to report any definite decisions, it now appears, on the basis of correspondence from Pastor Reinking, that his Board may give favorable consideration to Phases I, II, and V as a responsibility to be developed by his group. The Lutheran Friends of the Deaf is encouraged to continue its activities in the development of Phases III and IV."

Mr. Philip Bauer, President of the Board of Mill Neck Manor, states: "Our five-phase proposal should clearly demonstrate that our 'unofficial' group stands ready at all times to serve the 'official' Boards of Synod to the very utmost of our resources. We always have been and we are determined to always remain loyal to our church in every way open to us."



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Daily Bible Readings for May

May 1 — James 1:22-27
May 2 — John 16:23-30
May 3 — Psalm 127
May 4 — Colossians 3:1-10
May 5 — Ephesians 1:3-14
May 6 — Mark 16:14-20
May 7 — Acts 1:1-11
May 8 — 1 Peter 4:7-11
May 9 — John 16:1-15
May 10 — Psalm 97
May 11 — Ephesians 2:17-22
May 12 — Psalm 48
May 13 — Ephesians 4:7-16
May 14 — Joel 2:28-32

May 15 — John 14:23-31
May 16 — Acts 2:1-13
May 17 — Psalm 145
May 18 — Psalm 8
May 19 — Colossians 1:9-23
May 20 — Matthew 28:18-20
May 21 — Ezekiel 18:30-32
May 22 — Romans 11:33-36
May 23 — John 3:1-15
May 24 — Psalm 143
May 25 — Psalm 34
May 26 — 1 Timothy 6:6-19
May 27 — Luke 12:13-21
May 28 — Jeremiah 9:23-26
May 29 — 1 John 4:16-21
May 30 — Luke 16:19-31
May 31 — Luke 9:57-62

"The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Corinthians 2:10

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