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# Pastor O. C. Schroeder Completes Fifty Years of Service in the Holy Ministry



Rev. O. C. Schroeder

It was in June 1909, fifty years ago, that Rev. O. C. Schroeder accepted the call into the holy ministry as a servant of Christ and of His church. Since that time Pastor Schroeder has served the Deaf in Detroit (1911—1918), Omaha and Kansas City (1918—1921), Cleveland and Pittsburgh (1921—1931), and Chicago (1931—1959). From 1926 to 1951 Pastor Schroeder edited the *DEAF LUTHERAN*. He has served about 70 preaching stations in 11 states, including state schools for the Deaf in Michigan, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Georgia and Wisconsin, as well as the city school for the Deaf in Cleveland and Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C.

For the past thirty years Pastor Schroeder has also been active in service to the Blind and the Deaf-Blind, editing the *Lutheran Herald*

for the Blind, the German Braille Bote, and the *Braille Messenger*. In 1949 he was appointed advisory member of Synod's Board for Missions to the Blind. As Synod's librarian for the Blind, Pastor Schroeder supervised the transcription of about 1,000 books into Braille. He has answered approximately 60,000 Braille and ink letters from the Blind in the United States and 27 foreign countries. His correspondents have included a British lord, a German baroness, the aunt of U. S. Vice-President Curtis, and Mrs. Garfield, wife of the Secretary of the Interior in President Theodore Roosevelt's cabinet.

Born in Canada, Pastor Schroeder attended schools in Michigan and Indiana. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

Although Pastor Schroeder has announced his intention to retire from the Board for the Blind and from the editorship of the *Braille Messenger*, he hopes to continue to serve the Deaf and the Blind on a part-time basis.

In behalf of the thousands of Deaf, Blind, and Deaf-Blind who have benefited by the services performed for them by Pastor Schroeder, in behalf of the Board for Missions to the Deaf and the staff of clergymen serving the Deaf, the Editor of this publication extends to Pastor Schroeder sincere congratulations upon this anniversary of service in the holy ministry and to God sincere thanks for this loyal servant of the Word.

## ✠ Mr. Gustav F. Kruse ✠

Mr. Gustave F. Kruse, former treasurer of our Board for Missions to the Deaf, died at the age of 80 on May 2, 1959, at Ancker Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. He had been in ill health for several years, suffering from diabetes.

Mr. Kruse, born in Germany, had lived in St. Paul for 47 years. He retired in 1944 after serving for 30 years as a rate expert with the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission. Mr. Kruse was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church of St. Paul. Services for Mr. Kruse were held Tuesday, May 5, conducted by the pastor of Redeemer, Rev. Reuben W. Langhans. Rev. Ernest Drews, chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, spoke briefly at the funeral on behalf of Synod, the Board for Missions to the Deaf, and the missionaries to the Deaf across the country and Canada.

Mr. Kruse served the Board for Missions to the Deaf for 28 years as a member, and 26 of these years in the capacity of treasurer. Funds handled by Mr. Kruse in recent years amounted to nearly \$300,000 annually. For several years the Board held its monthly meetings regularly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kruse, since Mr. Kruse's health condition made it difficult for him to get around.

Speaking of Mr. Kruse's service, Rev. Drews said: "We are particularly mindful of the fact that the deceased brother rendered faithful service despite an often painful physical handicap with which he was afflicted. The service which Mr. Kruse rendered was not done for vainglory before men or in the delu-

sion that his was a meritorious service before God. This was evident throughout the years to all of us who worked with him. On the occasion of his retirement from the Board last November, the Board wanted to recognize his faithful service in a testimonial dinner. The plans were announced to him at our monthly meeting. A few days after the Board meeting he drove up to my house to discuss the matter with me. In all sincerity and humility he argued that not only was there no need for recognition, but that he was only grateful that the Lord had given him opportunity to serve. Anyone who appreciated the redeeming love of Christ would do the same. 'I am not worthy,' he repeated. This was the spirit of our brother in Christ. He knew that Christ died for him, that henceforth he should not live unto himself but unto Christ, who died for him and rose again. Mr. Kruse might have argued years ago already that on account of his illness and handicap he ought to be excused from service to the church; however, to him his handicap became his very opportunity. While there were many areas of service in which he could not assist, the keeping of the accounts of the Board for Missions to the Deaf was something he could do. This was no small task. He had found his place and filled it well. In this he left us an example. We recall the Holy Spirit's words, 'The memory of the just is blessed.' (Prov. 10:7)

Mr. Kruse is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Franklyn G. of St. Paul; a daughter, Mrs. William M. Miller, Jr., of St. Paul; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Rev. George Kraus Installed in St. Louis

Despite the 91° heat, 115 persons attended the installation service of Rev. George Kraus at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, May 3.

The preacher for the occasion was Rev. Edward F. Eggert, chaplain of Koch Hospital in St. Louis, who preached on the text Eph. 6:18, 19. Rev. Eggert showed how necessary it was for the pastor and his congregation to pray for each other. When pastor and people pray together, he said, there can be assurance of God's blessings on that congregation. Rev. W. F. Reinking, executive secretary, acted as liturgist and interpreter for the installation. The officiant for the rite of installation was Rev. Alvin C. Mack, pastor of Unity Church, Bel-Nor, who is also the Visitor of the southwestern circuit of the English District. Other pastors who took part in the laying on of hands were Rev. A. E. Ferber, Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. N. P. Uhlig (retired); Rev. Waldemar Neisch, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Affton, Mo., and formerly missionary to the Deaf in Florida; Rev. E. Wilson, pastor of Our Savior Church in Saint Louis and First Vice-President of the English District; and Rev. M. J. Nauss, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Louis.

Rev. George Kraus and his wife, Helen, and their four children, Mark, Georgette, Andrew, and Paul, have taken up residence at the parsonage located at 6301 Alamo in St. Louis.

W. F. REINKING

## Synod Meets in San Francisco

The eyes of the whole Lutheran world are turning toward San Francisco June 17-27 when The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod meets for its 44th convention. Why? Because things will be discussed there that are of interest to Lutherans outside Synod in all parts of the world.

The Deaf also have an interest in what happens at San Francisco. This convention will elect the Board which guides and supports the work of Lutheran missions to the Deaf in the U. S. and Canada. Our Board will report on the work of missions through our new Executive Secretary Reinking. The work of Deaf missions will also be presented among the exhibits at the convention.

The San Francisco convention will discuss and act on a memorial to make Ephphatha Conference a required official conference for all pastors who work with the Deaf. It will also have before it resolutions to establish a new seminary in the San Francisco Bay area — another school where more pastors for the Deaf can be trained! The delegates at this convention will be asked to make important decisions about membership in the Lutheran World Federation and in the National Lutheran Council. They will also be asked to discuss steps to be taken for furthering doctrinal discussions with the newly organized group, The American Lutheran Church.

Highlight of the convention for the average visitor will be the "doings" on Sunday evening, June 21. Beginning at 6:00, the convention will have a "Meet Your Synod" din-

ner in the cafeteria. While the diners eat, special hostesses will escort Synod's leaders and officers from table to table and introduce them to the people—a wonderful chance to meet people who are only names to most of us, and also a chance to get their autographs! At 8:00 the entire convention will gather in the Civic Auditorium for a glorious

dramatic presentation, "Declare His Glory."

Since some dozen to fifteen of our pastors to the Deaf will be attending the convention, they will interpret this dramatic presentation for the benefit of the Deaf. We have plenty of seats in the Civic Auditorium, so why not try to be with us for these stirring days? THEO. DELANEY

## Notes from the Executive

Greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus, our ascended Lord, who rules from on high! Again the Lord of the church has taken care of the needs of our Deaf Mission. From the graduating classes of our seminaries at St. Louis and Springfield three men accepted calls into our mission, and three other men accepted a one-year vicarage to assist some of our missionaries in their work. From the seminary at St. Louis candidate Rodney Rynearson accepted the call to our mission in Spokane, Wash., since the former missionary, Rev. August Hauptman, had accepted the call to Prince of Peace Congregation in St. Paul. Also from St. Louis candidate Louis Jasper accepted the call to our mission in New York City. From our seminary in Springfield, Ill., candidate William Ludwig, the first deaf boy to enter the ministry of the Lutheran Church, accepted a call to our mission in Columbus, Ohio. From St. Louis the following men will work in our mission for one year: Daniel Pokorny will work with Rev. Gerhold in New Jersey; Donald Murray will work with Rev. Westermann in Washington, D. C.; and William Marten will work with Rev. Scheibert in Chicago. All thanks be to God that all our Lutheran Churches for the Deaf now have a pastor to preach to them regularly the glorious story of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Last month I gave you information about three of our regions and promised to give you the information about the remaining three regions this month. The regions we have not looked at are the Dixie Region, the Great Lakes Region, and the North Central Region. The Regional Representative for the Dixie Region is Rev. F. G. Gyle of North Miami, Fla. The following fields are in the Dixie Region:

ST. LOUIS	Schools	Preach. Sta.	Org. Cong.
Rev. George Kraus, Miss. ....	2	9	1
CENTRAL ILLINOIS			
Rev. Delbert Thies, Miss. ....	1	5	1
FLORIDA-GEORGIA			
Rev. F. G. Gyle, Miss. ....	3	8	1
TEXAS			
Rev. Ervin Oermann, Miss., Houston, Tex. ....	5	7	—

## NORTH DIXIE

Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, Miss., Memphis, Tenn. 5 9 2

## OKLAHOMA CITY

Rev. Marlin Sampson	2	7	—
	18	45	5

There are 347 communicant members in our Dixie Region, and 432 children are enrolled in our Lutheran classes. During 1958 a total of 971 services were held, with an attendance of 30,179 at these services. Our missionaries baptized 21 children and seven adults and confirmed 16 children and 29 adults. Total money received in the field was \$16,889.45, and total money spent in the field was \$15,810.14. Of this amount \$3,300 was donated by friends of the Mission.

Next we go to the Great Lakes Region, where Rev. Theo. Frederking is the Regional Representative. The following fields are in this region:

## INDIANAPOLIS

	Schools	Preach. Sta.	Org. Cong.
Rev. Gene Merrell, Miss.	1	6	2

## NORTH CHICAGO

Rev. Ernest Scheibert, Miss.	—	4	1
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## SOUTH CHICAGO

Vicar LeRoy Mason, Miss.	1	8	—
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## SOUTH OHIO

Rev. Herbert Drachenberg, Miss.	1	7	1
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## DETROIT, MICH.

Rev. Norbert Borchardt	2	7	1
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## NORTH OHIO

Rev. Theo. Frederking	2	3	1
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## CHICAGO — Blind and Deaf

Rev. O. C. Schroeder	1	9	—
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In the Great Lakes Region there are 1,037 communicant members and 225 children enrolled in our Lutheran classes. A total of 852 services were held during 1958, and 20,784 people attended the services. Our missionaries in the Great Lakes Region baptized 47 children and 13 adults and confirmed 25 children and 41 adults. Total money received in the region during 1958 was \$21,560.65, and total money spent was \$24,061.10.

The first region that we will study is the North Central Region, where we find Rev. Waldemar Ferber of Fargo, N. Dak., as the Regional Representative. In this region are the following fields:

## MILWAUKEE, WIS.

	Schools	Preach. Sta.	Org. Cong.
Rev. M. E. A. Mueller, Miss.	—	4	1

## MADISON, WIS.

Rev. Martin Kosche, Miss.	1	4	2
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## ST. PAUL, MINN.

Rev. A. L. Hauptman	4	15	1
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Rev. Waldemar Ferber, Miss. ....	2	15	—
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA			
Rev. Robert Bauer, Miss. ....	1	5	—
	<u>8</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>4</u>

We are thankful to the Lord that each year more and more Deaf in the United States are learning to know their Savior Jesus. However, the Board for Missions to the Deaf realizes that there are many Deaf in foreign lands who still live without the Gospel of Jesus. Our Board is quite concerned about these people and wants to do something to bring the Gospel to them. The Board is now seriously considering sending its Executive Secretary to the Far East, especially to Japan and Hong Kong, in the fall of this year, to find out what is being done to bring the Gospel to these people and what our Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod can do to bring these Deaf to know that Jesus also died for them. No definite plans have been made as yet, but we will let you know more about it next month. Pray that the Lord will make this trip possible.

Your Board for Missions to the Deaf supports the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf in their request to the LWML for a grant of \$40,000 to work out necessary materials to be used for teaching Deaf children about Jesus. We hope and pray that the ladies will be inclined to choose these two projects as their responsibility for the next two years.

God be with you all and, God willing, we will be with you again next month.

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## Worcester Chapel in Pastor's Home

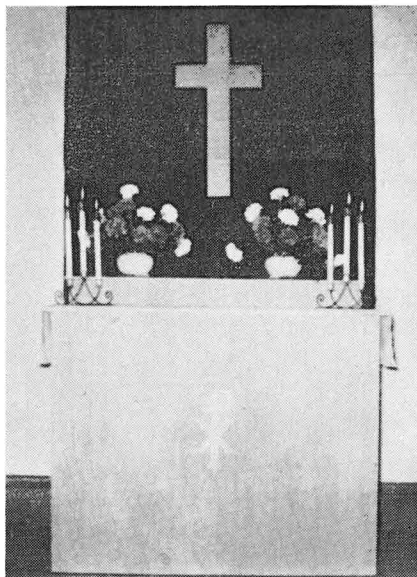
When a change in Pastor Thaler's schedule made it necessary to find another place of worship for the Deaf in Worcester, Mass., Pastor and Mrs. Thaler offered the Deaf one of the rooms in their house for a chapel. Excited by the possibilities, the Deaf got together with their materials and abilities, and before long the change from dining room to chapel was an accomplished fact.



Rev. Earl Thaler signs a hymn with the Worcester congregation

Robert Naschke and Everett Ulfves built the altar and kneeler. The same wood was used to fashion a large cross to hang above the altar. Later Mr. Ulfves carved the sacred monogram IHS on the cross and the sacred monogram Chi Rho on the altar. Both monograms are abbreviations for the name of our Lord, the first being the first three letters in the Greek name for Jesus, the second being the first two letters in the Greek name Christ.

Mrs. John Sandberg made a beautiful dark-red dossal curtain, the kneeler cushion, and two fair linens for the altar. Her husband supplied the steel rods for hanging the dossal



The altar, cross, and dossal curtain, fashioned by the skilled hands of Christian Deaf in Worcester

curtain and the padding for the cushion. Mrs. Sandberg is presently working on two purificators and a Communion veil with embroidered symbols. A group of ladies who are not deaf but are interested in the welfare of the Christian Deaf of Worcester are working on frontlets for the altar.

Pastor and Mrs. Thaler presented a brass collection plate and a candle lighter and extinguisher.

The Worcester Deaf meet on the second and fourth Sundays.



Worcester Deaf at public worship; l. to r.: Frederick Levenson, Robert Naschke, Everett Ulfves, Marion Naschke, Mary Sandberg, Marion Huggare, Edward Underwood



### **Confirmed at Denver**

*Denver, Colo.* Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gaddie of Colorado Springs, Colo., were baptized and accepted as members of the Lutheran Church on March 15 in Denver. Rev. Clark Bailey is their pastor.

### **Baptisms at Alpha Church**

*Rochester, New York.* Gerald Erwin Ott, Jr., was baptized into the Christian faith on March 22. Doreen Christine Grann was baptized on April 5. Rev. Herbert Rohe was the officiant.

### **Two New Members at Rochester**

*Rochester, New York.* Two new members have been accepted into church membership in Rochester, Mr. Jerome Peebles on Sunday, March 15, and Mr. David Sickler on Palm Sunday, March 22. Both young men are in school. Jerome is enrolled at R. I. T., where he is studying printing. David Sickler is a student at the trade school in Williamsport, Pa.

### **Omaha Announces Baptisms**

*Omaha, Nebr.* On March 8 Mary Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eckstrom of Omaha, was baptized in Bethlehem Church. Her sponsors were Mrs. Wilma Leiren and Mrs. Helen Eckstrom.

Ricky Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Matthews, was baptized in Bethlehem Church, Omaha, on March 15. Ricky's sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz.

### **CONFERENCES**

**Ephphatha Conference**, July 28—31, Detroit, Mich.

**Montana Lutheran Deaf Lay Conference**, Aug. 8—9, Lewtana Bible Camp near Lewistown. "The Christian Faces the Space Age."

**Northwest Lutheran Lay Conference**, July 17—19, Newman Lake Park near Spokane, Wash.

### **Social Agencies Meet with Deaf**

*Oklahoma City, Okla.* Mr. Boyce R. Williams, Consultant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, U. S. Offices of Vocational Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C., and representatives of county and state social agencies are meeting with the Deaf of Oklahoma City in Zion Lutheran Church to seek means of rendering more adequate service to the Deaf.

The meetings, attended by 100 persons, are being held under the auspices of the Oklahoma County Hearing Association, which is an experimental association set up with Federal funds to find means of coordinating and bettering services for the Deaf and hard of hearing. Co-ordinator is Mrs. Margaret Washington, whose office is in the YWCA in Oklahoma City. Rev. Marlin Samson presided at the February meeting.

## **Easter Sunrise Service in Omaha**

*Omaha, Nebr.* An Easter sunrise worship service in Omaha sponsored by the local Lutheran Laymen's League zone featured the Gospel of the risen Lord preached by Rev. E. R. Bertermann of Saint Louis. Rev. Bertermann was director of the Lutheran Hour overseas activities for twenty years, and is presently director of the Missouri Synod Foundation.

More than 1,500 persons attended this service. Among them were 38 deaf, who also joined in the worship of the victorious Christ.

Rev. H. Graef interpreted the service and the songs of the 125-voice choir and led the Deaf group in responsive worship.



**Pastor Graef interprets the Easter sunrise service to the Deaf**

## **Accepted Into Membership**

*San Jose, Calif.* Mrs. George Revers of San Jose, Calif., was accepted into membership there by profession of faith.

## **Gives Twelve Hymnals**

*Jacksonville, Ill.* Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jacksonville, Ill., received twelve new hymnals recently, a gift from Mrs. Edna Kraft, a member of the congregation, in memory of her husband, who passed away in 1958.

## **Funerals in Northern Ohio**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* Rev. Theodore Frederking announces the following funerals conducted recently in northern Ohio:

Fred Arndt, 81, a former pupil of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, passed away after a long illness and received a Christian burial in Cleveland.

Charles Hull, 58, formerly of South Dakota, passed away in January and was buried in Akron, Ohio. He is survived by his wife and son.

Mrs. Frank Hoffmeier, a most diligent worker for the church, passed away after major surgery in March. After a funeral service in Cleveland she was buried in Rochester, N. Y. She is survived by her husband, Frank.

Gail Rutter, 81, formerly of Bucyrus, Ohio, passed away in Cleveland in April. After a funeral service in Cleveland she was buried in her home town, Bucyrus.

## **Chicago Deaf Church Moves**

*Chicago, Ill.* The Deaf in Chicago have moved their temporary church home to St. Peter Lutheran Church at the corner of 74th St. and Michigan Ave. All services will be held there in the future.

The congregation of 60 adult members under the spiritual guidance of Vicar LeRoy Mason is grateful to St. Philip Lutheran Church for the hospitality extended for so many years by this congregation. The Deaf look forward with great joy to using their new facilities. Church services and Bible classes are conducted every Sunday morning, with additional Bible classes and confirmation classes on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

### Three New Members in Springfield

*Springfield, Ill.* Roger Meiseman, John Vic Gasparini, and Hildred Bartolomucci became members of the family of God, the Christian Church, in Springfield, Ill., on April 5. Rev. Delbert Thies is their pastor.



Roger Meiseman, John Gasparini, Hildred Bartolomucci, and Pastor Thies

### Board Member Visits West Coast

Mr. J. P. Miller, a member of the Board for Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, visited the West Coast recently to give the Deaf there the advantage of his experience in the construction industry. Los Angeles is currently undergoing a major building program, while Oakland is working on the problem of finding off-street parking facilities.

Mr. Miller complimented the Oakland members for the excellent condition of their church property. He was impressed with the residential Home for the Deaf which adjoins the church property.

### Baptisms in Cleveland

*Cleveland, Ohio.* Macio Craft, Jr., was baptized on Easter Sunday in St. Paul Church, Cleveland. Bruce R. Stewart was baptized on April 5 in Christ Church, Cleveland.



Pastor Thies baptizes his tenth child, John William. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sutphin serve as proxy sponsors

### Coming Soon — Watch for It

Pastors Gaertner and DeLaney have prepared a *Dictionary of Words* in the King James Version of the Bible for Christian students of God's Word. This book will be of special help to the Deaf who want to read the Bible but who find the words difficult to understand. Once this book is in print, you need only look the word up in the dictionary to find a short, clear explanation of its meaning.

### Daughter Born to the Reinkings

*St. Louis, Mo.* Pastor and Mrs. Reinking are the parents of a baby girl born April 29, 1959. They have named her Ruth Eileen. Her weight at birth was 7 lbs., 14 ozs.

### Five Young People Confirmed

*Sioux Falls, S. Dak.* According to the *Deaf Lutheran Visitor*, five young Christian boys and girls from the South Dakota School for the Deaf were scheduled to be examined and confirmed on April 26. Rev. Robert F. Cordes of Sioux Falls is their pastor.

## Sunday School Project

Omaha, Nebr. "Go ye into all the world and preach. . . ." This command of our Savior was given to every believer, but it is often difficult to know in what way we might preach to souls outside our own groups.

On the mornings of Feb. 22 and March 1, the Sunday school children of Bethlehem Church, Omaha, left their homes early to be missionaries in person.

Each Sunday morning 25 children assisted with song in the worship services of our institutional pastors in two hospitals. Their songs gave the hope of Christ's promises to a variety of people—aged and infirm, invalid, insane, alcoholic, and to neglected and delinquent children.

With this experience the Sunday school actively participated in an important area of Lutheran mission work. At the same time many more people became aware of our work among the Deaf. Pastor Graef interpreted the services for the fathers who drove the children to the hospitals, and briefly told how the Deaf, too, may hear the Gospel.

## Pilgrim Lays Cornerstone

Los Angeles, Calif. The cornerstone of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Los Angeles was laid in a special ceremony at the church site on Sunday, April 26. Approximately 250 persons attended the services.

Honored guests were Mr. J. P. Miller, member of the Board for Missions to the Deaf; Mr. Walter

Hagedohm, architect; and Mr. Henry Goodwin, contractor.

Highlighting the service were the hymns presented by the choir of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf under the direction of Mr. Marcus Tibbetts.

Mr. Perry Stephenson, president of the congregation, placed into the cornerstone box the following items: the church and guild constitutions, the program of the cornerstone-laying ceremony with a history of the church, church yearbooks for 1957 to 1958 and 1958—59, a copy of the *Lutheran Witness* and *District Supplement* dated April 21, 1959, a copy of the DEAF LUTHERAN dated April 1959, a letter from Rev. V. Behnken, President of the Southern California District, a building-fund brochure and Deaf Alphabet Card, a list of Government and church officials and congregation officers.

The cornerstone itself is unique in that it incorporates two letters of the Deaf Alphabet in its design, namely "P" and "C" for Pilgrim Church.

The cornerstone was designed and donated by Mr. Hagedohm.

## Three Adjustable Tables Given to Jacksonville Sunday School

Jacksonville, Ill. Three adjustable Monroe tables were presented to the Primary department of the Sunday school at Christ Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Ill., on Sunday, April 26. One was purchased by the Dwight Bohanon family, who have a child at the Illinois School for the Deaf. Another was a gift of Pastor Thies and family. The third was given jointly by the Sunday school of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Berlin, Ill., and Mrs. Luther Taylor, a housemother at the Illinois School for the Deaf.

## New Members in Oakland

Oakland, Calif. Mrs. Teresa Pedersen with her children, Melvin, Ethel, Vera, Kenneth, and Diana, and the Misses Carolyn Freeman and Carol Thorpe were received into the church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Mrs. Beatrice Lewis and Mrs. Walter Bowen by the rite of confirmation.

Mrs. Lewis had been in Europe for three years. From Italy she sent the church a picture of the Lord's Supper, a copy of the painting by Leonardo da Vinci. She toured in her own car, looking up

many Deaf. On one occasion she recently gave an excellent talk on her visits to a gathering in Oakland.



New Members in Oakland

## "The Signs You See in Church"

### Grace and Pity

We have a sign for *pity*, or *sympathy*. This word means to have feeling for someone in trouble. We make the sign as follows: The middle finger of the right hand, bent downward, is placed on the heart side of the body and pressed slightly as it moves up. Then the hand reaches out towards the person for whom one has the feeling with a stroking or petting motion. In Job. 6:14 we read: "To him that is afflicted [in trouble] pity should be shown." We often see people in sorrow and pain, but we can do little more than pity and sympathize.

But now in church we need a sign for *grace*. The sign for pity is not enough. We speak of the grace of God in Christ Jesus, or the grace of God towards all sinners. *Mercy* is often used in the same sense. Now what is the grace of God? It is God's love and feeling towards us, who are unworthy of His love, to give us forgiveness. His Son, Jesus, earned this forgiveness for us by His life

and death. We see, then, that grace is bringing us something that we do not have, something we need.

The sign is made as follows: As in the sign for pity, place the curved middle finger of the right hand on the heart side of the body. But use both hands. The middle finger of the left hand will be near the middle finger of the right hand. Bring them up with the motion of feeling, starting the motion a little above the waist. Next, close the hands as if taking something from the body. Now move the hands forward as towards a person upon whom you want to place what you have taken from yourself. Open the hands as if putting a dress on someone and finish the sign with the feeling fingers stroking the person before you.

It is a beautiful sign. It brings out the Scriptural teaching. God bestows upon us [gives us] His grace. Ephesians 2:8: "By grace are ye saved through faith. . . . It is the gift of God."

G. W. GAERTNER





## *Bible Quiz*

Because the feasts of kings and princes lasted very long and kept them from tending to business, what kind of rulers were such princes that feasted in the morning? Ecclesiastes 10:16.

Instead of avenging himself on [getting even with] King Saul, who tried to kill David, to whom did David leave the matter? 1 Samuel 24:12.

How long was a day at the time when God created the world? Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31.

How did the lame man at the Beautiful Gate in the temple show his thankfulness to Peter and John, who had healed him in the name of Jesus? Acts 3:11.

As Joseph's brethren behaved towards him, what keeps a person from speaking peaceably with another person? Genesis 37:4.

How can a pastor, as Timothy was told to do, prove himself a good minister [servant] of Christ? 1 Timothy 4:6.

What is even better than knowing the teachings of Christ? John 13:17.

If people find out that they have consumed [hurt and destroyed] one another, which two things should they not have done in the first place? Galatians 5:15.

What was the chief advantage the Jewish nation had over other nations? Romans 3:1, 2.

What will such people find out whose greatest object in life is to pile up a great fortune? 1 Timothy 6:7.

Who are the troublemakers that

get a nation into trouble? 1 Kings 18:17, 18.

What do the eyes of the Lord do? 2 Chronicles 16:9.

In order to bribe the king of Syria to start a war against Israel, the king of Judah did not only use public tax money from the king's house but even from which treasury did he take it? 2 Chronicles 16:2.

When rulers and nations put their trust in treaties instead of trusting in the Lord and on that account become involved, what will they bring upon themselves eventually? 2 Chronicles 16:9.

When King Asa, who had the upper hand over the king of Syria, called on that king to help him against King Baasha of Israel because he trusted in man rather than in the Lord, what was the bad result for King Asa? 2 Chronicles 16:7.

When faithful Hanani the prophet showed King Asa what evil would come from forgetting the Lord, the angry king made him and some people suffer; what happened to Hanani? 2 Chronicles 16:10.

What did Baasha get for plotting against Judah? 2 Chronicles 16:4.

What happened to the building material with which Baasha, king of Israel, wanted to build Ramah in order to harm Asa, king of Judah? 2 Chronicles 16:6.

Which prophecy did Judas Iscariot fulfill when he betrayed Jesus after Jesus had befriended and blessed him by choosing him as one of His disciples? Psalm 41:9.





## Devotions

### "Light for Your Way"

#### Daily Bible Readings for July

July 1 — Matthew 19:16-30  
July 2 — Exodus 20:1-17  
July 3 — Romans 6:3-11  
July 4 — Matthew 5:20-26  
July 5 — Psalm 9  
July 6 — Psalm 125  
July 7 — Acts 14:8-23  
July 8 — Matthew 10:24-31  
July 9 — Jeremiah 31:22-34  
July 10 — Romans 6:19-23  
July 11 — Mark 8:1-9  
July 12 — Psalm 40  
July 13 — Psalm 138  
July 14 — Acts 20:22-36

July 15 — Matthew 10:24-31  
July 16 — Jeremiah 15:16-21  
July 17 — Romans 8:12-17  
July 18 — Matthew 7:15-23  
July 19 — Psalm 20  
July 20 — Psalm 30  
July 21 — 2 Timothy 1:3-14  
July 22 — Luke 12:32-48  
July 23 — 1 Chronicles 29:9-18  
July 24 — 1 Corinthians 10:6-13  
July 25 — Luke 16:1-12  
July 26 — Psalm 96  
July 27 — Psalm 17:1-9  
July 28 — Hebrews 3:7-15  
July 29 — Matthew 11:16-24  
July 30 — Jeremiah 7:1-7  
July 31 — 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**"Ye are kept by the power of God through  
faith unto salvation." (1 Peter 1:5)**

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