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William Ludwig



Rev. William A. Ludwig

William A. Ludwig, first deaf graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and first deaf pastor of the Missouri Synod, has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained to the holy ministry by Rev. Theodore Fred-erking July 5.

Pastor Ludwig holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. He was graduated from Concordia Seminary in June 1959. His home was in Omaha, Nebr., and his early training he received at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., and the Colorado School for the Deaf at Colorado Springs.

On June 29, 1958, Pastor Ludwig was married to the former Sigrid Ellram, who fled Estonia with her

brother to escape the Communist forces.

Rev. William Ludwig is the third member of his family by that name to graduate from Concordia Seminary in three generations. He, his uncle, and his grandfather, all named William Ludwig, completed their studies there preparing them for ordination to the holy ministry. While he attended the seminary, he helped Pastor Delbert Thies in Jacksonville conduct the Sunday school for deaf children. His vicar-age assignment was to Minneapolis, Minn., under the supervision of Rev. George Kraus.

What Luther Says

Rev. H. Rohe selects a passage from *What Luther Says* by Ewald Plass with special permission from Concordia Publishing House. The following is what Martin Luther said about angels guarding children:

"The dear angels are not so proud as we human beings are. They walk in obedience to God, serve mankind, and take care of little children. How could they perform a more significant work than taking care of children day and night? What does a child do? It eats, cries, sleeps, etc. A marvelous thing it is that the holy servants of God take care of eating, drinking, sleeping, and waking children! . . . But the angels do it with joy; for it is well pleasing to God, who has commanded them to do it. . . . But if you look at it correctly, the works done for children and pious Christians are the noblest and the best. . . . Why, then, should we be ashamed to serve children?" Vol. I, p. 24, par. 64.

Notes from the Executive

In the last two issues of this magazine we looked at our six regions and saw what wonderful blessings the Lord has given upon our mission. We thank the Lord for each and every one of you who has come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior.

It is true that there are still many Deaf here in the United States who have not come to know the joy of faith in Jesus. Our 39 missionaries and our more than 4,700 members continue each day to reach these people and to bring Christ into their hearts. But there are many thousands of Deaf in countries outside the United States who live without ever knowing about Jesus. Can we forget them and say they are not our responsibility? We cannot, for Jesus has told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every person. Your Board of Missions to the Deaf feels responsible to do something to bring Christ to these people in other countries. The Board has resolved to send its executive secretary to the Orient (Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, etc.) in the fall of this year to survey the area and to find out how our church can help bring these people to Christ. Our Synod's Board for Missions in Foreign Countries has given its full support to this resolution. Also the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has given permission for this trip. Only one more item is needed to make this trip, and that is the money to pay for the trip. It is estimated the trip will cost between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

Some years ago the Deaf Mission Society was formed for the purpose of gathering funds to begin work in

foreign countries among the Deaf. More than enough money to pay for the expenses of this survey trip to the Orient is now in the treasury of the Deaf Mission Society. It is hoped that our missionaries meeting in Ephphatha Conference in Detroit, Mich., July 28 to 31, will give their approval to the use of this money for the trip. More information about this trip will be given you next month.

Speaking of trips, we are sorry to hear that Dr. John Salvner will not be able to make his Reformation tour to Europe as he had planned. After giving Dr. Salvner a thorough physical examination, his doctor has advised him against taking this trip.

Rev. Laurence Stacy, our missionary to the Deaf in Des Moines, Iowa, has received a call to First Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, Iowa. At the time of this writing no decision regarding the call has been made.

To help the Deaf better understand the words of the King James Bible, Missionaries DeLaney and Gaertner have prepared a dictionary of Bible words. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, has accepted the dictionary for printing, and it is hoped the book will be available sometime this fall.

Missionary DeLaney has also been busy in preparing a hymnal for use by the Deaf in their congregations. This hymnal also should be ready for distribution in a few months. Watch this column for more information about this.

Did you know that the Mission to the Deaf was the second major mission project of the Missouri Synod? Do you realize that since

1894, 106 men have served as missionaries to the Deaf? All thanks and glory be to God for leading your church into this important mission work. Next month we hope to have some information for you concerning the convention of our Synod in San Francisco and what resolutions were passed in regard to our Mission to the Deaf.

God be with you all. Will see you next month.

W. F. REINKING

Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

The Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference for Pastors and Laymen met in Memphis, Tenn., April 11 and 12, to discuss "The Christian Family."

Papers were presented by Mr. Raymond Trice of St. Louis: "Family Life in the Bible"; Mr. Uriel Jones, principal of the vocational department, Tennessee School for the Deaf: "Husband and Wife"; Rev. Francis Gyle of Miami: "Parents and Children"; Rev. William F. Reinking, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf: "Courtship and Marriage"; Mr. Parkes Moses of Jacksonville: "Family and Finances"; and Mr. Louis Johnson of Memphis: "Family and Worship."

For the evening devotion on Saturday, April 11, The Johnson family gave a demonstration of a family altar.

On Sunday, April 12, two more presentations were made, the first by Mr. R. Conn of Oklahoma City on "Youth and Old Age," the second by Rev. E. Oermann on "Family and Community."

Mr. Conn was elected to the Executive Committee for the coming

year, and next year's conference is scheduled for May 28 and 29 in Miami, Fla.

One hundred two Deaf, eight pastors, and several visitors were present for the conference.

Great Lakes Lutheran Convention of the Deaf

The Great Lakes Regional Conference for pastors and laymen was held on May 23 and 24 at Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The convention theme was "Love for Souls." Approximately seventy-five people registered for the sessions, while one hundred and five people attended the banquet on Saturday evening.

The papers presented to the convention stated various ways in which one might show his love for souls: by praying for other people and witnessing for Christ, by supporting Bible classes, by influencing people to want to go to church and by faithful worship and living, by preventing people from straying and by leading the strayed back to Christ and the church, by supporting missions with our gifts, and by good singing in the congregation.

Speakers at the banquet on Saturday evening were the Rev. William F. Reinking, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, and Miss Barbara Brauer, a graduate of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., and a graduate of Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

On Sunday, May 24, the tenth anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church was celebrated, a former pastor of the congregation, Rev. N. Borchardt of Detroit, delivering the sermon.

Our Deaf Churchmen at Work

On any Sunday morning of the school year, if you walk into Peace Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Montana, at 8:45 A. M., you will see a talented young deaf man leading a Sunday school of deaf children and their teachers in prayer. The words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:9: "We are laborers together with God," are being fulfilled in the life of this dedicated layman. He is Victor B. Lyon, superintendent of the Lutheran Sunday School for the Deaf at Great Falls, Montana.



Mr. Victor Lyon with his Sunday school class

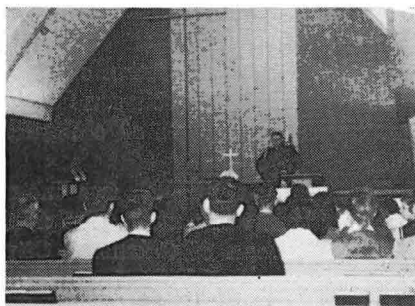
Besides his duties as superintendent, Mr. Lyon teaches the Senior class of the Sunday school. Although his regular work is that of a teacher at the Montana School for the Deaf, he nevertheless thinks very highly of his work as a Sunday school teacher. He says, "I was much impressed and encouraged to teach by Jesus' words to Simon Peter, 'Lovest thou Me? . . . Feed My sheep.'" (John 21:15-18)

Victor B. Lyon is a native of Iowa and has lived in several states since moving from there with his parents at the age of four years. He attended schools for the Deaf in Utah, Idaho, and Montana, graduating from the Montana School for the Deaf at Great Falls in 1940.

At the age of 38, and after working successfully out in the world as a shipfitter, mechanic, and welder, he felt the need for sharing his knowledge and experience with the young Deaf. So, while he was employed at the Montana State College in Bozeman, he took special courses to prepare for the position of instructor at M. S. D. Last September, two years later, he obtained a position at this school where he now teaches woodworking, general mechanics, elementary arithmetic, and social studies.

Victor Lyon was one of the Montana laymen who worked so hard to organize and establish the Montana Lutheran Deaf Lay Conference, the first meeting being held in his home town of Bozeman in 1955.

The life of Victor B. Lyons shows the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In searching for his Savior he had to travel a long, hard road. At the Utah School he was taught Mormon doctrines. In Arizona he attended a Baptist Church. In California he discussed religion with the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Four Square Gospel



On the third Sunday of each month Rev. A. L. Hauptman conducts church services for the Sunday school pupils and the adult Deaf of Great Falls. The combined assembly worships in the new Peace Lutheran Church of Great Falls, Mont.



Mrs. Victor Lyon teaches her class in the Lutheran Sunday School for the Deaf at Great Falls

people. Finally, while working in the shipyards at Portland, Oreg., during the war, he attended the service of Rev. N. W. Zellmer, then pastor of Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Portland. After hearing these Lutheran sermons he decided that this was what he had been searching for all these years. And so he joined the Lutheran Church at Portland. He says, "I joined the Lutheran Church because I liked the Lutheran teachings, which were based only on the Holy Bible."

Victor Lyon married Evelyn Higdem of Malta, Mont., in 1942. They have two daughters, Priscilla and Lynda; both attend Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Falls. Mrs. Lyon ably and faithfully assists her husband in teaching at the Sunday School for the Deaf.

There are three other ladies who

assist Mr. Lyon at the Sunday school: Mrs. Arthur Miller, Mrs. Ronald Lamping, and Mrs. Newton Schular. Mrs. Vernon Meier, also a member of the faculty at M. S. D., who is hearing, teaches the Primary class of the Sunday school.

Of God's gracious guidance in his life Mr. Lyon has this to say: "When I was little, I resented being deaf, but as I grew older, I realized God had a good purpose in my being deaf, namely, that He led me to the Savior in that way." We are sure that God is using Victor B. Lyon to lead other Deaf to their Savior as well.

A. L. HAUPTMAN



The Lyon family of Great Falls, Montana. L. to r.: Mrs. Lyon, Lynda, Priscilla, and Mr. Victor Lyon

The Signs You See in Church

Contribute

Another sign for "give" in the sense of helping others or of supporting the church and other worthy organizations is of value. It might also bring out some fine thoughts in the Bible.

The Deaf are very clever in developing signs from a common sign.

The sign for "give" is one such common sign. The question is, does our common sign for "give" really bring out the right thought of congregational giving? How can we sign the idea of stewardship, of the whole membership bringing its offerings? What does the word "contribute" really mean?

Even the English word is interesting. The first syllable of the word, **con**, means "together with." **Tribute** means an amount of money to be paid. Take a look at the expenses needed for a church, for mission work, for example. When this amount is added up and put before the people they see this. Here is an amount which we are to bring together. That is what it means to contribute.

We sign it: Both hands are held forward at waist height, palms up and thumb and fingers close together as holding something. Then move the hands together toward the center as toward a plate or box to

drop the gift. When done with a somewhat circular motion it gives the picture of all the members doing their share. This sign has a more delicate and impressive manner than the one for "give."

If we use the sign for "give" in Rom. 15:26, the wonderful action of the willing people is lost. "For it pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make certain contributions for the poor which are at Jerusalem." Use the sign for "contribute" and you are putting into descriptive language the willing hearts and hands bringing their gifts.

G. W. GAERTNER

"I Have a Place All Fixed Up for Me"

"I have a place all fixed up for me" is about all I could understand of what Timothy, my three-year-old son, was saying. After several minutes I turned to the older children for help and finally learned what he was trying to tell us.

We had been having our devotion together, and since it was near Easter, we had been talking about the true meaning of Easter (not just colored eggs and new clothes). Becky had asked why Jesus had gone to heaven. "Why didn't He stay here on earth?" That was what prompted Timothy to announce, "I have a place all fixed up for me."

Who had taught Timothy to understand so well the meaning of Jesus' promise, "I go to prepare a place for you"? No, not I, his mother. I do try, but like most deaf mothers I find it difficult to understand all the comments of my chattering three-year-old. But Timothy has gone to Sunday school for most

of his young life. There his teacher can hear and understand his questions; she can question him and help him understand.

What comfort to me, as I make preparations for Timothy to enter the hospital in a few days, to know that Jesus does have a place all fixed up for Timothy, and to know that in his childish way he has believed and has understood enough to know that Jesus meant that promise even for a little boy of three!

Mothers and fathers who say, "My children are too young to go to Sunday school; they would not understand anything," are quite wrong. How surprised they would be to know how much a little child can understand!

Jesus told us, "Let the little children come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." For deaf parents it is truly a blessing that they have a Sunday school where they can send their children. Our chil-

dren need the training they will receive in Sunday school. That training should begin as babies. We should want them to know there is a place all fixed up for them in heaven.

"For what is a man [also Timothy] profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) FLORENCE SAMPSON

Eastern Deaf Retreat

Pocono Crest Lodge, Pocono Pines, Pa., was the site for the fourth annual retreat for the Eastern Conference. About one hundred deaf people from the northeastern sector of the United States gathered for the weekend of June 5 to 7 to consider the theme "Growing in Christ." Professor Willard Madson of Gallaudet College lectured on the topic "Youth for Christ." Mr. Clarence Broecker of the New Jersey State School for the Deaf presented the topic "Homes for Christ."

Rev. William F. Reinking, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, was a guest of the conference on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. He reported an increase in attendance and contribution figures over last year and urged the Eastern Conference to

continue to improve its performance. Pastor Reinking also called attention to his proposed trip to the Far East to survey opportunities for serving the Oriental Deaf.

Rev. W. Westerman, Regional Representative of the Eastern Conference, led the Bible class on Sunday morning in a discussion of the words of Jesus, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." Rev. Reinking was the speaker for the Communion service while Pastor Earl J. Thaler and Vicar Orlin S. Anderson served as liturgists.

Special credit for the success of the retreat is due Rev. C. Roland Gerhold and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark, N. J., for taking care of arrangements and registration.



Dr. Salvner Receives First John Of Beverly Award

San Francisco, Calif. Dr. J. L. Salvner, former Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions to the Deaf, was awarded the first John of Beverly medal by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, a sponsoring organiza-

tion of Mill Neck School for the Deaf. The award was presented to Dr. Salvner during the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at San Francisco on June 23.

The John of Beverly Award honors outstanding achievement and service in behalf of the Deaf.

Baptisms

Jeffrey Dale Dunnington, Sioux City, Iowa, May 3.

Debra Kay Humphrey, Sioux City, Iowa, May 3.

Denise Peotraschke, St. Louis, Mo., May 17.

Philip Jerome Griffin, St. Louis, Mo., May 17.

Kimsley Delis Derby, Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 7.

Bruce Rory Stewart, Cleveland, Ohio, April 5.

Macio Craft, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, March 29.

Rose Mae Hunt, Cleveland, Ohio, May 31.

Yvonne Hamilton, Akron, Ohio, May 17.

Yvette Hamilton, Akron, Ohio, May 17.

Yolanda Hamilton, Cleveland, Ohio, May 24.

Judy Mae Anderson, Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 22.

Ivan Orval Landsverk, Waterloo, Iowa, April 19.

† Mrs. John Schwartz †

Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. John Schwartz (nee Della May Case) passed away at her home in Columbus on Friday, March 20. She was 43 years old. A graduate of the Ohio School for the Deaf, Mrs. Schwartz was a member of the Auxiliary of the Fraternal Society of the Deaf and of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf. She worked as an inspector for Timken Roller Bearing.

She is survived by her husband, John; a daughter, Miss Jean Schwartz of Columbus; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Case, and a sister, Miss Pauline Case, both of Grove City,

Ohio; and five brothers, Harry and Charles of Columbus, Fred of Warren, Ohio, James of Akron, Ohio, and George Case of Sharpsville, Pa.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Herbert Drachenberg, were held in Columbus on Tuesday, March 24, with interment at Grove City, Ohio.

Omaha Confirmation

Omaha, Nebr. Thirty-four young men and women from the Nebraska and Iowa State Schools for the Deaf were confirmed at Omaha on May 3, by Pastor Herman Graef.

The afternoon service, which more than two hundred friends and relatives of the confirmands attended, was held at a large hearing church three blocks from Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bethany Church began twenty years ago by holding services in the deaf church building, and now the Deaf are able to accommodate large crowds in Bethany's beautiful house of worship.

Prior to the confirmation ten of the candidates were received into Christian fellowship through Holy Baptism. The entire class was composed of eighteen children from the Iowa school and sixteen children from the Nebraska school.

Eagle Scout Award

Council Bluffs, Iowa. In the Honor Awards assembly of the Iowa State School for the Deaf on May 29 it was announced that Jerry Lee Siders, a 16-year-old student, had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Jerry is a member of our Lutheran class at I. S. D., the son of Marion Siders of Webster City, Iowa.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank possible in the Boy Scout program.

Jerry is the third student in the history of the Iowa school to achieve this distinction.

However, Jerry does not intend to stop with this honor. The energy which has urged him to advance this far compels him to aim for even greater service. His ambition now is to begin work in the fall to earn the award "For God and Country" which is given in recognition of outstanding service to God's kingdom. May we have more young men like Jerry who are eager to use their skills and strength so wisely.

Pastor Beyer Vacations in Honolulu

Seattle, Wash. Pastor and Mrs. John A. Beyer left Seattle, Wash., on May 30 for a vacation at Honolulu, Hawaii. They visited their son, who is a doctor in the Air Force. During his absence Mr. Alex Brodie filled in for Pastor Beyer.

Three Weddings in Pittsburgh Field

Mr. John Welch and Miss Della Clark at Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 13.

Mr. Lester Cope and Miss Phyllis Charlesworth at Greensburg, Pa., on June 20.

Mr. John Saraka and Miss Patricia Thomas at New Kensington, Pa., on Aug. 15.

Confirmands in Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Ill. The following is a list of the confirmation class received into membership at the Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Ill., Rev. D. Thies, pastor: Franklin Allen, Barbara Brown, Michael Burpo, Stephen Bohanon, Kenneth Cochran, Gene Elmore, Linda Hansen, Lonnie Hughes, Mary Lindsay, Geraldine Long, Herbert Mapes, Kenneth Niehls, Sue Spicer, Carolyn Turner, Nathan Wurtz.

Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf Renders Special Service

Detroit, Mich. Many deaf children have more than one handicap. When a child has great difficulty with learning language, speech, and lip reading, the child may have "aphasia." His problem is like that of adult people who suffer a stroke and are afterward unable to speak clearly or understand exactly what they hear or read.

Children who have the double handicap of deafness and aphasia, even though they may have average or above-average intelligence, must be taught by methods different from those used with other deaf children. The Lutheran School for the Deaf, therefore, has started a special class for deaf aphasic children. They have their own teacher who knows how to teach a child with such a double handicap. The school hopes that these children will be able, at some future time, to go back to the regular classes for the Deaf.

Only a few schools offer this special service to deaf aphasic children. The Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit is happy that it can now accept such children and place them in a special class.

CBS Television Presents Lutheran Ministry to the Deaf

June 21. CBS chose the ministry of the Lutheran Church to the Deaf as the subject of its program "Lamp unto My Feet" on June 21.

A fifteen-minute drama showed how difficult it is for parents to care for a deaf child. The second half of the program was an interview by CBS with Executive Secretary Reinking and Mr. Melvin Luebke, headmaster of Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Wed at Council Bluffs

Council Bluffs, Iowa. On May 23 Mr. Russell Hartman of Lincoln, Nebr., and Mrs. Goldie Franks were married at a private ceremony.

Two Die When Struck by Truck

Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Robert Green and Mrs. Duke were killed when struck by a truck in front of their home on May 2. They were raking leaves on the side of the road when the accident happened. Mrs. Green, nee Burleson, had moved two months ago to live with Mrs. Duke. Mrs. Green attended the monthly Lutheran services for the Deaf in Nashville.

World Relief

Salem, Oreg. A group of ladies from Salem, Oreg., ordered a Dorcas Project Unit and sewed clothing



Standing: Estelle Lange, Wanda Nellis, Agnes Peterson, Allie LaFave, and Lotus Hill. Seated: Ethel Rebitzke, Grace Toll, and Cleo Gunderson

for children in the Holy Land. The Board of World Relief sends the completed garments to a distribution center in Palestine. The voters of Salem Lutheran Church for the Deaf purchased the material for the project for \$25.00.

Pastor Reinking Plans Trip to Far East

St. Louis, Mo. Rev. William F. Reinking, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, is planning a trip to Japan and the Far East to study the needs of the Deaf there in the hope of beginning church work among them.

The Board for Missions in Foreign Countries has supported the plan and the Board of Directors of Synod has given its permission to make the trip.

Executive Secretary Reinking will spend three months visiting the schools for the Deaf and talking to church and school officials. When he returns, he will be prepared to suggest ways in which the Lutheran Church can serve the Deaf in Japan and the Far East.

Confirmation and Adult Baptisms in Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio. On May 31 Dale Rundle and Raymond Berger were received into membership by confirmation, while the following became members by Baptism: Mr. and Mrs. Dana G. Drantz, Veotis Clark, and Harold William Miller.

Mr. Alfred Schindell replaces Mr. Brodie as President

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The congregation in Vancouver accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Alex Brodie as president of the congregation. A change in his working hours made it impossible for him to attend business meetings on Sunday evenings. Mr. Alfred Schindell was elected to succeed him.

Rochester and Buffalo Plan Picnic

Rochester, N. Y. The Deaf of the Rochester field, Rev. H. Rohe, pastor, are planning a picnic at Camp Pioneer, 25 miles west of Buffalo, N. Y., on Lake Erie. The date of the picnic is Aug. 23. Camp Pioneer is a project of the Lutheran Laymen's League in the Eastern District.

Christ Church, Cleveland, Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

Cleveland, Ohio. The tenth anniversary of Christ Church in Cleveland was observed on May 24 as part of the Great Lakes Convention. Rev. N. L. Borchardt, formerly pastor of the Deaf in Cleveland, preached the sermon. Rev. William F. Reinking delivered an appropriate address to the one hundred forty persons assembled for the special service.

Confirmation in Flint, Mich.

The following were confirmed and became communicant members of The Lutheran Church of the Deaf at Flint, Mich., on May 3: Hazel Vera Carpenter, Donald Caldwell,

Patrick Fenwick, Ralph Graczyk, Carole Ann Hardenburg, Harold Herbert, Joyce Ellen, Mary Jane McWatters, Billy Niemi, Dennis Schemenauer, David Sells, Linda Sheldon, Danny Trumphour, and Marilyn Wood.

Melvin Luebke Chosen for Freedoms Foundation Award

Mr. Melvin Luebke, headmaster at Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, has been chosen by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., for "exceptional work in behalf of teaching responsible citizenship and understanding of the American way of life."

Holy Cross Church Forms Choir

St. Louis, Mo. Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Saint Louis, has announced the beginning of a choir. Several ladies of the congregation are taking part in the project. The first church service in which they appeared was May 31. Present plans call for the use of the choir in every Sunday morning service. They sewed their own choir gowns.



Our Synod

"The Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf"

On the inside of the front cover of this little magazine our readers will have observed the directory that shows the names and addresses of the Board for Missions to the Deaf

and of the pastors that serve the Deaf. The Board, composed of three pastors and two laymen, is given at the top of the page. But there are six names listed in that group, the

sixth being that of the Executive Secretary of the Board. Synod elects its officers for a term of three years; the executive secretary is not elected but appointed, and he serves continuously, indefinitely. For 15 years Rev. John L. Salvner, D.D., held this position. Last August Rev. William F. Reinking was appointed when Dr. Salvner retired after 57 years of service to the Deaf.

What are the duties of the Executive Secretary of our Mission to the Deaf? His is a big and important task. The members of the Board live in one area and have their own professional duties as pastors or businessmen. But the pastors who serve the Deaf are scattered over the entire United States and part of Canada. There are 35 fields, or areas, in all, each one composed of several preaching stations and schools for the Deaf. These areas are the responsibility of the Board. Their welfare to a large extent rests upon the judgment of the Board. And the wise use of the contributions of our Christian friends for the Mission is a weighty responsibility of the Board.

The Executive Secretary handles the extensive correspondence which the work requires. He advises the Board on matters pertaining to the Mission and prepares the agenda for the meetings, listing and preparing a presentation of the matters to be considered. He serves as counselor to the workers in the field, helping them with their problems, consulting the Board about them and advising them accordingly. He co-ordinates the entire program of Deaf Missions; he promotes unity between workers and congregations. He is the liaison, or point of contact, be-

tween Board and workers and between the Board for Missions to the Deaf and the Board of Directors of Synod. Together with the Board for Missions in Foreign Countries he promotes the cause of Deaf Missions in foreign countries. Also the fiscal or money matters of Deaf Missions are his concern, and he has much work in connection with budget requests, how much money will be needed to carry on the work from year to year, etc. The business of the DEAF LUTHERAN is conducted through his office. All new subscriptions, cancellations, and records are handled there and expiration notices are mailed out, etc. Naturally it is impossible for him to take care of all this office work alone; and so he has his secretary to help him with these many details.

Nor is this all. He is forced to spend much time in travel among the fields and to Board headquarters for meetings. This takes him frequently away from his family and at times for weeks at a time. In this age he can save time for this phase of the work by using the air; and when he recently purchased a new home, he wisely moved to an area not far from the St. Louis airport and not too far from the modern expressway which enables him to reach rapidly the headquarters building of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at 210 North Broadway, where his office is located.

Until fifteen years ago the Board for Missions to the Deaf did not have an executive secretary. The members had to do the work without that help. The move to have an executive secretary has proved a very great blessing.

N. P. UHLIG



Bible Quiz

Why did God give a learned tongue to Isaiah and to the Messiah, who spoke through Isaiah? Isaiah 50: 4.

Why do tares (weeds, bad thoughts) spring up in the hearts of people even if only good seed (God's Word) was sown in them? Matthew 13: 27, 28.

What do unkind people shoot like arrows? Psalm 64: 3.

What did Moses use on the march in the desert at Marah that was a good substitute for sugar? Exodus 15: 23-25.

What is going to happen to a family if the members disagree and fight among themselves? Mark 3: 25

How does God guide those whom He afterwards receives to glory? Psalm 73: 24.

How can a weak person renew his strength? Isaiah 40: 31.

What are people called that carry anger in their hearts and quickly get angry? Ecclesiastes 7: 9.

Where is a person's heart? Matthew 6: 21.

Why did many of the leaders of the Jewish people not say openly that Jesus was the Messiah although they were convinced in their hearts that He was the promised Christ? John 12: 42, 43.

In how large letters was the prophet Habakkuk told to write a certain message to the people? Habakkuk 2: 2.

Why did St. Paul think it was not good to be married at that time

when he wrote the First Epistle to the Corinthians? 1 Corinthians 7: 26.

Although we are told that no man can see God, Jesus told us a way to see God; how can man see God? John 12: 45.

What plans did the chief priests have in order to try to prove that Jesus had not really raised Lazarus from the dead? John 12: 10.

What part of church work did St. Paul not perform often? 1 Corinthians 1: 14, 15.

Like what kind of people did David act when he was in trouble and friends and enemies hurt him? Psalm 38: 13.

What does God expect of a person who asks forgiveness for the sins he has committed against God? Mark 11: 25, 26.

Which verse of the Bible is a very good one to remember at a time when there is a drought in the land? Isaiah 41: 17.

Who was the greater hero in the opinion of the common people of Israel, Saul or David? 1 Samuel 21: 11.

Why does every fruit tree always bear the same kind of fruit? Genesis 1: 11.

How can people become sure that God is their good Friend? Lamentations 3: 25.

People sometimes say that little infants cannot believe because the Holy Spirit cannot work in children that cannot think: but what did the angel tell Zacharias about his son John? Luke 1: 15.



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Daily Bible Readings for August

Aug. 1 — Luke 19: 41-48
Aug. 2 — Psalm 121
Aug. 3 — Psalm 33
Aug. 4 — Romans 10: 4-18
Aug. 5 — Luke 7: 36-50
Aug. 6 — 2 Samuel 22: 21-29
Aug. 7 — 1 Corinthians 15: 1-10
Aug. 8 — Luke 18: 9-14
Aug. 9 — Psalm 147
Aug. 10 — Psalm 37: 1-9
Aug. 11 — James 3: 1-12
Aug. 12 — Matthew 12: 31-42
Aug. 13 — Isaiah 29: 18, 19
Aug. 14 — 2 Corinthians 3: 4-11

Aug. 15 — Mark 7: 31-37
Aug. 16 — Psalm 104: 1-23
Aug. 17 — Psalm 47
Aug. 18 — 1 Timothy 1: 5-17
Aug. 19 — Matthew 20: 20-28
Aug. 20 — Leviticus 18: 1-5
Aug. 21 — Galatians 3: 15-22
Aug. 22 — Luke 10: 23-37
Aug. 23 — Psalm 84
Aug. 24 — Psalm 62
Aug. 25 — Acts 3: 1-10
Aug. 26 — John 5: 1-15
Aug. 27 — Jeremiah 17: 9-14
Aug. 28 — Galatians 5: 16-24
Aug. 29 — Luke 17: 11-19
Aug. 30 — Psalm 66
Aug. 31 — Psalm 99

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Colossians 3:16

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