

# The Deaf Lutheran



*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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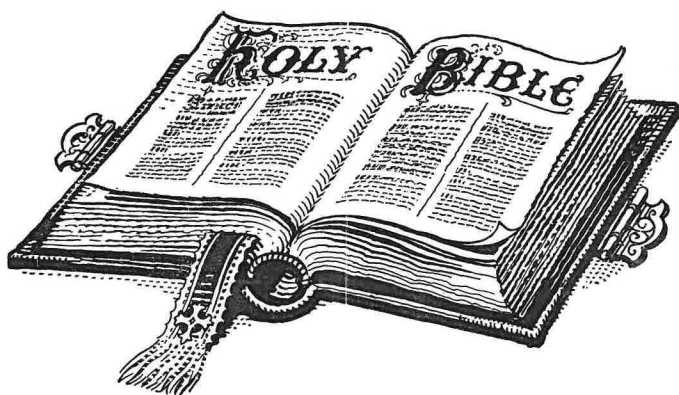
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## Editorials

### The Cover

"Take and read" is good advice any time when one is thinking about the Word of God.

A Bible left on a shelf or stuck away in a drawer might just as well be thrown away. An unread Bible is like a beautiful picture that no one ever sees. An unread Bible is like a delicious meal that no one is eating. An unread Bible is like a comfortable home where no one is living. An unread Bible is like a bubbling spring of cool, sparkling water where no one is drinking.

A picture that no one sees might have just as well never been painted. A meal that is left uneaten might have just as well been left unprepared. A home where no one is living might have just as well never been built. And a spring where no one drinks might just as well be a dry cleft of rock.

What kind of Bible is your Bible? Is it a left-on-the-shelf Bible? Is it a stuck-away-in-a-drawer Bible? If it is, it might just as well be a thrown-away Bible for all the good it is doing you.

"Take and read." This is what gives your Bible value for you, not having it, but reading it. When you read your Bible, the Holy Ghost is adding pieces of Christian knowledge to your mind and chunks of Christian faith to your heart. When you read your Bible, God is speaking to you in words which He Himself inspired. When you read your

Bible, the words, the works, the wonderful life of your Savior, Jesus, become a part of your thoughts, your words, your works, and your life of faith.

"Take and read." On the last page of the DEAF LUTHERAN is a daily guide for regular Bible reading. Use it. Let it start you on the road to daily Bible study. Let it keep you on the road to God.

### Warning

Plastic bags, like the bags you may get from your cleaners, have already taken the lives of many children. Thin plastic film makes a good protective cover for clothing. But when it is left lying around the house or when it is used for the wrong purpose, it could cause the death of your child.

**Do not let plastic bags of any type (or any kind of thin plastic film) lie on the floor or on tables or dressers where children can reach them.**

**Do not give them to your children. Do not allow your children to play with them.**

**Do not use them for makeshift mattress covers.**

After the plastic film has served the purpose for which it was made, do not save it. It has almost no value, and it may bring on a tragedy. Tear it up or tie it in knots and throw it away. Throw it where children cannot find it.

## Deaf Brazilian First Convert of Missionary

Missionary Victor C. Lehenbauer writes the following letter describing the circumstances surrounding the conversion of a deaf man in Brazil.

DEAR —:

During the first year of my missionary life under the Southern Cross I was traveling through the dense Brazilian forest under a blazing heat, when all of a sudden I had a glimpse of two figures crossing my path some distance ahead of me.

Not thinking anything about it, I continued on my way when suddenly these same two persons appeared in front of me, one holding my mule on one side and the other on the other side. "A holdup!" I thought at first. But soon I noticed that they were asking me for a saint. I asked them why they wanted this from me. "Because you are a priest," they answered.

I then answered them that I didn't have pictures of saints with me. When I saw their downcast faces, I explained to them that I was a Lutheran missionary and that if we believe in Christ we do not need pictures of saints to help through the different adversities of life.

After explaining to them our faith and work they introduced themselves as Brazilian workers in the forest. One of them also explained that his brother was a deaf-mute, and so he had to explain all that I had told him. I stayed there for a few hours explaining to them all I could about their Savior until I finally had to continue on my way to the mission station. But I invited them to come and hear more about Christ, their Savior.

They decided to come along with me and clean the forest path for me. They stayed with me until late that night ready to hear all they could, the same the next morning, always the one brother explaining to the other what had been said, until finally I had to leave. So we departed from one another, promising to see each other again next month when we could continue the instruction.

When, next month, I came through the same forest, the brother came to me; and told me that his brother was dead, but that before dying he had told him to tell the missionary that he was believing in Christ as his Savior. Then he told me that he had been cutting down forest trees when his brother came out to call him for dinner. While he was coming through the forest, he walked right into the path of a falling tree. He was crushed and died, but not before confessing that he believed in Jesus as his Savior.

This was, as I believe and as far as I know, my first conversion in Brazil, the conversion of a deaf-mute.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR C. LEHENBAUER

# Notes from the Executive

## Synodical Convention

For ten days in June 1,200 delegates of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod met in cool San Francisco to discuss and decide the business of the church for the next three years. One of our missionaries, Rev. Theo. Frederking of Cleveland, Ohio, was a voting delegate to this convention. Two other missionaries, Rev. Robert Bauer of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and Rev. Francis Gyle of Miami, Fla., were advisory delegates to this convention. The executive secretary and the chairman of the Board, Rev. Ernest Drews of St. Paul, Minn., represented the Board of Missions to the Deaf at this meeting. Several other missionaries to the Deaf were present as visitors. They included Rev. Bailey of Denver, Rev. Beyer of Seattle, Rev. Jonas of Los Angeles, Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City, Rev. W. Ferber of Fargo, N. Dak., Rev. Gaertner of Oakland, and Rev. DeLaney from San Francisco. The convention adopted a resolution giving "glory and praise to God for the faithful labors that Dr. John Salvner was privileged to give his church" and praying "God's continued blessing upon His servant." Another resolution was passed praising the Board of Missions to the Deaf for arranging for our missionaries to meet each year in conference and instructing our Board to continue such conferences on an annual basis.

On other pages of this issue you will find pictures and stories concerning the awards given to Dr. John L. Salvner and Mr. Melvin Luebke at the San Francisco convention.

## New Board Member

A new member of the Board for Missions to the Deaf was elected at San Francisco. He is Mr. E. N. Mitchell, Ph. D., a professor of physics at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, N. Dak. Dr. Mitchell also serves as consultant to the Univac Division of the Remington Rand Corporation. Dr. Mitchell has been very active in church work and will be a fine help to our Board. At its meeting in July the Board resolved to ask Mr. J. P. Miller to remain as honorary member of the Board. Mr. Miller has served on the Board of Missions to the Deaf for the past 37 years. He has contributed much to the planning of our mission work and will continue to be of help to the Board with his good and sound advice.

## News About Pastor Buege

Rev. Wm. Buege, former chairman of our Board (from 1947 to 1957), was elected at the San Francisco convention to be a member of our Synod's Board of Directors. This group of men has the responsibility of guiding the church in its various activities between synodical conventions.

## Three New Vicars

This month our new vicars begin their work. Vicar Daniel Pokorny is working together with Rev. C. Roland Gerhold in Newark, N. J., and surrounding fields. Mr. Pokorny has just returned from a summer in Europe. Vicar Donald Murray has begun to assist Rev. W. A. Westermann in Washington, D. C., while Vicar William Marten will give help to Rev. Ernest Scheibert in the

Chicago area. We give thanks to God now for the services of the four vicars who this month returned to the seminary to complete their last year of school before entering the ministry. They are Orlin Anderson, Gerhard Gehrs, LeRoy Mason, and Franklin Wagenknecht. All four of these young men worked very hard for our mission last year, and all of their efforts were blessed by the Lord.

### Trip to Far East

Because of much work still to be done our trip to the Far East will have to be put off until after the first of next year. From information that we have received so far there seems to be a very great need to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these Deaf in faraway lands. Next month we will give you some information on work among the Deaf in other countries.

Until next month, then, God be with you all. W. F. REINKING

## What Luther Says

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### Victory in, Not Freedom from, Affliction

"The Gospel everywhere indicates that Christians must endure evil days and the cross. Therefore it equips us with nothing less than divine armor, that is, it teaches us, not how to get rid of evil and to enjoy peace, but how to live with it and yet conquer it." (I, 22, par. 58)

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THE HEART has its reasons which reason cannot know. — G. F. HEGEL

## The Signs You See in Church

### Confess

We use the sign for "confess" often in our church services. We use it to bring out two different instructions from the Lord.

The English word is made up of two parts: *con* means "with" or "to," and *fess* means "to admit, acknowledge, let be seen, not to hide, to show." 1 John 1:8: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive." Proverbs 28:13: "Whosoever confesses his sins and forsakes them shall have mercy." James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another."

Admitting, not hiding, our sins, our mistakes, our errors, that is to confess. Confess means not to try to hide or deny, but to open up and let be seen. The opposite of confessing is covering up, as in Proverbs 28:13: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." Naturally, we could not cover up our faults before God. But the idea here is to sinfully think that one could do such a thing. To deny that we have sinned is in itself a sin.

Now let us take a look at the sign for confess. The "B" hands are laid over the heart, palms against the heart, fingers pointing down. This pictures the idea of doors closed over the heart. Now nothing can be seen. With the hands pressing the fingers against the body, draw upwards with the palms of the hands turning upward until the hands are brought forward, just as if you were turning something inside out so that one can see the inside. Thus the hands describe an action which is

really an action of the heart and the mind. We open our heart to God. We hide nothing from Him. We let God see our guilt and pray for His forgiveness.

But there is another use of the word "confess" which we must explain. It is used in this way in Matthew 10:32, where Jesus says: "Whosoever will confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in heaven." Again in Romans 10:9 we read: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Here again we are opening our hearts, but this time we want to show, not our guilt, but our faith in Jesus. Therefore, here, we add one more sign,

the sign for show. The left hand is held up with the palm forward as a signboard. Then the right "G" finger points to the palm of the left hand and the two together are pushed forward as if showing something to people. Showing to others the faith we have in Christ, our Lord, our own personal Savior—that is the meaning of confessing Him before men.

Both kinds of confessing should be done daily. Every day we should open our hearts to God, let Him see our guilt and our sorrow, and ask His forgiveness. Every day we should open our hearts for others to see the joy and the strength that is ours through faith in Jesus, our Lord. Let them look into our hearts and see Jesus. G. W. GAERTNER

## Unique Television Program for the Deaf in Pittsburgh

For the first time in the history of National Educational Television the talents of a foreign news analyst and a Lutheran missionary to the Deaf were brought together last year in a television studio to produce a regularly interpreted news program for the Deaf.

Col. J. J. Sustar, foreign news analyst at WQED-TV in Pittsburgh, created the program because he believed that his news analysis might be "of interest and of educational value to the deaf people of this area." In a letter addressed to Mr. William R. Fry of the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf, Col. Sustar asked whether an interpreter was available to offer this service to the Deaf. Mr. Fry turned the letter over to Rev. H. W. Hoemann, Lu-

theran pastor to the Deaf in Pittsburgh. In the interview between Pastor Hoemann and Col. Sustar the strategy was mapped out which not only provided for the interpretation of news but which actually created news in the annals of television.

Begun on a tentative basis twice a month, the program soon won sufficient response to be offered on a weekly basis. Mr. David Kieffer joined the program at this point and alternated with Pastor Hoemann in interpreting Col. Sustar's message in the sign language. David's father, Mr. Louis Kieffer, is an officer of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh. During the entire 1958—1959 season the program was interpreted for the Deaf every Friday evening at 6:45. Col. Sustar ap-

pears also on Monday and Wednesday evenings on WQED-TV.

An espionage and intelligence agent for the Allies during World War II, Col. Sustar has had firsthand experience with the political



Col. J. J. Sustar

and economic forces which are shaping the flow of world events. For 23 years Col. Sustar served with the Czechoslovakian forces, 10 years of which were in the diplomatic service. After the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1939 Col. Sustar went underground. After building up a system of communications between London and Prague he was arrested by the Nazis. He escaped, was caught again, but finally reached Yugoslavia and safety. At one time a reward of 10,000,000 crowns was offered for the capture of Col. Sustar and his associates.

After the war Col. Sustar was sent by his government, once more in power, to Berlin, where he worked with the Allied Control Authorities

as Czechoslovakian representative. When the Communists took over his country in February 1948, Col. Sustar left hurriedly for West Germany. The Soviet Secret Police were hunting for him throughout Berlin. Proclaimed a traitor to his country (!), sentenced to hang (for the second time), his Czechoslovakian property confiscated, Col. Sustar was placed on the Communist Black List.

On Aug. 1, 1948, Col. Sustar arrived in the United States. An American citizen now, Col. Sustar feels that he has an important message for every American, including the Deaf. "He who has helped to shape history can best interpret it." Such a person is Col. J. J. Sustar.

The Alumni Association of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at its fall reunion of 1958 passed the following resolution:

*"WHEREAS, WQED-TV has pioneered in Pittsburgh in providing a regularly interpreted program for the Deaf; and*

*"WHEREAS, These programs are contributing toward our understanding of world affairs and an appreciation of our privileges as United States citizens; be it therefore*

*"Resolved, That we commend Television Station WQED, its staff and management, as well as Col. J. J. Sustar and his interpreters for making this program possible; and be it further*

*"Resolved, That the secretary of this assembly forward a copy of this resolution to Col. Sustar and to WQED-TV."*

Since its first broadcast over a year ago the program has been featured in articles in the *Pittsburgh*

*Sun-Telegraph*, "TV Graphic" of the *Pittsburgh Press*, and the June, 1959, issue of the *Rotarian*. Present plans call for the resumption of broadcasts as soon as the fall scheduling of television programs is complete.

As the first television program of its kind anywhere in the world, and as the first such program to continue without interruption for a full season, Col. Sustar and those who have worked with him to produce it are justly proud of the achievement.

### **Married**

*Hickory, N. C.* Paulette Sylvia McGee and Herman Lee Spencer were married in Huntersville Methodist Church at Huntersville, N. C., Sunday, May 17, at 5 P. M. They are making their home in Conover, N. C. Mr. Spencer is president of Christ Lutheran Sunday School of the Deaf in Hickory, N. C. Paulette plans to become a member of the Lutheran Church.

### **Taylor and Weese Wed**

*Des Moines, Iowa.* Mr. Charles Taylor, father of Mrs. Bernard Markle of Des Moines, and Mrs. Flora Weese, formerly of Denver, Mo., were married on June 6. Rev. L. M. Stacy conducted the ceremony.

### **Pastor Stacy Accepts Call**

*Des Moines, Iowa.* Rev. L. M. Stacy, pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Moines, has accepted a call to a hearing congregation in Belle Plaine, Iowa. Aug. 2 was scheduled as the date of his installation at Belle Plaine. Pastor Stacy had served the Deaf in Pittsburgh, Pa., and in Des Moines for about six years.

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A bad conscience has a good memory.

## **Meditation**

**Our Father who art in heaven** (*to Thee, my heavenly Father, will I now pray*),

**Hallowed be Thy name** (*give me true doctrine and a holy life*);

**Thy kingdom come** (*keep me in the faith, bring others to the faith, and bless mission work*);

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven** (*carry out the first two parts of this prayer, and let me do Thy will as Thy angels do in heaven*);

**Give us this day our daily bread** (*give me all that I need to support this body and life*);

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us** (*forgive me all my sins, known and unknown, and I will forgive the sins of my neighbor*);

**And lead us not into temptation** (*God, protect me against all temptation, and let me gain the victory*);

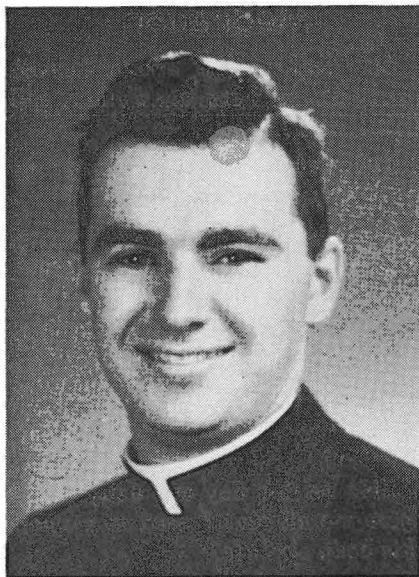
**But deliver us from evil** (*free me from all evil, and give me a blessed end*);

**For Thine is the kingdom** (*Thou art my good King who wants to save me*) **and the power** (*Thou art my Almighty King, who can save me*) **and the glory** (*Thou art my glorious King, who will save me*) **forever and ever. Amen** (*This is most certainly true*).

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A SENSE of stewardship will help a housewife to look at the soapsuds and see not dishes but rainbows.

THE KINGDOM of God is a kingdom of love; and love is never a stagnant pool. — H. W. DuBose



Rev. Louis R. Jasper

## Louis R. Jasper

Louis R. Jasper, a native of Brooklyn, was ordained and installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jackson Heights, N. Y., in an afternoon ceremony June 21.

Rev. M. C. Weissbach, Mrs. Jasper's father from Niagara Falls, N. Y., officiated with Rev. W. Westermann delivering the sermon and Rev. C. Roland Gerhold acting as interpreter.

Pastor Jasper received his early training at Public School 136 in New York. He attended Concordia Junior College in Bronxville and was graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., last June. During his vicarage Rev. Jasper served the Deaf in the New England field. Last year, his final year at Concordia Seminary, he helped care for Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis during the vacancy created by the appointment of Rev.

William Reinking to the post of Executive Secretary.

Pastor Jasper and his wife, Joan, are parents of a daughter, Julia. She was born Aug. 22, 1958.

One hundred seventy-seven persons attended the ordination and installation ceremonies. A reception was held for the new pastor and his wife. Mrs. Jasper was given a beautiful corsage and bouquet of flowers.

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## New Preaching Station at Olean, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y. Rev. H. Rohe, pastor of Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Rochester, N. Y., has announced regular services for the New York and Pennsylvania Deaf who live near the border south of Olean, N. Y. The first service was scheduled for July.

Warren State Hospital, now served by Rev. H. W. Hoemann, may be transferred to the Rochester field in September. There are six deaf patients at the hospital.

## September 13 Date of Two Church Picnics

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Rochester, N. Y., have chosen Sept. 13 as the date of their church picnics. Alpha Church will hold its picnic on the church grounds at 1369 East Ave. The site of the Pittsburgh picnic has not been definitely decided.

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*I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. John 11:25, 26.*



## *Our Synod*

### 44th Convention of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

More than 3,500 persons joined in singing "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord," to open the 44th regular convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in San Francisco, Calif., June 17. The sermon by Dr. Oliver R. Harms, Fourth Vice-President of Synod, was followed by a Communion service in which 2,363 persons received the Lord's Supper.

President John W. Behnken opened the convention on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Greetings were received from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco, Wisconsin Synod President Oscar J. Naumann, and many other dignitaries and friends of the Missouri Synod. The telegram from President Eisenhower at the White House was addressed to Dr. Behnken and read as follows:

*It is a pleasure to send greetings to the delegates attending the 44th triennial convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*

*Your knowledge of the world's needs and your concern for the welfare of mankind give your discussions an immediate relevancy. The affairs of this world can no longer be called "foreign." They are part of the local affairs of very American community. Each citizen must feel an active responsibility for them.*

*I am delighted to add my best wishes for a fine convention. Signed, Dwight D. Eisenhower.*

Dr. John W. Behnken was re-elected President of the two and a half-million member church body for his ninth consecutive term. President Behnken has been head of the Missouri Synod since 1935.

The convention essay, "Take Heed unto the Doctrine," was delivered by Dr. Paul W. Bretscher, a professor on the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

The financial report delivered at the convention estimated the needs of Synod for the next three-year period at \$144,500,000. The suggested budget includes \$54 million for mission projects, including the Mission to the Deaf, and \$64 million for colleges and seminaries.

Dr. Robert Taylor of the American Bible Society personally thanked the convention for Missouri Synod's support of the Society. Last year's contribution amounted to \$39,000 plus an emergency grant of \$5,000. Dr. Taylor paid tribute to Dr. Paul Schelp of the Missouri Synod seminary in Porto Alegre for his work in revising the New Testament in Portuguese. Dr. Taylor noted that the Bible or parts of it have now been translated into 1,136 languages

and dialects since the American Bible Society was founded in 1804.

On Sunday, June 21, the San Francisco Bay area celebrated the centennial of Lutheranism on the West Coast. That evening 4,000 attended a buffet supper, and 6,500 attended a play in 12 scenes, *Declare His Glory*, based on the Lutheran Communion Service.

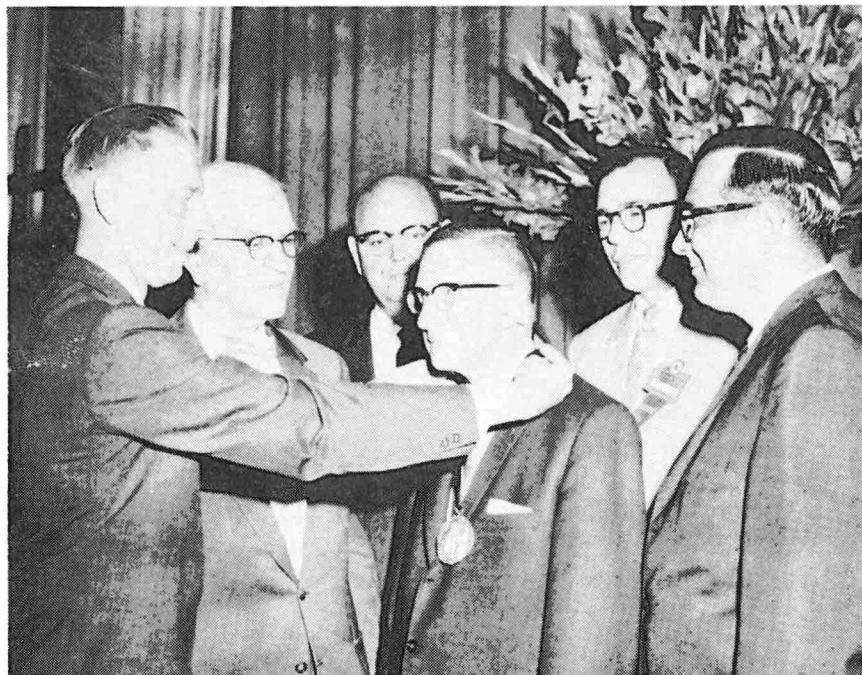
After a long debate of several hours the convention passed a resolution which will require pastors, teachers, and professors in the Missouri Synod to teach and act in agreement with any and all statements on doctrine and practice formally adopted by Synod.

On Tuesday, June 23, the convention approved The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Foundation, a

corporation established for the purpose of accepting gifts, annuities, bequests, and inheritances and then disbursing these gifts to a wide variety of religious, benevolent, educational, and missionary programs. Dr. Eugene Betermann is executive director of the Foundation.

The convention repeated Synod's stand on woman's suffrage in congregational affairs, urging that congregations continue the practice of not permitting women to vote and to take note of the fact that Synod's historic position is based "on sound Scriptural principles."

The convention adjourned Friday, June 26, the tenth day of the gathering, with the installation of officers and closing devotions by Dr. Walter Lichtsinn.



Dr. J. L. Salvner is awarded the John of Beverly Medal at the convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in San Francisco

# The John of Beverly Medal

Awarded by

The Lutheran Friends of the Deaf

To The Rev. John L. Salvner, D.D.

*Citation*

**Know all men by these presents**

That the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf has established the John of Beverly Medal in memory of the early English churchman of the 7th century who made special efforts to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf. This medal is to be awarded to that individual who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, has rendered meritorious, distinguished, and outstanding service to the Deaf, consistent with the ideals of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf;

The Board of Trustees of Mill Neck Manor, by virtue of the authority conferred upon it in its charter by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, has concurred in the bestowal of this medal.

**Inasmuch** as the Rev. John L. Salvner, D.D., has for over 50 years given richly of his manifold talents to serve our Lord Jesus Christ as missionary and pastor to the Deaf and as Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod; and

**Inasmuch** as Dr. John L. Salvner has provided guidance, counsel, and encouragement for individuals, missionaries, congregations, Districts, and the entire Synod; and

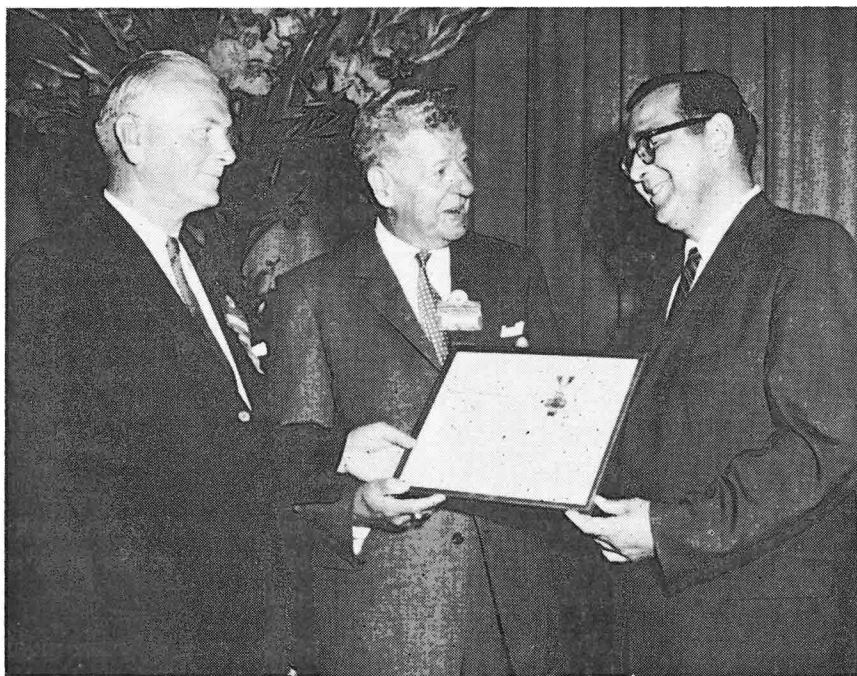
**Inasmuch** as the courageous and pioneering efforts of this man of God to bring Christ to the Deaf have been the divinely chosen means of bringing eternal salvation to thousands;

**Now therefore** the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, in gratitude to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the gift to the church of His servant, John L. Salvner, D.D., who has rendered outstanding service for more than half a century of bringing Christ to the Deaf, herewith grants and bestows its first award of the

JOHN OF BEVERLY MEDAL

upon the Rev. John L. Salvner, D.D.

## Headmaster Luebke Awarded Medal by Freedoms Foundation



Headmaster Melvin Luebke (right) accepts Valley Forge Teachers Medal from two Atlantic District officials, Dr. Arthur Wittmer, Secretary of Parish Education (left), and the Rev. Herman J. Rippe, D. D., President (center)

*San Francisco, Calif.* Cited for "notable youth leadership in the highest tradition of our free nation," Melvin W. Luebke, headmaster of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, L. I., was awarded the Valley Forge Teachers Medal by the Freedoms Foundation on June 23.

The presentation was made at the convention of the Missouri Synod by Dr. Arthur W. Wittmer, Secretary of Parish Education of the Atlantic District of Synod.

Awarded by a distinguished independent jury, the citation signalized the "self-effacing strenuous work" of the Wisconsin-born educator in teaching individual responsibility and personal liberty.

In the eight years he has headed the school at Mill Neck, Mr. Luebke has seen the enrollment grow from 20 to 96, "all of them well on the way to becoming useful, confident citizens instead of objects of charity," as he puts it.

Luebke, 35, is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. He received his master of arts degree from Wayne University, Detroit.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf at Mill Neck is one of two such schools operated by agencies of the Missouri Synod, the other being in Detroit, Mich. These two schools are the only Protestant schools for the Deaf in the United States.



## *Bible Quiz*

What does a greedy person bring upon his house? Proverbs 15:27.

What is a good answer to give to a person who does not think much of Jesus and Christianity because he has never seriously considered the matter? John 1:46.

What must people expect if they live godly in this wicked world? 2 Timothy 3:12.

What commandment did God give Israel through Moses about the Deaf and the Blind? Leviticus 19:14.

What important advantage have the doers of the Law over those who are only hearers of the Law but not doers? Romans 2:13.

In the opinion of both Martha and Mary what would have kept their brother Lazarus from dying? John 11:21 and 32.

What load does God daily put upon us which makes us very happy if it is very heavy? Psalm 68:19.

How does God want widows and orphans to be treated? Exodus 22:22.

If a Hebrew had been a slave on account of debts and had served six years, he became a free man again; how did he get a new start in life? Deuteronomy 15:12-14.

Where did Jesus take a walk one morning before dawn? Matthew 14:25.

How can we give the entire Law of God in one sentence? Luke 10:27.

What choice does God give us as He gave to Israel? Deuteronomy 11:26-28.

Was the crucifixion of Jesus not as bad a sin because the people and the soldiers did not know nor believe that Jesus was God's Son and the Savior? Luke 23:34.

Did Paul receive forgiveness because he did not know or believe that he was sinning when he persecuted Christ's Church; or did he receive forgiveness because God's grace was so great and overcame him so that he just could not help believing and loving Jesus? 1 Timothy 1:12-14.

How many children and descendants did God promise David? Jeremiah 33:22.

Chapter 25 of First Samuel tells us how Abigail, the wife of foolish Nabal, saved his life by taking a wise action; what was her reward eventually? 1 Samuel 25:39.

When will the lord catch the wicked servant — when will death and judgment of God come to the careless sinner? Matthew 24:50.

How can others tell, if people claim to be Christians, that they really are Christians? John 13:35.

Who gave us apostles and prophets and evangelists and still gives us pastors and teachers? Ephesians 4:11.

For what did Paul always thank God when he remembered the Thessalonians, and how can we likewise make our pastors feel thankful? 2 Thessalonians 1:3.

Where do the beast, the wicked enemy of God, and the false prophet finally end up? Revelation 19:20.



## Devotions

### "Light for Your Way"

#### Daily Bible Readings for September

Sept. 1 — Acts 8:26-39	Sept. 15 — Jude 20-25
Sept. 2 — Luke 10:38-42	Sept. 16 — Mark 2:18-28
Sept. 3 — Deuteronomy 6:1-7	Sept. 17 — 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Sept. 4 — Galatians 5:25-6:10	Sept. 18 — Ephesians 4:1-6
Sept. 5 — Matthew 6:24-34	Sept. 19 — Luke 14:1-11
Sept. 6 — Psalm 122	Sept. 20 — Psalm 123
Sept. 7 — Psalm 36	Sept. 21 — Psalm 54
Sept. 8 — 1 Corinthians 15:21-28	Sept. 22 — 1 John 3:1-8
Sept. 9 — John 11:19-45	Sept. 23 — John 15:1-17
Sept. 10 — Deuteronomy 32:29-39	Sept. 24 — Deuteronomy 10:12-21
Sept. 11 — Ephesians 3:13-21	Sept. 25 — 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Sept. 12 — Luke 7:11-17	Sept. 26 — Matthew 22:34-46
Sept. 13 — Psalm 128	Sept. 27 — Romans 10:1-13
Sept. 14 — Psalm 56	Sept. 28 — Psalm 61
	Sept. 29 — 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
	Sept. 30 — John 1:35-51

"Let all the angels of God worship Him." Hebrews 1:6

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