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# Pentecost



And when the day of Pentecost had come, all of them were in the same place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven as a flow of strong wind. And it filled the whole house where they sat. And tongues like fire appeared to them, separating and sitting on each one of them. And the Holy Spirit filled all of them. And they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit let them speak.

Now Jews lived in Jerusalem, religious men, from every nation

Notes from the Executive

The visit to Japan has been completed, and in a few days I shall be leaving Taiwan for the visit to Hong Kong. It is difficult to write in a few words what I have seen and heard and learned about the Deaf in these two countries, but I will try.

I left Japan fully convinced that mission work among the Deaf should be started there as soon as possible. I saw how the Gospel could be brought to the Deaf as I visited Deaf services in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto. By means of signs and lipreading the Deaf were being told the sweet story of our Savior. As I mentioned last month, the sign language is much different, but it is not difficult to learn. There do not seem to be as many signs as we have in the States, and sometimes it is necessary to write to better explain some important matter. But the important thing is that it is possible to bring

under heaven. When this sound came, the crowd of people gathered and became confused, because each one heard them speak in his own language. They became surprised and wondered and said, "Look, are not all these who speak from Galilee? And how do we hear, each one of us, in our own language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those living in Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speak in other languages Acts 2:1-11.

the story of salvation by faith in Christ to the Deaf of Japan. And how these Deaf need the comfort of the Gospel! Not more than 200 out of the more than 150,000 Deaf in Japan have learned to love their Savior Jesus. No one can say that the Deaf are eager to hear the Gospel, for how can they be hungry for something they know nothing about? They will come to hear, however, for they are happy to give attention to anyone who is interested in them. We know that whenever the Gospel is preached to people, the Lord will open hearts to faith in Christ Jesus. The Deaf Christians that I met in Japan seem to be very faithful Christians. Many come long distances at great expense compared with the little salaries they receive so that they can attend the Christian service. In one city where services for the Deaf are

no longer held, many Deaf still go regularly to the hearing church to learn whatever they can from the service. Everywhere I met Christians who were doing work among the Deaf. They encourage our church to begin a mission to the Deaf as soon as possible.

The story of the Deaf in Taiwan is an even more unhappy story than that of the Deaf in Japan. Among the 10,000,000 people who live on this crowded island there are about 17,000 Deaf, and 70% of these people have had no education at all. At the present time there are two main government schools for the Deaf and one branch school. Each year more children are able to attend school, but just last year only 60% of the children who applied were accepted. The schools are doing the best they can with the buildings they have and the teachers who receive no special training to teach the Deaf. Most classes have 20 to 25 children for each teacher, and the teaching is almost entirely done in the sign language. While the Japanese ruled this island, the sign language among the Deaf was begun, and so the signs in Taiwan are almost exactly the same as those in Japan.

Another problem for the Deaf in Taiwan is finding work. It is estimated that 40% of the Deaf who are able and willing to work have no jobs. The average salary of those who do work is very low, 300 New Taiwan dollars, equal to about \$7, U. S., for one month's work. The only work for the Deaf is usually barbering, tailoring, shoemaking, and some woodwork. Even though the standard of living is much lower than that in America, the salary is still very low and inadequate.

However, the saddest story of the Deaf in Taiwan is the fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not being brought to them. The Baptist Church is reaching many of the children from the government schools with the story of Jesus' love. For the adult Deaf there is only one service a week in Taipei, nothing else on the entire island. Many of the Deaf themselves, including the president of the Taiwan Deaf Association, have asked that our church begin mission work right away. What can we say to these people? They cannot be ignored, and they must not be forgotten. Our Lord and Savior gave His life on the cross of Calvary for all people. He rose again that all might live with Him in heaven. The challenge is before us. God give us the courage and ability to meet it.

The Lord's protecting hand continues to be over me. God willing, I shall write next month as I am flying back home.

W. F. REINKING

# Sign Language Study Committee Meets at St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. The Sign Language Study Committee of the Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Ministers to the Deaf met at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, early in 1960.

The ccmmittee works under the 84

direction of the Ephphatha Conference and the Board of Missions to the Deaf. Its task is to prepare a new course of study in sign language for seminary students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.,



The Sign Language Study Committee meets at St. Louis. Left to right: Rev. Francis Gyle, Miami, Fla.; Rev. Delbert Thies, Springfield, Ill.; Dr. George Gaertner, Oakland, Calif.; Rev. George Kraus, St. Louis, Mo.; and Rev. William Ludwig, Columbus, Ohio

and Concordia Seminary, Spring-field, Ill.

The course of study is open to all students who wish to prepare for service in the Deaf Mission Field or who would like to become better acquainted with this area of the mission program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Areas of study recommended by the committee are the Manual Alphabet, the Anatomy of the Ear,) Translating the Scriptures, and Sermons in the Sign language.

# What Luther Says

From What Luther Says by Ewald Plass, selected for the DEAF LU-THERAN by Rev. H. Rohe with special permission from Concordia Publishing House.

### Difficult to Rid Oneself of Anger

"No one should boast that he is not sinning against his brother in anger until he feels so gentle and peaceful that although all he has, together with his life, were taken away from him, he would not want to be angry with him who took it,



nor angry because it so happened. Oh, how great and profound a statement that is! It is easy not to be angry with peaceful people and with those who do you no harm. Even the heathen control their temper under such circumstances, and the beasts — even wild beasts. What a fine 'praise' of righteousness, then, it is that you are not angry with the peaceful!

"You have atttained the gentleness of serpents and lions! But if money, house, father, mother, brother, daughter, son, land, the members of your body, and your life itself were taken from you, see whether then you could not only not be angry but even glad and could bless God and do good and be favorably disposed to those who do this for you. If you meet this test, render thanks; for you really have the grace of God. But if you find that you cannot do it, then know that the root of anger, the spirit that wants to kill, lies hidden within you." (Vol. I, p. 27, par. 74)



# Summer Slump

After a winter such as most of the United States and Canada had this year, one would think that everyone would be so thankful to God for summer weather that they would fill the churches each time the doors were opened for worship services.

The snow is gone from the sidewalks. There are no icy streets and highways to make driving hazardous. A pleasant trip to church, a fine worship service, and a restful journey home would be the best possible way to spend part of a summer day.

But the sad fact is that the same people who used the cold and the snow as an excuse to stay home from church in winter now use the heat and their "social life" as an excuse in the summer.

It shouldn't happen, but it does. The church attendance especially in larger cities slumps miserably in the summer months. One could offer a great many explanations to show why this is so. But none of them would be a reason why it is so. When the excuses are brought in the door, reason seems to have flown out the window.

Those who are the cause of the summer slump will have to make a few changes in the Bible. Psalm 122:1, 2 will have to read, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"; but I said unto them, Some other time, perhaps, when it is not so terribly hot.

This is sheer nonsense, of course. But so is the summer slump. There is no earthly reason (or heavenly one either) why churches should suffer a slump in attendance during the summer months.

Your pastor probably worries a

great deal about those whose faith seems to operate only when the thermometer is between  $65^{\circ}$  and  $72^{\circ}$ . If you are unable to attend church for some overwhelming reason, it would certainly be in order for you to explain your absence to your pastor. He feels responsible for you. But it is even more important that you take your problems to God in

Excerpts from the Presidential Address by President J. W. Behnken, D. D., at the Forty-fourth Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at San Francisco, Calif., June 17-26, 1959.

### "Strengthen Thy Stakes"

When you erect a tent, it is of utmost importance to have strong stakes and to drive them securely into the ground. This applies also to our work for Christ. . . . We must drive the stakes supporting God's tent ever deeper into the divinely inspired and inerrant Word of God.

The greatest beauty of any house of God must ever be that God's prayer. It is God who cares for you.

It is God who gave you a holy day to keep. It is God who gave you His Son to worship. It is God who gives you His Holy Spirit to keep your faith alive and active.

Perhaps your congregation will experience another "summer slump" this year. But don't you be the cause of it.

# "Strengthen Thy Stakes"

Word be preached in all its fullness, all its sweetness, and all its purity.

There must be thorough indoctrination of God's people in God's holy Word that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

[We must continue our] emphasis on sound, orthodox professors who will train sound, solid, conservative pastors, teachers, and missionaries, who will love the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God and our Lutheran Confessions as the correct interpretation of Holy Writ.

That strengthens the stakes.

# Meditation

### And lead us not into temptation

What does this mean?

God does not tempt anyone to sin. But we pray in this petition that God would protect us against temptation from the devil, the world, or our sinful flesh. We pray that God would not let these "tempters" lead us to sin and unbelief. Then, although they will continue to tempt us, we may overcome them and have the final victory.

#### What is a temptation?

A temptation to sin is anything which would lead or try to lead a person to sin. It is in this way that the devil tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden so that she and Adam disobeyed God. (Genesis 3:1-6)

The word "tempt" may also be used in a good sense to show how God tests a person's faith in order to prove that it is genuine. God tested Abraham's faith. (Genesis 22:1-9)

How can we know when we are tempted whether it is a temptation to sin?

By looking at the result. If we can see that we would be led into a sin against God, then we know that it is the devil who is tempting us. God never tempts a person to do evil. (James 1:13, 14)

When the devil tempts us to sin, how can we resist him?

We are already headed in the right direction when we pray these words of the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation." Besides praying to God for help, we can also call to our memory some verse from the Holy Scriptures which can help us. This is what Jesus did when the devil tempted Him (Matthew 4: 1-11). In any case, God does not want us to fall into sin. He will not let a temptation come to us which we are unable to bear, "but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

What, then, do we ask God in this petition?

We ask first, that God may not let the devil tempt us to sin; and secondly, that when the devil does tempt us, that God would help us so that we do not fall into sin.

# Cottage Meetings



Rev. George Kraus, pastor of Holy Cross Congregation, explains the chart "My Lord and I"

St. Louis, Mo. The Stewardship Committee of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo., held cottage meetings in the homes of members of the congregation to explain the program of the church for 1960.

Taking with them charts prepared by Mr. Archie Marshall, Mr. William Lambur, Mr. Russell Healey, and Mr. Marshall presented the great work of Redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ, our answer of faith to that work of Christ, and our day-to-day service for Christ as a way of thanking Him.

After the lectures with the charts, Mr. William Lambur, treasurer of the congregation, passed out pledge cards for the year 1960. Those who did not sign the cards immediately were encouraged to bring back their pledge cards within two weeks.

The cottage meetings included about 105 of the 120 members of Holy Cross Congregation.



Mr. William Lambur and Mr. Russell Healey of Holy Cross Deaf Congregation in St. Louis, Mo., present the program of the church for 1960 at a cottage meeting

Mr. Archie Marshall, artist and producer of the charts, served on the Stewardship Committee with Mr. Lambur and Mr. Healey

# Hearing Children of Deaf Parents

What can the church do for the hearing children of Deaf parents? This is a question and a problem which has been with us for a long time. In many cases the number of such children is very small, and the variety of ages makes a graded Sunday school a problem. The opportunity for the hearing child to have a close acquaintance with neighborhood friends and frequent church activity is not always possible in a church for the Deaf. At Oakland and San Jose, Calif., the plan to associate hearing children with churches for the hearing has worked out very successfully. Twenty-five such children are enrolled in the hearing churches. Five are enrolled in parochial schools of the churches. Thirteen adult hearing relatives have become members of our Lutheran Church through our mission to the Deaf.

G. W. GAERTNER



#### **Your Comments Welcome**

Pittsburgh, Pa. One of the items which will most certainly be discussed at Ephphatha Conference is the DEAF LUTHERAN.

It is for you, the subscribers and readers, that the DEAF LUTHERAN is published. If you did not exist, neither would the paper.

Since it is for you that the DEAF LUTHERAN is written, edited, and published, you certainly have a right to make some suggestions as to how it should be written, edited, and published. This is your opportunity to do so. If you are a reader or subscriber of the DEAF LUTHERAN, send your ideas to Rev. H. W. Hoemann, 1335 Commercial St., Pittsburgh 18, Pa. I promise to give each of them my personal attention. A digest of all suggestions received will be presented for discussion on the floor of Ephphatha Conference.

#### **Adult Baptisms**

Greensburg, Pa. Mr. Lester Cope of Latrobe, Pa., was baptized and confirmed by Rev. H. W. Hoemann at Greensburg, Pa., on March 27. Mrs. Lester Cope, nee Charlesworth, was already a member of the Lutheran Church.

### **Adult Confirmations**

Beaver Falls, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Audley Pitzer of Freedom, Pa., were received into membership with the Lutheran Church by the rite of Holy Baptism on April 27 in Beaver Falls, Pa. Rev. H. W. Hoemann of the Pittsburgh field extended to them the right hand of fellowship during the regular monthly worship service in Beaver Falls.

#### † Arthur Keller †

Sioux City, Iowa. Arthur Keller of Sioux City, Iowa, died on March 8 at the home of his parents in Le Mars, Iowa, after a long illness. Burial was from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sioux City on March 11.

#### † Henry W. Schleibaum †

Baltimore, Md. Mr. Henry W. Schleibaum departed this life on Jan. 30 after a long illness. He was 74 years old.

Pastor W. Westermann, who ministered to him for the past several years, reports that Mr. Schleibaum never had a word of complaint. Shortly before he passed away, Pastor Westermann visited him and witnessed a wonderful confession of faith in which Mr. Schleibaum expressed his desire to go home to be with his Savior.

Mr. Schleibaum was a faithful member of St. Martini Church in Baltimore, Md., for 30 years. He had been confirmed by the sainted Pastor Arthur Boll.

He was given a Christian burial on Feb. 1.

# Television News Analysis Interpreted for the Deaf

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Friday evening program by Col. J. J. Sustar, foreign news analyst, on WQED-TV in Pittsburgh has completed its second full year of uninterrupted programs interpreted for the Deaf.

In addition to being the first program of its kind to be presented to a deaf audience, it also has the longest history of consecutive broadcasts throughout the regular television season. The program is a fifteen-minute broadcast of the news behind the headlines by the distinguished interpreter of world events, Col. J. J. Sustar. Sign language interpreters for the program are Rev. H. W. Hoemann and Mr. David Kieffer.

# Missouri Synod Ends Fiscal Year in the Black

St. Louis. For the second year in a row, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod ended the fiscal year with a budget surplus.

Contributions from Missouri Synod congregations and other sources totaled \$15,952,998, an increase of \$1,085,000 from the previous year.

Mr. Martin Strieter, Treasurer, reports that the financial performance of Synod during the past year lends great encouragement to the reaching of Synod's projected budget for 1960 of \$19,773,000.

# **Ephphatha Conference**

Detroit, Mich. The Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Missionaries to the Deaf will meet at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., July 19 to 22.

# † Oscar F. Vinson †

Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Oscar F. Vinson, 67, departed this life on Feb. 2. He was given a Christian burial at Drew, Miss. Mr. Vinson was a member of Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Memphis.

# John Janaszek, Jr., and Joyce Richardson Wed

Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. John Janaszek, Jr., and Miss Joyce Richardson were joined in holy wedlock on April 30. Miss Joyce Richardson is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh. Rev. H. W. Hoemann interpreted the ceremony conducted by Dr. Paul Franklin Hudson at the Pleasant Hills Community United Presbyterian Church.

# Illinois Home for the Deaf at Evanston Closed

*Chicago, Ill.* The Illinois Home for the Deaf in Evanston, Ill., has been temporarily closed because of a new city ordinance. Several Deaf people are on the waiting list to become residents. Pastor O. C. Schroeder, who served six Deafblind and 22 Deaf residents in the Home several years ago, reports that the closing was intended to be for a short time only.

# Illinois Home for the Blind Becomes Training School

*Chicago, Ill.* The Illinois Home for the Blind on Marshall Blvd. in Chicago has been converted into a Training School for the Blind. Until a few years ago Pastor O. C. Schroeder served eight Deaf-blind residents at the Home as well as other Lutheran Blind.

#### Notes from Japan

St. Louis, Mo. This issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN contains the second article written by Executive Secretary William F. Reinking on his survey trip in the Far East. Be sure to read "Notes from the Executive" in this issue.

# John Reno and Betty Campbell Wed

Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. John Reno of Valencia, Pa., and Miss Betty Campbell of Slippery Rock, Pa., were united in holy wedlock at Cooperstown, Pa., on Sunday, March 20. Rev. H. W. Hoemann conducted the wedding ceremony.

# **Feature Newspaper Article**

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Pittsburgh Press featured the silent service of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh in the *Roto* magazine section of its Sunday paper on Easter Sunday.

The article was prepared by *Press* staff writer Mr. William Faust. Pictures accompanying the article showed Mrs. John Saraka signing the Easter message: "I know that my Redeemer lives," and Rev. H. W. Hoemann signing the opening words of the benediction.

The Sunday edition of the *Pitts*burgh Press has a regular circulation of about 540,000.



Rev. Earl Thaler conducts a class for Protestant children at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Conn. The group pictured is the third of the four classes conducted by Pastor Thaler on each Wednesday morning

### American School for the Deaf

West Hartford, Conn. Over 90 pupils at the American School for the Deaf receive religious instruction in classes organized by Rev. Earl Thaler. The classes are open to all Protestant children of the school whose parents give their consent for them to attend. During the 1959—1960 school year six classes were held from 8:40 A. M. until 12:00 noon. The two Primary classes are conducted by Mrs. G. Rinas of New Britain and Mrs. D. Balsis of Newington, Conn., parents of deaf children. The remaining four classes are led by Rev. Earl Thaler.



Parsonage in West Hartford, Conn.

# Deaf Mission Board Purchases Parsonage in West Hartford, Conn.

West Hartford, Conn. The Deaf Mission Board has purchased a parsonage in West Hartford, Conn., for the minister to the Deaf in the New England Field. Funds for the purchase were made available through the Church Extension Fund of Synod.

The house is a 7½-room colonial, located five blocks from the American School for the Deaf. Rev. Earl Thaler, now serving the New England Field, states that plans are in the making to arrange the basement into a meeting place for the confirmation class and other small groups.

### † Thomas Smith †

Washington, D.C. The members of Christ Chapel for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., were saddened by the sudden death of Thomas Smith, a faithful member, who was killed in a head-on collision near Gastonia, North Carolina, on Dec. 26. He was 25 years old.

He was given a Christian burial on Dec. 29 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rev. W. Westermann reports that Tommy was an outstanding young man well liked by all who knew him. He was faithful to his church, seldom missing a service, and then only if there was no way possible to reach the church. During the six years he was at Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., for the Government, he was absent from church services and the Lord's Supper only six times.

On January 17 a memorial service was held at Christ Chapel. Dr. L. Elstad, President of Gallaudet College, and Dr. C. Rankin spoke briefly at the memorial service, paying high tribute to the Christian character which Tommy had always shown. Memorial gifts presented at the service totaled more than \$60.

# Lay Conferences and Retreats

The Lutheran Deaf Retreat of the Eastern Region will be held June 3, 4, and 5 at Pocono Crest Lodge, Pocono Pines, Pa.

The Montana Lutheran Lay Deaf Conference will meet at a Lutheran camp on Flathead Lake July 16 and 17.

The Midwest Regional Conference will be held in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27 and 28.

The Great Lakes Regional Conference will be held in Detroit, Mich., June 25 and 26.

# **New Members**

Memphis, Tenn. Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, pastor, received into membership Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wallace by the rite of confirmation. Their three sons were baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson were received into membership by a reaffirmation of their faith.

Donna (Lindsey) Hamner was baptized on March 13.

Little Rock, Ark. At Little Rock, Ark., served by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger of Memphis, the following were received as new members: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. Thomas Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henson and their two daughters. The five adults were confirmed in a special service on April 3. The children were baptized. Rev. Richard Jahn, pastor of First Lutheran Church in Little Rock, served as guest speaker, with Rev. Wayne Bottlinger interpreting.

# † Bert Rodda †

Omaha, Nebr. Mr. Bert Rodda, son of former members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, departed this life on March 27 in Albuquerque, N. Mex. He was buried in Omaha on April 1.

# **Rev. W. Lange Installed**

Denver, Colo. Rev. William H. Lange was installed as pastor of Bethel Deaf Congregation in Denver and minister to the Deaf in the Colorado Field on May 8.

# **Easter Sunrise Service**

*Omaha*, *Nebr.* Deaf Lutherans in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area participated in the Easter sunrise service at the Omaha Civic Auditorium at 6:00 A. M. Easter Sunday.

Rev. Herman Graef interpreted the address delivered by Rev. Herman Mayer, Secretary of Missions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

# † Stacey Roy Barron †

Council Bluffs, Iowa. Stacey Roy Barron, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barron of Council Bluffs, Iowa, departed this life on March 6, the day after his birth. Rev. E. Mappes conducted the funeral in Council Bluffs on March 8.

### **Received** into Membership

Oakland, Calif. Dr. G. W. Gaertner announces that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corey and Miss Gay Oaks were received into membership by the rite of confirmation, Rita Ann Corey by Holy Baptism, and Mr. and Mrs. John Krueger by transfer from Redwood City, Calif.

At San Jose Mr. Monroe Patheal was received into membership by profession of faith.



"Light for Your Way" **Daily Bible Readings for June** June 1-1 Kings 17:1-24 June 2-1 Kings 18:20-40 June 3-1 Kings 19:1-18 June 4-1 Kings 21:17-29 June 5-Acts 8:4-17 June 6-2 Kings 1:1-17 June 7 – 2 Kings 2:1-12 June 8 — Matthew 17:1-13 June 9-1 Kings 19:19-21 June 10 - 2 Kings 2:9-22 June 11 - 2 Kings 5:8-27 June 12 – 2 Peter 1:16-21 June 13 - 2 Kings 6:8-23 June 14 – 2 Kings 8:7-15

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"The Word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth." (1 Kings 17:24)