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Pastor N. Paul Uhlig



* Rev. N. Paul Uhlig *

The Rev. N. Paul Uhlig was called to his eternal home in the glories of heaven on Thursday, June 27, 1963, at 4:50 P.M. Pastor Uhlig labored in the Lord's vinevard for 50 years in the mission of bringing Christ to the deaf. During his final days on earth the beloved pastor repeatedly asked that his favorite, Psalm 71, be read to him. Everyone who knew or met Pastor Uhlig could see a living and walking example of the trust mentioned in Psalm 71. "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. . . . Thou art my hope, O Lord God: Thou art my trust from my youth. ... I am as a wonder unto many, but Thou art my strong Refuge. Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honor all the day." Such words as these were the strength and courage of N. Paul Uhlig, whose labor of love for Christ and the deaf was carried on in such

vigor that a flaming eagerness for the Gospel in the heart was always evident.

Early life contact with the deaf was a natural thing for N. Paul as a youngster. He was born in Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20, 1885, the son of Daniel H. and Pauline Ahnert Uhlig. His father, Daniel H. Uhlig, was teacher and superintendent of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit for 31 years. Pastor N. P. Uhlig was married to Adoliho Boyer in 1910; she preceded him in death the same year. In 1912 he was married to Hannah Weigner. Hannah was called to eternal rest on June 24, 1954. Pastor Uhlig is survived by his wife, Martha Mansel Scholz Uhlig, whom he married in 1958. Surviving are the following children: Rev. Walter Uhlig, Seward, Nebr.; Hugo Uhlig, Westminster, Colo.; Mrs. Vicky Cox, Corvallis, Oreg.; Mrs. Margaret Golen, Shawano, Wis.; and Mrs. Gertrude Braun, Overland, Mo. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Betty Hahn and Mrs. Martha Wichman of Richmond, Mich., and Mrs. Mimmi Herrmann, St. Joseph, Mo.; and one brother, Martin Uhlig, Detroit, Mich.

The Reverend N. Paul Uhlig received his theological training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., graduating in 1909. During his years in the ministry he served the following congregations: St. John, Pinconning, Mich.; Our Savior (Deaf), Chicago; Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; St. James, Shawano, Wis.; Holy Cross (Deaf), St. Louis; and Christ (Deaf), Jacksonville, Ill.

Pastor Uhlig moved to Jacksonville from St. Louis in 1945. He had



A recent photograph of Pastor Uhlig. His sister, Mrs. Betty Hahn of Richmond, Mich., is to the left, and Mrs. Uhlig is to the right

been serving the Jacksonville area on a semimonthly basis from Saint Louis since 1938. Under the shepherding of Pastor Uhlig the congregation, Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, in Jacksonville was organized Oct. 19, 1948. By this time many hours of labor had been used laying the groundwork for a chapel for the deaf in Jacksonville to serve' the adult deaf population and the deaf youngsters from all parts of Illinois who each year attend the Illinois School for the Deaf. As Pastor Uhlig brought the story of the work with the students at the school to the Lutheran people of Illinois their hearts were moved to action. Realizing that adequate space and teaching facilities were necessary for the Savior's work among the deaf, the Central Illinois District LWML in 1946 voted a grant of \$10,000 for a chapel for the deaf. Three additional grants in later years by these same ladies brought

their contribution above \$20,000. During this time Pastor Uhlig, in addition to his regular duties as missionary for the area, began making the need known to the more than 450 Lutheran congregations in Illinois. Meanwhile, Earl Boucher, Lutheran contractor and member of Salem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, acquired title to the last piece of property near the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf. Ground was broken for the erection of the chapel on April 1, 1951. Lack of steel, lack of funds, and other difficulties delayed completion until 1953. In evidence of how far and wide this project became known a crowd of 800, some from as far away as 200 miles, was on hand for the dedication service on Sept. 13. 1953. Under the leadership of Pastor Uhlig and with the help of the LWML, the LLL, the members of Salem (hearing) Congregation in Jacksonville, the congregations of

the three Districts served by this chapel (Central Illinois, Northern Illinois, and Southern Illinois), a beautiful parsonage and house of worship now stands at 104 Finley St., less than a half block from the campus of the school for the deaf. In a parting message to the people of Central Illinois in 1956, when he semiretired. the beloved pastor wrote: "Today Christ for the Deaf Chapel, in its simple beauty, is adjacent to the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf. It is a joy to watch the children swarm over from the school to the chapel to learn about Jesus, the Friend of children." With a heart filled with love and trust in the Friend of children, Pastor Uhlig extended the hand of the loving Savior to many, many people in every corner of our nation.

For 7 years at St. Louis and 15 years in Springfield Pastor Uhlig gave instruction in the sign language to seminary students. Many of the missionaries to the deaf of our church today received their introduction to the sign language from Pastor Uhlig. After his semiretirement in 1956 Pastor Uhlig served as missionary at large to the deaf of the Indianapolis, Ind., area; also Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., and the New England states. Rev. Uhlig also authored a number of German devotional booklets and served as editor for the DEAF LUTHERAN from 1915 to 1918 and again from 1953 to 1958.

Funeral services were held on July 1 at 2 P. M. in Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Ill. The pastor of Salem, Rev. Herbert C. Rose, officiated. The many deaf friends of Pastor Uhlig were seated on the left side of the nave, and Rev. Waldemar O. Neisch, who vicared under Pastor Uhlig in Jacksonville, interpreted the service for the deaf. Burial was in the family lot in Shawano, Wis.

We raise our hearts and hands and voices in praise of Almighty God for the blessings that the Lord brought us by the dedicated heart and hands and voice of N. Paul Uhlig, Lutheran pastor and missionary to the deaf for 50 years.

Rev. Orlin Anderson

Rev. William Reinking Called to Far East

St. Louis, Mo. Rev. William F. Reinking, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, has accepted the call from the Board for Foreign Missions as Counselor for work among the Deaf in the Far East area. His headquarters will be in Hong Kong. His first area of responsibility will be to develop work in Hong Kong and Taiwan and eventually in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines.

The Board for Missions to the Deaf has accepted Rev. Reinking's resignation as Executive Secretary. However, Rev. Reinking will continue to serve the Board for Missions to the Deaf until February, if necessary, so that a successor can be secured.

Notes from the Executive Secretary

Three Installations During the Month of July

Four of our congregations were especially thankful during the month of July, since their new pastors were installed. Pastor Donald Leber was installed as pastor of Grace and Peace congregations in Memphis and missionary to the deaf in the North Dixie Field at Trinity Lutheran Church in Memphis on Julv 14. His installation ended a 12-month vacancy in those congregations. On the same day Pastor Martin Hewitt was ordained and installed as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cleveland, Ohio, and missionary to the deaf in the Northern Ohio Field. His installation at Cleveland ended a 9-month vacancy there. One week later, on July 21, Pastor Geo. Ring was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and missionary to the deaf in the South Dakota Field. The 4-month vacancy in that field was ended with this installation. May God richly bless these men, who are now beginning their work in these new areas.

Veteran Missionary Plans to Retire

Doctor George Gaertner, presently pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Oakland, Calif., who has served the deaf mission on the West Coast for 47 years, has announced to the congregation and to the Board of Missions for the Deaf his plans to retire as soon as a successor takes over his responsibilities in Oakland. Watch this paper for future stories regarding the wonderful contribution of Doctor Gaertner to the growth of our mission among the deaf on the West Coast of our country.

Pastor Corl Declines Call to Oakland

Memorial Lutheran Church, Oakland, Calif., upon learning of the plans of Doctor Gaertner to retire, called the Rev. Robert Corl, pastor of Silent Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis., to be their pastor. After serious and prayerful consideration Pastor Corl declined the call. No further call has been issued at the time of this writing.

Pastor Delbert Thies Serves Deaf in Hastings, Nebr., Area

For several months Pastor Delbert Thies, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Juniata, Nebr., has been assisting with preaching to the deaf in the Hastings, Nebr., area. However, as of Sept. 1 Pastor Thies has taken over the full responsibility for the deaf in the Hastings area. This will relieve the burden of the Omaha missionaries and allow them to use this time in other areas of their field.

New Vicars Now at Work

As of Sept. 1 all our four new vicars are working in the mission. Vicar Roger Leonhardt began his work in Winnipeg, Canada, already on July 7, and Vicar James Bengelsdorf began his work in Dallas, Tex., on July 15. Vicar Robert Bremer took up his responsibilities in Newark, N. J., on Sept. 1, and Vicar Evan Koch also began his work in New York City on that day. We are grateful to God for the help of these four vicars and ask God's rich blessings upon them.

Edmonton Field Has Summer Parish Worker

Miss Johanna Becker, a faithful helper of Pastor Bauer in Edmonton, served the field as a full-time parish worker during the summer months. Her help was of great value, and I am sure our mission in Edmonton will show the results of this in the months to come.

Former Vicar to Teach at Mill Neck

George Heidenrich, who vicared for one year with Pastor Gerhold in Newark, N. J., has signed a contract to teach at Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf on Long Island, N. Y., this year. Mr. and Mrs. Heidenrich and their infant daughter took up residence in New York the latter part of August.

Former Vicar Leaves for New Guinea

Rev. David Houser, who vicared for Pastor Rohe in Houston, Tex., accepted a call from the Board for World Missions as missionary in New Guinea. Pastor and Mrs. Houser attended the mission school in St. Louis during the summer months, and after visiting their parents they left for New Guinea in the first part of September. Since they traveled by air they have now arrived in New Guinea, and they are in the process of learning to know their area of work. All of us will want to remember Pastor and Mrs. Houser in our prayers.

A Wonderful Vacation Experience

Our family, consisting of my wife, myself, and our five children, left St. Louis on Saturday, July 6, and headed for St. Joseph, Mich., to visit my parents. Here we had the wonderful experience of celebrating my parents' 45th wedding anniversary together with the rest of the family. After a brief visit in Michigan we headed west for Montana to assist Pastor and Mrs. Rynearson with the Lutheran Deaf Youth Camp at Trinity Church Camp on the shores of beautiful Flathead Lake. We experienced a very pleasant trip out to Montana driving through the fertile great plains into the beautiful and majestic mountains.

Spending the week with 10 young deaf boys and girls was an experience never to be forgotten. As we worshiped, studied, played, and ate together, the young boys and girls and staff came to know one another very well and looked upon one another as members of a family. On Saturday morning the adult deaf arrived at camp, and for the next two days it was a very uplifting experience to be with our Lutheran deaf who had come from various parts of the state of Montana. The theme of the camp was "Faith Forward." I am sure that all went home spiritually enriched and ready to go forward in the work of the church.

On Sunday, July 21, we sadly bade farewell to all our newfound friends and began our homeward trek on which we had the opportunity to visit beautiful Yellowstone Park and the majestic Grand Tetons in Wyoming. God was good to us allowing us to arrive home safely on Sunday, July 28. I trust that all of you also had a very pleasant, rewarding, refreshing, and relaxing vacation.

God willing we will meet again here next month.

REV. W. F. REINKING

"Before Abraham Was, I Am"

Before we can understand these words of Jesus, we must first learn who Abraham was and when he lived. Abraham was the father of Isaac and grandfather of Jacob. He lived about 2,000 years before Jesus was born.

"Before Abraham was," Jesus could say, "I am." Before Abraham was born, Jesus was alive.

You studied grammar in school. You know that the verb "am" is in the present tense. As man Jesus was not yet 50 years old, but as God He is eternal. A dictionary tells us that *eternal* means without beginning and without end. Yet, the Son of God has no beginning and will never die. Jesus as God lives from forever to forever.

What a wonderful comfort for us to know that our Savior is the eternal God! It is the eternal God who took part in our weakness and suffered and died on the cross. It is the eternal God who delivered us from everlasting damnation. We escape all the awful punishment that we deserve because of our sins. Believe in Jesus, the Son of God, and you will have life in heaven.

But for the Jews Jesus' words "Before Abraham was, I am" were too much. They understood what He said, but they refused to believe Him. They picked up stones to murder Him. But they failed to kill Him because Jesus made Himself invisible and went away from them.

The same Almighty Savior who said, "Before Abraham was, I am," is still living today. He lives to protect His church on earth. He lives to watch over each one of us, His believing children. We must trust Him knowing for certain that He will guide us in our Christian life. We must also trust that He in His own way can help us during our days of need, trouble, sickness, and suffering. Anyone who trusts Jesus, the eternal God, will be blessed eternally!

Please read Psalm 90:2 and John 8:12-59 in your Bible.

REV. W. A. LUDWIG

We Need God's Guidance

All men are responsible for what they do. Many circumstances and conditions, however, influence their decisions. And God directs and guides or hinders all of these. And no man can know in advance or in any way control the events that follow.

Everything man does is like a link in a chain. It is connected with the past as well as with the future. For example, one sin leads to another, and can eventually lead to everlasting condemnation. This is a chain that no man can break.

We need God to break the chain of sin for us. We need God to lead us on Christian paths and into Christian activities. We can get the help of God through Christ.

The most important thing for our life is that we remain in faith in Christ our Savior and live as true children of God. For all other things we can put our problems into God's hands. He will take care of us.

> Rev. J. A. BEYER Seattle, Wash.





Rev. Martin Hewitt

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Rev. Martin A. Hewitt, a May graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., was ordained and installed as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 14. The rite of ordination and installation was performed by Rev. C. T. Schuknecht, pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cleveland. Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Great Lakes Regional Counselor and pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., preached the sermon and interpreted the service.

Pastor Hewitt was born in Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1, 1937. Since 1946 Norwich, N. Y., has been his home. He began his preparation for the holy ministry of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at Concordia Junior College, Bronxville, N. Y., in 1955. In 1959 he was graduated from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., with the degree of bachelor of arts. To complete his theological training he enrolled at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., and was graduated on May 31 of this year with the degree of bachelor of divinity.

He received special training in the language of signs at Fort Wayne and St. Louis from several Lutheran missionaries to the deaf. He assisted Rev. W. Ferber in the North Dakota Field during the summer of 1960. Under the guidance of Rev. J. A. Beyer, Pastor Hewitt served his year of internship at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Vancouver, B. C., Canada. During his fourth and final year at the seminary Pastor Hewitt served the church in assisting during the vacancy at Memphis, Tenn.

He was married on Aug. 4, 1962, to Janet, nee Steinke, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Steinke of Syracuse, N. Y. Mrs. Hewitt is a graduate of Valparaiso University in Indiana.

Rev. Andrew Harnack Declines Call

St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Andrew Harnack of Lima, N. Y., has declined a call to the Oregon field. Rev. Erich Eichmann is serving the deaf congregations in the Oregon field as vacancy pastor.



Pastor Pokorny of Indianapolis talks with Norman Ginn, a communicant member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Ginn, who is deaf and blind, receives the Lord's Supper every month

Indiana Pastor Ministers to Deaf-Blind Lutheran

Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Norman Ginn, a resident of the Archibald Memorial Home for the Aged Deaf in Brookston, Indiana, is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church even though he is deaf and blind. Once a month Pastor Pokorny of Indianapolis visits the home and brings the message of God's love to him and administers the Lord's Supper.

Communication with Mr. Ginn is through the manual alphabet spelled into his hands. Mr. Ginn also receives the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind* published in Moon raised type. Mr. Ginn prefers Moon type because his fingers are not sensitive enough to read Braille.

Confirmation

Pittsburgh, Pa. On Pentecost Sunday, June 2, four young men were confirmed into membership with the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh. Ralph Maxwell, Robert Lewis, and Harry Lewis were confirmed, and Fred Hicks was baptized and confirmed. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht is their pastor.

New Officers in Memphis

Memphis, Tenn. Grace Lutheran Church elected officers for the congregation on Aug. 4 because two officers had moved away from Memphis. The new officers will continue to serve the congregation until the regular election in January. The new officers are James Hamner, president, Glenn Johnson, vicepresident, Charles Greer, treasurer, and Rev. Donald Leber, secretary.

Newspaper Features New Church

Indianapolis, Ind. The Indianapolis Star magazine carried a fine feature article on the new home of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Indianapolis, Ind. A filling station is being remodeled into a chapel at 4201 North College Ave. The 2page article carried pictures of the filling station and of the life of Peace Congregation.

Rev. Frank Wagenknecht Declines Call

Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsgurgh, Pa., has declined the call to Memorial Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Oakland, Calif.

Foundation Grant

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Arbuckle-Jamison Foundation of Pittsburgh has presented Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh with a grant of \$2,500 to purchase auditory training equipment for the Sunday school. Pastor Wagenknecht expects maximum use of such equipment for the large number of pupils from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf who attend Sunday school and Monday afternoon instruction at Trinity Church.

45th Wedding Anniversary

Fargo, N. Dak. Pastor and Mrs. W. Ferber celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last July 11. The pastors of the Fargo area and District President Rev. Harold Huber of Oakes, N. Dak., arranged a dinner for the occasion. After the dinner an open house was held at Grace Lutheran Church, where the chapel for the deaf is located.

Five of Pastor and Mrs. Ferber's grandchildren were able to attend and took part in the program. The local deaf were also present, as were Vicar Frederick Gehrs of Winnipeg and Vicar Roger Leonhardt and Mrs. Leonhardt, who succeeded Vicar Gehrs. Vicar Gehrs interpreted the program for the deaf.

Pastor Frank Werth of Fargo, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, closed the program with an evening devotion.



Pastor and Mrs. W. Ferber

Ames Rains

Delavan, Wis. Ames Rains departed this life on June 21 after a long illness, at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle, and three sons, Francis, John, and Russell, all of whom are deaf. Christian burial services were conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill., on June 24. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Montana Camp and Lay Conference

Spokane, Wash. Pastor Rodney Rynearson of Spokane, Wash., reports that months of work and planning for the Deaf Camp at Kalispell, July 14 to 21, meant much fun for all.



Albert Reeves (left), president of the Central Regional Deaf Lutheran Conference, goes over plans with James Swalley, Program Committee chairman

Ten young people from Montana attended full time. A total of 57 people attended the final weekend retreat July 20 and 21.

The Silent Lutheran News of Christ and Faith Lutheran Churches for the Deaf mentioned Pastor and Mrs. Reinking, Mrs. Rynearson, Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Shular, and Vernon Hippe for special thanks.

Victor Lyon and Elmer Francisco served as president and treasurer respectively for the past two years. Newly elected for the next two years are Elmer Francisco, president, and Vernon Hippe, treasurer.

Central Regional Deaf Conference

Indiana polis, Ind. Deaf Lutherans of Indiana planned carefully for the Central Regional Conference held in Indianapolis Sept. 14 and 15. Albert Reeves of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Indianapolis, was president of the conference. James Swalley, a member of the deaf congregation in Terre Haute, was chairman of the program committee.

Special features of the conference included a Communion breakfast at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, followed by a fellowship Communion service. Guest speaker at the service was Rev. William F. Reinking, executive secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf. The conference theme was "Growing Together in Christ."

Thiessens Confirmed

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Thiessen became members of the Lutheran Church on July 14, when Pastor W. Ferber baptized Mr. Thiessen and confirmed Mrs. Thiessen. Pastor Ferber had known Abe Thiessen many years ago when he attended Pastor Ferber's classes for pupils at the Manitoba School for the Deaf in



Mrs. Abe. Thiessen and, l. to r., Vicar Fred Gehrs, Pastor W. Ferber, and Mr. Abe Thiessen

Winnipeg. Then all contacts were lost until Vicar Gehrs again met Mr. Thiessen. Meanwhile he had grown up, married, and had a family. His daughter is attending Sunday school in a sister congregation.

Rev. William Ludwig and Deaf Delegate Attend Convention

Fort Wayne, Ind. History was made at the Central District convention in Fort Wayne when one of the original Districts of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod was divided into two new Districts, the Ohio and Indiana Districts.

Pastor Pokorny of Indianapolis interpreted the business of the sessions for Richard Holle, treasurerdelegate of St. John's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Fort Wayne and Pastor William Ludwig of Columbus, Ohio.

Next year Pastors Pokorny and



Pastor Pokorny of Indianapolis interprets some of the business of the historic last convention of the Central District. Richard Holle, center, and Pastor Ludwig, right, "hear" the proceedings of the convention by watching Pastor Pokorny

Ludwig will attend separate District conventions.

Three Confirmed at Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Ill. On Sunday, May 19, Stephen Howe of Brimfield, Jean Erbstoesser of Bensenville, and Charlene Unser of Oaklawn were confirmed at Jacksonville, Ill. Rev. Orlin Anderson is their pastor.

† Mrs. Otto Schroeder †

Chicago, Ill. It has pleased Almighty God to summon to His eternal home Mrs. Otto Schroeder, wife of Dr. O. C. Schroeder of Chicago, Ill. She departed this life on July 27 at the age of 76. The funeral was held on Tuesday, July 30.

Official Acts in the Iowa Field

Des Moines, Iowa. The following official acts for the Iowa Field were reported in the summer issue of the Iowa Silent Lutheran, edited by Rev. Clark Bailey, pastor.

Baptisms: Betty Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Van Wyk, nee Johannsen, on Jan. 6 at Oskaloosa. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Van Wyk were sponsors.

Carol Dolores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kephart, nee Huntington, on Jan. 6 at Rock Island, Ill. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Ed White.

Jarvey Rex, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Sorensen, nee Hovinga, on Feb. 10 at Fort Dodge. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Nehring.

Daniel James, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mott, nee Hagen, on Feb. 10 at Ames. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. William Richards.

Camilla Cora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Colemen, nee Sullivan, on April 14 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Des Moines. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buchholz. Daniel Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kuehne, nee Rose, on May 12 at Ames. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ginger.

Confirmations: Horace Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hendricks, Des Moines, on Jan. 27.

Rachel Mayberry, Marilyn Osborn (Coleman), and Donna Sawhill on May 19 at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Students at the Iowa School for the Deaf: Darrell Berglund, Terry Buchholz, Steven Barker, Dain Berggren, Phyllis Dalen, Mary Erpelding, Sandra Gehring, Ricky Herbold, Ida Hesse, Jay Oelberg, Vicki Pate, Sherry Peterson, Susan Schultz, Joy Rasmussen, and Muriel Wirth.

Funerals: Mrs. Stella Bryan, Des Moines, who departed this life on March 10, was laid to rest on March 13 at Des Moines.

Mrs. Shirley Daggett, Des Moines, departed this life on March 22 and was buried at Leland, Iowa, on March 25.

Mrs. Charles Taylor departed this life on April 4 in Iowa City and was buried on April 8 at Clarinda, Iowa.

John Siems, Jr., of Cedar Falls departed this life on April 28 and was laid to rest on May 1.

Mrs. Nettie Green, Waterloo, departed this life on May 10. On May 13 a funeral service was conducted by her pastor in Waterloo. This was followed by a short service and committal in Des Moines by Pastor Bailey.

John Drejci, Chicago, passed away on May 12. Following services conducted by his pastor in Chicago, funeral services and burial were held at Boone by Pastor Bailey on May 16. Pastor Bailey also interpreted the funeral service of Rudolph Kaplan, Alden, who departed this life on May 26. The service was held on May 29 at Iowa Falls.

John of Beverley Series

Mill Neck, L. I., N. Y. Book IV of the John of Beverley Series has gone to press. The title of this workbook is We Are God's Children. The first printing of 10,000 copies was made possible by gifts from those who answered the call for help in getting out Book IV.

Distribution of Books I, II, and IV will be made in September to schools for the deaf, clergymen, and anyone interested in the religious training of deaf children.

Color Filmstrip Available

Mill Neck, L. I., N. Y. An allcolor filmstrip on the campus and activities of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf is ready now for distribution.

A record is available. Bookings are being made now. There is no charge for the use of the filmstrip, but any contribution to cover cost of handling will be gratefully accepted.

Write Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, Long Island, N. Y.

Confirmed in Madison Field

Madison, Wis. On Thursday, May 9, Pastor Robert M. Corl, Jr., confirmed the following into membership with the Lutheran Church from the Oshkosh School for the Deaf:

Janet Lynn Baker of Oshkosh, Wis.; Brian Michael Bies of Two Rivers, Wis.; Judy Ann Engelmann of Campbellsport, Wis.; James Werner Warnke of Fremont, Wis.; Robert Clarence Wittnebel of Oshkosh, Wis.; and Lavern Wallace Zietlow of Juneau, Wis.

Approximately 250 members of the family and relatives of the catechumens joined the class and the church members for a reception after the service.

Confirmed in Miami

Miami, Fla. On June 2, 1963, Robert Hollingsworth and Walter Schiller were confirmed and became members of the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Miami. Young people confirmed on the same date were Nancy Cummings, Cathy Hopper, and Bette Mathew.

Timothy Wilkerson Baptized

Columbus, Ohio. Timothy James, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkerson of Cincinnati, was baptized by Rev. William Ludwig May 12 at Lima, Ohio.

Eight Received as Members at Cincinnati

Columbus, Ohio. Sunday, June 2, eight persons professed their faith in Jesus Christ and made their vow to be loyal to their Savior. Baptized were Messrs. Michael E. Barnes, Joe L. Caldwell, Douglas Moore, and James W. Wilkerson. Confirmed were Mesdames Sarah M. Johnson, Rose Moore, Edna Smith, and Sarah A. Wilkerson.

Edward and William Adair Baptized

Rochester, N.Y. Edward Dodds and William John Adair were received into the kingdom of grace by the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Thursday, May 30, at Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Rochester.



"Light for Your Way" Daily Bible Readings for October October 1—Titus 3 October 2—Mark 1:1-20 October 3—Mark 1:21-45

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 4 — Mark 2:1-17

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 5 — Mark 2:18-28

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 6 — Mark 3:1-19

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 7 — Mark 3:20-35

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 8 — Mark 4:1-20

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 10 — Mark 5:1-20

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 11 — Mark 5:21-43

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 12 — Mark 6:1-29

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 13 — Mark 6:30-56

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 14 — Mark 7:1-23

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