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Your Heart Is a Garden

Luke 8:4-15

Have you ever planted a garden? If so, you know the work it takes before the seeds begin to sprout, before the plants produce fruit, before the harvesttime comes.

First the soil must be dug up, and then the seedbed must be raked so that all the lumps are broken down. Fertilizer is needed for good results. When the tiny plants begin to break through in the long straight rows where you have planted seeds, you notice the weeds growing between the rows that have to be removed.

Through the weeks that you watch the garden grow, the soil must be cultivated or hoed many times to keep it loose and airy. And if it doesn't rain enough, you have to water the garden often.

If you want seeds to grow into food, you have to take good care of the plants, also during the summer months.

One day our Savior told a picture story about a man who sowed some seed. In those days they didn't have machinery as we do

today. The seed had to be scattered by hand as the farmer walked back and forth across the field. Some of the seed, as it was scattered, fell on the hard paths and lay there till the birds flew down and ate it. Some fell on rocky soil, some of it among weeds, and some, of course, on good soil.

The lesson Jesus wanted us to learn from this is that our hearts and lives are very much like gardens. When He explained the picture story to His disciples, He told them that the seed is the Word of God. The man who sows the seed is the person who teaches us God's Word, perhaps our pastor or our teacher. And the ground where the seed is sown is the heart of the one who hears the Word.

Some of the good seed fell on the hard-packed ground in the paths through the field. No one expects seed to grow there, just as we would not expect seed to grow on a sidewalk or in the middle of a highway. It can't sink in, and there is too much traffic.

Sometimes the ground of our hearts is hard, even when we come to Bible class and church. The seed of the Word is sown, but the soil of our hearts is packed with all the plans we have. Our minds are far away, dreaming of the fun we're going to have as soon as church is over. So we don't take

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the lessons home with us and keep them in our hearts.

Some of the seed fell on rocky ground. It sprouted and grew for a while, but as soon as the sun came out the tiny plants withered and died. There wasn't enough moisture in the rocky soil, and the roots didn't go down deep enough to where there was moisture.

Sometimes the soil of our hearts is like this rocky ground. At first the seed of God's Word begins to grow in us. We are happy to learn of Jesus when we are young, but as we get older, the tender plants of faith begin to wither. The roots of our faith don't go deep enough. The Bible gets to be "old stuff" to us. We think we have learned it all, and so we don't get the benefit of digging deeper into God's Word.

Some of the seed fell among weeds and thistles. The plants grew and probably grew quite well, but they bore no fruit. You see, the weeds were too thick, so the power of the soil was all used up by the weeds.

Often the garden of our hearts is just like that. We hear the Word of God, and the seed springs up and gives us the joy of faith in Jesus, the comfort of forgiveness,

and the hope of eternal life. But then worries and selfish desires for other things choke the plants of faith and keep them from giving us the good blessings of God's Spirit.

But some of the seed fell on good soil, and Jesus tells us that it grew and produced an abundant harvest of good grain. This is the kind of garden that your heart can be — a garden that is weeded when you confess your sins and ask God daily to forgive you and to keep you from all evil for the sake of Jesus, who died for you. It can be a garden that is watered when you go to church to hear His Word and to receive Holy Communion also in the summer months. It can be a garden that is cultivated when you continue to attend Bible class regularly in order to learn how to live your faith in God.

So don't let your life become a patch of weeds which the wind scatters over to other people's lawns and gardens, but let it be a garden full of the love and kindness of God. Then you, too, will be helping to spread the kingdom of God on earth.

— Adapted from
Faith Forward Talks

Think on This

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "I";
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "my";
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And not include another.

You cannot ask for daily bread
And not include your brother,
For others are included
In each and every plea,
And from the beginning to the end
It never once says "me."

— Selected

The Trinity Season—2

The Church Year Back Cover

The color green is used throughout the Trinity season as a symbol for life. The green of living, growing plants and trees parallels the life and growth of the church.

This, then, calls attention to the new life that is ours by faith in Jesus Christ. Baptized into His death we are also His in resurrection. Therefore, in His strength and by the power of the Holy

Spirit He enables us to live a life that pleases Him.

The 6th through the 11th weeks in Trinity (July 5—Aug. 15) follow the theme, *The Righteousness of the Kingdom*. When God rules the hearts and lives of His people (kingdom), He expects us to live in righteousness (right life, new life in Jesus). By His Word and Sacrament (Lord's Supper) His Spirit gives us the courage and power to live as His own people. *Next: Trinity—3.*

The Question Box

Q. *I like to read the daily horoscope. Someone told me it is wrong to believe it. Is that a sin?* — A reader in California.

A. I am not sure how you are asking this question — if it is a sin to read the daily horoscope, or a sin to believe it. Therefore I will try to answer both questions.

Is it wrong to *read* the daily horoscope? No — and yes. If you read it with the same interest and enjoyment you get from the comics, sports page, or ladies' section, and if you don't let it take up all your time, then I see no sin in reading the daily horoscope.

It could be wrong to read it if you knew you were tempting yourself to waste away time and keep yourself from your work. Anything that makes you do this is clearly wrong. It is a form of idol-worship to let unimportant things such as this take over all your time.

Is it wrong to *believe* the horoscope? Yes — and no. You can believe what the horoscope says without believing in the "wisdom" that said it. The horoscope tells us things which can be truthfully said about many people. Believing this is all right. This is the goal of the publishers — to please people and thereby sell newspapers. You may believe that someone will "make an important discovery in his life" or that another will "approach disaster." We all do that these days just by breathing.

But, *My brothers: be careful that no one among you has a heart so bad and unbelieving that he will turn away from the living God* (Hebrews 3:12 TEV). If you put trust in the horoscope as if it could fill all your needs, then it is wrong to believe in it. God warns us very strictly about putting our trust in things made by men. He warns us about putting our trust in things that may take our trust away from Jesus. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding* (Proverbs 3:5). Don't follow anything that seems to predict the future. *My dear friends: do not believe all who claim to have the Spirit, but test them to find out if the spirit they have comes from God. For many false prophets have gone out everywhere.* (1 John 4:1 TEV)

Therefore read the daily horoscope, if you wish, with interest and pleasure, but don't let it become a substitute for your trust in Jesus. Only the Lord, and no other, can give you the peace of mind that overcomes the trouble and temptation of this world.

ROBERT C. HENRIKSON

Next Month: *"How much should I give to church?"*

Address your questions on any church-related subject to *The Question Box*, Rev. William A. Ludwig, 360 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

Notes of Interest

NBC's Quiet Campus

A series of ten 27-minute television programs featuring Gallaudet College, under the title "Quiet Campus," has been filmed. This series was prepared by Gallaudet College personnel in coordination with the Public Office of Information. The series:

Which Way Today? — A panel of noted authorities discuss the various methods by which the deaf may communicate.

Rock Gospel — Two young chaplains discuss religion on the Gallaudet campus. Through sign-

ing and singing Father Rudy Gawlik (Roman Catholic) and Rev. Daniel Pokorny (Lutheran) with a rock group interpret gospel and folk music for the deaf.

After the Fact — This program will describe and demonstrate some of the educational and research programs of the graduate school at Gallaudet College.

Creative Drama — Deaf students are taught to respond bodily to suggestions of colors and emotions.

Equal Chance — Problems and opportunities the deaf encounter

when seeking employment will be examined.

The First Year—A teacher demonstrates the techniques used in teaching deaf first-graders in a classroom setting.

Move a Little—By carefully observing their instructor's movements, the deaf are taught to dance. The Amos Kendall Dancers and Kendall School elementary students provide an entertaining show of interpretative dancing and discussion.

The Class—Except for the manner of communication, the classroom of the Gallaudet undergraduate closely resembles that of any other college.

Theatre of Signs—Gallaudet drama students perform pantomime, poetry readings, and enact scenes from plays.

Birth of a School—The how and why of the educational con-

cepts of the new Model Secondary School for the Deaf are examined.

The series was seen in Washington, D. C. (May 25—June 5); Cleveland, Ohio, (June 22—July 3); and New York City (July 20 to 31). It will also be shown in Los Angeles on KNBC (Aug. 17 to 28), and in Chicago on WMAQ (Sept. 14—25).

Executive Director of COSD Resigns

Mr. Mervin D. Garretson, executive director of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD), has announced his resignation as of Aug. 1.

Mr. Garretson accepted the post as principal of the new Model Secondary School for the Deaf on the Gallaudet campus. "With an educational background of 20 years," he noted, "I find it difficult to resist the challenge of assisting in the development of what promises to be an innovative, experimental, and completely different approach to secondary education."

All letters of inquiry for this position of COSD executive director should be addressed to:

*President Edward C. Carney
COSD, Suite 601
4201 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008*

DID YOU KNOW that during the first 25 years of the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**, women of the group have given \$2,163,262 for world missions and mission projects?

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deaf person be overlooked.**

Additions, Changes in Roster

New Workers

This year our Lord has blessed our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf with one candidate, two vicars, one lay assistant, and one parish worker from our Synod's terminal schools.

Candidate David L. Carstens, a graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, has been called as a missionary at large by the Board for Missions. He will receive special training in orientation to deafness at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His home is in Detroit Lakes, Minn., and he is married to the former Miss Penelope Sutphin of Springfield, Ill.

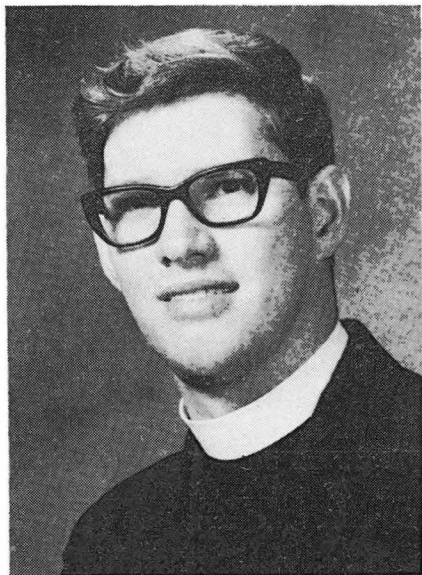
Both our vicars are attending Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Vicar Marlow Olson**, whose home

is in St. Paul, Minn., is familiar to the members of Prince of Peace Deaf Congregation and has helped with their program. He has been assigned to work in the New York City Field with Rev. Daniel Hodgson, late summer 1970 through the summer of 1971.

Vicar Jerold Munz will work with Rev. Rodney Rynearson in the Rochester, N. Y., Field, for the year 1970—71. His home is Wichita, Kan., and since he has deaf parents, he has grown up with the language of signs. He is married to Joyce (nee Kumm) of Denison, Iowa.

The first deaf lay assistant to graduate from the Lutheran Lay Training Institute in Milwaukee, **Marion Van Manen**, has been assigned to St. Luke Lutheran Church (hearing), Sunnyvale, Calif. He will work with Pastors Marlin Sampson and Clark Bailey. Marion and his wife Janice have two sons.

Miss Victoria Soenksen is the first parish worker graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, Kan., to enter our mission to the deaf. Born in Davenport, Iowa, Miss Soenksen will serve Redeemer Lutheran Church (hearing), Olathe, Kan., and the Kansas City Deaf Field in a shared program. Redeemer congregation hosts the Sunday School-Bible Class program of Rev. A. E. Ferber at the Olathe (Kansas State) school for the deaf.



Rev. David Carstens

We extend a welcome to **Rev. George Winkler** and his family who enters our ministry to the deaf after serving 14 years in Hong Kong. Pastor Winkler was installed in Spokane, Wash., on May 10. He and his wife Florence (nee Michalk) have seven children.

We also welcome back to our midst **Rev. Walter Uhlig**, who was installed in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., June 14. Pastor Uhlig served deaf congregations from 1938 to 1948. He and his wife Stella (nee Bangert) have six children.

Changes in Roster

We praise and thank the Lord for His blessings upon three of our pastors who plan to retire this year. **Rev. John A. Beyer**, Seattle, Wash., formally announced his retirement last February, 50 years after his ordination as pastor. He will serve Our Redeemer Congregation until a new pastor arrives.

Rev. Walter Westermann of Greensboro, N. C., celebrated his 49th year in the ministry, 38 of which were with the deaf. He plans to retire as soon as a new pastor arrives in his field.

After serving the deaf 40 years, **Rev. Norbert Borchardt** announced his retirement as of July 15. Pastor Borchardt has been serving Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich. We extend him our heartfelt sympathy, for his devoted

wife Hera passed away a few months ago.

Rev. Martin Hewitt accepted a call to Holy Cross Deaf Congregation in St. Louis after serving the deaf in the Cleveland, Ohio, Field for 7 years. He was installed May 10.

Rev. August Hauptmann resigned from his call at Prince of Peace Deaf Congregation, Saint Paul, Minn., and preached his farewell service April 12. He joined his three brothers in a family business in Santa Rosa, Calif., for a period of rest from the pastoral ministry. He is still a *Candidate in Reserve for Ministry* and may again accept a call.

Rev. Robert Blakely accepted a call in April to Our Savior (hearing) in Columbus, Miss., after serving the deaf of New England for 6 years.

Rev. William Duey accepted a call in May to St. Paul (hearing), Mattoon, Ill. He had served the deaf in the Northern Texas-Oklahoma Field since 1964.

Rev. Robert Bremer accepted a call in May to Hope (hearing), LaGrange, Ill. He was pastor of St. Paul Deaf Congregation and the Flint, Mich., Field since 1965.

As of this writing, we still have several vacancies in our mission. Please keep the needs of our deaf congregations and fields in your prayers that God will continue to bless His deaf people.

NEITHER Baptism nor the Lord's Supper is an act of magic.



FIELD

GLEANINGS

Pastor Walter Uhlig Installed

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. On June 14 about 100 deaf attended the installation service of Rev. Walter Uhlig as pastor of Trinity Deaf Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Peace Deaf Lutheran Church of Sioux City, Iowa. The deaf, with many hearing, gathered at a reception following the service to welcome their new pastor.

Rev. William Lange, regional adviser and pastor of Bethlehem Deaf Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr., interpreted the afternoon service held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (hearing) in Sioux Falls. Rev. R. M. Grundmeier, pastor of Our Redeemer, was the liturgist, and the president of the South Dakota District, Rev. Arthur J. Crosmer, was the preacher and officiant.

Pastor Uhlig began his ministry in deaf missions after graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1938. He served the deaf in the Spokane, Wash., and Montana Field 1938—39; the Memphis, Tenn., Field 1939—41; and Los Angeles and the Southern California Field 1942—48.

From 1948 to 1951 Pastor Uhlig was employed by Michigan Vocational Rehabilitation as a deaf specialist in Detroit. He then served hearing congregations in Illinois for 6 years until 1957, when he became an instructor in history and religion at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.

Pastor Uhlig and his wife Stella (nee Bangert) have six children, Gerald, Lawrence, Edward, Kenneth, Diane, and Ellen.

Rev. Uhlig's father, Rev. N. P. Uhlig, was a pastor for the deaf for 25 years in Chicago, St. Louis, and Jacksonville, Ill. His grandfather was D. H. Uhlig, teacher and superintendent of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., 1874—1905.

Inter-Lutheran Deaf Ministry

Ontario, Canada. A new cooperative ministry to the deaf will begin in Ontario early this fall.

The Ontario District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada recently announced plans for a chaplaincy-style program at the school for the

deaf in Belleville, Ont., with possible expansion to other provincial deaf schools.

Rev. Kenneth Finnestad, who accepted the call, will be located in London, Ont., where he will also serve as a part-time pastor for a recently established mission congregation there.

Prior to his present parish pastorate, Pastor Finnestad had pioneered deaf work for the ELCC in Saskatchewan, working closely with the provincial school in Saskatoon and also founding Bethlehem Church of the Deaf in that city.

This new chaplaincy is the first fully cooperative inter-Lutheran chaplaincy to the deaf. Rev. John Kiiffner, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church (hearing), Georgetown, Ont., has supervised the teaching of religion classes at the Milton school for the last few years.

Gifts from the LWML For Three Fields

The California and Nevada District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League met May 2—3 and allocated \$14,200 for four mite-box projects. One of these projects was \$5,000 as a scholarship for a deaf student attending the Lutheran Lay Training Institute in Milwaukee.

The Colorado District LWML included our Denver congregation when allocating \$14,000 for their several projects. Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church will be given \$500

over the next 2 years for visual aids.

The Eastern District LWML also allocated funds for Alpha Deaf Lutheran Congregation to purchase a bus for use at their NTID campus ministry in Rochester, N. Y.

Stamps for Missions Nets \$7,937 in '69

St. Louis, Mo. Stamps for Missions received \$7,937 from the sale of stamps last year, according to Raymond E. Hodges, president of the volunteer organization which meets in the Lutheran Building, 210 N. Broadway, Saint Louis, every week to sort stamps.

The figure, slightly more than the previous year, brings to more than \$120,000 the total gathered in the 30 years since Stamps for Missions was founded. Most of the income has been received in the past 15 years, Hodges said.

Last year the allocations included \$1,000 for a pickup truck for Ghana. Through the years various mission endeavors have benefited from the sale of used stamps.

We have two suggestions to our contributors which we urge you to follow.

(1) First, in trimming stamps from envelopes and wrappings leave at least $\frac{1}{4}$ and not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of paper around the stamps.

(2) Do not pull or soak stamps from envelopes or wrappings.

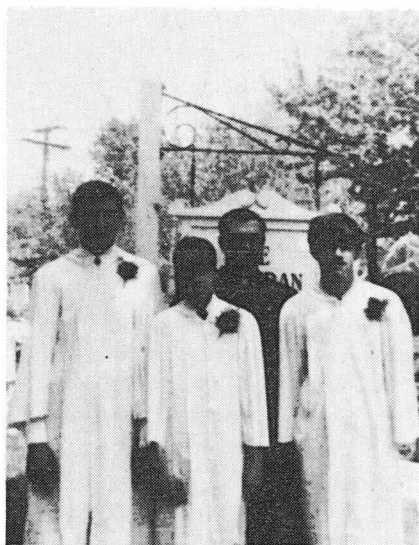
Many valuable stamps have been ruined by bad trimming, and money has been lost for the mission program.

Have you a box in your church to collect cancelled postage stamps?

Protestant Youth Conference

West Hartford, Conn. The New England Protestant Youth Conference was held at the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in West Hartford, May 8—10.

Children from the American School for the Deaf, West Hartford; the Austine School for the Deaf, Brattleboro, Vt.; the Crotched Mountain School for



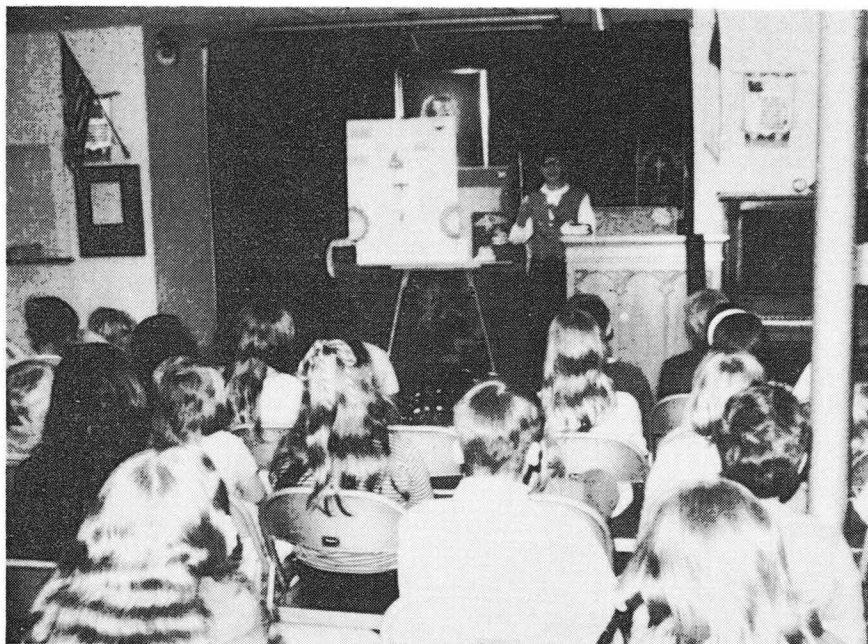
Three boys were confirmed on May 10 at the Lutheran Church of the Deaf of West Hartford. L. to r.: Reinhard Laaser of Lebanon, Conn.; Gilbert Sanborn of Coventry, Conn.; Pastor Earl Thaler; and Peter Bennett of Northboro, Mass. This was Youth Sunday, a special day held once each year at the annual Protestant Youth Conference, attended by 50 students this year



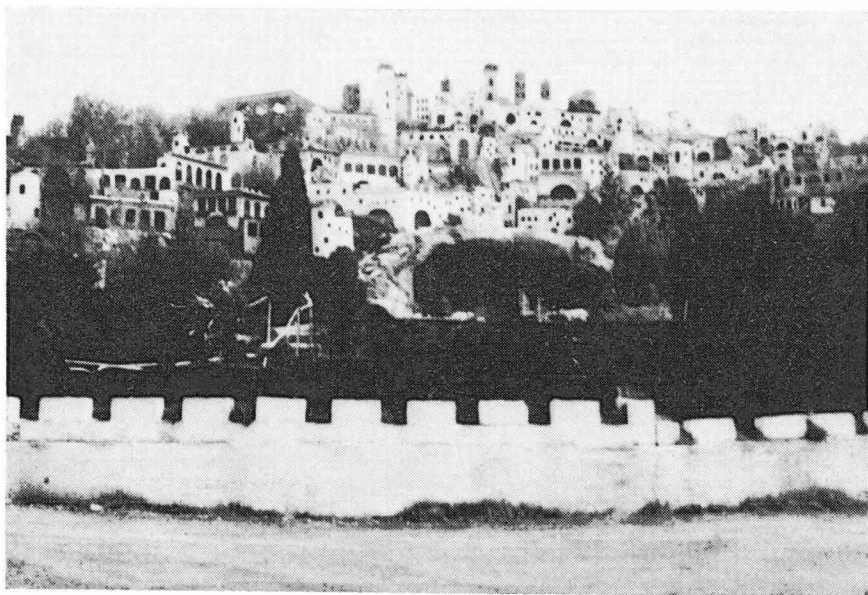
Mrs. Rae deRose, parish worker of the Western New England Field, presents "The Gospel Hand" to the Youth Conference

the Deaf, Greenfield, N. H.; and the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Providence, attended the weekend conference.

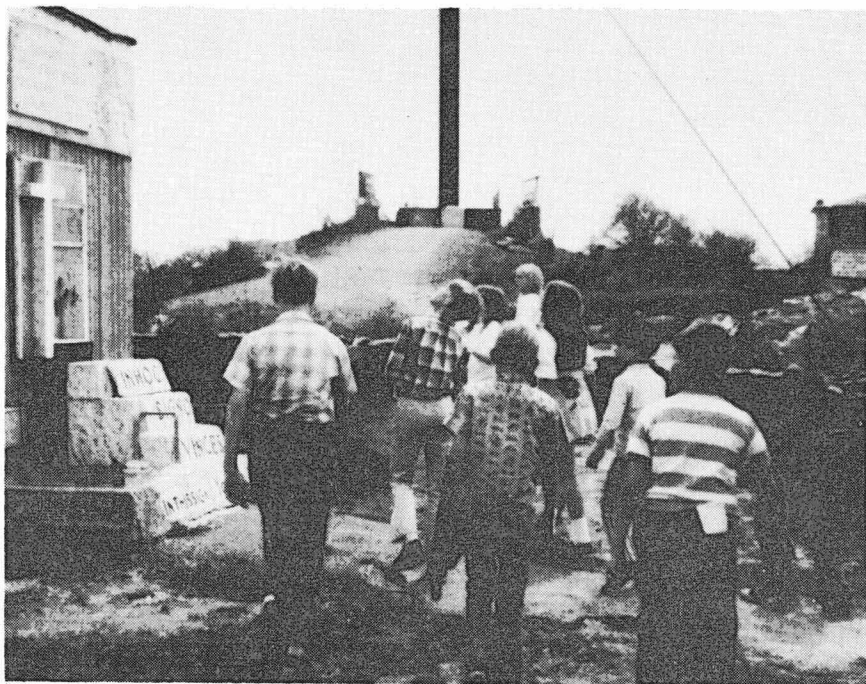
Saturday morning's program was a spiritual workshop, with various presentations on the Word of God and Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. On Saturday afternoon the conference traveled to Waterbury, Conn., to visit "The Holy Land." Here the young people saw a replica of the city of Jerusalem.



Miss Joan Morse, teacher at the Crotched Mountain School for the Deaf in New Hampshire, gives a visual presentation on Jesus Christ and our personal relationship to Him



The replica of the city of Jerusalem at "The Holy Land" exhibit in Connecticut visited by the Youth Conference, May 9



Children of the Protestant Youth Conference visit other displays at "The Holy Land." The entire exhibit was built on the top of a mountain near Waterbury, Conn.



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

Aug. 15—Oct. 5

Include the following in your prayers:

- the deaf of the world, especially those living in areas of war and trouble.
- that God would bless you with grace, courage, and wisdom as you teach others about Jesus, our Savior.
- those people in your community whom you want to win for Jesus.
- that the gone-astray members of your congregation may know the joy of God's forgiveness and return to share that joy in God's family.

—our church workers who celebrate their birthdays:

Lay Assistant Gilbert Berninghaus, Omaha, Nebr. (8-16)

Lay Assistant Robert Henrikson, Columbus, Ohio (8-17)

Pastor Donald Zuhn, Denver, Colo. (8-23)

Pastor Martin Kosche, Delavan, Wis. (8-24)

Mrs. Otilie Ferber, pastor's wife, Fargo, N. Dak. (9-1)

Mrs. Rhoda Rynearson, pastor's wife, Rochester, N. Y. (9-4)

Pastor Alvin E. Ferber, Kansas City, Mo. (9-10)

Pastor Herbert Rohe, St. Louis, Mo. (9-15)

Mrs. Janet Leber, pastor's wife, Memphis, Tenn. (9-16)

Pastor Walter Uhlig, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (9-17)

Mrs. Sigrid Ludwig, pastor's wife, Columbus, Ohio (9-18)

Mrs. Marlys-Jean Natonick, pastor's wife, Portland, Oreg. (9-18)

Pastor Donald Leber, Memphis, Tenn. (9-20)

Pastor Donald Haug, Houston, Tex. (9-23)

Mr. Pat deRose, husband of parish worker, West Hartford, Conn. (9-29)

Mrs. Shirley Henrikson, lay assistant's wife, Columbus, Ohio (10-4)

Pastor William Lange, Omaha, Nebr. (10-4)

Mrs. Doris Ring, pastor's wife, Pittsburgh, Pa. (10-4)

Mr. Harold Ziprick, lay assistant, Calgary, Alta., Can. (10-4)

God's People Are Strong in Faith

Aug. 15 — Ephesians 6:10-17. God has given us strength for our faith.

Aug. 16 — 1 John 2:7-17. God has given us our knowledge of His love.

The Christian Lives in Love

Aug. 17 — Romans 6:12-23. God has called us out of sin and into service.

Aug. 18 — Romans 7:1-12. Love has freed us from the condemnation of the Law. Give thanks that God has judged you in forgiveness.

Aug. 19 — 1 Timothy 1:3-11. The good news of Jesus Christ supplies the power for our love.

Aug. 20 — Romans 9:30-10:4. No one is right with God until God makes him right through forgiveness by faith in Jesus.

Aug. 21 — Galatians 6:1-10. Each Christian has the responsibility to help his fellow Christian get rid of his burden of guilt. Pray for trust to depend on the love of other believers.

Aug. 22 — James 1:22-27. The life of love is a life of service.

Aug. 23 — Matthew 22:34-40. When a Christian loves, he has fulfilled the purpose of the Law.

The Christian Lives a Godly Life

Aug. 24 — Psalm 130. It is God's forgiveness that leads us to awe and hope. Give thanks that you have been freed from sin.

Aug. 25 — Hosea 14. God waits to receive the sinner who turns from his sin and seeks forgiveness from Him.

- Aug. 26 — Isaiah 42:5-9.** God has called us and kept us as His own. In prayer, give all glory and praise to God.
- Aug. 27 — Matthew 10:34-39.** Christ calls us to die that He might live in us. Pray for the willingness to give yourself wholly to God.
- Aug. 28 — 1 John 2:18-25.** The truth that God has given us is never broken.
- Aug. 29 — Psalm 73:21-28.** We have no hope except in God. Pray that God's will might be done on earth.

The Christian Lives a Reverent Life

- Aug. 30 — Genesis 28:10-22.** God shows Himself to His people as a God of blessing.
- Aug. 31 — Psalm 24:1-6.** In forgiveness, the Christian may stand in the presence of God.
- Sept. 1 — Matthew 5:33-37.** God is greater than our swearing or our oath.
- Sept. 2 — Jeremiah 23:23-32.** God has given to us His Word of truth in Jesus Christ. Give thanks for freedom in your land to worship God.
- Sept. 3 — Psalm 8.** All creation speaks of the glory of God.
- Sept. 4 — Psalm 95.** We who know God must kneel in awe before Him.
- Sept. 5 — Psalm 103:1-14.** The Lord's pity and mercy are beyond our understanding. Give thanks for the fellowship of your congregation in your worship.

The Christian Lives a Devotional Life

- Sept. 6 — Psalm 42.** We who know God in Christ desire God.
- Sept. 7 — Psalm 84.** The church gathers in order to praise God together.
- Sept. 8 — Luke 2:41-51.** Teaching and hearing are also devoted to God.
- Sept. 9 — Ecclesiastes 5:1-3.** We should never be proud of our worship, as though it deserved praise.
- Sept. 10 — Colossians 2:16—3:4.** Our worship is more than proudly avoiding sin. We worship Christ, who is our life.

The Christian Lives an Obedient Life

- Sept. 11 — 1 John 4:1-6.** We are obedient to the Word God has spoken in Christ.
- Sept. 12 — Psalm 119:1-16.** God's Word leads us in repentant obedience.
- Sept. 13 — James 2:8-13.** We cannot be proud of a half obedience.
- Sept. 14 — Ephesians 6:1-9.** Obedience to God shows in the way we live. Pray that all men might know our love for God by our way of life.
- Sept. 15 — Romans 13:1-7.** God has set our government for us to obey. Pray that all the world might praise our God.
- Sept. 16 — Matthew 22:15-22.** Obedience requires sacrifice.

Sept. 17 — **1 Thessalonians 5:12-22.** Showing respect to pastors and teachers as well as encouraging fellow Christians to live God's way is a form of obedience.

The Christian Lives a Helpful Life

Sept. 18 — **2 Kings 4:1-10.** Whoever knows the love of God, loves others.

Sept. 19 — **Matthew 5:21-26.** Christian service requires that we surrender our wills to one another.

Sept. 20 — **1 John 3:11-18.** Christian service requires the sharing of material goods.

Sept. 21 — **James 2:14-26.** We serve our God by serving our fellowman.

The Christian Lives an Honest Life

Sept. 22 — **Ephesians 4:25-32.** God's forgiveness leads us to pure speech.

Sept. 23 — **Jeremiah 22:13-17.** The desire for wealth leads to dishonesty.

Sept. 24 — **Psalms 5.** Honesty denies all boasting.

Sept. 25 — **James 3:1-12.** Dishonesty shows itself in speech.

Sept. 26 — **Isaiah 5:1-10.** Rejecting God's mercy leads to selfishness.

Sept. 27 — **Ecclesiastes 4:1-8.** Man has always oppressed his fellowman.

Sept. 28 — **1 Timothy 6:1-10.** The Christian faith gives us no right to expect riches.

The Christian Turns from Sin

Sept. 29 — **Psalms 38.** God's mercy leads us to repentance. Pray that God teach you to turn away from sin in love for Christ.

Sept. 30 — **Luke 17:1-10.** Jesus has shown us the demands of mercy. Pray for the ability to forgive all men.

Oct. 1 — **Ephesians 4:17-24.** God has taught us to repent by giving us love.

Oct. 2 — **Ephesians 5:3-20.** Evil association may lead to evil.

Oct. 3 — **Romans 13:8-14.** Our one law is that we love one another.

Oct. 4 — **1 Corinthians 13.** Our greatest and most difficult work is love. Pray that your congregation might be united in perfect love.

Oct. 5 — **1 John 5:1-12.** In faith we have overcome the world and its temptations.

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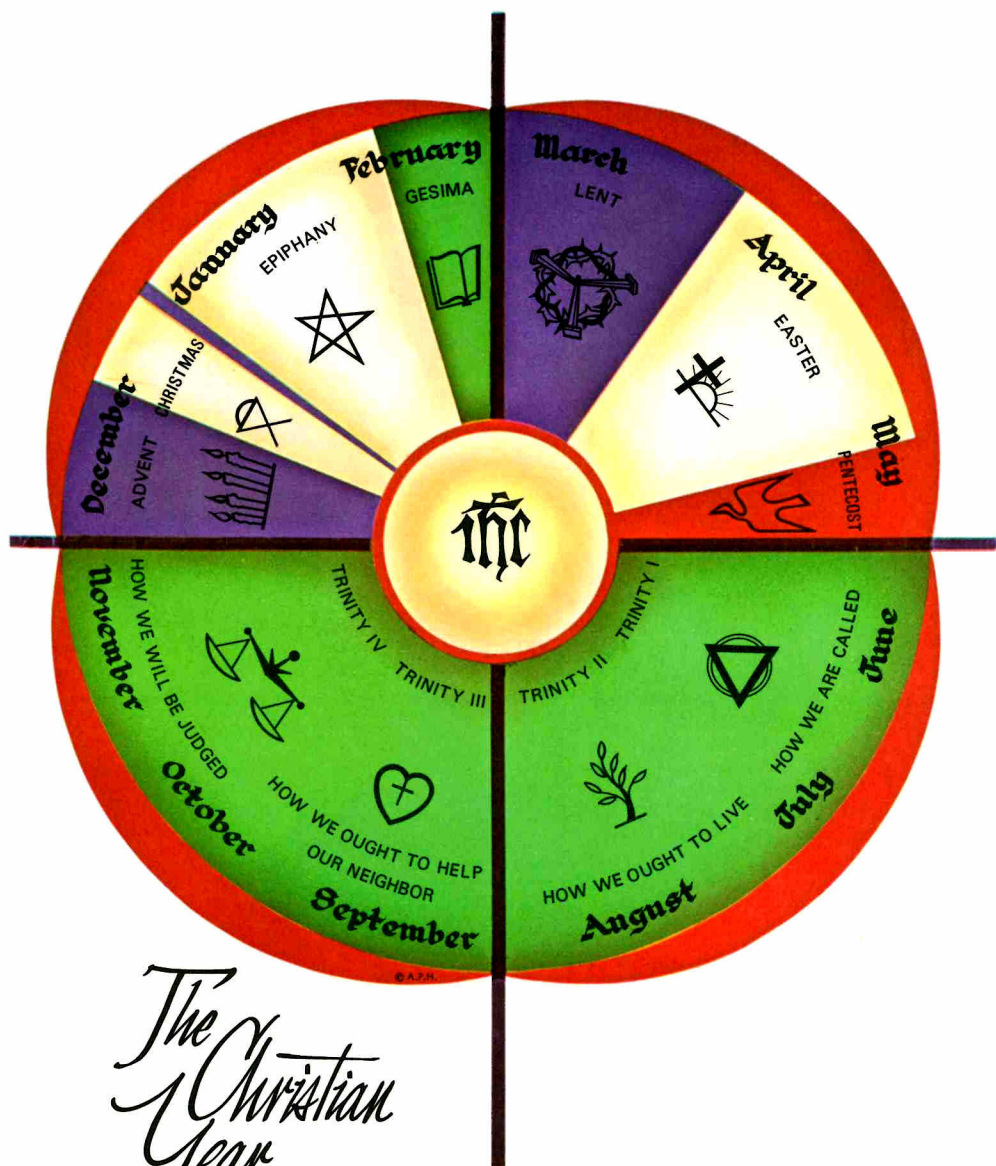
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