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AN EXPERIENCE WORTH SHARING

Peace! I'd like to share an event which occurred in our community a few weeks ago. Several students are upset with the conditions our Pakistani brothers and sisters are forced to suffer—a typhoon, civil war, a cholera epidemic, unsanitary living conditions, and starvation. Yet no one seems to care. The price and wage freeze was of the utmost importance, but nine million homeless, helpless, hopeless human beings plead... w-e-l-l, "Sorry" the going to stop us from helping?

We brought the topic before the high school and college members of our community. Many questions were raised about how we might best help or whether our assistance would help. After much thought and prayer our community decided we must help. We agreed to fast for one day and send the money normally spent on food to the Pakistani refugees. We also agreed to use the day as a day of thanks and celebration. And what better way to celebrate than with the Eucharist!

Instead of the noon meal, on our fast day we had a brief confessional service followed by a Eucharist celebration in our cafeteria. During the service many of us felt the joy of sharing the suffering of our Pakistani brothers and sisters and also the great thankfulness for the many blessings freely given us by God. To me the greatest blessing of that day was the peace we of the community felt with each other. We had to work for it—not all of us agreed that the day was worthwhile—but we were still given peace.

More than several hundred dollars was accumulated throughout

EVANGELISM—BE POSITIVE

We are reading a lot about evangelism, for 1973 is to be a great year for evangelism in the Christian churches.

What is evangelism? Evangelism is spreading the good news about Christ. An evangelist is a person who announces the good news (Gospel) of Jesus Christ. An evangelist is one who tells others what Jesus does, especially what Jesus does for him. Jesus tells us to get out the good Word of God's love and forgiveness. *Go ye - tell all nations.* The Gospel must be preached. *Don't hide your light* (Knowledge, faith, and joy) *under a bushel*, but let it shine! *Show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

We often use the expression, "This was brought to light," or "we discovered (uncovered) something wonderful." So, too, we bring to light and uncover for others what great things God does for us. For example, when we meet another person who is "in the dark" and doesn't know who Jesus is, we tell him about Christ so that he gets the light of life and the joy of God's love, forgiveness, and peace in our Savior. Do you know that there are thousands of deaf who see the name Jesus but do not really know who Jesus is - that He is God's Son, that He proved He was our Savior from sin and death, that He gives us a free gift of a new life after death?

We must lead people to know Christ, tell them the good news about a new life with Christ, help them understand, trust, and rejoice in the life to come in heaven. That is evangelism.

Now you ask, how do we do this? Really, it is simple. It is to share with another friend the knowledge, peace, hope, faith and joy that you have in Christ. If you have enjoyed a wonderful vacation and an exciting time on a trip to some beautiful spot here in North America, it is fun to tell someone about it. You want to show them pictures of your vacation and share some of the excitement and joy you have had. You do not keep your fun a secret. Half of your fun is telling someone else about it and sharing the joy with them.

It is the same with evangelism. You tell others about the peace, joy and excitement you have in Christ. Some people do this in letters and cards. Some do it in pictures. When you know a friend is sad, sick, or lonely, you can cheer him up by sending him a message of hope and comfort. For example, you get a letter from a friend who tells you he has had an accident or an illness and he is in great sorrow. Perhaps he says, "I'm so sick, the doctor tells me I don't have long to live." Or he says, "the doctor tells me I will never get better again."

Quickly, you write to your friend and say to him, "I am truly sorry to read your letter, and I hope and pray your sickness is not as serious as the doctors say. But if it is true that you are not going to live long, I want to tell you that I know we will meet again in heaven. Our Lord Jesus has promised us a new life again. He has never failed to keep one of His promises. He wants us to have a new and better life in heaven. This is His promise: *Come unto me all ye that sorrow and are heavy laden and I will give you rest* - rest for your souls. No matter what has been wrong in our life here on earth; no matter how great our sins and mistakes; God forgives us all for Christ's sake and promises us a new life in heaven. So, please remember and cling to the promises of Christ. *We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.* In this way you share your faith and hope in Christ.

If you meet someone who sneers at your faith or says it is silly to believe in Christ, don't argue with him or become angry at his lack of respect for Christ. BE POSITIVE. Let him know that you DO believe in Christ and that Jesus

"HANG-UP"

The work with the youth is one of the most difficult areas of a pastor's work today. It can be one of the most rewarding.

It's a real joy, therefore, when a pastor has young people in his congregation who are eager to participate and willing to continue, even when there seems to be a general lack of interest.

It's a real joy, too, to have parents or young couples in the congregation who are willing to cooperate with the pastor or youth leader.

While working with the young people during my ministry, I have noticed some "hang-ups" which have made the work more difficult, and I'd like to mention three of them.

There are the parents who don't care whether their young people attend or participate in youth meetings and youth work. Rarely, if ever, do they speak a word of persuasion or encouragement to their sons or daughters. In fact, I remember an instance when the parents of a girl kept her home from the young people's meeting as punishment, because she had disobeyed one of their rules the previous week!

Another "hang-up" is the excuse that they "don't get anything out of it." If youth meetings are nothing more than social gatherings, with no Bible study or topics, then this excuse may be valid. But usually the excuse expresses the person's lack of interest.

The boy or girl who is willing to put time, effort, and participation into the organization and the meetings will soon find that it's very worthwhile and profitable.

The third "hang-up" is that some are interested only as long as

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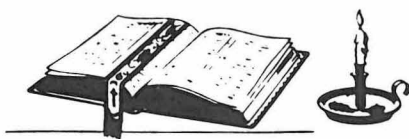
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HOPE
FOR MODERN MAN



Hope in the Crises of Life

SEPTEMBER

DAY	CHAPTER
1.....	Luke 4:1-15.....
2.....	Acts 2:1-11.....
Hope in Time of Darkness	
3Sunday...	Psalms 73:14-28....
4.....	Isaiah 64:8-12.....
5.....	Jeremiah 32:36-44....
6.....	Malachi 4:1-6.....
7.....	Mark 15:42-47.....
8.....	Luke 21:25-28.....
9.....	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Hope in Time of Temptation	
10Sunday..	Psalms 66:8-20.....
11....	Luke 22:31-38.....
12....	1 Thessalonians 3:1-5.
13....	Hebrews 4:14-16.....
14....	1 Peter 3:12-18.....
15....	1 Peter 4:1-7.....
16....	1 Peter 4:12-19.....
Hope in the Hour of Defeat	
17Sunday..	Psalms 40:1-6.....
18....	Jeremiah 30:18-24....
19....	Luke 7:19-23.....
20....	Luke 7:24-30.....
21....	John 21:15-19.....
22....	Acts 12:1-11.....
23....	Acts 27:18-27.....
Hope in the Face of Guilt	
24Sunday..	Genesis 32:24-30..
25....	Exodus 33:12-23.....
26....	Joshua 24:14-25.....
27....	Psalms 39:4-8.....
28....	Psalms 51:1-14.....
29....	Psalms 130:1-8.....
30....	Isaiah 1:16-20.....

Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

WONDERS OF GOD IN NATURE

By Herman W. Schaars

The Head Of An Insect

It has been pointed out there are three sections to the body of an insect--head, thorax, abdomen. The head is connected to the thorax by a flexible joint. The head is a very important part of the body. It feeds, it fights, it drills, it sees, it pierces, it feels, it smells--all with the head. An insect can hang onto life so tenaciously that even if decapitated it has been known to stay alive for a year until it starved to death.

The head has the mouthparts, the eyes, and the antennae. The eyes were treated in the previous column. We think of the mouthparts having the upper lip, the lower lip, the mandibles, which are the jaws, and the tongue. Yet these parts are so wonderfully designed by our majestic Creator that they meet perfectly each insect's distinct role in life. Some use their mouth for biting, others for chewing, or piercing, sucking, siphoning, sponging. The more one becomes absorbed in the study of insect life, the greater is the fascination for man.

Ants

There are many species of ants. Yet each species seems to have a distinct way of survival. The harvester ant gathers seeds. In the galleries underneath the ground, one chamber is used for storing ant bread. This is made by crushing the seeds in the mouth, chewing them with saliva, and thus producing ant bread, a food rich in protein, fed to the young.

The leaf-cutter is another ant, living as far north as Texas and North Carolina. These ants ascend a tree in army style and each one cuts off a leaf, cleverly performed with the mouth in the shape of the letter S. This leaf is then carried to the nest underground, each ant holding the leaf aloft as an umbrella, all marching in single file from tree to nest. These leaves are chewed fine and used as compost to grow mushrooms. Such a garden may be a yard long and a foot wide. A 16-foot tunnel may have been dug to the garden. Such a settlement may have a thousand or more nest entrances, all plant life on the surface being cleared off. Here we have mushroom growers.

The carpenter ant gouges a hole into the trunk of a tree to feed on the dead wood of the heart of the tree, chewing it fine to give it sustenance.

Nymph

The dragonfly egg hatches into a nymph. A nymph resembles the adult somewhat, but is wingless and lives in water. It has gills like a fish. The lower lip is hinged to fold up snugly beneath the face. The nymph does not stalk for prey, remains motionless waiting for an unsuspecting victim to pass by. Then powerful muscles trigger the lower lip to shoot forward to impale the prey. At the tip of each side the lip has grappling hooks. A dragonfly nymph may spend two years in the water before transforming into an adult.

A weevil is a beetle with a snout-like head that has a powerful piercing tool in front. The acorn weevil bores into an acorn, lays its egg in the hole, and the hatchling relishes the meaty nut. The cotton boll weevil almost ruined the cotton culture of the South.

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the day and sent to the Pakistani refugees. And yet, if anyone became wealthier from the day's experience, it is we. Our community became a community and we discovered that the fruits of the Spirit--peace, hope, joy, love--are more valuable than the material gifts freely given to us. What's money compared to love? What are a day's meals compared to the Bread of Life? Why live for objects when we can live for each other?

The suffering of our Pakistani brothers and sisters still goes on. One fast will not rescue them from death. We live now, and now is the time to help them, because for us human beings now is not eternal--yet. It is so exciting, though, to be caught up in giving. It's thrilling to see people run back to their rooms for money when they don't have any on them. Or to see people give date, record, and/or snack money away and still wish they had more to give. We learned that a community's strength is built on serving and sharing.

I hope I've been able to relate some of the joy our community feels in being part of the body of Christ. Please pray for the refugees and help them if you can. Please pray for us. May Christ's peace be yours. Live in the Resurrectional Revolution!

Peace,
Steve Harms in
Northwest Lutheran Witness
Supplement

"He that hath a trade,
hath an Estate."
--Old Ben



The Rev. Rudolph Ressmeyer, President of the Atlantic District, and Mr. Marion Wright, St. Matthew's alternate delegate, in the convention hall.

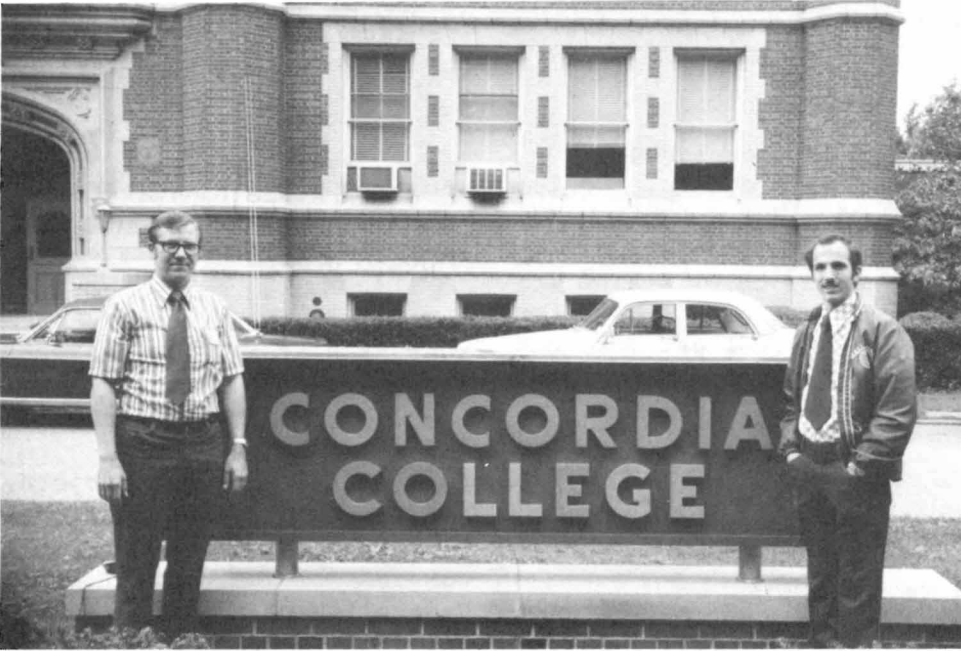
CONGREGATION JOINS DISTRICT

Elmhurst, N.Y. On June 9, 1972, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf became a member of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod when alternate delegate Mr. Marion Wright signed the Synod's Constitution. Mr. Wright was the first person to sign at this Forty-third Regular Convention!

Mr. Warren King, St. Matthew's regular delegate, and Mr. Wright had the privilege of voting on resolutions brought before the convention. The congregational delegate and pastoral delegate, Rev. Daniel Hodgson, cast votes on issues such as the division of the Atlantic District into three new districts: New Jersey, New England and Atlantic; new officers of the (new) Atlantic District (President Ressmeyer re-elected); and many other important issues.

This was the first time in St. Matthew's 61 year history that the lay and pastoral delegates had the right to vote. It was an exciting convention in itself, but even more so because St. Matthew's actively participated.

The Rev. William Aiello, former pastor to the deaf in Southern New Jersey, assisted Vicar Page and Pastor Hodgson interpret the sessions in sign language.



The Rev. Daniel A. Hodgson, pastor, and Mr. Warren King, St. Matthew's delegate, on the campus of Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y., site of the convention.

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Motorist's Prayer:

"Teach me to use my car for
others' needs, nor miss
through love of speed the
beauties of Your world, O
Lord."

HAPPINESS

It is in the enjoyment and
not in mere possession that
makes for happiness.
Michel (Eyquem) de
Montaigne (1580)

THE BIGGEST WORD
IN ANY LANGUAGE

What is the biggest word in the English language? No, it isn't antidisestablishment-arianism. Nor is it smiles because there is a "mile" between both ends.

The biggest word in English or any language is LOVE. Though it may have only four letters, the word love is so big because the things it describes are so big. We can't fully explain what love is, but we can show what it does. "God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" Romans 5:8. "By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us" 1 John 3:16. St. Peter tells us that "love covers over many sins" 1 Peter 4:8 TEV. God's love is so big that it covers not only our sins but everyone's sins.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 gives more reasons why love is the biggest word. It says that love is willing to give in when different opinions are about to cause trouble. "Love does not insist on its own way." Love leads us to be kind and understanding toward others. Love helps us trust people. Love makes us happy when we see others have good things happen to them.

Is it possible for us to have a love as big as this? Yes, because God loves us. His amazing love through Jesus covers or forgives our sins, also our sins of not loving. When we truly believe this, His kind of love fills us, so that we show the same sin-covering love toward others.

--The Sower

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the group is willing to go along with their ideas and interests.

How grateful the pastor is for those young people who look upon youth work as an opportunity for Christian growth, an opportunity for Christian fellowship, and an opportunity to serve the Savior who gave Himself also for them.

Rev. Wm. Bornemann
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A PRAYER FOR MORE RATTLESNAKES

Once upon a time there was a family of wayward members of a church. They had been active but lost all interest and had fallen away. There were the father and three sons, Jim, John, and Sam. The deacons had talked with them about their condition, the preacher had visited them, and many of the brethren had tried to get them to come back to the church. But none of these efforts did any good. One day when the boys were out in the pasture, a large rattlesnake bit John, and he became very ill. The physician was called, and after an examination he pronounced John to be in a bad condition. He said: "About all you can do now is pray," and went his way. The father called the preacher, and told him of John's condition and asked him to pray for John. This was the preacher's prayer: "O wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee that in Thy wisdom Thou has sent this rattlesnake to bite John in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church house for years, and it is doubtful that in all that time he has felt the need of prayer. Now we trust that this will be a valuable lesson to him and that it will lead him to genuine repentance. And now, O Father, wilt Thou send another snake to bite Sam, and another to bite Jim, and a big one to bite the old man. We have been doing everything we know for years to restore them but to no avail. It seems that all our combined efforts could not do what this snake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is more rattlesnakes. We pray in Jesus' name.

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has never failed to help you. Invite the person to come to Bible Class and learn to really know Christ. Tell him, "I used to doubt, too, and I felt the same way you do, but after I really gave God a chance, after I went to church and really got to know Jesus, I changed my mind. Now I find so much strength and joy in Jesus that I cannot live without Him. When I was sick and had to go to the hospital, I knew Jesus was there with me. I'm sure His power helped bring me through." If you stop to think, there is a good positive answer to every negative excuse people give for not following Christ. May I suggest some positive answers:

EXCUSE 1):

If someone says, "God's Word is too deep and hard to understand."

Answer: It was for me, too, until I learned to know it better. Now God's Word is like a light to me and answers many of my doubts and questions. I didn't learn it in a day or two. It takes a long time to really learn God's Word. We have to give God a chance.

EXCUSE 2):

If someone says, "I can't find the time. I have so much to do at work, and at home. I don't have time to go to church."

Answer: I used to feel the same way, but then I began to get some real solid answers to many of my problems. So I gave more time to church and God's Word. Now I don't miss the time at all. In fact, I'd rather take time for God than for myself. By giving God more of my time, I find I really get more fun and pleasure out of the time I have for myself. God blesses me with a better time. I get more out of the time I give to God than out of the time I have for myself. Now I feel I rob God and hurt myself if I don't give God His day.

EXCUSE 3):

If someone says, "I don't have the clothes or the money for church."

Answer: I don't think God looks at my clothes nor cares about my money. I dress as good as I can and give what I can. I know that if I can't give any money, God still wants me at His house and in His family at church. In fact, I know that if I can't give my money cheerfully and

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RIGHT ON!

The catechism class was finishing its study of the Lord's Prayer. Trying to get his class to understand the meaning of "Amen", the pastor included the explanation: "It means 'Right on.'"

Coming to the questions about prayer on the day of the class examination, the pastor was relieved when the children gave the more traditional definition, "Yes, it shall be so."

But the congregation never could quite figure out why the kids seemed to get such a kick out of answering that question.

WHAT A LEADER DOES . . .

- Leadership is a complex series of functions. According to one authority, these activities are basically the following:
- plan the work to be done
 - decide in what order the work should be done
 - select the right people to do the work
 - tell them why it needs doing
 - tell them why it's important that they do it well
 - tell them how to do it, if necessary
 - set schedules and deadlines for completion of the work
 - counter objections to why it can't be done, should be done by somebody else, done in a different way, or at another time.
- from Bits & Pieces

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR
WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF
PROJECT NAMED

Willis J. Mann, Staff Assistant of the National Association of the Deaf, has been appointed Principal Investigator for the Association's newest project, "Utilization of International Research through the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf." The appointment was announced by Frederick C. Schreiber, Executive Secretary of the National Association of the Deaf.

CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

An enjoyable weekend, June 16-18, was experienced by more than 80 registered deaf from eight congregations of the Central Region at Madison, Wis. Silent Lutheran Church for the Deaf was the host congregation, and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Eklof co-chaired the arrangements.

The conference theme was Evangelism, "Go ye out into the world," and the program included drama, lecture, discussion, Bible study, and more discussion.

In the sermon on Sunday morning Pastor Charles Jones of Chicago urged the conference to spell "evangelism" with two f's. The first "F" stands for FEAR--fear your pride that wants you to think you are good enough to satisfy God, but don't let your fear keep you from sharing Jesus with your neighbor. The second "F" is for FAITH--accept the full forgiveness God offers in Jesus. Then respond by doing evangelism--know Christ, speak and sign for Him, live for Him.

During the business sessions the following were elected as regional officers: Joe Kindred (Indianapolis) as President, Betty Healey (St. Louis) as Secretary, Albert Arneson (Milwaukee) as Vice-President, Warren Reige (Milwaukee) as Treasurer. As a branch convention of ILDA (International Lutheran Deaf Association), the conference elected a new ILDA Vice-President--Russel Healey (St. Louis). The vacant term of Pastor Charles Jones (who had accepted a call to Mass.) as Regional Advisor was filled by choosing Pastor Martin Hewitt (St. Louis).

One of the resolutions adopted was a petition to ILDA to change its constitution in the manner of electing regional advisors. The conference urged that regions should have a greater voice in deciding whom they want as advisor.

A committee will also be chosen to up-date the regional constitution as the ILDA constitution requires.

The 1974 regional conference will be held in Jacksonville, Ill.

--The Sign Waves

PITTSBURGH CONGREGATION CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Pittsburgh, Pa. The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf was held Sunday, April 9, and was an all-day affair that drew more than 500 people for two church services and a pageant.

Two former pastors of the church, Pastor Frank Wagenknecht of Florida and Pastor Herbert Rohe of Missouri were honor guests at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. church services respectively. The church was able to handle the unusually large crowd for church services through the loan of a closed-circuit television from Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Each person received a special souvenir church program book.

The banquet-style catering service of hot food was served to over 150 participants. A large beautifully decorated cake was displayed and then served as dessert. A souvenir of the New Testament in paperback cover enclosed with a red page finder was given to each person.

Reproduced pictures in black and white of ten pastors of Trinity along with a beautiful oil color picture of Miss Nettie Stewart, a benefactor, were displayed in the lounge. Exhibition of valuable church documents, church history and pictures of church gatherings which took place during a 50-year period were also displayed. The tastefully decorated Enza Ludovico Conference Room was opened for viewing.

A beautiful memorabilia card was given to Miss Catherine Eber for her long faithful 50-year-membership of our church and the same thing to Mr. Joseph Hezlep and Mrs. Betty Lawson for their 25-year-memberships. Several greeting notes with congratulations from the world were read to the congregation.

New pictorial church directory books were provided for the occasion.

At 7 p.m. Lutheran students from Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf gave a wonderful pageant re-playing many important events of our 50-year church history. At the end, many persons were seen with tears rolling down on their cheeks.

Chairman Donald Mowl and his able committee with Pastor Ring as advisor are to be commended for this never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

Henry D. Walls

NEWS FROM BRAZIL

We have been wondering how John and Charis Ames are doing in Brazil, South America. DEAF LUTHERAN readers remember reading (Oct. & Dec. 1971 issues) that this deaf couple from Pilgrim Congregation in Los Angeles, Calif., moved to Brazil last year as lay missionaries to the uneducated deaf. They are living in an area served by Charis' father, Rev. M. H. Sand.

News of their work has been received by Rev. Fred Pankow, Secretary for Latin American Missions, who graciously shares it with us. The Ames wrote in part a few months ago:

When we arrived in this interior area of Parana, we found absolutely nothing being done for the deaf child or person. In the six months since our arrival we have settled into life here on the farm and have been able to get very involved with a new deaf program that has been started here.

After much leg work, we contacted a medical doctor in Umuarama who is involved with a local service organization, Lion's Club, and through them a Community-Parent organization has been established to help the exceptional child. They wanted to do something for the deaf child, but didn't have teachers or anyone that was interested in doing the work involved.

Consequently, we have been asked to teach a class of deaf students. At present we are holding classes during the summer vacation and only have six regular pupils, but the doctor is hoping to have ten children and ten adults for the class when school starts in March. These deaf children and adults have had no advantages whatsoever and are completely incommunicable as far as society is concerned. Obviously our first task was to teach them to read,

write, sign and talk before we could start any evangelical program.

Until March we are going to be teaching these classes three times a week (one hour each way over bumpy, dirt roads!), and then we will start a regular 5 day week. As you know we are not being supported in any regular way, so we were happy when the doctor offered to pay us a rather minimal sum of \$60 each per month. This will help pay the gas at least.

This month we are hoping to make a rather quick trip to our state capital, Curitiba, to visit the deaf school there. We are interested in seeing about Brazilian methods, etc., of dealing with the deaf child, and feel that it would be good that we get to be known in these circles. Another missionary couple from our area will be going with us to help with the language.

We have recently found three elderly deaf people--two sisters and a brother whom we plan to keep visiting and making contact so that we can help them to know Jesus. We ask that you might pray for us as we start working in this most neglected field here in Brazil.

Yes, let us keep the Ames family and their work in our prayers. If you want to send them a contribution for their work you may do so through your Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. Ear-mark your gift, For John Ames - Brazil, and send it to the LDMS Treasurer who has a NEW ADDRESS:

Rev. Myron Prok
2085 Wascona Ave.
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Money Is Beautiful

Here is a poem for you to remember when you are thinking about how much you should put in your envelope for church.

On Stewardship

*I bought gasoline; I went to the show;
I bought some new tubes for my radio;
I bought candy and peanuts, nut bars and ice cream;
While my salary lasted, life sure was a scream.*

*It takes careful spending to make money go round;
One's methods of finance must always be sound.
With habits quite costly, it's real hard to save;
My wife spent ten "bucks" on a permanent wave.*

*The church came round begging. It sure makes me sore!
If they'd let me alone, I'd give a lot more.
They have plenty of nerve! They forgot all the past!
I gave them a quarter the year before last. --Author Unknown*

Too often people put the church last in everything they think about. Our Lord tells us that we should think about our "first-fruits," or the first part of our spending for Him. In the Old Testament the people gave 1/10th to the church before they spent money on anything else! Think about that for a while, and then ask: "Why does my church always seem to need money?"

--The Lutheran News-Caster

WONDERS OF GOD *from page 2*

The tiger beetle has jaws with tusk-like pincers, grabbing and stabbing an insect that falls prey.

Mosquito

The mosquito has a needle-like tongue to pierce the flesh for blood. One of these needles injects a saliva that keeps the blood from coagulating until the job is done. This saliva may do the swelling and causing of pain. The malaria mosquito has murdered millions of human beings. It is said that half of the deaths listed from the Spanish-American War were victims of this mosquito. The French began the work to build the Panama Canal. They went bankrupt because of the mosquito. It is said that for every railroad cross-tie there was one dead man. Only after Col. G. W. Goethals, an American, understood the horrors of this arch enemy and could apply specific corrective measures was the evil rooted out.

A mayfly has no mouthparts. It lives but a few hours, eats nothing.

A butterfly has a long tongue, called proboscis, with which to reach into the heart of the flower to sip the sweet nectar. It may be 1½ inches long. This tongue works like a soda straw. When not in use, the tongue coils up like a watch spring. The honey bee also has a most efficient tongue to suck nectar.

The antennae usually have 12 sections. Each one of these sections functions for a specific purpose. With one they trace the path of a forerunner, another determines if the one passing by is an enemy or friend, a third detects odors, and the tip feels. It is believed each section does something special. We still have much to learn about the anatomy of an insect. God here manifests His divine wisdom in a high superlative order.

The antennae of a butterfly are wiry with a knob at the tip; those of the moth are feathery, plum-like, delicate and beautiful. That is particularly true of the luna moth. Those plumes have sensory organs of smell and are chiefly designed for mating behavior. Also this moth has no digestive powers since it does not eat. Its life span is that of two weeks.

--The Badger Lutheran

EVANGELISM *from page 4*

with thanks in my heart, then God doesn't want my money at all. *God loves a cheerful giver.* It would be wrong to give a gift to God if I felt angry about giving it. That would not please God or make me very happy. However, I want to help my church in its good work. I want to show God my thanks for His blessings. So I'm really happy to give what I can. God is happy even if I give only a penny. But really, I give all I can because I love my Savior and want to show how much I love Him. He gave me His life to save me; so my money is only a little compared to what He gave. If I can't give a lot of money, I can give more of myself, my time and my work for the church. I can give the things I do to help people. Jesus says what I do to help others I do for Him. He counts it that way.

EXCUSE 4):

If someone says, *"I'm not good enough to go to church. Only good people go to church. I've raised so much 'Cain' and done so many bad things, I don't feel God wants me. I am too bad to mix with the good people of God in church."* Answer: Jesus didn't come to save good people. He went into the homes of sinners to meet them and to save them. You don't have to be holy to go to church. There are no holy people in church. I go to church to get forgiveness for my sins. Everybody breaks God's laws. No one is perfect. I can't be perfect. That is impossible. But I know that God wants me to be good. He only wants what is best for my life. I try each day to do better. Each day is a hard struggle to keep God's laws and follow His Word. But when I fail, I feel sad because of my sin and I ask God's forgiveness. God's Word tells me: *If any man sins, we have one to plead for us with the Father - Jesus Christ, Who is righteous. He has paid for our sins, and not for ours only but for the whole world. Or again, If we confess our sins, we can depend on Him to do what is right - He will forgive our sins and wash away every wrong.* Jesus also gives me the promise: *He that believes in Me, even though he were dead, yet shall he live.* I know Jesus forgives me and saves me. No matter what happens, I am saved by Him, and He will take me to be with him in heaven. He knows the people who are His, who love Him, and believe in Him.

In other words, if you want to win others for Christ, you have to let them know what Christ has done and is doing for you. That is what it means to "let your light shine" and to confess your faith and love. Don't tell a person that he doesn't know anything. Don't make anyone seem ignorant or stupid. That only makes them angry, and makes them feel you are proud and self-righteous. No, you have to let them know you understand, that you are no better or more righteous than they, that you honestly want to share your joy and blessings with them, that you love them and want them to get the blessings of Christ - a better life in Christ here on earth and the life everlasting with Christ in heaven.

May each of us individually be real evangelists for Christ by saying and doing what Christ wants us to say and do. In our church worship, Sunday school and Bible classes, let's make a real effort to improve our outreach to those who need Christ. In our home, among our friends, with our fellow-workers on the job, with those whom we meet at the club and in sports events, let's always confess our faith, witness for Christ, and be His evangelists. Make a personal commitment to your Savior. Say, "I will pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to make me a better witness for Christ. I will try to speak to someone about my Savior everyday. I will try to bring an unchurched family to Sunday services. I will call on a friend and personally witness to him of my faith and invite him to our Bible class and Sunday worship. I will try to bring children to Sunday school. I will keep a list of unchurched persons for whom I will pray each day that they learn to know and believe in their Savior. I will live each day for Christ." Here are some short prayers:

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and win that soul through me."

"Lord Jesus, grant me courage and wisdom from above to speak this day to someone about Thy saving love."

"Lord help me to let my light shine that others may see my faith, feel my love, and give glory to you."

--Rev. Herbert W. Rohe

IN PRAISE OF PETUNIAS

I THINK it's time someone said a kind word about petunias. Every gardener is eager to show his dahlias or roses or lilies, but I have never had anyone invite me to look at petunias.

Flower shows feature the earliest tulip to the last poinsettia, but no one ever exhibits a petunia. Brides carry flowers ranging from edelweiss to lilies of the valley, but no bride would consider carrying a petunia.

FLOWERS REMIND us of people, and a group of people has about as many varieties of "plants" as does a garden. Every group of people has "roses," which must be handled with kid gloves to avoid pain. Every group has a few "azaleas," which grow only if soil and sunshine are to their liking, and "iris," which rot if they are not constantly in the sunshine.

We could go on and on: from the "asters" that wilt to the "snapdragons" that rust, from the shy "violets" to the stubborn "glads." There is the royal "'mum" that stands out in a crowd and fits into a situation if in command; the tender "morning glory" which blooms at the beginning of the day but fades at noon. Every variety of people needs some special attention to make it bloom - except the "petunias."

Petunias are dear to the heart. They are those persons who go right on doing their part without any special attention. No one fusses over them, pampers, or cultivates them. No one praises them for their dependability or loyalty.

BUT LIKE the petunia in the garden, they don't seem to mind. They work, without expecting to win a blue ribbon. They give of their beauty without a complaint. They cause no trouble, no commotion. Like the petunias, they just keep blooming the very best they can.

It takes all kinds of people to make this world. Some varieties will always need special attention to help them bloom. There are always those who need extra encouragement and those who want to be recognized for their deeds.

There are always those who want to feel important. This is all in a day's work. But when the day is finished and if it has been an especially difficult and disappointing day, there rises from the quiet a very simple prayer, "Dear Lord, thank you for the 'petunias!'"

--Helmut H. Weichmann in *The Lutheran Witness and The Big Sky Lutheran, Great Falls, Mont.*