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## Kresge Grants \$50,000 to School

*Detroit* - The Lutheran School for the Deaf has been awarded a \$50,000 grant by the Kresge Foundation. The grant has been designated for the construction of a much-needed garage to house the various vehicles used by the school.

The Kresge donation has given an encouraging boost to the \$750,000 Centennial Fund Raising Drive which was launched this year to assure continuance of the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

In accepting the donation, Elmer W. Engel, Campaign Steering Committee Chairman, announced that contributions now total \$684,790 or \$65,210 short of the goal set last December.

"Although encouraged by the response from the Kresge Foundation and other organizations and individuals," Engel emphasized, "we must continue our efforts to reach our \$750,000 goal to assure continuation of the School's blessed work with deaf children from all denominations."

The theme of the appeal is "Remember Our Jennifers", which refers to a little girl named Jennifer, whose life at the school is the subject of an award winning motion picture.

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## Pastor Jasper and Family Feted



Top picture:  
Rev. Jasper and family:  
Back row: Mrs. Joan Jasper,  
Rev. Louis Jasper  
Front row: Joanne, Judith,  
and Julia Jasper



Side picture:  
Linda Annala giving  
benediction.

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## Two or Three Gathered Together

Rev. Herbert W. Rohe

What is a church? What is a congregation? May I answer these two questions first by stating what a church and congregation are not.

A church is not a building. Too often we have the idea that to be a church, we must have a building, a place specially built for deaf worship, or as we often say, "a house of God." Please do not get the idea that we are against church buildings. These are fine and often necessary. In fact, because of the special needs of the deaf, church buildings are perhaps needed more by the deaf than we often realize. This is shown by the fact that deaf congregations in the past have struggled for long years without much growth or success, but they have grown remarkably fast after they have a church building of their own. Please note, however, that the congregation was, in every sense, a true church even though they did not have a church building of their own.

You will also note that when we speak of a "congregation" we are also speaking of a "church." The two words today mean the same. Thus we speak of "St. John's Lutheran Church of the Deaf" or "St. John's Lutheran Deaf Congregation."

### Not a Social Club

A church or congregation is not a social club. Otherwise we would call it "St. John's Lutheran Deaf Club." If it is a club, it is not a church or congregation even though much of its activity and work provide Christian social service to the deaf.

Also, a church or congregation is not merely a Lutheran group of deaf organized with constitution and church officers. Again, these are fine. We are not against organized churches or congregations. In fact, again it has often happened in the past that a church or congregation did not grow or succeed until it organized, that is, elected officers, and developed a constitution.

This has often helped the deaf to see clearly that the church is not only where a minister or pastor serves God's people, but it is also where lay-leaders, officers, and all members together serve God. We have seen churches fall apart when they had no pastor because the members thought that without a pastor there was no church. However, we have also seen churches keep up their work when they did not have a pastor. Good, faithful officers led the congregation in its work, its worship, Bible study, and Sunday School classes. Recently, when a church was without a pastor, the president wrote to the Board asking our approval and permission to conduct worship and the Bible class. We were happy to write back that, as president, this was his duty and he would not need the Board's special permission to do these things.

### They Are a Church

However, sometimes the deaf make the mistake of thinking they are not a church or a congregation because they are not organized with constitution and officers and with a large number of members.

So we again come to the question, what is a church? What is a congregation? The word "congregation" really means "a gathering of people." When people gather as God's people and believers in Christ, we say they are a Christian congregation or a church. A church is really a gathering of God's people who teach God's Word and receive

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I NEVER KNEW YOU!

"Not every person who calls me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter  
into the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my  
Father in heaven wants them to do. When that Day comes,  
many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord!' In your name we told  
God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and  
performed many miracles!" Then I will say to them, 'I  
never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

MINISTERS MERIT FREE PARKING SPACE NEAR HOSPITALS  
HOSPITAL PEOPLE TAKE NOTICE!

MINISTERS WHEN THEY PARK for hospital calls  
are having increasing difficulties. A pastor of  
a Chicago parish (southside) had his car stolen  
with Communion set, books, and call listings  
while making a brief hospital call. A metro  
pastor can possibly make four or five hospitals  
in one day if need be, with great distances be-  
tween stops. But so often when he gets within  
range of a hospital, he finds the lot jammed full  
even the \$1-an-hour lots, and can spend 20 min-  
utes or more and drive a mile away to get a place  
to park. Is it possible to organize ministers,  
as hospital personnel and doctors are organized,  
and give preferential parking facilities around  
large hospitals? Perhaps hospitals should  
loosen up and give pastors a punch card to re-  
stricted parking areas, especially when doctors  
have left these areas for the day, usually after-  
noons and evenings.--Lutheran Witness Supplement

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Picture of a Happy Minister!



These pix were mislaid with others when the D-L  
office was moved last summer. Do you recognize  
the jovial gentleman in these pix? He is happy  
because four of his sheep were confirmed!  
(Still looking for more mislaid material.)

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THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE ILDA

Everyone, officers and members, were becoming con-  
cerned about everyone becoming familiar with them.  
I had been asked to print them in The DEAF LUTHER-  
AN. So, I have put them in this issue. I have ar-  
ranged them in small booklet form. They are on the  
four inside pages of the paper. I will give you  
some suggestions as to how you may make your book-  
let.

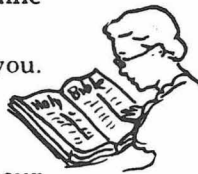
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sheet and cut it in half.
2. Now fold one section so that the page numbers  
come together correctly. Fold by halves.
3. Fold the next section the same way.
4. Insert one folded section inside the other so  
that pages come together correctly. Now stitch  
them together.
5. Use a sharp knife to slit the top and front  
edge section that shows a fold. After you have  
slit them all, you will have a nice sized booklet.
6. If you are not sure how to start--you better  
ask a printer friend to do it for you. I know many  
of the deaf are printers. Hope you like the handy  
size.
7. Some new bylaws and changes have been made. We  
will print them for you in The DEAF LUTHERAN and  
you can insert them in your booklet and keep it  
up-to-date. As time passes and the ILDA grows, new  
bylaws and other things will be discussed and  
passed. Growth always makes new laws needed.

WE NEED ONE ANOTHER



Ten Ways for You to Help  
Improve Your Church

1. Attend services regularly.
2. Attend also the business meetings, and  
show interest in the work.
3. If you are elected to an office, accept it, and  
do your best.
4. Support the Church with your offerings.  
Give as God blesses you.
5. Urge members who attend once in a while  
to come to church regularly.
6. Invite others to come to church with you.
7. Be kind and courteous to visitors.
8. Never complain about other members.
9. Pray every day for the success of your  
Church.
10. Read your Bible daily, so you will know  
what Jesus wants you to do for His Church.



--Trinity Lutheran (Pa.) Bulletin



TWO OR THREE GATHERED TOGETHER

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the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are the marks of a Christian congregation.

If I came into a city looking for a Christian congregation and was invited to attend a meeting of people to worship with them, I would know it was a Christian church if I see they teach God's pure Word and observe Baptism and the Lord's Supper as Christ gave them to His people.

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul often wrote to small Christian churches. He sometimes says "Greetings to the church in your house." A man, his wife, children and friends, all believers in Christ, meet for the study of God's Word, prayer, worship, and the Lord's Supper. Paul calls this the church. It was a gathering of God's people who worshipped and followed the Lord Jesus.

Two or Three Are a Church

Again, Jesus said, *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."* Two or three! That could be a pastor and two people, or a pastor and one person, or two believers. Sometimes they meet in one place and sometimes in another but always they are Christ's people and members of Christ's church. Notice they gather "in my name," in the name of Jesus, or to worship, pray, praise in His name.

This is important in our Ministry to the Deaf. We gather in small groups, sometimes ten in one city and half a dozen in another, but each gathering is still a church or a congregation of Christ's people.

Today, in many of our states, smaller deaf gatherings from many cities are meeting together and organizing into state churches. That is, members from many cities, many small congregations are uniting to form larger congregations. The smaller congregations in these many small towns will find much joy and pleasure in meeting together and working together in a larger congregation.

Christ Is With Small Groups

However, each little church may still worship often in their separate little gatherings. They should understand that they are important to one another. Each member will have to remember that his fellow members in the small church count on him or her to keep the home church alive. The individual attendance at services and their support of the church means much. The pastor often travels far to come in for their services. They may have to make special efforts to keep up their worship and service - also at times when the pastor cannot be there. They may be only "a church in a house" gathered in Christ's name, but they are always Christ's church and He is there with them.

I am told that in Japan the Lutheran Pastor Kojima meets with about ten small "cells." These are gatherings of Christ's people in homes. Sometimes only eight or ten people meet at one time. Yet each one is a church "in Christ's name." Each one is important to the others. All are served by the one pastor and all together support his ministry. If there are only eight people in each one, totally there are eighty members. Many of our United States fields are the same. Ten small churches served by one pastor. They are important to one another and important in Christ's kingdom.

God bless our small churches!

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A TERRIBLE PARABLE

Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Peter Anybody and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. They all belonged to the same church, but you couldn't have enjoyed worshipping with them. EVERYBODY went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit with friends. ANYBODY wanted to worship, but was afraid SOMEBODY wouldn't speak to him. NOBODY went to church.

Really, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY did visiting. NOBODY worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday School teacher. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do it, and SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY should. Guess who finally did it? That's right...NOBODY. It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live among them. EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY should try to win him; ANYBODY thought SOMEBODY should try to win him; ANYBODY could have at least made an effort. But guess

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who finally won him for Christ. That's right...NOBODY!--Clipped

Don't let the good things of life rob you of the best things.--Buster Rothman



## Kresge Grant Boosts Lutheran School for Deaf Centennial Fund Raising Drive



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In the picture above, reading from left to right, are:

The School, at 6861 E. Nevada, is the oldest charity of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It serves children from all areas of the United States and Canada and has won world-wide recognition for its contributions to the advancement of instructional methods.

When the institution was in the initial planning stages, a century ago, the intention was to make it an orphanage for children whose parents had died in a recent epidemic. As superintendent the group appointed the Rev. G. Speckhardt, a pastor who was doing mission work among Indians and German immigrants near Saginaw. He had earlier been a teacher of the deaf in Germany and was versed in the latest "oral" techniques of instruction.

When he assumed his duties at the new orphanage, several parents sought him out and prevailed upon him to take their deaf children into the home, to educate them in preparation for confirmation and active church membership. The word of his ability quickly spread, and soon the enrollment at the orphanage consisted principally of deaf children. Recognizing the need, the sponsors converted the institution into the school for the deaf.

Through the years, it has grown in prestige and its influence has been reflected in mission to the deaf all over the world. Current capacity of the school is 118, but there is a waiting list of more than 40.

"Education and caring for handicapped children, and especially deaf children, is very costly," Engel explains. "At present it costs the school about \$5,030 per child for care, board and tuition. Of this, parents pay only according to their ability. Many of the children are orphans or from broken homes. Over 80 per cent of the total cost must come from gifts."

"The need for this kind of care is increasing. Today a

Stanley S. Kresge, (second from left), chairman of the board of the Kresge Foundation, shows Tommy Guinn, 8, a check for \$50,000 donated by the Kresge Foundation to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, where Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guinn of South Woodsley, Ontario, is a pupil. Enthusiastic onlookers include Walter Bellhorn, (extreme left), executive director for the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Elmer W. Engel, chairman of the School's Centennial Fund Raising Campaign's Steering Committee, and Rev. E. J. Rossow, president of the Association of the Lutheran School for the Deaf and chairman of the School's board of directors. The grant has given an encouraging boost to the \$750,000 Centennial Fund Raising Drive which was launched this year to assure continuance of the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

greater portion of children are born deaf, or become deaf before learning to speak, than was the case 25 years ago. Due to improvements in medical care, many children who would have died in infancy are now saved, but at the cost of various kinds of impairments, including hearing impairments."

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 TIME--The days of the years of our pilgrimage are three-score years and ten. The generations crowd each other off the stage of time in swift succession. The sand runs out in the hour glass. Time is only the tick of the second hand in the clock of the ages. Some morning the senses will fail to resume business. Every door will be locked, every shutter drawn. Eye, ear, and hand will fail to respond. There will no longer be any medium by which to enter the temporal. An invisible hand has written "finis" across another human career, and people say "the man is dead." He has not ceased to be; he has merely finished with time.--Anonymous.









do so by the Board of Directors. The secretary shall have general supervision of the association records and of the correspondence of the Board of Directors and the association. He shall give notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the association as required by these Bylaws. He shall be elected for a term of two years at an association convention by a majority vote.

§) Vice-Presidents - One vice-president of the ILDA shall be elected by each region at its regional conference to represent that region on the Board of Directors of ILDA. He shall be elected by a majority vote for a term of two years from a state of nominees submitted by the congregations and/or fields of the region. In the event he cannot represent his region at a

1) A. The office of the Regional Advisor. 1) Each congregation shall nominate two (2) names to the Regional Branch Convention. If no candidate has received a majority, the regional president shall send a ballot with the names of the two men receiving the most votes to the congregations of the region. 2) The slate shall be sent to the ILDA biennial convention for ratification. The first choice shall be the Regional Advisor, following the ILDA convention, providing that man is still available, or the second choice of the region if he is not. 3) The term of office shall be two years. B. The Geographical Region 1) The region is the branch of ILDA.

XI. REGIONAL BRANCHES The ILDA shall have regional branches. The ILDA regional vice-president shall appoint a Coordinating Committee which shall have the responsibility of helping the president of the region and the regional advisor to promote and activate the work of ILDA in that region. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors of ILDA to define and refine guidelines for the regions. Each region shall have officers and a conference which will meet at least biennially on years alternating with that of the ILDA convention. The regional Coordinating Committee will meet with the vice-president and regional advisor every year.

XII. THE REGION IN MINISTRY TO THE DEAF AND THE REGIONAL ADVISOR

meeting, the regional officers shall designate his alternative from among themselves. In the event of a vacancy the officers of the region shall select his replacement. A vice-president may be removed from office for just cause at any time by the regional branch that he represents. The duties of the ILDA regional vice-presidents shall be to appoint a coordinating committee which shall have the responsibility of helping the president of the region and the regional advisor to promote and activate the work of the ILDA in that region. The ILDA regional vice-presidents shall convey and report the programs, projects and results of the ILDA convention to their regional branch conference. He shall seek to coordinate and implement programs of the ILDA with

Directors shall be elected from among the assistant treasurers. The secretary shall attend and keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee and shall have custody of the Minute books of the association. He may sign all instruments and documents in the name of the association when authorized to

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VIII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be the immediate past president and four members. The members, other than the chairman, shall be elected at the association convention by a majority vote. The members of the Nominating Committee shall serve until the association convention following their election. Vacancies occurring on Nominating

Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will request nominations with biographical sketch of persons for all offices from the regional branches which shall at their alternate conventions select candidates by a majority vote. Candidates for offices other than their individual regional branch representative (vice-president) need not be from their own regional branch.

IX. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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# The Meaning of Deafness

FREDERICK C. SCHREIBER, Executive Secretary  
National Association of the Deaf

(The following speech was given in April, 1970, at the Region III Conference on Education and Rehabilitation at Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C.)

The first thought I had on being asked to discuss the "meaning of deafness" was of a poem called "Happiness." However, before you jump to the conclusion that I relate Deafness with Happiness--I'd like to quote a few lines from that poem:

*Happiness is like a crystal,  
Fair, exquisite and clear--  
Broke in a million pieces,  
Scattered far and near....*

*Now and then along life's pathway  
Some shining fragments fall  
But there are so many pieces  
No one ever finds them all.*

This applies to deafness in the sense that there are so many meanings to deafness that no one ever has them all. Deafness means one thing to a small child; something else to his parents; teachers have a different view; rehabilitation people may not see this the same as their clients; and the clients themselves may not see this the way I shall attempt to define it now.

When one thinks of deafness, one is thinking of not one, but five handicaps--the least of which is the inability to hear. As a matter of fact, were the inability to hear the only handicapping condition of deafness, I'm sure many people would regard deafness as a blessing, particularly in view of the cacaphony of today. Such, however, is not the case. Each of these five handicaps becomes, to me, a meaning of deafness.

THE MAJOR HANDICAPPING ASPECT OF DEAFNESS LIES IN THE ACQUISITION OF LANGUAGE. Being unable to hear, one is forced to rely on artificial means for acquiring a way to express one's thoughts. This is a slow and painful process which would be difficult enough under the most favorable condition, but which becomes just short of intolerable under conditions which exist today. What is even worse, and often little considered, is what this does to people with normal intelligence who find themselves unable to produce the language that will adequately express what they want to say.

People who take language for granted generally regard the acquisition of language by the deaf as a problem similar to that of a person with normal hearing learning a foreign language and fail to appreciate the true magnitude of the problem. Trying to teach a child words when the child has no frame of reference to help, is a tremendous, if not impossible, task. Words like ball, fish, top, shoe may be easy to lipread, but teaching a child to recognize these words on the lips is not a way of helping him to acquire language skills.

If the lack of language is the first meaning of deafness, then the SECOND MUST BE THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION. The most common failing we find among people who have language is the assumption that language and communication are the same. This is often compounded by the tendency of many people to also equate either or both with intelligence as well.

And it must be pointed out that speech cannot be equated with either communication or language. While all three are closely related, they are separate entities. One can have language but not speech and be unable to communicate. One can have speech but no language and be able to communicate without either. And, of course, one can have both language and speech and fail to communicate effectively.

One who has given serious thought to the problem tends to assume that if one has language one can automatically communicate, yet you have only to look at the so-called "generation gap" to realize that this is far from the case.

Our colleges, our parents, and perhaps even society as a whole is suffering from a severe communication problem despite the fact that, generally speaking, the people of the world today have a higher degree of language sophis-

tication than ever before. In this sense, I am trying to say that we often fail to get through to each other, with or without language. For example, the deaf do not know what is expected of them, and the hearing do not know what the deaf want.

THE THIRD HANDICAPPING ASPECT OF DEAFNESS RELATES TO MISCONCEPTS AND MISINFORMATION which tend to obscure the disabling effects of hearing loss in the eyes of the general public and, when combined with the first two factors I have mentioned, compounds the already difficult situation. What is even worse, much of this information is deliberately spread. It may not be spread with the intention of complicating the lives of people who are deaf, but the people who are responsible for this misinformation completely disregard or do not even consider the possible effect of this misinformation on the lives of the deaf.

You have all seen, I am sure, advertisements proclaiming in bold type, "Don't Be Deaf!" or "Nerve Deafness Can Be Cured!" and perhaps more recently the State Farm advertisement pointing out that "in .37 states you can renew your driver's license by mail--even if you are blind or deaf." People who have no connection with the deaf usually just skim over these ads taking with them the vague impression that there is no real problem since deafness is curable or remediable.

People reading the State Farm ad (which was revised to remove the word "deaf") or articles in medical columns in the newspapers are often given the impression that there is something hazardous about deafness which makes the deaf unqualified not only to drive cars, but also to operate machinery of any kind.

The result of all this is an interesting resistance on the part of employers to hire deaf people in factories and shops where they would be required to operate machines and a severe economic burden with respect to auto insurance.

In every case where we have been aware of such occurrences and have called this misinformation to the attention of the writers or advertisers, retractions have been printed or offending words removed, but not all the people who saw the original article read the retraction. Nor will all the people who saw the first version of the State Farm ad bother to read the new version, since, except for elimination of the word "deaf," it is substantially the same as the original.

The loose use of the word "hearing" and the general impression foisted on the public by this create additional problems in a sort of chain reaction, which require Herculean efforts to halt. For example, the Federal government sponsors the President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped. It is actively engaged in promoting employment opportunities for handicapped people. Yet many of its job descriptions include the requirement that applicants can hear whether or not this requirement is truly relevant to the position in question. Civil Service Commission examinations are heavily verbal whether or not the position requires verbal skills. This creates a serious disadvantage for a deaf applicant. More importantly no one seems to consider the effect of this on private industry. Yet how can one expect the private sector of business to be willing to hire people who apparently are not good enough for the government?

The private business man is no "do-gooder." He is in business to make money and it is only when he is convinced that a handicapped worker can make money for him that he will consider hiring one. Thus, if the government, which as every taxpayer knows, is in business to spend money rather than make it, indicates that hearing is essential to employment then certainly business can be expected to feel the same way.

Also consider that we have thousands of deaf printers in this country. How are they affected when the Government Office limits the number of deaf employees who can work on one shift to 25 men on the grounds that more would interfere with "flexibility"?

In all fairness, I must say there are efforts to remedy these inequities within Federal employment policies, but the situation is still critical.

THE FOURTH MEANING AND HANDICAP OF DEAFNESS IS INVISIBILITY. This is a subtle thing which, were it not for the first three conditions, might have been beneficial since people generally do not like to be constantly remind-



ed that a segment of our population is so much less fortunate than they are. However, since there is no outward indication of deafness, one is generally unaware that the condition exists. I was strongly reminded of this a few years ago when I flew to Atlanta to attend a banquet of the Georgia Association of the Deaf. I did not know the person who was to meet me and no one was at the gate when my plane landed about 1½ hours late. At first I thought perhaps I would find him in the baggage room, but when there still was no one whom I either recognized or who appeared to be looking for a missing speaker, I was reduced to signing to myself. I must have looked ridiculous, I know, but it was the only way I knew of indicating I was deaf.

This anonymity touches on many aspects of daily living. My children's friends are shy of meeting me, they don't know what to expect; people to whom we fail to respond when spoken to do not automatically think "perhaps he did not hear me" but rather "he's rude."

Often people fail to recognize the blank look that sometimes appears on my face when I am asked something I do not understand. They assume silence means consent, so that I frequently end up with a coke when I really wanted coffee.

More importantly, due to this invisibility and the failure of most people to understand or appreciate our language, communication, and speech needs, the problems are perpetuated and misinformation and misconcepts are permitted to spread.

THE FIFTH MEANING OF DEAFNESS AND THE LEAST CRIPPLING PROBLEM IS THE INABILITY TO HEAR. Little need be said about this because most people are able to visualize what that entails. Many experience the sensation of hearing

loss when the sound goes off on their TV sets or when they are in an area where the noise is so great as to prevent hearing speech.

It seems to be a horrible existence to have to live without sound day in and day out for as long as you live. But compared to the other problems related to hearing loss it is comparatively simple to do so and frequently there are benefits attached. The deaf person can concentrate better--he is not easily distracted by noise; he works better, because he must give his job his undivided attention; he is more alert because he knows he cannot depend on his ears for anything, and is sensitive to vibration which often indicates something is happening long before the trouble is audible.

Having experienced the decibel level that can be achieved by teenage children playing rock music, an incessantly ringing telephone, or a blaring TV set, I am sure there are times when one will agree we never had it so good. At least I am not awakened by the commercials when I fall asleep in front of my TV set, nor does the traffic right outside my window disturb me as I write this. I did not have to protest against "noise pollution" on Earth.

The meanings of deafness that I mentioned are but a few of the myriad pieces that constitute the condition we call deafness. Toward finding positive solutions for the meanings of deafness I'd say that to start as I did by quoting a poem on "Happiness" would not be as far-fetched as it seems. Happiness is having people understand the meaning of deafness.

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## ST. MATTHEW AND ST. MARK OF NEW YORK CITY GIVE A WELCOME HOME PARTY FOR PASTOR JASPER AND FAMILY

August 27 was the date on which many people made an extra special effort to come to church to welcome our beloved former Pastor Jasper and his family. They were back in the United States on a two-months furlough (holiday). We were so happy to hear him preach. As usual, he preached with great eloquence (enthusiasm). We had the Lord's Supper. After the service, many of us shook hands with Pastor Jasper. We had many tables decorated in the basement. Red and white decorations outlined the ceiling and a string of Chinese lamps hung from the ceiling, giving an effect of Hong Kong. We had a buffet luncheon. Soon the young people presented a special program in honor of Pastor Jasper and his family. Mrs. Borgstrand signed Psalm 100. The Gospel Trio (Dorothy Cohler, Linda King and Warren King) sang four Christian songs, "Put Your Hand", "I'm In Love With My God", "What Are You Seeking" and "God Gives His People." Mrs. Ammon and Mrs. Holly signed Psalm 121. Mr. and Mrs. Cheese gave the story of Job and lastly Linda Annala gave the benediction. Then Pastor Jasper showed us some slides of Hong Kong. It was a very educational afternoon for all of us. We learned a lot. Many of us were so glad to see Pastor Jasper again. Then Vicar Page had a special present for the incoming Vicar Maschke: A map of New York City and a tube of printer's ink. It was done in fun. Then later on Mr. Borgstrand, representing the Men's Club, gave a present to Vicar Page - a portable Communion set for his travels to visit the homes of old and sick people. Mistress of Ceremonies Mary Burgess gave

Yet He refuses to leave us. St. Paul writes: "If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13. He will not be loveless toward us even though we are often loveless toward Him. With arms wide open He waits to welcome us back.

So if we're not as close to God as we used to be, let's do something about it. Let's pray that He will help us accept His gracious invitation.

--Adapted.

an envelope to Pastor Jasper for his work in Hong Kong. Pastor Jasper explained that one U.S. dollar is the same as six Hong Kong dollars. So, whoever gives a dollar is really giving six dollars. Pastor Jasper and his family have gone back to Hong Kong. It will be two or three years before we can see him again.

Linda Annala

## Vicar and Mrs. Page Honored at Picnic

ELMHURST, N.Y.--Vicar and Mrs. Allan Page were bid farewell by the members of St. Matthew and St. Mark Lutheran Churches for the Deaf on Sunday, Aug. 20. President Warren King presented them with a beautiful cake which was beautifully inscribed "Farewell and God's Blessing! The setting for this occasion was the Fifth Annual Church Picnic. More than 75 members and friends were present when Mrs. Page received a necklace with the Christian symbol of a fish and Vicar Page received a set of five crosses, each of a different liturgical color (white, red, green, purple and black). The gifts, chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

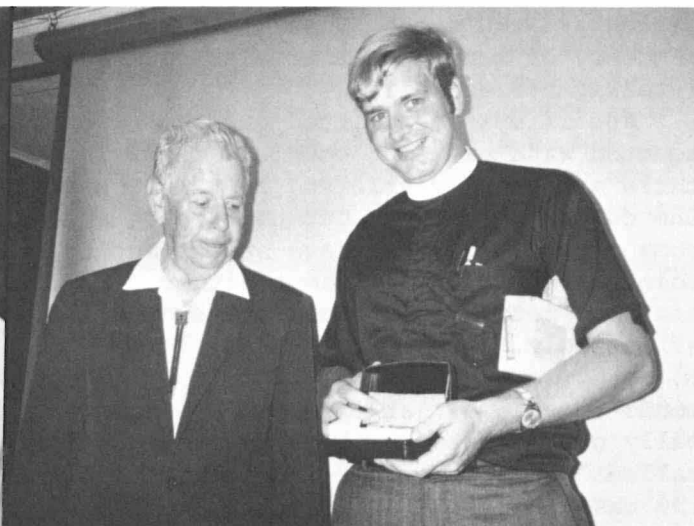
Allgair, were tokens of the sincere appreciation felt by the members for the Pages' wonderful service at St. Matthew and St. Mark this past year. Mrs. Mary Cheese of St. Mark's spoke for everyone when she said, "We will miss you very much."

Then on Sunday, Aug. 27, the Men's Club of St. Matthew surprised Vicar Page with a gift of a communion set for home and hospital visits when Vicar Page becomes a pastor next year. Vicar and Mrs. Page returned to St. Louis, Mo., where Mr. Page is completing his final year at Concordia Seminary.

Rev. D. A. Hodgson



Vicar and Mrs. Allan Page are bid farewell from St. Matthew and St. Mark at a picnic party on August 20.



Mr. H. C. Borgstrand presents Vicar Page with the gift of a communion set from St. Matthew's Men's Club.



# Backward Look-

(Some News Items and Pics that were mislaid)  
(while D-L office was being moved.)



Group picture below: Not all was serious business as the group gathered at the Midwest Regional Conference for their picture. At the sight of the corpse: A Scripturally-minded member of the group quoted John 11, 39: "Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days."



Members of the Omaha delegation chat and say farewells while waiting for their bus to begin the 700-mile trip home.

The first meeting of the Midwest Regional Conference of Lutheran Deaf to be held in Canada took place on July 7 to 9, 1972, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with Jesus Deaf Lutheran Church and its pastor, Rev. F. Gehrs, as hosts.

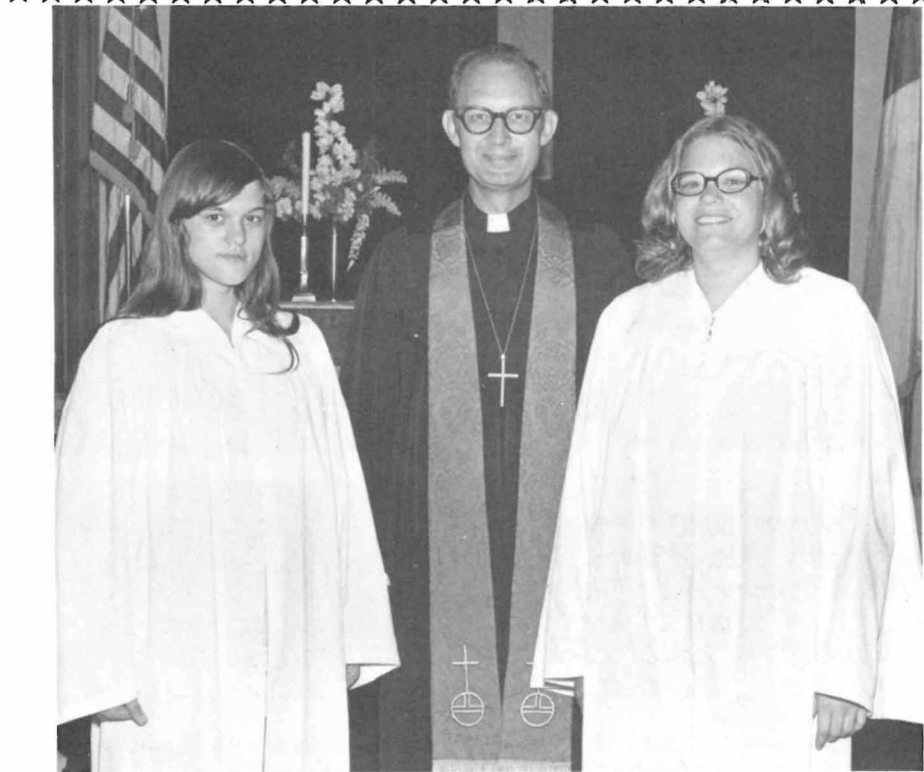
110 deaf came from as far away as Denver, Colorado, and Kansas City, Missouri, to participate in the conference. A chartered bus traveled 15 hours from Omaha with its load of 45 passengers to enjoy the clean Canadian air and the fellowship and inspiration of the conference.

After the opening session of study on the topic, "Jesus Christ -- Lord and Savior," with discussions led by Rev. A. Ferber and Rev. Don Zuhn, the group divided into pairs as an exercise of Christian witness. In some pairs a mutual discussion of Christ and the church took place, while other pairs engaged in discussions in which one party took the role of a person that was uninterested in or hostile to the church and the other person defended the church.

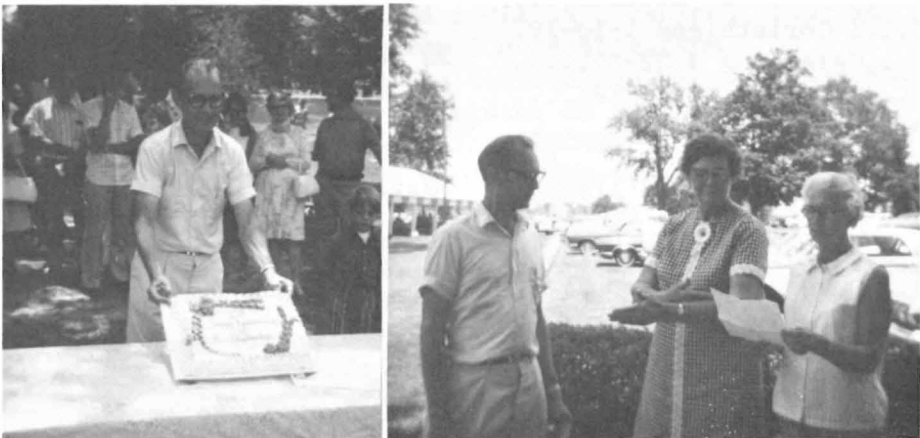
A leisurely boat ride on the Red and the Assiniboine Rivers gave an excellent opportunity to see the skyline of the capital of Manitoba with its varied commercial and residential areas. The title, "Admiral of the Manitoba Navy," was richly deserved by Fred Gehrs in view of his yeoman service on board the "River Rouge" as its Chief Steward. Other social activity was an illustrated lecture by Mr. Pete Peters, "Symphony of the Seasons," depicting Manitoba's colorful natural beauty in all seasons of the year.



At left:  
Two members display "Gospel Gloves" used in the discussion of evangelism at Winnipeg.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF received into communicant membership on Sunday, May 21st, two students from Illinois School for the Deaf. Pictured with Pastor Orlin Anderson, are, left, Barbara Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Matthews of Jacksonville, and right, Connie Yunker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Yunker of Plainfield.



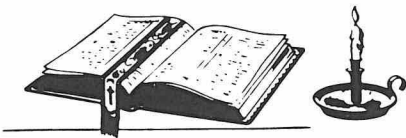
At the annual church picnic held at Nichols Park, Jacksonville, on Sunday, June 25, the deaf of Central Illinois honored Pastor Orlin Anderson with a surprise tenth anniversary cake and cash gift. His pastorate in Central Illinois began with installation in Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf on June 3, 1962. In addition to serving Christ congregation in Jacksonville Pastor Anderson has been holding monthly services in Springfield, Quincy, Champaign, Bloomington, Peoria, and Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. John Houser of Jacksonville signed the hymn "Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit" and Mrs. Roger Meiseman of Springfield signed a poem she wrote especially for the anniversary titled "God's Blessings."

The committee which arranged the special surprise included from Jacksonville: Mrs. Robert Bowman, Mrs. John Houser, Mr. and Mrs. T. Purke Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buettner; and from Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Meiseman and Mr. and Mrs. George Johansen.

Daily Bible Reading Plan  
1972  
(American Bible Society)

HOPE FOR  
MODERN MAN



Hope for Unity

OCTOBER

Day Chapter  
*Prayers for a New Humanity*

- 1 Sunday..Psalm 133:1-3.....
- 2....Romans 16:24-27.....
- 3....2 Corinthians 2:14-17..
- 4....Ephesians 1:2-10.....
- 5....Ephesians 3:14-21.....
- 6....Colossians 3:15-17.....
- 7....Revelation 19:5-10.....

*Unity in Christ*

- 8 Sunday..John 15:1-10.....
- 9....John 17:15-23.....
- 10...Romans 12:4-8.....
- 11...1 Corinthians 3:3-11...
- 12...1 Corinthians 12:3-11..
- 13...1 Corinthians 12:12-27.
- 14...Ephesians 4:1-6.....

*Unity Through Reconciliation*

- 15 Sunday..Acts 15:1-12.....
- 16...Acts 15:13-31.....
- 17...1 Corinthians 14:10-17.
- 18...Galatians 6:1-10.....
- 19...Ephesians 2:14-19.....
- 20...Ephesians 4:20-32.....
- 21...Colossians 1:17-23.....

*Barriers Overcome*

- 22 Sunday..Matthew 18:15-20
- 23...Matthew 20:1-16.....
- 24...Acts 10:25-43.....
- 25...1 Corinthians 1:10-18.
- 26...Galatians 4:22-29.....
- 27...Galatians 6:10-18.....
- 28...Ephesians 2:4-13.....

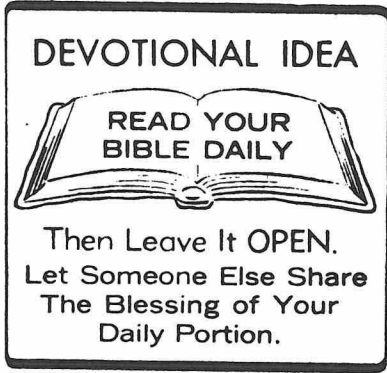
*One World-One Mission*

- 29 Sunday..Matthew 28:16-20
- 30...Luke 24:44-48.....
- 31...Acts 1:7-11.....

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PORCHLIGHT PARADE

Four goblins, giggling,  
Two witches, wiggling,  
Three cats with small  
sneakered feet,  
One ballerina  
Whispering she's seen a  
Ghost, Captain Hook's, down  
the street ...  
Prattling and preening,  
Shhh, Halloween-ing,  
Here you come, sassy and  
sweet -  
Beggars, your tricks are MY  
treat!  
--Maureen Cannon



Men and Women  
of Hope

Day Chapter  
NOVEMBER

- 1.....Hebrews 12:1-6.....
- 2.....1 Peter 1:10-21.....
- 3.....Revelation 1:1-8.....
- 4.....Revelation 5:9-14....

*Leaders of Hope*

- 5 Sunday..Hebrews 11:1-7....
- 6.....Hebrews 11:8-19.....
- 7.....Hebrews 11:20-29.....
- 8.....Hebrews 11:30-40.....
- 9.....2 Chronicles 32:1-8..
- 10.....2 Chronicles 34:29-33
- 11.....Nehemiah 2:11-20.....

*Prophets of Hope*

- 12 Sun...1 Chronicles 22:1-12
- 13.....Ezra 10:1-5.....
- 14.....Isaiah 25:1-8.....
- 15.....Jeremiah 1:1-10.....
- 16.....Ezekiel 2:1-7.....
- 17.....Daniel 6:10-23.....
- 18.....Hosea 2:14-23.....

*Forerunner of  
The Christian Hope*

- 19 Sunday..John 1:19-28.....
- 20.....John 1:29-34.....
- 21.....John 1:35-42.....
- 22.....John 1:43-51.....
- 23.....John 3:23-36.....
- 24.....Matthew 11:1-6.....
- 25.....Matthew 11:7-15.....

*Recipient of Hope*

- 26 Sunday..Mark 2:1-12.....
- 27.....Mark 2:14-22.....
- 28.....Mark 2:23-28.....
- 29.....Mark 5:1-20.....
- 30.....Mark 5:21-34.....

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PRAISE WORDS

Praise words are small  
additives  
With a number of uses,  
Causing the garden to grow  
More glorious roses,  
Delighting the dog and the  
cat  
As a pat or good does,  
Coaxing a child's best  
efforts  
From him, wherever he is -  
And, dropped in our  
conversation  
Every now and then, praise  
Words lend a soft  
enchantment  
To our every days.  
--Elaine V. Emans

CHILDREN'S PAGE



My Dear Young Readers:

Hello! Looks like I sent the November paper to the printers before you had a chance to write me your answers to my October riddles. So, I'm putting the answers in this month's paper.

- 1. What bites but isn't alive? Frost.
- 2. What is always broken before it is used? An egg.
- 3. What has one horn, and gives milk? The milk truck.
- 4. Why did the soldier salute the refrigerator?  
Because it was General Electric.
- 5. What two animals follow you wherever you go?  
Your two calves.
- 6. Why is a football stadium cold?  
Because it has so many fans.
- 7. How do the ghosts open the gate? With a skeleton key.
- 8. Why does the moon go to the bank? To change quarters.
- 9. Why is "A" like a flower? Because a "B" follows it.
- 10. Why is a river very rich? Because it has two banks.

A fat lady got on a scale and the hand went all the way around.  
The little girl watching gasped and said, "Don't tell me you got all that for a penny?"

Any youngster will run an errand for you if you ask him at bedtime.

"Just the same," chided Noah's wife, "I'd feel safer if those termites were locked up in a metal box."



CHILDREN...I do not have a riddle for you this month. I am giving your mother and father a riddle. You may have to help them fold the pages I have printed on the inside pages of The Deaf Lutheran. If you fold the pages correctly, you will have a little book of laws. You look at it, too, with your parents. Will you please write me a letter if you like it.



FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - "The Sorry Winner" - When one of the Jones' twins showed up without the other, the teacher asked Jim where Johnny was. "He's staying in bed. He's hurt said Jimmy. "I am sorry to hear that. How did it happen?" "We were playing who could lean farthest out the window and he won." Kids are like that.--Secretary's News Letter.

Reminds me. When I was a boy the family lived on a farm. One day my two older brothers were working in a cornfield. They got into an argument and started throwing rocks at each other. I happened to show up and went up close to one brother. He grabbed me up and held me in front of him to use me as a shield. The other brother continued to throw rocks which bounced off my head and body! I had a story to tell our parents and cuts and bruises to show as proof.