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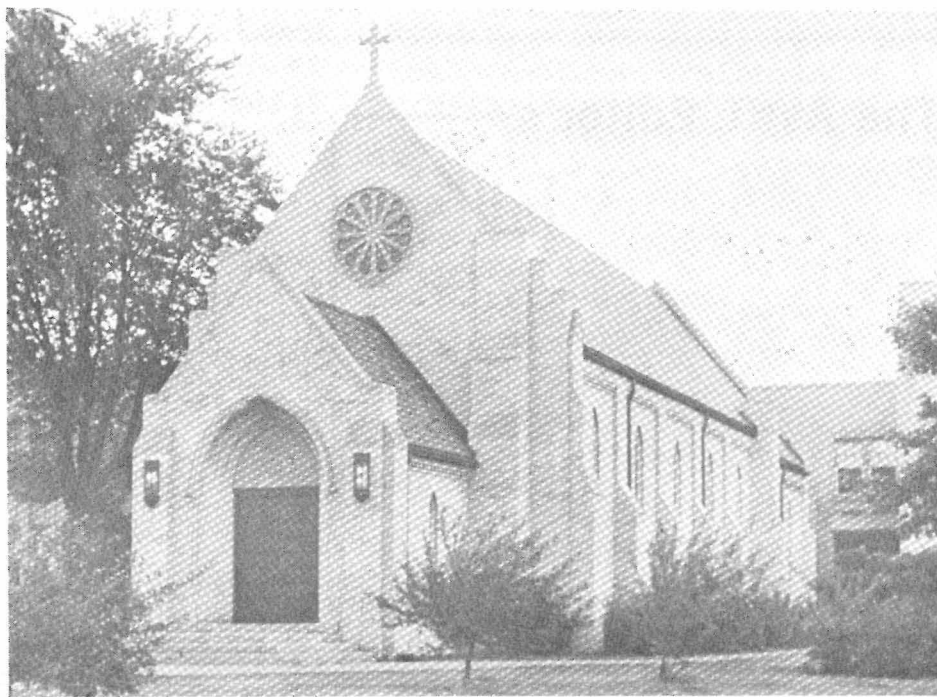
65th Anniversary Observed in Detroit by OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH of the DEAF

by Clarence F. Schulz

Detroit, Michigan Observing the church's 65th anniversary during 1975, the members of Our Savior's Church of the Deaf of Detroit enjoyed the climax of their celebrations on November 8, 1975. That evening they had a banquet at Whittier Towers on the east side of Detroit. The attendance of almost 200 was made up of members and former members and friends from all over the Midwest.

Among the prominent guests were former pastors of Our Savior, the Rev. Ernest Scheibert, now retired and residing in Chicago, and the Rev. N.E. Borchardt of Detroit, who also is retired. The Rev. Scheibert served Our Savior for 14 years from 1923 until 1937. He recalled events of the past. The Rev. Borchardt served for 33 years -- the longest in the record of Our Savior. He said a few words of greetings.

The program was very interesting. The skits showed what the years 1896, 1910, 1923 and 1937 really were like, especially in the development



OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH OF THE DEAF (DETROIT) at the Gloria Dei Chapel of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Built in 1940



Rev. Ernest Scheibert and Rev. N.E. Borchardt

of sign language used in church services for the deaf. The costumes that the actors and actresses wore were very authentic. Songs signed by Beth Webster and Evelyn DeMeyere were graceful and impressive. Copies of the history of the church were distributed along with the programs. The chairman of the banquet affair was Mr. Kenneth Carter. The awards of crosses were provided by Our Savior's AAL Branch 3092 and were given to those members who were first married in Our Savior's; first baptized, first confirmed, the oldest, and so on forth...all in connection with the church history.

The Gloria Dei Chapel is the part of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, and was built in 1940. It was through the generosity of Mr. William Knudsen, formerly General Motors executive, and also a member of the Lutheran Church, that this chapel for adult deaf Lutherans became a reality. Since its completion in 1940, this chapel has been used by the Detroit deaf Lutherans for their worship of the Trinity God. The congregation has a membership of over 200 that are widely distributed throughout the Detroit area.

The Detroit mission for the deaf actually started back in 1896 with one deaf man being served by the first minister, the Rev. Enno Duemmling, D.D. This lone deaf man started to spread the news about Our Lord, and soon other deaf began to come and "hear" him, and the number soon grew to 12.

During the early years, the deaf congregation used different locations, using part of the hearing church for their worship. It was during April of 1910 that the Detroit mission was officially organized as a congregation and called

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jottings

by
Clarence F.
Schulz

GREETINGS to all of the Deaf Lutheran readers of The Deaf Lutheran! I would like to make some comments about this attractive publication. It is true that I am not able to assist our fine Editor, Archie Marshall as much as I would like because of the distance between Detroit and St. Louis. I have sent in some news items from time to time, however due to lack of space, the deadline, and/or other factors, Mr. Marshall was unable to use them. Nevertheless, I am sure that in the future, we will be better able to coordinate our efforts and make this publication even better and more enjoyable to our readers. In this issue and on the front page, you will find an article that I sent in and is being used...and used beautifully, I am sure many of you will agree.

Another thing I want you all to know is that I really do appreciate receiving the bulletins that reach me monthly from almost all of our deaf Lutheran churches. Please continue to send them to me.

Our Lord has done wonders for the deaf through the efforts of His Ministry to the Deaf and by our pastors and lay leaders who being guided by the Holy Spirit have bore much fruit and brought and shall continue to bring all glory and honor to our God, and God in turn will continue to shower His blessings upon our churches in a continuous, steady growth.

More and more deaf Lutherans are showing leadership through effort. For them, it is not enough that they only be hearers of The Word, but more importantly, be doers in this, the Lord's business!

I certainly appreciate the fact that now The Deaf Lutheran has become the official voice of the ILDA. Since I am one of the Vice-Presidents of the ILDA and am serving actively on the Board of Directors, I am fully aware of this necessary link of communica-

tion and action. Now as never before, the ILDA has surged forward in great measure. It supports the world-wide mission efforts of our church in bringing Christ to the deaf everywhere. Also, it gives something of "Deaf Awareness" in the true sense of Lutheran unity. I hope and pray that The Deaf Lutheran will continue to grow and reach more and more deaf people everywhere...not only deaf Lutherans but the "unfound" and "unsaved" deaf too. Make reading this publication a part of YOUR education, remembering the old saying..."Little learning is a dangerous tool"...this fact is still true today.

--Clarence F. Schulz

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Letters from our readers



THANK YOU!!

I, as a member of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, want to write to you in behalf of all the members.

First I want to give thanks to our Father in heaven for the Blessings He gave and guidance that He gave us in getting all the help we got for the building of our new church. We also want to thank Rev. Al Berry and the Iowa West District Board. Our thanks also go to people in places that are out of the District. The best I can say is THANK YOU to all who helped with their prayers and money to make it possible. Around 15 or 20 years ago we had a dream for a new church for our people somewhere in Des Moines Iowa. We did give up hope for a short time. Where the Parsonage and the Church now stands seems a dream after we saw it as a corn field when we bought the lot in 1973. We watched everything being constructed from Hope Lutheran Church windows where we had worship service every Sunday. Our thanks also goes to Hope Lutheran Church for all the cooperation. We are also happy to have them as our neighbor, so that the hearing children of deaf parents and friends can go to

Bible Classes and church service with their hearing friends. The pastor of Hope Lutheran Church is Rev. Norman Raedeke and I want to thank him too!

Our pastor to Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf is Rev. George Ring. His wife's name is Doris. They have 6 children. We also want to thank him for his hard work and wise counseling in the steps we were to take. We know that our trials were not pleasant, but in the end we all are happy, because we now have a beautiful church for the deaf people and hearing friends to worship and have fellowship with one another. We have room for 120 people in the chapel with a glass wall between the chapel and the Fellowship Hall for an overflow. We use the Fellowship Hall mostly for people from far away who come to our service and have pot luck dinner with us before they drive back home. We have a beautiful kitchen for the Ladies Aid to use and to arrange things as fast as they see fit for a crowd. Our Pot Luck dinners fall on the 4th Sunday of each month. We invite all people to the pot luck dinner when they attend our service and I hope some of you that have not attended yet will try to join us sometimes in the future.

If you can't stay for dinner with us, be sure to try to worship with us. Rev. George Ring does the sign language and speaks orally at the same time for the benefit of the hearing people who attend our worship services. There also is a small room for Bible Study and other meetings. There also is a pastor's office and men and women restrooms, janitor's closet and a furnace room. A trap door to the attic is used for storage. The Parsonage next door to our church is a 2 story house with 7 rooms and 1½ baths. It has a full basement and there is a double garage attached to the house.

Again I want to thank our Lord and all those who helped make our dream become a reality.

Donald L. Kissell, Sr.
311 S.E. Bell
Des Moines, Iowa 50315

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Dear Mr. Kissell,
Your thankfulness is a good example for all Christians everywhere to copy.

--The Editor

The Lord Calls Rev. John A. Beyer Home

Rev. John
Andrew
Beyer



It has pleased our Lord and Savior to call from this earth to His heavenly home the soul of Pastor John A. Beyer of Seattle, Washington. Pastor Beyer had not felt well on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, but appeared to be his jovial self at a family dinner Christmas evening, Dec. 25th at his daughter's home in Edmonds. Shortly after arriving at his own home he collapsed and never regained consciousness. The following morning, Dec. 26th he died of a heart attack. In 20 days he would have been 81 years old.

On Monday morning, Dec. 29, 1975, a private committal service was held at 10 o'clock in Pacific Lutheran cemetery with only members of his family and some Lutheran pastors in attendance. Then in the afternoon of the same day at 2:00p.m. memorial service took place at Trinity Church, Tenth and Highland, Seattle. The Rev. Gerald A. Pera served as the liturgist, the Rev. DuWayne Kline delivered the sermon, the Rev. Frederick Gehrs of Vancouver, B.C., Canada was the interpreter, and the Rev. Kennard O. Mueller of Bothell spoke in behalf of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Mo. Synod officials. Pastor William Ludwig assisted Rev. Gehrs in the signing of some congregational responses, Beyer's favorite hymn and a reading of Romans 8:31-39.

John Andrew Beyer was born on January 14, 1895 in Saratoga Springs, New York which is north of Albany. He entered high school in 1909 at Bronxville, New York, and graduated from college in 1915. A strong Christian home with countless examples of charity convinced him to enter Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. For a year he did vicarage work in Raton, New Mexico. During his seminary days, Classmate Arthur Dahms, who had a deaf brother, began teaching the language of signs to fellow seminarians, and he was at first curious. As his interest grew, he took further instructions from Rev. Carl Schubkegel, then minister to the deaf in St. Louis.

After his graduation from the seminary in June, 1919, he

The Twenty-Third Psalm
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

was called into the deaf mission field. He went to his home parish of St. Paul's in Saratoga Springs for ordination. His brother, Rev. H. Andrew Beyer, ordained him on August 31. Then he spent September at Detroit, Michigan under Pastor William Gielow who was the director of Lutheran School for the Deaf. He preached his first sermon to the deaf at Toledo, Ohio.

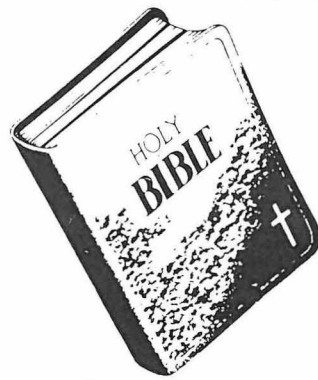
The call to become the first resident Lutheran pastor to the Portland deaf was accepted, and he was installed there by his life-long friend, the Rev. George W. Gaertner of Seattle, on October 19, 1919. Seven stations in three states and State schools for the deaf in Vancouver, Salem and Gooding were on his shoulders. On Oct. 18, 1920 he married Martha Schulze in Portland. Two years later he preached during the afternoon service of the dedication of Our Redeemer's chapel and parsonage in Seattle.

In September, 1923, he accepted the call to St. Paul, Minnesota and moved his small family there. He served many stations in the three states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. On April 25, 1926 close to Concordia College, a brick chapel-parsonage was dedicated. (Pastor William Ludwig could recall preaching in that beautiful chapel in St. Paul during 1957-58.) Due to his success in raising funds for the local chapel-parsonage, he was asked to carry on the publicity work for the deaf missions over our country. For this work, he used stereopticon slides, newspaper articles, and various publicity materials. This was necessary because income for the deaf work was small during the terrible years of the depression.

After 24 difficult years of multiple ministries in St. Paul, he was transferred to the newly created field at Columbus, Ohio. He was installed there on June 29, 1947. He served nine stations in Northwest-southern Ohio and Richmond, Indiana. He also

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

FOR FEBRUARY 1976

A LIFE OF HIGH PRIVILEGE

- 1 Sunday...Psalm 8:1-9.....
- 2Isaiah 41:8-14.....
- 3John 10:1-11.....
- 41 Corinthians 1:18-31....
- 5Ephesians 1:1-14.....
- 61 Peter 2:1-10.....
- 71 John 3:1-10.....

LIVING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

- 8 Sunday...Luke 4:14-21.....
- 9Mark 9:30-37.....
- 10Mark 10:35-45.....
- 111 Corinthians 9:19-27....
- 122 Corinthians 5:11-21....
- 13Phillippians 2:1-16.....
- 142 Timothy 3:14-4:8.....

LIFE IN DEPENDENCE OF GOD

- 15 Sunday...Deuteronomy 8:11-20.....
- 16Deuteronomy 31:1-8.....
- 17Psalm 25:1-14.....
- 18Psalm 28:1-9.....
- 191 Peter 5:1-11.....
- 201 John 2:1-17.....
- 21James 4:13-17.....

RIGHTEOUS LIFE

- 22 Sunday...Exodus 20:1-17.....
- 23Deuteronomy 6:1-9.....
- 24Proverbs 16:1-11.....
- 25Isaiah 58:1-12.....
- 26Amos 5:14-24.....
- 27Micah 6:1-8.....
- 28Matthew 5:13-20.....

SACRIFICIAL LIFE

- 29 Sunday...Esther 4:9-16.....



"What we have seen and heard
we tell to you also, so that
you will join with us in the
fellowship that we have with
the Father and with his Son,
Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3

Stephen H. Luke Installed as Youth Staffer

Mr. Stephen H. Luke was installed as Youth Staffer at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf of St. Paul, Minn. on September 21, 1975. Stephen comes to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf as a certified Lutheran Lay Minister from the Lay Ministry Program at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last May.

Rev. Harold H. Luke, Stephen's father and the pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri, spoke the inspiring sermon which was based on Joshua 1:9. The Bible verse of Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and of good courage, be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (RSV)

Stephen volunteered to be a youth staffer for one year last April. He received training in a workshop for 10 days last Aug. at St. Louis, Missouri from the Board of Youth Ministry.

At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul, Minnesota, Stephen serves as a youth staffer with deaf youth in activities, projects, leadership skills, and Bible discussions. He plans to work at Bread of Life Lutheran Church for the Deaf (ALC) in Minneapolis, Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) in St. Paul, and Ephphatha Church for the Deaf (ALC) in Faribault, Minnesota.

Before enrolling in the Lay Ministry Program at Concordia College, Stephen attended Galaudet College, Washington, D.C. since 1969. He graduated on May 20, 1974 with a bachelor's degree in sociology-social work.

The Lay Ministry Program at Concordia College, Milwaukee, is a two year accredited program that provides a student with a working knowledge of the Bible, teacher training, witnessing, group work, family service, institutional missions, church administration, deaf work, and general mission work. Stephen Luke, a certified Lay Minister, is one of more than ninety Lay Minister graduates now serving throughout the world.

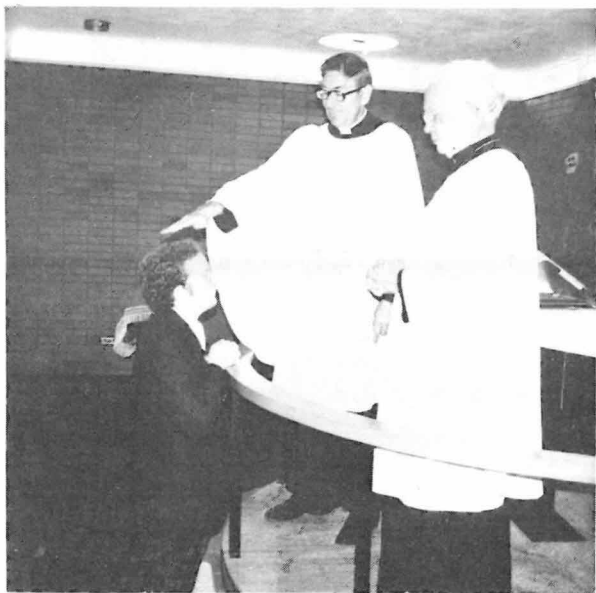
Stephen volunteered to join the youth staffer program because he is interested in working with deaf youth. The youth staffer program comes from the Board of Youth Ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program depends on young volunteers with an age limit of 23, and who are interested in youth ministry. Youth staffers are resource people who listen to pastors, youth leaders, adults, and adolescents from the church congregations, and to cooperate with the staff of youth ministry office of the District. For example, they can conduct retreats, workshops, Bible study and leadership programs that de-



STEPHEN A. LUKE

velop leadership skills, and meeting with youth groups. They are active in serving congregations in helping the young and youth leaders grow in a Christian faith through Jesus Christ.

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Rev. William Lange and Rev. Harold H. Luke shown giving Mr. Stephen H. Luke the rites of installation on Sept. 21, 1975.



After the Installation Service, a pot luck dinner was provided by the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf. The cake is inscribed with the words "Welcome Steve".

Steve shown working in his office where all his plans for youth work will materialize.

Concordia Wins Full Accreditation

from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Feb. 3, 1976

Concordia Seminary in Clayton (St. Louis) has been taken off academic probation and returned to fully accredited status.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod said yesterday that the action had been taken by the commission on accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools, the major accrediting agency of theological seminaries in the United States and Canada.

The probation was imposed in June 1974 because of conditions resulting from the departure of dissident faculty members and students from the Concordia campus to a "seminary in exile," or Seminex.

The alternative seminary was formed after a dispute over the interpretation of Scriptures and the dismissal of the Rev. Dr. John Tietjen as Concordia president. The Rev. Dr. Tietjen is now president of Seminex. A three-member team visited the campus and reported, "Scars from the events of early 1974 are remarkably absent."

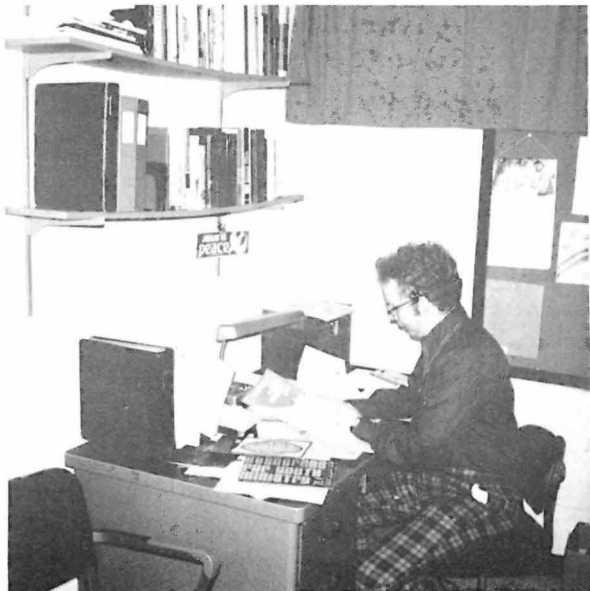
The Rev. Dr. Jacob Preus, synod president, was out of town but the Rev. Edwin Weber, first vice president of the synod, said he had expected the probation to be lifted.

"I didn't regret the probation because there was turmoil then," the Rev. Mr. Weber said. "But now that it has been resolved, the faculty is on its way to being rebuilt and the student body is functioning normally again, although in fewer numbers now." The Rev. Mr. Weber represents the seminary on the synod board of control.

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Bohlmann who is president of Concordia, said: "The removal of our probation is much-appreciated recognition that our building efforts have been successful and that Concordia Seminary today continues the same standards of excellence in theological education that have characterized this institution throughout its 137 year history."

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65TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY OUR SAVIOR'S

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"Congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf". Years later after adopting this name sixteen members of the voters assembly drew up and adopted a constitution. This was the time when the Rev. Arthur Boll was serving the Detroit area (1904-1912).

Following Rev. Boll came the Rev. O.C. Schroeder who served for five years and the membership rose to about 50 during the fall of 1917. Next came the Rev. William Gielow who also held the position of Director of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf of Detroit. He held this position for thirty years. Succeeding Rev. Gielow was the Rev. Ernest Scheibert who arrived after graduation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. That was in 1923 and he served faithfully until 1937 when he accepted a call to the Chicago mission of the deaf.

A youthful pastor came from Cleveland, Ohio, the Rev. N.E. Borchardt, accepting the call from Our Savior in 1937. He stayed on until his retirement in 1970, a good 33 years later. During this time, the communicant membership increased to over 300. He was also the guiding hand in helping the Flint deaf Lutherans to start their building fund which resulted in the building of a beautiful church called St. Paul's Church of the Deaf.

After the retirement of Pastor Borchardt, the Rev. Russel Johnson came to Our Savior from the Montana field of the deaf. Rev. Johnson served for three years before leaving to accept a call to Valdosta, Ga.

Following the departure of Pastor Johnson, the Rev. Clark Bailey accepted the call from Our Savior's and came with his family from Oakland, California and was installed on March 17, 1974.

Whatever the future holds for Our Savior's Church of the Deaf in Detroit is clearly in the hands of the Lord, who has been, still is and forever shall be the Head of our church. And, God willing, the present members will observe the diamond anniversary in the year 1985.

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Clarence F. Schulz presenting a beautiful cross to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braun, the first couple to be married in the Gloria Dei Chapel in 1940. This chapel is a part of the Lutheran School for the Deaf and is used also by Our Savior's Church of the Deaf. The presentation crosses used as awards were generously donated by AAL Br. 3092.



Left to right: Rev. Rodney Rynearson, Rev. Ernest Scheibert, Rev. N.E. Borchardt, Rev. W.O. Neisch, and Rev. Clark Bailey.



A skit being performed showing Mr. Roger Adams portraying the pastor to the deaf audience of a yesterday era.

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Next Sunday -- No Excuse Sunday

--from...WORD OF GOD L.C. for the DEAF Newsletter
Rev. Allan C. Page, Pastor- - February '76

A COT WILL BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE WHO SAY, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
MURINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITH TIRED EYES... from watching TV too late on Saturday evening.
WE WILL HAVE STEEL HELMETS..for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I came to church."
BLANKETS WILL BE FURNISHED..for those who think "The church is too cold," and FANS FOR THOSE WHO SAY, "It is too hot!"
WE WILL HAVE HEARING AIDS..for those who say, "Pastor speaks too softly"... and COTTON for those who say... "He preaches too loudly!"
SCORE CARDS... for listing the hypocrites present.
EXCEDRIN... for those headaches which are always worse on Sunday morning.
SOME RELATIVES... for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
100 TV DINNERS... for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.
A SELECTION OF TREES AND GRASS... for those who like to see God in nature.
A LARGE TANK OF WATER SURROUNDED BY SAND... for those who worship the sun and surf.
SANTUARY DECORATED WITH BOTH CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND EASTER LILIES... for those who have never seen the church without them!
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Our friend was saying: "I'm so broke I call them dollar Williams. I don't know them well enough to call them dollar Bills."



Dallas, Texas... OUR REDEEMER L.C. ... James Moore, member of Redeemer (Deaf) shown above wearing a blue ribbon won it at the 1975 State Fair of Texas. His carving of a "Resting Pigeon" took first place honors in the Jr. Section, Designer-Craftsman, Pottery category. James, profoundly deaf, had to compete against his hearing contemporaries. CONGRATULATIONS! Remember deafness is no handicap.

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Memphis, Tennessee...ETERNAL MERCY ... Vicar Ronald Friedrich of Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf received \$225.00 from the congregation at his farewell party, August 17, 1975. Vicar Ron was leaving to return to the Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Don E. Leber also presented Ron with a 2'x4' card reading, 'FAREWELL TO OUR VICAR, WHO MADE OUR LIVES A LITTLE RICHER', which was signed by the members of the congregation. Eternal Mercy's LWML catered a dinner in Vicar Ron's honor following services.

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On Sunday, September 7, 1975, Mr. Frank Silver was commissioned as a layminister and assistant to Pastor Dorr at Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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MONEY PROBLEMS

I would like to share a story I read in "LIVING STONES" which is a newsletter from a deaf church in Milwaukee Wisconsin. A church treasurer quit his job. The church bank account was all messed up. Nobody wanted to do the work of the treasurer at the church. The church did not know what to do. Then one member volunteered to be treasurer. The man was Chinese and owned a grocer store. He owned the only grocer store in town. He said, "I will be treasurer if I don't have to report books until the end of the year." The church did not like to do that but no one else would take the job. So everyone agreed. The storekeeper was a faithful member and the church members bought their food at his store.

As agreed, at the end of the year the Chinese storekeeper gave his treasurer's report. The 10,000 dollar debt on the church was paid in full. The church gave 3,000 dollars to mission work, He read a letter thanking the church for the 1,500 dollar gift to the Seminary. And 2,500 dollars was left in the bank. The church officers were very surprised. They all asked the Chinese storekeeper how he did it? The church had more than enough money while he was treasurer. How?! The storekeeper answered: "You all buy food in my store - yes?" "I give you credit - yes?" "I give you bill each month - yes?" "And you can't read my Chinese writing - yes?" "You don't know I add 10% on your bill - yes?" "And now you all gave 10% to church for one year - yes?"

"Each man should give as he has decided in his heart. He should not give, wishing he could keep it. Or he should not give if he feels he has to give. God loves a man who gives because he wants to give!"
- II Corinthians 9:7

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Elmhurst, New York ... ST. MATTHEW ... Pictured above shows the First Prize winning banner. It took top honors in ILDA's Cultural Contest at Washington, D.C. last summer. Standing beside it and holding the First Prize plaque is Ms. Dorothy Cohler. Congratulations!

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa...WORD OF GOD ... On January 21, the Deaf Senior Citizens from the Cedar Rapids area met in Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Our friends came as far as Oelwein, Belle Plaine and Monticello to attend this event. The day began at 11 a.m. with worship followed by a lunch of Famous Recipe Chicken provided by Bernard and Mabel Gulstorf. Following lunch Mr. Clarke Boe from the Linn County Council on Aging, came to share with us some information on the services available to Senior Citizens in Linn County. Among such services, are such things as visiting senior citizens, providing meals for those who cannot cook for themselves, providing transportation for those without cars, and many other various volunteer services for older people. Special Tax refunds for Senior Citizens was also discussed. Everyone benefited this day

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If you happen to drive thru Odenton (Ft. Meade), Maryland, and love chinese food, stop in at S E F 's Chinese Restaurant & Carry Out. It's owned by a deaf couple!

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A change in the life-style of Canadian Eskimos, who now hunt with snowmobiles rather than with dog teams, has brought with it serious problems of hearing losses, a study conducted by a group of scientists & audiologists from Montreal's McGill University has disclosed. A survey of 3,770 Eskimos in the Baffin Island area of the North West Territories found that of 1,201 adult males tested, 33% suffered from impaired hearing!

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November 10, 1975

Dear Sir,
We have been reading the Deaf Lutheran for a long time. We really enjoy it.
Would you be able to put a short note in the Deaf Lutheran?
We need a pastor for the Deaf for the State of Oklahoma. Here in our town are some deaf couples that really need help. We are growing with more people, mostly young ones.
My husband and I have been trying to help them and they still feel empty in life.
I am sure you can serve many other places in Oklahoma. We need you, please answer.
Contact: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1624 East Broadway
Enid, Oklahoma 73701

May the Lord Bless you.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Joedy Coffman
(deaf members of
St. Paul's Lutheran)

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Memphis, Tennessee ... ETERNAL MERCY.. The above photograph was taken on Thanksgiving Day (1975) at Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Memphis, Tennessee, of the Clown Worship Service held that day for the members. Left to right: Lawrence Fields, Robert Case, Rev. Donald E. Leber, and Earl Cash. The entire service was done in pantomime. The various parts of the service depicted were: The Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness, The Bible Lesson, The Sermon, The Offering, The Lord's Supper, and The Blessing. The idea for the worship service came from the Ephphatha Conference in Washington, D.C., last summer. The service was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

CONCORDIA WINS FULL ACCREDITATION*(continued from page 4)*

The association visitation team said in its report that Concordia professors are now "satisfied with the conditions under which they work, respect their colleagues and administrators, and feel a part of a team engaged together in the enterprise of theological education."

Academic freedom "is present and operative" in the sense that "faculty and students do examine positions other than those deemed acceptable to the Synod," the report said.

The team members were Elliot B. Allen, dean at St. Michael's College at University of Toronto, Canada; Glenn W. Baker of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, and Harvey H. Guthrie, of the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge Massachusetts.

The Rev. Dr. Tietjen said he, too, had expected the probation to be removed.

The Rev. Dr. Tietjen said further that he expected the committee to accredit Seminex at its next meeting, which he said would probably be in June.

"We were informed that a team will be visiting our institution in April," the Rev. Dr. Tietjen said. The team will make a recommendation to the committee on the basis of the visit and a self-study prepared by Seminex, the Rev. Dr. Tietjen said.

In a related matter, the synod indicated a split still existed between the faculty members who departed to Seminex from Concordia and the synod's officials.

REV. JOHN A. BEYER GOES HOME*(continued from page 3)*

taught weekly religious classes at the Ohio School for the Deaf and visited regularly at the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf in Westerville, Ohio.

Taking the call to the Western Washington-Vancouver, B.C. field, he was installed by Rev. Ernest F. Schwidder as Seattle's fifth resident pastor on Sept. 11, 1949. Nearly three years later he made and carried out plans to renovate and redecorate the 30 year-old chapel-parsonage at 1101-15th Avenue. In 1955, the Ladies Aid Guild became members of the L.W.M.L., and in 1957, the Canadian deaf Lutherans organized themselves into Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Vancouver. In August 31, 1969, his 50th anniversary of the ordination into ministry was observed, and over a year later the golden wedding anniversary was celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church. On February 1, 1970, he announced his decision to retire however, he continued his slightly reduced ministry until Oct. 17, 1971 when the present pastor was installed. Hence he spent 52 years of active ministry --

Involvement of Deaf Professionals

by Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr.
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I should like to make a radical proposal. I should like to propose that all children in the United States be taught by Japanese teachers who are fluent in the English language and that all Japanese children be taught by teachers from the United States who are fluent in the Japanese language. Aside from several gross improbabilities and logistical problems, what are the two obvious objections to this proposal, objections which make it so ridiculous?

The first objection is that it would promote cultural disinheritance. The American teacher could never represent the rich, complex, sensitive values of the Japanese culture. The Japanese teacher would also be unprepared to represent the new, naive, existentialistic culture of the United States.

Second, this suggestion is offensive because of a subtle implication. It implies to each group of children that another nationality is the suitable one for teaching, that an American child could never be a teacher in his native land. Well, enough of this. The proposal is too absurd to pursue further. But wait! What are we saying?

Are we saying that teachers must understand the culture of

all for the deaf and the deaf-blind people!

In Beyer's final Christmas letter to his relatives and friends, he wrote that he and Martha had the enormous pleasure of observing their 55th wedding anniversary with all five children and some of their spouses present during August 29-early in September of the past year. Taking a one day trip to Victoria, B.C. aboard a British excursion steamer, "we were on Cloud Seven," as Jack puts it. Rightly they thanked God for His free grace and love and blessing on their years of life together and on his 56 years of ordination.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Martha; one son, Dr. David of Beaumont, Texas; Mrs. Marie Schmeidel, the oldest, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Ruth Courtney, Seattle; Mrs. Carol Deitrick, Spearfish, S.D.; and Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, Edmonds. Also 16 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters and one brother.

The inspired writer of Philippians 1:21, St. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

the children whom they are teaching? Yes, we are. Are we saying that children learn about themselves and their own potential for success from the kind of person who is their teacher? Yes, we are. If this is true, then we must recognize clearly that there is a vitally important role in schools and classes for the deaf for the qualified deaf professional. This audience would be interested to know that Gallaudet College accepts deaf persons in its Graduate School and prepares them to become certified teachers of deaf children. We have been unable to provide enough qualified deaf teachers to schools and school systems seeking them.

I submit to this Congress that the involvement of qualified deaf professionals will be credibility of educational programs for the deaf in the near future. I look forward to the day when schools and classes for deaf children will be viewed as inappropriate unless a significant representation of deaf professionals is serving them. When we have achieved this our programs will have a new basis of credibility, for deaf persons of all ages will have professional models which will be inspirations to them, will have persons who can relate to them, and will experience new horizons of aspiration.

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While Pastor Beyer had some faults which made life difficult for himself and some around him, he had many talents and qualities which enabled him to be a blessing to many deaf persons in various states. Quoted from the newspaper clipping, written by Ray Ruppert in The Seattle Times --is a paragraph: "Mr. Beyer, who said many times that he would be 'sunk in a hearing congregation,' had normal hearing. His expressive hands performed a wide variety of services to hearing-impaired persons in the areas of employment, social and health services and in situations involving prisoners and the courts." He was a vigorous champion for the deaf in general and their right to use the native language of signs, for the national deaf missions, and for conservative Lutheranism.

Taken from a Lutheran Witness article written by Mrs. Meta Luetzow, is a fitting statement: "If he had one final wish for the deaf segment of the Missouri Synod, Pastor Beyer says, it is that talents and the capabilities of the deaf might be more fully recognized, so that they might be given the privilege of playing a truly significant and challenging role in both the leadership and the direction of God's mission to the deaf."

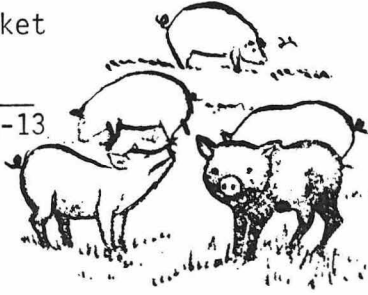
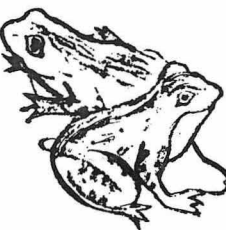
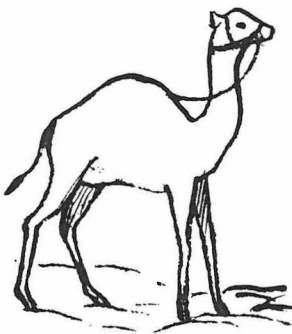
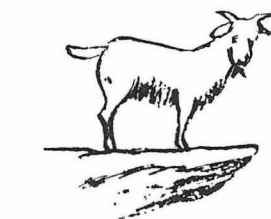
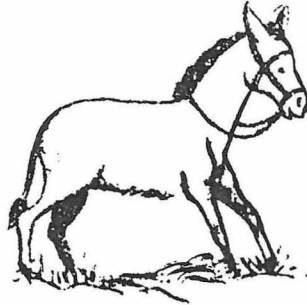
Jack, we the deaf Lutherans thank you for saying that!

CHILDREN'S PAGE



HOW MANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE YOU ABLE TO ANSWER RIGHT WITHOUT LOOKING UP THE BIBLE REFERENCE? 10 is PERFECT, 9 is VERY GOOD 8 is GOOD, AND 7 is FAIR.....

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE?



KNOW YOUR OCCUPATIONS

The following quiz is a real puzzler. Name the occupation of the man or woman who uses each of these tools.

- QUESTIONS:
- SEXTANT
 - LATHE
 - PESTLE
 - SPURS
 - NIGHT STICK
 - NIBLICK
 - PIPETTE
 - BUSHING
 - CANT HOOK
 - BINDER
 - PEEL
 - BURETTE
 - BLACK SNAKE
 - VERNIER
 - DAVIT
 - BATON

- ANSWERS:
- A ship's navigator.
 - A carpenter or machinist.
 - A druggist.
 - A cowboy.
 - A policeman.
 - A golfer.
 - A chemist.
 - A machinist or auto mechanic.
 - A logger.
 - A farmer.
 - A baker.
 - A chemist
 - A mule-skinner.
 - A surveyor.
 - A seaman.
 - A band leader or conductor.

Sure you know all the answers, but try your hand at these questions, then see how they check out at the bottom of this column: The answers are printed upside down.

- What do they call a baby rifle?
- Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- How can you spell "hard water" in three letters?
- A box is filled with water and weights a ton. What can you put in the box to make it weight less?
- In a neighborhood full of dogs, what's a useful thing to keep around the house?
- What is shaped like a finger, the same color as a finger, and the same size of a finger?
- What is the hardest thing you find when riding a bicycle?
- What has six legs and two arms?
- What is the only kind of coat that fits perfectly?
- How can you avoid falling hair?

Life, they say, is a game, the object of which is to discover the object of the game.

- Answers: 1. Son-of-a-gun. 2. At the bottom. 3. Ice 4. Holes. 5. A fence. 6. A thumb. 7. The sidewalk. 8. A sofa. 9. A coat of paint. 10. Jump out of the way.

The neighbor was telling us the other day: "My car has the engine in the rear. Before my wife drove it, the engine was in the front."

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