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ST. PHILIPS LUTHERAN CHURCH of the DEAF CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY



Edward Ficht Kaercher with his father, Dr. William Kaercher the day of his graduation from Lutheran Seminary Mt. Airy, Philadelphia 1929

On Sunday, November 13, a historic event took pla place in Philadelphia, PA. At a 3:00 p.m. service held at Glen Foerd Retreat Center in Philadelphia, St. Philips deaf congregation (Rev. Jerold Munz) observed its 50th Anniversary.

St. Philip's Lutheran Mission to the Deaf was established in November, 1927 by the Board for Inner Missions of the Lutheran Church in America as one of four missions to the deaf.

In May of 1929, Rev. Edward Kaercher, a graduate of The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, was ordained as the synod's first full-time missionary to the deaf. Pastor Kaercher had previously graduated from Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. in 1926. Thus, he became the first deaf pastor to serve the deaf in the Lutheran Church

He was an energetic and dramatic preacher and First Winner of the











Edna, Edward, Hilda

built up a large congregation and Ladies Aid Society. In the early 40's he was forced to resign due to illness. He served some years in the Council Bluffs -Iowa School.

He is pictured with his two sisters Edna and Hilda. Hilda served as a deaconess in South India for 40 years where she taught a class of deaf children. Pastor Kaercher died in 1965. Hilda attended the anniversary service in Philadelphia. It is from her we have these pictures.

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At the fourth Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association which was held in the Ridpath Hotel-Motel Inn, Spokane Washington June 30-July 3, 1977, the Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand" Award was presented to Mr. James M. Lowell of Tacoma, Washington. This Presentation was made during the Banguet Program Night.

This Right Hand Award was established by the ILDA Board of Directors in memory of Uriel C. Jones, the first deaf man to become editor of <u>The Deaf Lutheran</u> and a wonderful example of a Christian Volunteer. Mr. Jones was called to his heavenly home in February 1977. The award will be given to individuals who have served their Lord willingly through voluntary service. Our Bible says in Matthew 6:3 "Don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing." Our actions are done voluntarily, not for praise or honor, but as service to others and the Lord. Thus the name, "Right Hand" Award.

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Deaconess Hilda Kaercher and her Mission class of Deaf children. The picture was taken at the Dorcas Home of Andhra Lutheran Church, Rajahmundry, South India.

Two other pastors who previously served St. Philips Congregation also attended the service. Both are semi-retired. They are Rev. Francis A. Shearer and Rev. Fredrich H. Goos. Following the retirement of pastor Goos in 1972, St. Philips congregation called a pastor from the LC-MS, a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Rev. Jerold D. Munz, who has now served them for five years. (See story that follows this article) Our Nativity deaf congregation in Trenton in 1974, merged with St. Philips to form what is now the Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf. We rejoice with them at 50 years of blessings upon faithful pastors and people.

MUNZ ANNIVERSARY DINNER

- by Vicar Dayton Williams Delaware Valley L.C.

On August 19, 1977, Delaware Valley Lutheran Church of the Deaf surprised Pastor Jerold D. Munz on his fifth anniversary among them. It was five years ago that he was first installed as their pastor. Also during the regular service, Pastor Munz was very surprised when Pastor C.R. Gerhold entered the church and preached the sermon.

During the service, Mrs. Joyce Munz presented her husband with a lovely green linen chusuble, stole and veil. The gift brought tears to his eyes.

After the moving and memorable service of Holy Eucharist, the congregation moved downstairs for a delicious roast beef dinner. The catered affair began with a wine toast honoring Pastor Munz and Joyce. The special guests honored included Pastor and Mrs. Gerhold, Pastor and Mrs. Goos (pastor emeritus), and Father and Mrs. Roger Pickering.

During the dinner Pastor Gerhold acted as toastmaster giving various gifts as a part of the entertainment. The Congregation presented Pastor Munz with a plaque and a cash gift. The choir ladies for the fest .vities were Emma Marco, Lillian Quattrone, and Tillie Schreiber.



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Guests who came to St.Philips to attend the fifth anniversary celebration



Pastor and Mrs. Munz leading the wine toast. To the left of them are Pastor and Mrs. Goos. To the right of the Munz are Pastor and Mrs. Gerhold.



Pastor Gerhold (right) presents Pastor Munz (left) with a "Pet Rock."

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Ten Rules for Worship

Taken from SIGN WAVES Holy Cross - St.Louis October, 1977

1. Worship begins when I close the door at home. On the way I pray for my church, for my pastor, for my fellow worshippers.

2. Before I enter God's house, I stop to leave outside all my thoughts and things that will bother my attention to my heavenly Father.

3. When I enter God's house, I stop all careless conversation. I come in silence, because God gives me great things in times of guietness.

4. When I sit down, I bow my head in prayer. I pray for my church and its good work. I ask God to stay near me now.

5. I sign or sing the hymns. I let the meaning of the words and the feeling of the hymn go inside to the roots of my soul.

6. As I lay my offering in the basket I pray my thanks to God for my money. I ask God to bless it and use it for His work.

7. I think of God. He is power - peace - strength, and love. I need him for my life.

8. I listen to the Bible lesson and the sermon. I pray God to speak to me through my pastor.

9. When the service is over, I become a Christian friend to speak to old friends and to new friends.

Free to Be a Disciple

-from CPH tract

It is a paradox (puzzle) that, as a person makes himself a captive of God's Word, he becomes free - free from everything that can make life a kind of hell on earth: fear, guilt, self-service, and the "I have my heaven here on earth" syndrome (sickness).

Martin Luther, the great Reformer, writes, "I do the will of God, who sent Christ. To the Word along have I listened; and I say, 'Dear Lord Christ, I want to be Thy pupil and believe Thy Word, want to close my eyes and make myself a captive of Thy Word.' Then He makes me a free lord."

The Law makes a fear-filled -guilt-laden slave of man. It demands, threatens, and condemns. No one can reach the moral perfections it demands. Therefore the pronouncement: "Cursed be he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them."

But, thank God, "Christ is the end of the Law, that everyone who has faith may be justified." While the Law condemns, the Gospel announces God's saving purpose in Christ, creates and confirms faith in God's promise, and imparts all the blessings for which Christ went to the cross: divine favor, forgiveness, life now and eternal life to come, membership in God's family, peace.

Only by faith in the Gospel are we made acceptable to God and made free for discipleship. The Reformation gave new emphasis to this truth.

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Don't Quit

When things go wrong,

as they sometimes will; When the road you're trudging seems all uphill; When the funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile

but you have to sigh; When care is pressing

you down a bit--Rest if you must, but

don't you quit. Life is queer with its

twists and turns, As every one of us

at some time learns, And many a fellow

When he might have won

if he had stuck it out. Don't give up though

the pace seems slow--You may succeed with

another blow.

-Selected

Ah, but you know the answer. "Plug into"your power and grow!!

How To Please Others

The 6 most important words to say: "I admit I made a mistake"

The 5 most important words: "You did a good job."

The 4 most important words: "What is your opinion?"

The 3 most important words: "I love you."

The 2 most important words: "Thank you!"

The most important word: "We."

The least important word of all: "I."

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member,

the kind that would be missed? Or are you just content

that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you stay at home

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10. As I leave to go home, I pledge to walk closer to my God this week.

- Selected



baseball season, football season, golf season,, "

A FRIEND OF THE DEAF, John Gosswein recently left St. Louis to help develop a congregation (Christ Lutheran Church) in Harrah, Oklahoma, just east of Oklahoma City. He hopes to be able to assist with the deaf community in Oklahoma City. Pray that God will bless him and his work. and criticize and knock? Do you ever go and visit a member who is sick? Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about.

And we'd appreciate it if you'll come and help us out. So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart. Don't be just a member,

dig in, do your part. Think this over member,

you know right from wrong! Are you an active member

or do you just belong?

--Nebraska Lutheran Layman

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ILDA Treasurer Elmer Francisco

says:-

ILDA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND GOD'S 1000 CLUB DUES ARE <u>BOTH</u><u>NOW</u><u>DUE</u>

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Thank You!

God's 1,000 Club

LATEST NEW MEMBERS

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75. Mr. Walter L. Hogan, Bartonville, Illinois
76. Mr. A. B. Rohe, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

The purpose of this club is to raise money to help with the expenses of the meetings of the ILDA Board of Directors. On the average, the board meets twice a year. Board members are paid for their travel expenses, room and board. This can add up to a substantial amount since each board member comes from each of the seven regions that make up the ILDA. Every one of the board members have an important job to do taking care of the business matters of the ILDA. They without exception are compelled to make personal sacrifices to attend those board meetings and when they meet they work long and hard, often all day and most of the night.

Your support of those dedicated people is very much appreciated. To become a member of this 1,000 Club only requires your pledge to contribute \$10. per year. We need your help. . Please join!

Send your check or money order of \$10 to: God's 1000 Club Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, ILDA Treasurer 10004 East Mission Spokane, Washington 99206

More Pictures from the 4th Biennial Convention BANQUET NIGHT



Mrs. Allen Johnson, a vocational rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Wash. Daughter of deaf parents.



Dr. Emil Jaech, President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



Rev. Russel Johnson who was one of the chief interpreters at the banquet- signing and reverse interpreting



Lordy Revels (right) of Memphis, Tenn. interpreting for Linda McNair (left), a blind-deaf girl from Seattle, Washington.





The Executive Board

of ILDA Board of Directors met in St. Louis Concordia Seminary on Sat. Nov. 12th. The purpose of this meeting was to prepare an agenda for a full board meeting sometime in Feb. '78. Present were: Pres. Joseph Kindred, P.Elect Charles Kotal, Secy. M. Van Manen, Treas. E.D. Francisco, Pastoral Advisor P. Dorr.



MORE PICTURES GALORE!... BANQUET NIGHT











The Franciscos receiving gifts from members of their congregation.





Some magicians from Spokane decided to behead the D.L. editor which might be the reason your paper came late.



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Cultural Contest Winners receiving their awards.

A general view of the convention banquet night at the Ridpath Hotel-Motel.

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Lutheran Girl Wins **Miss Deaf Missouri**

St. Louis, Mo... Seventeen-year old Shirley Linda Schwarz of Florissant, Mo. has won first place in the Miss Missouri Deaf Pageant which was held August 6th in St. Louis.

Shirley will compete in the Miss Deaf American Pageant next July in Rochester, New York.

A native of St. Louis, and a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf where she is a member of the choir, Shirley attends Horton Watkins High School in a special program for deaf students.



Shirley Linda Schwarz

THE DALLAS CONVENTION OF OUR SYNOD AND DEAF MINISTRY . . . The first letter of greeting to the Convention was one from the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA), which had met at Spokane, Washington two weeks before the Dallas Convention.

Many things happened at this Conven -tion and here are some resolutions that are of interest to the deaf.

"To Recruit and train Pastors for the Deaf" - Resolved, That the Synod recognize its continuing responsibility to recruit and train pastors for ministry to the deaf; and be it further Resolved, That the Board for Higher Education, the Board for Missions, and the Administration of the seminaries establish a more aggresive recruitment and training program at the seminary level with adequate funding and with qualified personnel."

The second resolution: To continue Support of Deaf Ministries" Resolved, "That we respectfully decline the overtures requesting the establishment of a separate Commission for the Deaf; and be it further Resolved, That the Board for Missions seek to fill the position of Secretary of North American/Blind-Deaf Ministries."This last resolution was amended by adding the words " that the person filling this staff position be able to communicate in signs." Many in our Ministry to the Deaf objected to combining the Blind and Deaf Ministries under one Mission Secretary. Rev. W. Neisch, the only member of ourDeaf Ministry who was a voting delegate, tried to offer a substitute motion that the Secretary should have 8-10 years experience in Deaf Ministry but this motion failed. Perhaps nothing hurtful will result from this last resolution only time and God's direction will give us the answer.

love to Jesus. Let people see your Christian life. Be ready at all times to tell people why you follow Jesus. Sometimes that kind of "sermon" you can preach is more effective than the sermons in church, because people will hear or see your "sermon" even when they refuse to go to church to hear a sermon.

PROJECTS AND GOALS ADOPTED BY LWML. .

The mission projects and goals chosen by the league for the next biennium include: a Cessna 185 plane for the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, \$50,000; radios for the Wabag Lutheran Church, Papua New Guinea, \$20,000; Concordia Tract Mission, \$40,000; an animated family "special" by Lutheran Television , \$70,000; a community health program in Guatemala, \$50,000; Lutheran Hour support in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru, \$30,000; Theological Education by Extension and a library at the Lutheran Seminary, Obot Idim, Nigeria, \$75,000; a library-student life center, Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., \$40,000; and the Tacoma Seamen's Center, Tacoma, Washington, \$35,000.

The 35th anniversary thankoffering totalled \$87,792 and will be given to the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and to Lutheran Television.

A PASTOR who is distributing the 'GOOD NEWS BIBLE" to his congregation has written the American Bible Society: "The American Bible Society has done a magnificent job with this translation. You just do not know the joy this is bringing to so many people.... or the number of people in my congregation who say they are reading the Bible for the first time."



The happy family of the M.A.D. queen. Left to right: brother Gary, father William, Queen Shirley, mother Sharon.

"I hope to go to a college that has a program on total communication," said Shirley, "so I can become a teacher for the deaf."

Shirley's hobbies are horseback riding, back packing, camping, canceing, sports and dancing. She belongs to the St. Louis Chapter of the Missouri Association for the Deaf, the Florissant Valley Junior National Association for the Deaf, and is active in an Explorer Post. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schwarz who are also deaf and members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

COLLEGE ORDERED TO GET SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER. Columbia, S.C. - A federal judge has ordered Converse College in Spartanburg to pay for a sign language interpreter for a deaf student at the college's summer school.

The preliminary injunction issued July]3th by U.S. District Judge Robert Hemphill was the first in the nation brought under the Health, Education & Welfare Department's regulations that bar federally funded institutions from discriminating against mentally or physically handicapped individuals. The regulations that went into effect June 1, 1977 are designed to implement a 1973 civil rights law for the handicapped.

Second Vice President G. Merkens was quoted as saying in the Sunday Bible class, "When you look at the world through 'church growth eyes'you look at what God is doing not what He's not doing." So, in our deaf ministry also, let's be positive and rejoice in the blessings that God gives and the great things He does.

The delegates decided to go ahead with plans to begin new missions in West Africa, especially in the countries named Togo, Liberia, and Chana. Get a map of Africa, and find where these nations are. Then pray that the Holy Spirit will lead many people to believe in Jesus as their Savior from sin and death.

And, remember you are a missionary, too!!! God put you where you are at, so that you can show your faith and

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LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRY OF ARIZONA reports that Vicki Kitsembel and Diana Simonson, who will be seniors at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind at Tucson, went to the Deaf Olympics in Bucharest, Romania the past summer. They were on the U.S. Volleyball team. Chaplain Ing Thvedt instructed these girls for confirmation in the Lutheran faith. Vicki was confirmed in Our Savior's Lutheran (ICA) in Tucson, and Diana was confirmed in the Lutheran Brethren Church in Tempe, Arizona with Chaplain Thvedt interpreting for both services.

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HAVE	A	GOOD	DAY	AND	A	NICE	FOREVER!	1	

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You Know

In the last 10 years there

have been 139 changes of work-

ers listed in the roster on this page? Only 6 pastors are still in the same place. 24 new fields or churches have been started in these last 10 years. Heading the list in fields or churches having had the most change-overs are: Deaf Zion of Miami, Fla. with 4 pastors and two lay-work-

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ers; New York City's St. Matthew- 5 pastors; Rochester, New York also had 5 pastors; St.Paul Minnesota - 3 pastors and 4 lay-workers over the last 13 years; Great Falls, Mont. - 5 pastors in 12 years. - by Rev.H.Rohe

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1 came out of the 2 room and 3 down the 4. 1found a note. "SS was here." "SS?" 1 said to himself as he picked up 5 's 6. Just then 7 called from the kitchen: "1, did you leave this SS note for me?" "What note?" asked 1. "This one, wrapped around a knife," answered 7 . "No, but did you see this one tied to 5 's 6 ?" Just then 8 came in the door. "Do you know where there's a pad of paper, 7 ?" "There's some in the 9 near the front door." Sam hurried to the desk. "What's so important, 8 ?" asked 1. "I'd better hurry and leave a message for 10 next 11," answered 8, as he hurried out the 11. 8 ran into 10's yard and picked up a 12. 8 set it upside down near the 13. 11. Next,

8 stuck the 14 on one end of the 12. Then 8 ran back into his 15. 8 picked up the 16. Soon someone said "Hello." 8 said, "SS was in your yard this morning. Watch with care." Then 8 hung up. 7 said, "Now, 8, you'd better tell us what's going on. What does SS mean?" 8 smiled. "Don't you know? That's my secret sign. It means Safety 8 was here. Every time I find something unsafe, I try to make it safe and then leave my safety reminder."



ACROSS

- 2. To Look

- 3. "Old men shall dream ____" (Joel 2:28)
 5. Speaking in unknown language through Holy Spirit.
 6. "Sons and daughters shall ____" (Joel 2:28)
 9. "I will pour out My Spirit upon all ____" (Joel2:28)
- 10. Jesus; Anointed One
- 11. Plunge; completely surrounded/covered with water.
 12. Wait; (Luke 24:19)
- 15. Last part of Bible, the New (covenant)
- 16. Utterance; verbal
- 18. Symbol of the Holy Spirit; purify with heat.
- 20. Old Testament prophet announcing the Holy Spirit.
- 21. Male; more than one.

DOWN

- 1. "Young men shall see " (Joel 2:28 singular)
- of Pentecost; opposite night.
 "To all who are afar off," non-Jewish.
- 7. To turn away from sin.
- 8. Day of the Holy Spirit's coming.
- 11. John the _____(title).
 13. Holy Ghost is also called Holy _____.
- 14. A present freely given. 17. Word for "you" used in the Bible.
- 19. Hebrew word for "Christ".
- 20. City where 120 waited for the Holy Spirit.
- 22. Christ; Savior.
- 23. Disciple who preached on the Day of Pentecost.
- 24. Relationship of believer to Christ. (Galatians 4:7).

When you are average you are as close to the bottom as you are to the top.

made of iron or bronze, and hammers were similar to those in use today. A metal bladed plane came into use in Palestine by the time of Jesus; other familiar tools then in use were the awl, mallet and plum bob.



If the salt that is contained in the oceans of the world would be extracted, there would be enough to cover the United States with a layer reaching a mile and a half in depth.

The largest eye of any living animal is that of the giant squid of the ocean. This animal has an eye with a diameter of more than 15 inches.

A good aim in life isn't enough--you have to pull the trigger.

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TREES - Karin K. Glenn

In winter tree branches Are all bare and black. In spring the new buds Make limbs bumpy in places. In summer the branches Can hardly be found. Now autumn has come -Yellow, orange, brown and gold -

The leaves are all turning, And the story's been told.

God planned all the seasons From east to the west Do you think He planned winter

So that trees too can rest?

