

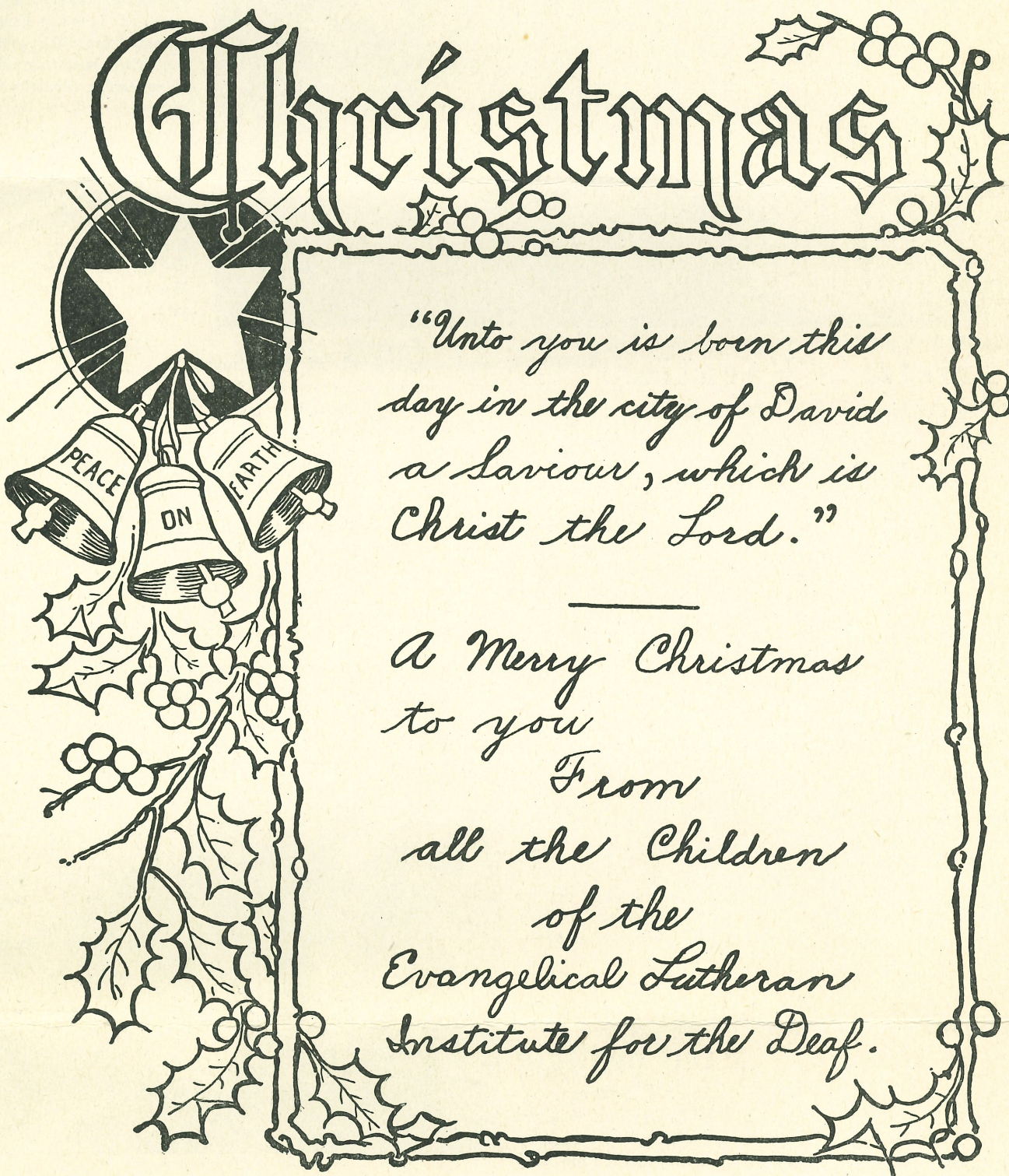
# THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE

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*"Unto you is born this  
day in the city of David  
a saviour, which is  
Christ the Lord."*

*A Merry Christmas  
to you  
From  
all the Children  
of the  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Institute for the Deaf.*



and sign the Christmas carols while the hearing pupils of the congregation in whose church our service is held sing them. This signing of the hymns is very gracefully done and adds much to beautify the service.

### Services of St. Stephanus Church

This year our service will be held on December 18 at 7:00 P.M. in St. Stephanus Church of which the Reverends H. Brauer and Wm. Hagen, Jr., are the pastors. The service is always held on the Sunday before Christmas and just before many of our children leave to spend the holidays with their loved ones at home. Friends of our school from all parts of Detroit come to this service and the church is generally filled to the very last seat.

Our children love this service and try their utmost to speak so well that all can understand them. To transport our large family to the place of worship the Detroit Street Railway System furnishes us several buses free of charge. We are very grateful for this service.

## Christmas Vacation

### Many Children Go Home

The Christmas holiday is at our door, but there has been an air of Christmas around for quite some time, and the question the children are asking one another most frequently is "Are you going home for Christmas?"

Our children look forward to Christmas from early fall, not because they want to get away from school, but because they want to go home. Home, parents, and Christmas go hand in hand. That's the way the grown folks feel, and it's more than true with children.

Those of our children who live reasonably close to school go home for their vacation while the children who live too far from school or have no homes remain here. Those who remain miss the Christmases they have known at home (occasionally a little one steals off in a corner with misty eyes) but they are a jolly group Christmas eve when they assemble around a pretty tree to open the gifts they have received from their friends and loved ones. When you are a long way from home, especially around a holiday when everyone rejoices it's a fine feeling to know that there are friends who think of and remember you.

### Some Children Stay

We do not want our readers to think that vacation days are gloomy here. Mr. Klein and the staff try to make vacation days as pleasant as possible for those remaining. The children have quite a number of sleds and make good use of them as soon as the snow covers the ground. There will be skating on a pond on our grounds and movies in the evening. The children all like to play around the Christmas tree in the big living room of the girl's dormitory. The routine of school days is not followed and everyone is allowed to stay up a little later in the evening and to sleep later in the morning which makes everyone happy.

Our children wish all their many friends who have in recent months remembered our school a happy Christmas and pray that God may bless them one and all most abundantly in the new year.

## Christmas at the Institute

### Christmas Program

During the past year children from various parts of the country have written to our pupils and

asked what kind of Christmas service we have for our school. In answer we want to tell them that our annual Christmas service is no different from that of Sunday-school and Day Schools for hearing children with the only exception that our children do not sing the Christmas carols as hearing children do. Our children recite the Christmas story in questions and answers, speak recitations and Bible verses pertaining to the story

### Distribution of Gifts

After the service at Church the children are returned to our home where they then receive gifts provided for them by our good Ladies' Aid Society. In former years each child besides receiving the customary candy, nuts, and oranges, also received another useful gift and toys. This year our children have volunteered to forego all presents in order that our good ladies may apply the money usually spent for such gifts for the furnishings of



our new building. That then is their personal contribution to our building program. Indeed a laudable act which shows a willingness to sacrifice for our much needed new home.

*A Mother from Durant, Illinois, writes to the Teacher of Her Deaf Child.*

Dear Miss Born:

Was very glad to hear from you. I know you must be very busy with all those children. I am glad Flora is getting along good.

It won't be long until Christmas. It will be a real Christmas for us this year to have Flora come home. Are you going home too?

I wrote Mr. Klein concerning Flora's Christmas vacation.

Flora's letters are changing so much. You can see her mind is developing. From the work she brought home I don't see how they master so much in such a short time. I feel she has covered more work than her brother who is in the same grade.

How long a vacation do you have at Christmas?

Thanks for your letter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

## News from the School

### As reported by 4th Grade Pupils

Miss Born brought a box to school. Two Mexican jumping beans were in it. We could not guess what was in the box.

Betty Burgess

Four eye doctors came to school. They tested all the children's eyes. The dentist came to school too.

Marion Hotchkiss

Betty Arthur and some other children went to see the eye doctor. A woman gave them some candy. The doctor bought some ice cream for them.

Esther Wirgau

Loretta and I saw a football game. We climbed a tree to see it.

Arthur Borghardt

Director Klein took Loretta, Gloria and Norman to Bay City, Michigan. They talked to the people about our school.

Donna Lee Beck

Some robbers stole an electric saw and other things from the new building. They broke the Seventh Commandment.

Betty received a card from her mother last week. Her mother told

her that her dog ran away. Betty feels worried about it.

Mr. Nielson's truck brought a big load of potatoes and vegetables to school. Some people from the country gave them to us.

Some women had a Sauer Kraut dinner. Many people came here for the dinner. They also visited the school. They made us talk for them.

Elroy Meyer

We are happy that Christmas is coming. Many of us will go home. Some children will have to stay.

They will also have a pretty Christmas tree in the living room.

Kathryn Bowers

Yesterday morning I received a heavy box from my mother. I also received three birthday cards and twenty-five cents from my grandmother.

Flora Kinney

A new boy came to school. His name is Robert Merritt. He is in the fourth grade.

Helen Winkelman

Mary, Betty, Genevieve, Odis and I received letters this week.

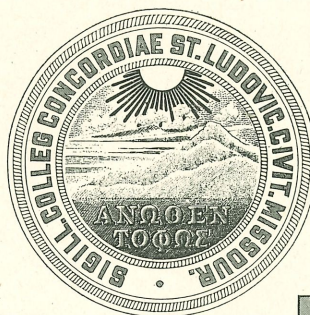
Genevieve got a box of candy too. I like candy. Mary had two dollars in her letter. Peter Merutka

This morning the dentist came to school. He pulled Helen's tooth.

Betty Burgess

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ruff of Pt. Huron, Mich., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They requested all guests not to present them with gifts of flowers but instead to make a contribution for the new building of the

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The Reverend E. T. Bernthal  
19130 Bauman Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Pastor Bernthal:

Our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit, as far as I know the only school of its kind in Protestant circles in our country, is facing a crisis. The question is not whether it was feasible to build, or whether the building was condemned by the Detroit building authorities and that it was impossible to accept all of the applications for admission, so that many of the children would actually have been deprived of the blessings of this training and our entire mission to these underprivileged children would have been curtailed and eventually stopped unless the energetic and courageous building program now in progress be completed.

I personally have the utmost confidence in the practical interest and support of our pastors and congregations; for I feel assured that once our Christians learn to know the manifold blessings which accompany our work and the dire need which is hampering the extension of our mission to the deaf children, they will respond with genuine gratitude for the privilege of participating in this blessed work. Our clergy has never failed in any previous emergency; they will not fail now. Under their leadership our laity has always accepted such great opportunities for spreading Christ's Kingdom, and they will show a happy response in this crisis.

Wishing you the Lord's continued blessing,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Walter A. Maier*

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Evang. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. The following day they brought in 157 dollars for this purpose. This is in addition to a pledge of 250 dollars which they had already made personally. May God richly bless them for this deed of faith and love and grant to them a happy evening of life.

## Letters that Make Us Happy

Toledo, Ohio

Dear Director Klein:

Your letter for funds for your new building was received some time in May. Since the school did nothing for you, I decided to make a collection in the Sunday-school. I gave each pupil and teacher a wooden barrel bank which they kept for five Sundays. On the second Sunday one girl of the first grade brought her bank and said: "My bank is full. Please give me another." The first contained \$2.13 and her second \$1.10. The total collection was a great surprise to me. It amounted to \$40.50—about an average of 40 cents per pupil. The money was sent to our Central District Treasurer. You should have it now or soon. Drop me a card when you receive it, please.

When I received your material in May, I showed it to my pupils. During the summer a mother asked me if the building was finished. Her boy told her he wanted to know if the deaf children had gotten a new building because he prayed that God would give them one. And when God did that he wanted to thank God for it. Oh, what a faith!

May God open the hearts of our Christians everywhere so that the building may be completed in due time.

Your old friend and colleague  
TOM PALM

## Notes and News

*Columbia, Ill.*—"We had several other collections in progress but will work you in during November."

### CONTRIBUTIONS

We ask that all contributions be sent to:

The Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf Committee for New Bldg.  
19130 Bauman Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

*Chicago, Ill.*—(From another retired pastor.) "Have no congregation but I helped the cause by sending Fifteen Dollars to Treasurer Seuel. —"

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*Mexico.*—"We shall try to get our Mexican children to make a Christmas offering. —"

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*Sidney, Mont.*—"Our Ladies' Aid and Sunday School will send a contribution before the turn of the year. It will not be a large sum—the grasshoppers cleaned up here this summer—but it will be something. We would appreciate about 100 envelopes. —"

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*Hollywood, Cal.*—"We have long been intending to make a concerted effort for funds for your new building, but there was no time when this effort could get the right of way. We feel that there could be no more appropriate time than the blessed Christmas season. No doubt, your building project is by now far advanced, and we hope that our contribution will help you on the way toward completion."

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*Alma, Mo.*—"If you have collection envelopes for our Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, please send 110 envelopes and our school children will use them for their Christmas Eve collection and we will send the proceeds for the Deaf."

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*Humboldt, Kans.*—"The special Christmas offering of the children in our Sunday-school will be for your Institution."

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*New Wells, Mo.*—"Our congregation has decided to give each family an envelope to help bring a fairly substantial sum together."

## Remember Our Deaf Children with a Christmas Gift

At this time of the year we are all making up our Christmas lists. We are wondering what to buy for mother, dad, the children, Uncle John, Aunt Mary and our friends. We know how happy they will be on Christmas Eve to receive their gifts.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if all readers of our Deaf Child's Advocate would slip a little bill into an envelope and send it to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf at 19130 Bauman Ave. We figured out this morning that if every

reader of the Advocate would send us only one dollar as a special Christmas gift, the proceeds of that Christmas offering would be sufficient to pay for a dormitory room for 14 children. Such a Christmas gift would house 14

deaf children for the next 75 years. Can you think of a Christmas gift that would be more good, that would be more lasting, and that would bring more Joy to Him whose birthday we are about to celebrate?

## Dedications and Memorials

The Building Committee extends sincerest thanks to the following of our fellow Christians who placed memorials and dedications for the new building:

The Ladies' Aid Society for the Deaf .....	\$3,500	C. Krueckeberg .....	100
Mr. & Mrs. E. Schwarzhoff .....	2,500	Ladies' Aid at Wyandotte..	100
Mrs. Marg. Gauss.....	2,400	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nordlie..	100
Messrs. Julius and Werner Knack .....	1,000	Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilson	100
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Schaefer	1,000	Mr. Kremkow .....	100
Anonymous .....	1,000	Mrs. J. G. Cramer .....	100
Mr. Chas. Stueck .....	500	Ladies' Aid of Bethlehem..	100
Geo. Auch Company .....	500	Y. P. S. of Bethlehem.....	100
E. Detroit Ladies' Aid....	500	Wissman Family .....	100
Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary	500	Eisenbach Family .....	100
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Martens	500	Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Zapf..	100
Mr. Charles Manzelman ..	500	Mr. Geo. H. Reif.....	100
Ladies' Aids of Bay County	500	Miss Helen Rieck .....	100
Epiphany Ladies' Aid....	500	Miss Louise Potter .....	100
Mrs. Raindell .....	500	Ladies' Aid of Outer Drive	
In Memory of Pastor Huegli	500	Faith .....	100
Ladies' Aid of Messiah ...	500	Ladies Aid of St. Thomas..	100
Pastor Hagen Memorial ...	500	Fred Busse .....	100
Ladies' Aid of Our Savior..	400	Ladies Aid of Nazareth ...	100
Ladziak Memorial .....	400	Mrs. Eleanore Krueger ....	100
Narehtul Club .....	350	Marion Hempel .....	100
Deinzer Bros. ....	350	Mrs. Fletemeyer .....	100
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Maul..	350		
Ladies' Aid of St. John's...	350		
Ladies' Aid at Fraser .....	300		
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Faculty and Staff .....	250		
Mr. Louis Steuernagel ...	250		
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wendt	250		
Ruff Family .....	250		
Mrs. Lydia Wilhelm .....	250		
Bartz & Pankow Dedication	250		
Ladies' Aid at Monroe....	250		
Mr. and Mrs. Prance.....	250		
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Priebe...	250		
Mr. and Mrs. Ullrich .....	250		
North East Kiwanis Club..	250		
Ohr Family .....	250		
Mrs. Ernest Buelow .....	250		
Ladies' Aid of St. Mark's..	250		
Mrs. Flora Goebel .....	250		
Muench Bros. ....	150		
Mr. and Mrs. Hess .....	150		
Anonymous .....	125		
Muench Bros. ....	100		
Ladies' Aid of Mt. Hope...	100		
Wm. Eichbauer .....	100		
Eda Beyer .....	100		
Mrs. Marie Germer .....	100		
Mrs. Katherine Barnowsky.	100		
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Herman Eiffer .....	100		
G. Schmeman .....	100		
Louis Knorr .....	100		
Ladies L. B. of Mich. Loc.			
No. 3 .....	100		

### HONORABLE MENTION

If we were to award a prize for the neatest report of contributions sent to our office it would unquestionably go to Mr. John H. Werner, Treasurer of St. John's Lutheran Church of Rogers City, Michigan.

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