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Once more the Christian Church calls on all its followers of Jesus to accompany the Savior on the journey from Gethsemane to Calvary. During the blessed days of this sacred season we see the Redeemer willingly taking upon Himself

our sins and our guilt. The sorrows of Gethsemane, the humiliation of Pilate's hall, the curse of Golgotha's tree—all of them he suffered for us.

Thy life was given for me,
Thy blood, O Lord, was shed,
That I might ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.
Thy life was given for me:
What have I given for Thee?

Thou to whom the sick and dying
Ever came, nor came in vain,
Still with healing word replying
To the wearied cry of pain;
Hear us, Jesus, as we meet,
Suppliants at Thy mercy-seat.



Still the weary, sick and dying
Need a brother's, sister's care,
On Thy higher help relying,
May we now their burden share,
Bringing all our offerings meet,
Suppliant to Thy mercy-seat.

May each child of Thine be willing,
Willing both in hand and heart,
All the law of love fulfilling,
Comfort ever to impart,
Ever bringing offerings meet,
Suppliant at Thy mercy-seat.



Then shall sickness, sin, and sadness,
To Thy healing power yield,
Till the sick and sad, in gladness,
Rescued, ransomed, cleansed, and healed,
One in Thee together meet,
Pardoned at Thy judgment-seat.



During the Lenten season Christian people everywhere look for opportunities to bring special sacrifices that all, for whom the Lord agonized, might be led to His cross. What better Lenten gift could there be, than a gift for our Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, where daily the unfortunate deaf boys and girls are taught to believe in Him who

gave Himself for them too. We at the Institute, to whose care these little ones are entrusted, are still praying that God might move the hearts of more of our fellow Christians, so that our sorely needed new building might soon be completed. Won't you help us with a Lenten gift.



Kindergarten and pre-grade pupils learn to read by the oral method—flash cards are employed

Letters that Make Us Happy

Gentlemen:

Our Sunday School children and Young People are sending you \$9.14 for your New Building. This contribution is being made through our Western District Treasurer, Mr. L. J. Dierker.

We wish to make this contribution in memory of the sainted Rev. Frank Hischke, former Missionary to the Deaf in St. Louis and vicinity.

All of our children and young people join me in wishing you God's blessing in your commendable undertaking.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. E. H. Schroeder
Normandy, Missouri

P. S. This contribution is sent despite the fact that we recently lost our school building by fire and at present are contemplating building a new church and using our old church building for school purposes.

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Dear Sir:

The Ladies Sewing Circle of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wausau, Wisconsin, is sending herewith their Christmas donation of fifty dollars to help in the completion of your new school building.

Our attention was directed to your fine work by our pastor, Rev. P. W. Roehrs, and by Mrs. B. F. Freudenberg, one of our members.

The heart of every member of our small group of women quickened when we heard of the school, its work, and need for funds for the new building; and we will all be gladdened this Christmas season knowing we have been able to help.

May the joy and peace of this holiday season be with you and all success for the New Year which is just ahead. We shall be interested, indeed, to hear of the completed building or other activities of your school in the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Ernest A. Lang,
Wausau, Wisconsin



Miss Wilma Wood with her class

BETHLEHEM ORPHAN HOME
Ft. Wadsworth, S. I., N. Y.

Dear Friends:

The check enclosed (\$19.36) is from the boys and girls of Bethlehem Orphan Home for the deaf boys and girls of Detroit, who need a new building. We hope you will soon have the new building. We wish you all a happy Christmas, too.

Please send the writer a letter of acknowledgment which can be read to our children.

With kindest greetings, we are,
The boys and girls
of Bethlehem

This Mother Knows the Answer

Editor's Note: The letter below was received from a mother whose own little deaf boy passed away recently. This mother knows what religious training meant to her deaf child.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed check for \$35.00 is being donated to the building fund of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, from the friends of my own little deaf boy, who departed from this life very suddenly on September 13th, last, while attending the New York School

for the Deaf at White Plains, New York.

My little boy was receiving his religious guidance through the kindness and able assistance of Pastor Boll, who visited the school once a week, and instructed these little deaf boys.

Therefore we, in his memory, are only too happy to be able to do our little share in helping these children in making their new school a reality.

Wishing the new school the greatest success, and ever deeply grateful for the opportunity my little boy had of having the spiritual guidance of such a fine person as Rev. Arthur Boll, who, by his kindness and deep understanding of these handicapped children, is laying the foundation which is priceless in their future lives.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. . . . , Hicksville, L. I.

Notes and News

Durand, Ill.—"We found a big change in Flora. She had grown and gotten much heavier. But the best of all she is developing to be a sweet-tempered girl. She has been a great help too this summer. She loves to work with me and she knows how to do things. We give you folks the credit. Everyone that sees her says, 'They must get wonderful care at that school.'"

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We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following memorials and dedications received and not printed in the last issue of the Deaf Child's Advocate:

Mrs. M. D. Zeitz.....	\$605.00
Ladies' Aid of Bethany....	250.00
Exchange Club	250.00
Mr. F. C. Pritzlaff.....	200.00
Mr. G. Kehler	100.00
Mrs. Sophia Meyer	100.00
Ladies' Aid of Midland ...	100.00
Mrs. Lottie Hostman.....	100.00
Mr. Geo. Schulkowsky	100.00
Ladies' Aid of Atonement.	100.00

We also acknowledge gratefully pledges from—

Mr. Fred Neering	\$ 50.00
Mr. Chas. Sieloff.....	50.00

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The children and friends of our Institute were saddened by the death of Pastor Wm. Hagen, for many years chairman of the board of the Institute and at all times a warm friend of the cause of deaf children. The high esteem in which Pastor Hagen was held was shown by the large number of memorial wreaths which reached our office.



A group of our babies

The proceeds of these memorial wreaths more than covered the dedication of a large room in the Institute.

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We were also grieved by the passing of Mrs. J. F. Ruff of Port Huron, Michigan. In the last issue of the Deaf Child's Advocate, we reported the wonderful gift which she and her husband made to our building fund on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

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Another good friend of the Institute, whom the Lord saw fit to call home to heaven was Mrs. Lydia Stricker of E. Detroit, Michigan. Shortly before her passing Mrs. Stricker made a pledge of one thousand dollars to equip the dental room of our new building and all through her life she took an active interest in the welfare of the deaf boys and girls at our Institute.

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We are deeply grateful to the pastors of the Northern Illinois District, who, under the leadership of President Rev. E. T. Lams, are leading Synod outside of Michigan in contributions for our new building. The congregation of President Lams heads the list with the largest contribution from Northern Illinois.

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Many pastors have discovered that memorial wreaths for the building fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf have been eagerly sought by people of their congregations. We shall be glad to supply pastors with any needed amount of these memorial wreaths.

When we were in New York recently, we called on the pastors of the metropolitan area in the interest of our building fund. Every pastor without exception gave us a friendly reception and assured us of support for our building project. We appreciate their interest all the more since we know how difficult is the work of our brethren in the great Metropolis.

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Only nine beds in the new Institute remain to be dedicated. The cost of dedicating a bed is one hundred dollars and such a gift will provide space for one child for many decades to come.

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Our architect informs us that the cost of lockers in the new building will be \$325.00. A gift of \$50.00 will defray the cost of the lockers of one room. Are there some readers of the Deaf Child's Advocate who would be willing to supply this needed equipment?

Won't You Help Us Now?

There are still more than a thousand congregations of our Synod who have not as yet remembered us with a collection for our new building. We cannot make ourselves believe that these congregations are not interested in our work or that they do not care to help us bring Christ to the deaf boys and girls at our school. We prefer to believe that they will answer our plea for help.

To all of our pastors whose congregations have not yet sent a con-

tribution we come now with this desperate request. **Please do something for our Building Fund during this present Lenten Season. Send us a collection. If you need envelopes we will be glad to send them. If you cannot have an envelope collection, why not send us one of your Lenten plate collections or a part of your Easter collection.** We need your help to complete our building. You will help us, won't you?

Ladies' Aid News

At the joint February Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon 66 new members were accepted, with a group joining us from Ann Arbor, Michigan, bringing the membership close to the 900 mark.

The membership is the largest

in the history of this organization. This can be attributed to the sincere interest shown by our Lutheran women in their membership drive. Our Ladies' Aid Society for the deaf voted a contribution of \$3,500.00 for the New Building.

1000 members by April when we celebrate the 65th anniversary is the hope and aim of the Aid in the new building program. Officers elected for 1939 are as follows:

- President, Mrs. Geo. Newmeyer
 - 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Calvin Gauss
 - 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. J. A. Klein
 - Recording Secretary, Mrs. Eberts
 - Financial Secretary, Mrs. Hoffman
 - Treasurer, Mrs. Weiss
 - Corresp. Secretary, Mrs. L. Knorr
 - Flower Treasurer, Mrs. Wegner
 - Visiting Committee, Mrs. E. Buelow, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. Heine
- MRS. EDITH PANKOW

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The Call of the Cross

Several weeks ago the entire student body at the Institute had the great pleasure of seeing Synod's wonderful picture "The Call of the Cross." Although the "sound" meant nothing to them, the teachers marveled that so much of the true meaning of the picture was grasped by these deaf children through sight alone. The picture made plain to our pupils what

hardships their forefathers bore with the help of God to preserve His true Word also for them. Out of thankfulness to God and Synod for making it possible to erect the so sorely needed new dormitory, utilities building and heating plant, the children decided to give Synod of their few pennies received from parents and friends for spending money. **Their collection amounted to \$9.42.** Their wish and prayer is that this money, even though only a widow's mite, will help Synod in its great and glorious work of spreading the Gospel at home and in foreign lands.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Don't forget to send your contributions for the building fund to this address:

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

Visual education is stressed in our school to make it possible for the deaf children to grasp ideas and thoughts directly from the screen. Once a week well illustrated educational films are shown



Dr. Huegli has been kept busy during the Flu epidemic



Mr. Bellhorn's manual training class busy constructing model aeroplanes

which in a few minutes clarify topics that might otherwise take hours of explanation by the teacher. It also makes the process of learning easier and more interesting for the pupil. "Seeing" is "knowing" with a deaf child.

W.B.

New Pupils

The New Year brought us two new pupils, both from Indiana. They are Norman Davis, eleven years old, from Silver Lake, and Wayne Kelly, twelve, from Warsaw. Both boys had been enrolled in the state school at Indianapolis. They learned of our school through the other Indiana boys who entered here in September. Richard Holle, thirteen, and Eugene Winans, nine, are from Fort Wayne. Since entering last fall these boys have been happy here and have shown steady improvement in their school work. The progress they have made in their speech and original language is especially gratifying. We hope that the two new Hoosier boys will make the same progress. Because of our crowded living quarters we have been forced to refuse admittance to other pupils whose parents have heard of our school and want their children to enter. However, not until our new buildings will have been completed shall we be able to accept any more pupils. W.W.

Mr. Klein Attends Convention

When the Seventh Annual International Council for the Education of Exceptional Children will meet in joint meetings with the Michigan Conference for Exceptional Children and the Progressive Education Association at the Statler Hotel in Detroit, Feb. 23-25, our teachers will attend numerous general assemblies, forums and lectures.

The speakers and discussion leaders—Mr. Wallace Finch from the Flint School, Frank Cody, Superintendent of Schools in Detroit, Miss Mary Numbers from the Clarke School in Northampton, Massachusetts, Dr. Kopp from Wayne University, Miss Sophia Alcorn from the Detroit Day School and Dr. Reiter, Principal of the Clarke School are all prominent in the education of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Our school will exhibit school work from each grade, wood work from the Manual Training Department and needle work from the Girls' Sewing Class.

The week-end of Feb. 17th Mr. Klein attended the convention of the Progressive Oral Advocates which met in St. Louis.

The faculty believes that it will derive many new ideas that will be valuable in its work in the classroom. As we all work for the betterment of our school we are al-

ways glad to put into use any new methods other educators have found valuable.

Echoes of Christmas

Christmas this year at our Institute was truly a joyous one.

Most of our children went home, but the hearts of those remaining were cheered by the festive decorations and activities. Cookies, candies and other goodies were received from various Ladies' Aid members. During the Christmas week the children were given a party at the YWCA by the Owassa Club.

Although our Ladies' Aid, for the sake of economy, gave no presents this year, nevertheless, our children were remembered with presents by the Eluta Club, Ladies' Aids and various other organizations. L.G.K.

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