

Incidentally yours. . .

Our large family continues to enjoy good health. - - -

Springtime with its annual house-cleaning and re-decorating activities is with us again. And our entire household and maintenance staff is bent upon giving the inside of our building as well as the grounds a so-called "new look". - - -

By the time this issue of *The Advocate* reaches our readers, Palm Sunday with confirmation will probably have passed and our pupils and teachers will be enjoying the well-deserved Easter vacation. - - -

Mr. Elmer Engel, our festival manager, is already busy formulating plans for another mass outdoor school-closing service. Thousands of friends look forward to this annual joint celebration. - - -

The Rev. N. P. Uhlig, son of a former director of our Institute and missionary to the deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois, has been selected to deliver the festival sermon. Since Pastor Uhlig was reared on our campus, he, no doubt, will intersperse his sermon with anecdotes and reminisce on the early and bygone days of the Institute. Hence, we are anticipating hearing a very interesting sermon. - - -

Our own Ladies Auxiliary recently purchased three "overbed" tables for our boys hospital ward. Jehovah Ladies Aid of Detroit has sent us the necessary funds for a fourth table.

Our Macomb Ladies Auxiliary again made a very generous contribution when it paid for a complete set of stainless steel soup tureens plus other replacements of dishes for our kitchen and dining room. —To all Ladies Aids and all other friends of our deaf children who again and again remember our cause with their generous offerings, we are sincerely grateful.

On April 6th our Detroit Ladies Auxiliary celebrated its 80th anniversary in beautiful Trinity Church where it was organized so many years ago. Rev. Gilbert Otte, pastor of Trinity Church, preached the sermon. A fellowship luncheon and the regular monthly business meeting followed the celebration.

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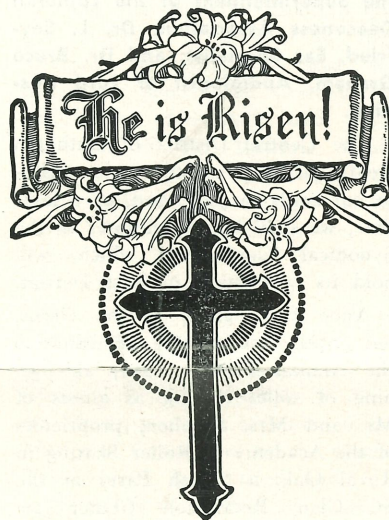
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The Lord Is Risen Indeed



It is a HISTORICAL fact. Although it took place centuries ago, before modern methods of recording were invented, the resurrection of Christ is one of the best documented facts of history.

The risen Christ was seen by well over 500 persons on at least nine different occasions. He appeared before Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna, two disciples (probably Cleophas and Luke), Peter, ten disciples, eleven disciples at the Sea of Galilee, five hundred brethren, Paul (Saul) and James. The disbelief of the disciples, the false report of the guard secured by a bribe, and the lack of denial by the chief

priests are additional strong evidences of the resurrection of Christ. The subsequent faith and courage of the formerly weak disciples, and the rise and spread of Christianity throughout the world also bear testimony. Thus a mighty chorus of voices is heard: HE IS RISEN!

It is also a COMFORTING fact. - - - It proves that Christ is the Son of God. - - - that His doctrine is the truth. - - - that the whole world has been redeemed - - - that all believers shall rise unto eternal life—Yes, all of this is now unquestionably, undeniably true, because HE IS RISEN!

It is a POWERFUL fact - - - We see it in the sudden change in the first disciples' attitude and activity, in the acceptance of the first day of the week as the day of worship (every Sunday is an Easter celebration). In the tremendous influence which the doctrine of the risen Christ has exerted in the world for 2,000 years; and we certainly see it reflected in the faces of those who stand, comforted, beside the grave of a loved one. Could deceived men be responsible for all this?

May the HISTORICITY and the COMFORT and the POWER of Easter fill our hearts with real joy as we join in proclaiming Sunday after Sunday: HE IS RISEN!

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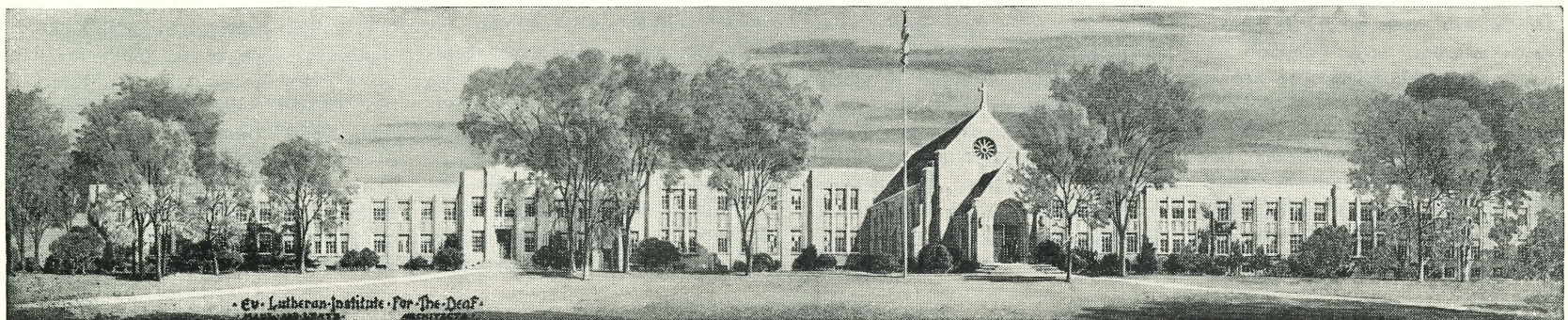
THE GOOD TEACHER

To succeed in teaching the deaf, like all other occupations, demands all of one's time, not only her time in the ordinary sense, but she must throw her very soul into it. The teacher who teaches as a "stepping stone" never yet succeeded in doing her best. The teacher who teaches solely to earn her bread and butter never will succeed.

The teacher who does succeed must be wrapped up in her work. The real teacher can't hide her identity any more than a minister of the gospel ought to be able to conceal his calling. The teacher must "let her light shine". The teacher that does not love to teach ought never to afflict a school room with her presence. Such a teacher will never earn her salary, however small. Give me a teacher who is wrapped up in the welfare of her pupils and shows it and I will be responsible for the progress of her class.

Misdirected energy and persistent effort to accomplish a certain end believed to be good, is to be excused even though it be a great mistake and cause loss or trouble. But lack of energy and devotion to a cause that one owes her time to and best efforts by virtue of receiving compensation for same is akin to sin and is next to unpardonable. —Dr. Goodwin in the *North Carolinian*.

Our only purpose, as we live, is something of ourselves to give to others, as they pass nearby. —But what give I? —Edward Whiting.



Lutheran Institute for the Deaf

Pastor Knoll Speaks

Pastor Knoll's Address to the Macomb County Ladies' Aid for the Support of the Deaf

We welcome you into our midst today, and we hope that you have a profitable meeting, one that will further the objectives of your organization.

When this society, the Macomb Ladies' Aid for the Support of the Deaf, meets we know without asking what the goals and objectives are which you have set for yourself. It is to assist, along certain lines, the work of teaching and training deaf children, not only in the secular subjects which they need for their earthly life to make their lives as nearly normal as possible in spite of their physical handicaps, but especially to make it possible for such to learn to know Jesus, their Redeemer, who died that also such as they might be eternally saved.

As Christians we have the obligation to be concerned about, and interested in their physical as well as their spiritual well-being. In the case of the deaf, by making it possible for them to learn to read and write and to lip-reading, all of which are purely secular activities, we also make it possible for them to acquire an even higher skill, learning to know of God, their Maker, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Here the one goes hand in hand with the other. If we did not teach these children secular skills, it would indeed be difficult to teach them Bible truths. - - -

But why do we bother with deaf children at all? Why don't we simply let them shift for themselves? That is what people did in the pre-Christian age. That is what is still done today in all non-Christian lands. Hospitals and institutions for the handicapped and afflicted - - - originally were strictly Christian activities. The Christian religion and the Christian faith engenders Christian Charity and works of compassion. Why do we concern ourselves with the Deaf or other handicapped people, and expend money and effort in their behalf?

It is first of all the *law of love*. God has commanded us: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." As Christians we are bound by this law, and we want to do all in our power to show love, especially to those of our fellowmen who are in need. This law, however, is not the first and the only incentive for showing true love to our fellowman. A more powerful incentive is the *LOVE OF CHRIST*. "The love of Christ constraineth us," the Apostle declares. The wonderful love which

Jesus has for us, - - - more than anything else moves us to love our neighbor, to help him in his difficulty. And that is also the true and God-pleasing motive for all works of charity.

Now certain of these acts of love and compassion are especially appropriate for Christian women. And the Christian women of all ages have always come forward and demonstrated their love and compassion for the needy and the unfortunate. Women have always occupied an important position in the life and work of the Church. The history of the Church probably would have been written in altogether different terms had it not been for the courageous and intelligent work which God permitted consecrated women to do. The mere mention of names such as Miriam, Deborah, and Esther recall stories of devotion, consecration and love to God, to the Church and to fellow human beings. In the New Testament we are told that women were the last at the cross of Jesus and the first at His grave on Easter morning. The Book of Acts and the Epistles of Paul and Peter abound with stories of women such as Tabitha, who was "full of good works and alms deeds"; a Priscilla, who helped her husband in "expounding the way of God more perfectly" Eunice and Phoebe, "Who were servants of the church." Of a great number of women in the New Testament, Paul writes, they "labored with me in the Gospel." These records in the New Testament bestow upon the women of the Church a great and profound tribute. They were co-workers together with God. - - -

The same spirit of service which manifested itself in Christian women in the Old and New Testament has continued down through the centuries of the Christian era. - - - And this same spirit of service the women of our Church today have, by the grace of God. Every pastor in our church can testify to the selfless devotion to duty revealed by many of the women in his parish. What a tremendous source of good for the well-being and advancement of the Church of our Lord.

May our Christian women never waver in their zeal and devotion to Christ, but may they continue to lend a helping hand wherever needed, and advance the cause of Christ wherever possible. May this spirit also pervade the program of the Ladies' Aid for the Support of the Deaf, for Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." —Rev. A. P. Knoll

Incidentally yours --

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Every Wednesday during the month of March and part of April was "Ladies Day" at our Institute. The same will also be true of all Wednesdays in May. On these days Ladies Aids of Lutheran churches are our noon day dinner guests. After the meal the women are taken on a tour which takes them through our buildings and ends with a visit in our class rooms where they see the very difficult work of teaching deaf children. - - -

Other recent guests and visitors were representatives of all Detroit area Exchange Clubs, Public School Parent-Teachers Association groups, the Board of Directors of the Michigan League for Better Hearing, Miss Groh, Secretary to the Superintendent of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, Dr. L. Seyfried, Ear Specialist, and Dr. Bruce Graham, Audiologist of Ford Hospital.

The Central District of Lutheran Deaf will hold its convention within our walls in June and, at a later date, we shall house delegates to the Synodical Conference which will hold its convention in East Detroit.

Aside from going to the circus, our pupils enjoyed free admission to the Annual Flower Show, an evening of roller skating as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sutphen, proprietors of the Academy of Roller Skating in Royal Oak, a Splash Party at the St. Clair Recreation Center arranged by Mr. Dollar, the Director of the Center, and a tour through one of the mammoth Great Lakes freighters. All wonderful as well as entertaining experiences! - - - A specially conducted tour through the Ford Automobile Factory followed by a sumptuous free dinner, the compliments of the Ford Company, was another educational treat which our older children will never forget.

Ada Munding, graduate from Valparaiso, Mr. C. Kaiser a River Forest graduate, and Miss Martha Bailey of Golden, Illinois, have signified their intentions of taking training to become teachers of the deaf. We hope their applications will be accepted and that they will enter this special field of education which is so woefully in need of teachers.

Judy Johnson, one of our last year's graduates, writes from Houston, Texas, "I love to go to my Lutheran High School very much. I have lots of friends there. I like my teachers because they are nice to me. I can read their lips quite well. - - - I hope you will visit my school and meet my principal, Mr. Groeschel. - - - I am so glad to receive

the Advocate. I sure like to read about your school. - - - I am so glad that I can come to Detroit in June for the festival. - - -"

Peter Merutka, another graduate of our school and now a printer in a Chicago publishing house, dropped in for a short visit recently. His first statement was, "This is a good school. I will always remember what I learned here."

Copies of our interesting motion picture "The World of Silence" are again available.

At the present we are engaged in the revision of the picture. By September we expect to be able to place into circulation a film which will bring considerably more direct speech by our deaf children. This feature should make the picture even more interesting.

Kenneth Toerpe is this year's winner of our school's annual spelling bee. Vincent Lackey is the runner-up. Both will receive awards from The Detroit News.

District Remittances

We are very appreciative of the extra task which most of the District Treasurers perform in our behalf when they submit, with their remittances to us, the names and addresses of the donor congregations, organizations, and individuals. This kind service enables us to send a word of thanks and appreciation to all supporters of this missionary endeavor.

Recently we received offerings from the following districts: Florida-Georgia, Northwest, South Dakota, Southeastern, and Southern Illinois. Not having the names of the donor congregations, we here wish to express to them our sincere feelings of gratitude for their generous support of our work.

Saints Called To Glory

Together with others, we mourn the recent deaths of two charter members of Our Savior (Deaf) congregation, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry. Both were zealous and capable workers in their congregation as well as for the Institute. God had blessed Mr. Berry with outstanding gifts. His religious essays, delivered at different conventions, inspired and edified many of his fellow deaf Lutherans. One of the most joyful days of his life was when our Gloria Dei Chapel, where the members of Our Savior's worship with the children of our Institute, was dedicated. The faithful attendance at divine services of Mr. and Mrs. Berry served as a worthy example for the many children of our school.

Teachers Wanted

Four of our teachers have decided not to return to our school next September. They are Mrs. Margaret Zimmermann who feels that her two school-age children require her services and attention at home; Mrs. Margaret Chickering who is expecting a happy event and for that reason will have to remain at home to welcome the new visitor; and the Misses Betty Ohlinger and Carol Anderson who are seeking a change in greener pastures. We deplore their going but wish them all the Lord's blessings.

Because of the great scarcity of specially trained teachers such as our school requires, it will be very difficult to fill these teacher vacancies. Anyone knowing of an available teacher of the deaf will do us a great service by sending us her name and address.

For any one wishing to enter the field of special education, we can be of service in directing them to one of the good teacher-training centers. Scholarships are available to girls having completed their four-year college course.

Blind Helen Keller Feels Warmth of Ike's Smile

Blind Helen Keller put her hands on President Eisenhower's face and told him: "You have a wonderful smile."

Miss Keller, 73, has been blind and deaf since an illness when she was 19 months old. For years she was unable to speak, but later learned to talk to some extent.

She was accompanied to the White House from New York by her companion of 39 years, Miss Polly Thompson, who communicates with Miss Keller through a "touch" alphabet.

Describing her visit with Mr. Eisenhower, Miss Keller told newsmen:

"It was a very interesting moment. He (the President) is one of the great forces that have made the world safer for freedom.

"I asked him if I might touch his face and feel the wonderful smile I had heard so much about. He very kindly allowed me to do so, and it was just as I have heard.

"I felt a fine face. I felt the courage and the thought that has carried him through such great years in the world's history."

—The Milwaukee Sentinel

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available upon request free and post-paid.

CIRCUS DAY

When it comes to having fun, one day stands out in the minds of the Institute children more than any other—Circus Day! Upon returning from the Christmas vacation, the children's questions began, "When will we go to the circus? Will the clowns come to our school again? Who will be the school queen? Will the "Lion Men" (Lions Club) take us again this year?"

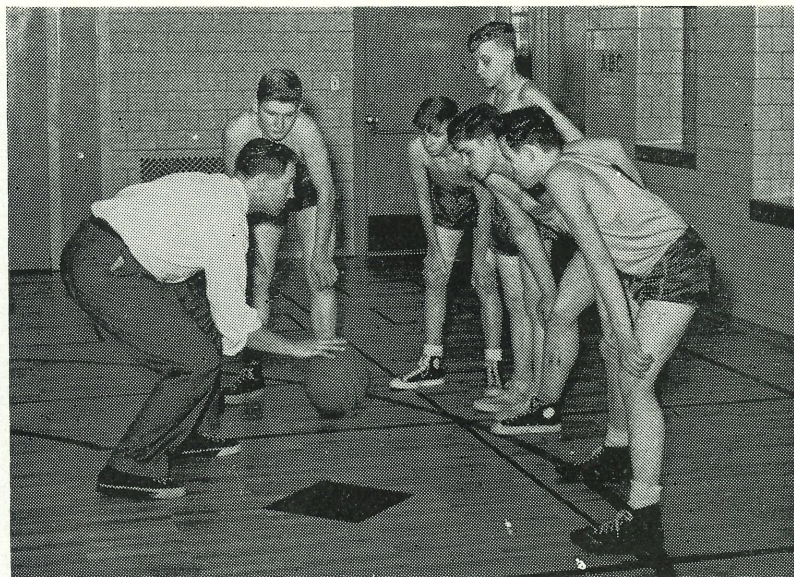
On the morning of February 4th, the dreams of the children became a reality. Through the efforts of Mr. Freddie Meyer we were again privileged to have three world famous clowns, Otto Griebing, Irving Romig, and Frankie Saluto who starred in the famous motion picture, "The Greatest Show On Earth", and the famous Chinese acrobats Miss Pearl Seng and her brother Ming Seng from the Circus to come here at our school to give our children a preview of their afternoon performances. Miss and Mr. Seng both spoke German fluently. Then after lunch, both young and old of the Institute family boarded the buses, chartered by the Lions Club, which took them to the State Fair Colosseum where the circus held forth. Karen Eustice of our school, having been elected Queen for the day, rode in a brand new Pontiac convertible at the head of the circus opening parade. A bouquet of roses, supplied by Freddie Meyer, was then presented to the Master of Ceremonies by the Queen. Three hours later, tired and with tummies full of goodies, one hundred plus tired but happy children again boarded the buses for the return trip. And so once again our children spent a joyous day at the circus. As in the past many years, this generous treat was the gift of the Grosse Pointe Lion's Club. Thanks Lions for your interest in our handicapped children.

WRITING A WILL

Writing a will is a sign of clear thinking. It denotes taking a long view at and a true perspective of the gifts the Lord has entrusted to our care.

In preparing your will we suggest that you also remember our Institute by using the following form of bequest:

I give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same.



THE COACH, Mr. Tegeder, discussing strategy with his team for the coming tournament.



HIGH SCORING center, Bruce Becker of Lincoln, Nebr., going up for a tournament lay-in shot.

Collection Envelopes

Through the kind suggestions of their pastors, a number of congregations have asked us to supply Concordia Publishing House with collection envelopes for our Institute to be inserted annually in their collection envelope boxes which they order from Concordia.

We very happily complied with the request. And Concordia now has in stock a goodly supply of such envelopes which it will insert into the envelope boxes of any and all congregations requesting this service for which there is no extra charge to the congregation. We hope that many more congregations may follow this practice.

Basketball -- A Surprise

After the loss of four-fifths of last year's varsity basketball team, little was anticipated from the small handful of boys who remained to form this year's team. However, the boys set out to make up the lack of quantity with quality. This they accomplished partially by working hard at each opportunity and partially due to a fighting never dying spirit.

Their record of thirteen and seven enabling them to finish third in their league and fourth in a large tournament spells the degree to which they were successful.

The ability to accept success in victory with humiliated pride, and heartbreak with defeat in the same light can be attained through no better channels than sports. We are, therefore, happy that our boys have opportunity to participate in competitive sports.

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Ravell, our junior boys are being prepared carefully for their future participation.

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KAREN EUSTICE of Galena, Illinois, our school's Circus Queen for the day, with a bouquet of roses in her arm, at the head of the opening parade riding with the Master of Ceremonies in a new Pontiac convertible.



FAMOUS Circus Clowns, Griebbling and Romig giving our pupils a special performance at our school.



THE MIDGET circus clown, Frankie Saluto, giving Harold Herbert and other pupils a real thrill.

THAT
GREAT
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DAY



CLOWN ROMIG giving Lois Dolan, Alan Powell and Larry Ginter a ride on the trained donkey on our auditorium stage.



EVERYBODY loves a clown, especially when he is a dispenser of all kinds of goodies.



COMIC BOOKS being distributed to our pupils at the circus by a comical clown. Very appropriate.