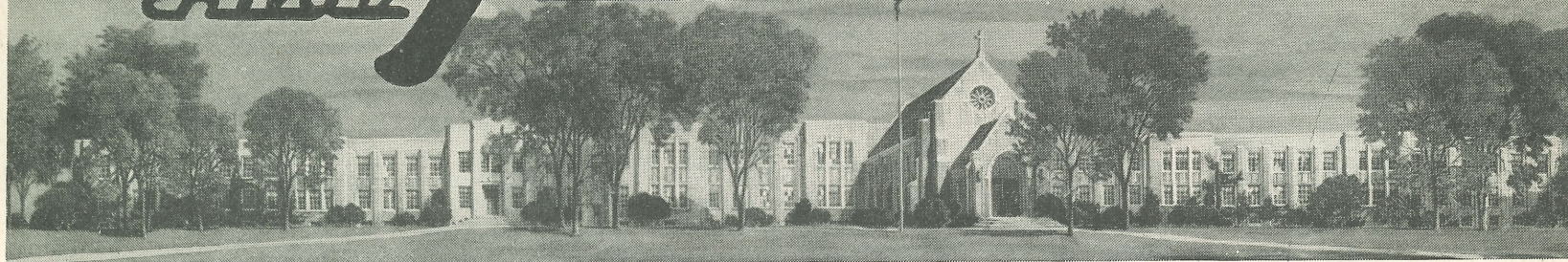


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Incidentally Yours...

Springtime with all its beauty and glory is again with us. And that reminds us that the close of another school-year is drawing nigh. And that brings work, work, and more work for everybody. — Confirmation service, — preparation for the annual closing festival on June 8th. — EIGHTY-FIFTH Anniversary program — annual reports — annual meeting of the Association — children's program — train, bus and plane reservations, report cards — letters to parents, etc., etc., - - -

In February the following eight pupils of our school were brought to Christ, their Savior, through Holy Baptism: — Georgia Lee Bell, Georgia Jean Ernster, Connie Lynn Shook, Judith Ann Tower, Robert Olin Wilkinson, Robert Wallace Harrison, Jackie Noble and Rodney J. Phillips. — Dear readers, your continued and generous support of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf makes it possible to lead these little ones to know their Savior. - - -

Apples, apples, apples, 97 bushel of them brought to our doors through the kind efforts of the Reverend R. A. Riess of Conklin, Michigan. What a treat!! They are the gifts of Messrs. Ervin Klenk, George Kraft, Fred Kober and Son, John Kober and Sons, George Kober, William Kober, Herb. Reister and Sons, Earl Reister, Wilbur Reister, Arnold Schaefer and Sons, Donald Schaefer, Henry Schwartz and Son, all members of the Conklin Lutheran congregation. — Last year a similar treat came from Mr. Ervin Klenk of Sparta, Michigan. May God richly bless the kind and thoughtful donors and grant them another abundant apple crop in 1958. - - -

In order that none of the apples will go to waste, our Ladies Auxiliary committee, chaired by Mrs. Karl Euen, canned more than 450 quarts for pie and sauce. — Thanks,

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'Sedokah' and Love

The Old Testament Hebrews had no word to designate the meaning of the word "charity." Instead, they used the word "sedokah," which means "justice." It was merely "sedckah" that those who were blessed abundantly by the Lord should give to those who had not, and it was "sedokah" on the part of the underprivileged to receive from those who had more. "Sedokah" was not a "stepping down" by the privileged class to give gifts of charity which belittled the underprivileged.

To this idea of "sedokah" our Savior added Christian love as the motive to prompt us to such acts of justice. Out of love and justice we should be willing to share with others those things with which God has especially blessed us, both materially and spiritually. Prompted by feelings of justice and love we carry on our willing work among the handicapped and dependent. By a knowledge of the fact that God desires us to lead others in the way of true faith to the Savior and out of love for immortal souls for whom Christ died, we are compelled to support the cause of the unfortunate wards of our charitable agencies.

These less fortunate brethren are one of us, are equal with us. We, but by the grace of God, would have the same troubles and problems as they. We show our love to God by caring for them and supporting the work which helps them.

If we can only keep in mind and vividly before our mind's eye the picture of the suffering Savior — and at the same time fully realize what this means to us as individuals — then our heart must overflow with gratitude. We cannot do enough for this beautiful Savior, Who did so much for us. —

Yes, our deaf children, too, look to you, dear reader for "SEDOKAH" and CHRISTIAN LOVE so that they, too, may know and experience the Love of Him Who gave His lifeblood also for their salvation. And they are confident that you will not fail them.

Adapted from: "Charity Thermostat"

"GHANA"

Our missionary correspondent in Accra, Ghana, West Africa, states that he surveyed part of that country and found the door open, the field beckoning, the need great, and the people keen to the welfare of the deaf in their midst. And having successfully established contact there, he now looks forward to answering their "Macedonian call" as soon as the Lord shows him the way and sends missionaries.

May God speed the day when our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, too, will enter the field of deaf missions in foreign lands where little or nothing, as yet, is being done to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus to the people who still dwell in both physical and Spiritual Silence.

Auxiliary Observes 84th Anniversary

At the occasion of its regular monthly meeting held April 1st in the school's Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Gloria Dei Memorial Chapel, the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf observed its 84th anniversary in a divine service conducted by the Rev. Ihno A. Jansen, Jr. This organization of which Mrs. John Loose is the president and Mrs. Walter Haller the secretary has as its aim and goal the making of our school a home away from home for the many deaf pupils enrolled with us. They are the mothers who see to it that our youngsters have the comforts of a home and also provide scholarships for indigent pupils — May God bless them for their deeds of love.

School Confirms Fourteen

On Palm Sunday fourteen deaf boys and girls of our Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf were confirmed in our Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Gloria Dei Memorial Chapel.

The pupils, having been instructed for confirmation and active church membership by the School's director, Dr. J. A. Klein, renewed their baptismal vows in the regular Sunday morning service conducted by the Reverend N. E. Borchardt.

Immediately after the divine service, the School was host to the confirmands and their parents at the customary confirmation dinner. Some of the parents had come from as far as Dallas, Texas, in order to be present at their children's confirmation. — Relatives of the children and friends of the School also attended the unique and impressive service.

The School's Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, through its president, Mrs. John Loose, presented to each confirmand, a Bible, a prayer book, and an Augsburg Confirmation booklet. And, in turn, the class president presented to Mr. Walter Bellhorn, the School's principal, a beautiful framed religious picture for the School. — May God the Holy Spirit keep and increase the faith in these young Christians unto life everlasting.

A. A. L. Give School Pupil Scholarship

Partial and entire scholarships for our deaf children are always greatly needed because the parents of these less fortunate youngsters can, on the average, pay only 1/6 of the actual annual cost of \$2,100.00 for educating, housing, feeding and caring for their handicapped child.

It is, therefore, always encouraging when the mail brings a contribution

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Mrs. Walter Haller

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Walter C. Haller, a member of our School's Ladies Auxiliary, was selected "Volunteer of the Week" by the Detroit United Foundation Central Volunteer Bureau. This honor is bestowed annually upon the person who has done outstanding volunteer work for a particular agency. A beautiful gold pin in the shape of a "V" is awarded the worker as a permanent remembrance.

Mrs. Haller is one of many consecrated and faithful volunteers who, as members of our Ladies Auxiliary, devote much of their talent and spare time to assisting us in the School's important work of rehabilitating deaf children educationally and spiritually.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Haller and all volunteer workers for the services they render so unselfishly. And we thank the Central Volunteer Bureau for encouraging such volunteer work by recognizing it in such an appropriate manner.

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for the education of one of our pupils. And so when, recently, we again were privileged to receive a check in the amount of \$500.00 from the Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton, Wisconsin, earmarked as a partial scholarship for one of our indigent children, the School's management, naturally, was overjoyed.

The Aid Association for Lutherans is truly what its name implies. It is an aid to its many clients through its insurance policies. And it is an aid to the needy and underprivileged through its generous offerings and contributions to agencies of mercy and so assist these in the God-pleasing services they render.

May God continue to bless the Aid Association for Lutherans and its management for its benevolence to charity.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many local A.A.L. branches who again and again remember our School's cause with smaller, but much appreciated offerings. Their reward awaits them in heaven.

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good ladies, for your fine "Martha Services." - - -

Our film "The World of Silence" was recently telecast in Milwaukee. Earlier comments on the picture — "Heart warming," — "the reaction of all was wonderful," — "Excellent, our women found it very thought-provoking." — "Response was wonderful. It made a great impression on the women, and they thoroughly enjoyed it." — "Most interesting and thrilling." — "Wonderful, fascinating." — "Very good, gripping, comforting, should be seen by more people." — "Amazing work done by you." — This unusual and interesting film is available for free scheduling.

Interesting events and treats: — Thirty of our boys were guests at St. Mark the Evangelist's Church father and son banquet. — fifty girls and boys were guests of Iroquois Christ Church father, son, and daughter dinner. - - - All pupils from grade three up enjoyed a roller-skating party at the Hippodrome Roller Rink. This treat was provided by the Dads of Veterans of Foreign Wars, thanks to Mr. Biebuyck and his associates. — A Valentine party with all that goes with it for thirty of our younger pupils was arranged by Mt. Calvary Church Walther League. — The Luke Gebhardt's Market supplied tickets for one of our children's outings. - - -

March visitors were: — Classes from Brooklands and Peace Lutheran Schools, their teachers and several mothers. - - - Joyce Steiner, Eastern Michigan College. — Mr. & Mrs. J. Redman and son of Rodney, Canada. — Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Ainslie of Minneapolis, Minnesota.—The Mary and Martha Society of Sebewaing, Michigan. — The Macomb Woman's Auxiliary—Emmaus Lutheran Ladies Aid of Detroit. — Ladies Aid of Flushing, Michigan. — Ladies Aid of Algonac, Michigan.—Professor Lucy Moore and Special Ed. Students Michigan State University. - - -

Georgia Jean Ernster of Savage, Montana, is a new fourth grade pupil who joined our school family in January. She has adjusted beautifully to her new environment in which she is extremely happy. - - -

Our deaf children and entire school family mourn the passing of our friend and benefactor, Mr. Andrew Duda of Oviedo (Slavia) Florida, to his heavenly reward at the age of 84. - - -

An interesting letter was received from Vicar William Ludwig, a graduate of our school and who, after one more year at the seminary, will be ready for ordination into the holy ministry. - - -

The supply of 150 copies of a report the writer prepared for The

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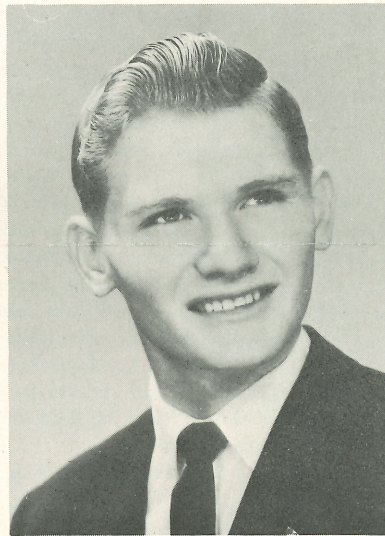
Bruce Becker, An Athlete and Scholar

Bruce Becker, a confirmand and graduate of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf has made an enviable mark for himself in the High School Department of the Nebraska School for the Deaf where he now is a senior. An article by Herb Armbruster, Youth Activities Director, written for the Omaha World-Herald lists Bruce's accomplishments as follows: "Teen of the Week Bruce Becker, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Becker of Pleasant Dale, Nebraska, holds three presidencies at the Nebraska School for the Deaf.

Bruce leads the Student Council, the senior class and the Orange and Black Club, lettermen's organization.

He is the holder of three letters in each of three sports — football, basketball and track. NSD named him outstanding athlete of the year for two years. His name is on a Kiwanis Club plaque once for each of the three sports.

Besides being an outstanding athlete, Bruce is tops scholastically. He was the highest in school in scholar-



Bruce Becker

ship last year and the year before. And he won top awards two years, too, for story writing in Literary Society competition.

In citizenship competition Bruce was third as a freshman, second as a sophomore and first as a junior. Since there can be no repeats in citizenship placings, he was named "honorable citizen" this year. — He has a perfect attendance record throughout high school.

Bruce has helped finance himself in high school by selling eggs and dressed poultry from his parents' farm to faculty members. He hopes to attend Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C. next year.

"Bruce is a leader, natural and willing," said J. W. Jackson, NSD superintendent. "He is always polite and willing to help. His leadership and superiority is recognized not only by the faculty but by the students as well." - - - The student body proved that this year by naming Bruce "most likely to succeed."

LETTER BOX

Merton A. Albee, Attorney at Law
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Los Angeles 45, California

Dear Dr. Klein: Feb. 21, 1958

As one of the three trustees under the will of Linda Ritter, deceased, I read with gratitude and appreciation your column in the February 1958 issue of the Deaf Child's Advocate Number 9, page 1, headed "Blessings through Wills," and particularly the last paragraph in the column where you say "The entire new kitchen structure and all modern appliances in it will be dedicated as a memorial to Mrs. Linda Ritter, a native of Houston, Texas, whose last will designations have to date netted the school the sum of \$93,000.00 sufficient to pay for this fine improvement."

Speaking now for the other trustees as well, we hope that the legacy will continue to yield abundantly for the benefit of the school. Also, when Mrs. Ritter's sister, Minna Kropp, is called to her last rest, there will very likely be assets to be added to the legacy to you, from the small trust that was created for her benefit.

You are doing a great work for the handicapped as is reflected in the communications which appear in your letter box. Such work must also be an encouragement and inspiration to the institutions of other churches which meet with the same discouragements and difficulties which you are so successfully overcoming.

Yours sincerely,

Merton A. Albee

Dear Dr. Klein: Feb. 23, 1958

We received your letter concerning Alan's confirmation on Palm Sunday. We will provide the necessary clothing he needs and we will be very proud to attend the confirmation services.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, all the house-mothers, the teachers, and everyone who helped to make the Lutheran School for the Deaf possible. We especially thank you for the time and effort you have taken to make our boy into a good citizen of the U.S. and to fit him for his home in heaven. May God bless you always for this.

We have made application to enroll Alan in the Minnesota School for the Deaf at Faribault, there to continue his education.

We will never forget your kindness to our son and will always appreciate what you at your school have done for him. We have been so pleased to see his test papers on his Catechism lessons. His marks are good. And when he comes home he always repeats all his lessons to us. We are so glad for this good Christian foundation which he now has. We hope and pray that he will build on it all his life.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Nelson

The Deaf Child's Advocate

Effects of Measles In Pregnancy Studied

In reporting on a new study made to determine the possible ill effect of measles on unborn infants, Dr. Charles Brooks stated that the occurrence of German measles — the common three-day variety — in the first three months of pregnancy doesn't cause nearly as many congenital malformations as has been thought. And as undesirable as it is for pregnant women to contract this disease, the rate of such malformations as reported in earlier studies are "fantastically high and incorrect," the researchers declared.

The fact is, they added, that the actual malformation rate is about twelve percent or lower, and does not range all the way up to 100% as earlier studies indicated. The research work, as reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, was done by Dr. Morris Greenberg and Dr. Ottavio Pellitteri of the New York City Health Department, and Dr. Jerome Barton of the New York State Health Department.

An accompanying editorial declared that "the fact that the chances that the infant will be normal in spite of the mother's infection are much better than was formerly thought seems a valid reason not to interrupt the pregnancy."

Most observers agree, however, that the wisest course is to see that all girls get rubella in childhood. And the three New York researchers declared that physicians "owe it to their patients and to society" to advise parents to expose their young daughters to rubella (German Measles) during childhood in order to avoid contracting the disease in later years during pregnancy.

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



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A Psalm of the Good Teacher

The Lord is my teacher:
I shall not lose the way to wisdom.
He leadeth me in the lowly path of learning.
He prepareth a lesson for me every day.
He findeth the clear fountains of instruction.
Little by little He showeth me the beauty of the truth.
The world is a great book that He hath written.
He turneth the leaves for me slowly.
They are all inscribed with images and letters.
His face poureth light on the pictures and the words.
Then am I glad when I perceive His meaning.
He taketh me by hand to the hill-top of vision.
In the valley also He walketh beside me,
And in the dark places He whispereth to my heart.
Yea, though my lesson be hard it is not hopeless,
For the Lord is very patient with the slow scholar.
He will wait awhile for my weakness,
He will help me to read the truth through tears.
Surely Thou wilt enlighten me daily by joy and by sorrow,
And lead me at last, O Lord, to the perfect knowledge of Thee.
— Georgia Helper

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Special Services Committee having been exhausted, requests for further copies cannot be met until more have been multigraphed. - - -

Speaking engagements met during March were: — North Detroit Lions Club, Warrendale Kiwanis Club, Valparaiso University Guild, East Detroit Kiwanis Club, Grace Lutheran Church voters, Northeast Detroit Kiwanis Club, Macomb Medical Auxiliary, New Center Exchange Club, Birmingham Exchange Club, Memphis Michigan P.T.A., Lincoln, Mt. Clemens P.T.A., Evergreen Lutheran Ladies Aid. - - -

Meetings attended by either the writer or the principal: — Public School Health Committee; Council of Lutheran Agencies, Chicago; East Side School Conference; Special Services Committee, St. Louis; Children's Service Council, Lansing; Student Panel Discussion, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Our School's Ladies Auxiliary supplied the necessary additional tables and chairs for our enlarged dining room as well as a 72-cup electric coffee percolator, a food blender, an electric-gas continuous toaster and three handy floor conditioners. - - -

Our older girls are tremendously interested in their domestic science work learning to cook and do needle work. The Mesdames Kern, Blankstrom, and Reich are in charge of this work.

The Addison class of 1908 plans to celebrate its class reunion at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, August 5th and 6th. Veterans of schools, you will be most welcome. - - -

Pastors, teachers and friends of our School, if and when your travels bring you to Detroit, do not fail to visit Synod's oldest educational charity, the Lutheran School for the Deaf. — A night's lodging and breakfast are yours if you come. - - -

The editor of the "Advocate" plans a trip to Europe to visit his son, Lt. Col. John J. Klein, who is stationed in France, and who has offered to pay all expenses.

An Inventive Genius

March third marks the 111th anniversary of Alexander Graham Bell's birth in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1847. Most people know him as the inventor of the telephone. Many people know him as a great humanitarian who devoted a great deal of his life to promoting oral education of the deaf. But few know of the many other inventions and ideas which attracted the attention of this creative genius.

He was a product of the 19th century, a century when inventions reached new heights. Early evidence of his tinkering was a talking model of a skull which wailed "mama" . . . built by him and his brother Melville. Another device was more useful. It was a rotary brush used for several years by a miller to remove husks from wheat.

Alexander Graham Bell first became interested in experimenting with electricity when at the age of 20 he was teaching in an English college. At 27 he had thought out the principle of the telephone, and when he was 29 had taken out the basic patent. He not only invented the telephone, but also foresaw the telephone system which now encircles the globe.

The difficulty in probing for the bullet that killed President James A. Garfield caused him to perfect an electric probe that was used for several years before the discovery of the X-ray. A list of the many problems that attracted his attention is varied and long. Among them are a method of locating icebergs by means of echoes, a method of artificial respiration, a means of air conditioning houses. He was also joint inventor of the graphophone and flat wax phonograph record. Among his inventions in the field of aviation were man-lifting kites and the aileron stabilizer.

His lasting interest in the deaf and his desire to further the increase and diffusion of knowledge relating to the deaf were perpetuated when he established the Volta Bureau which maintains its headquarters in the building he erected at 1537 35th Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C.

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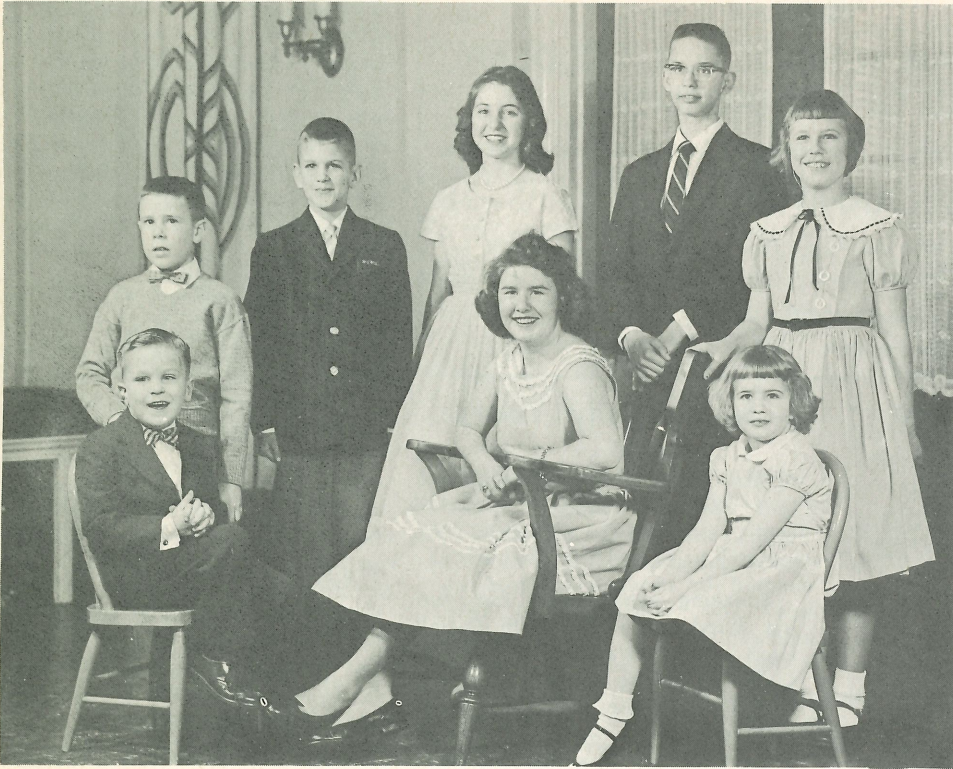
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JUDITH TOWER and EVA WAISENEN together with Mrs. Blankstrom active in the new Domestic Science Kitchen.

"Train up a Child---"



THE SCHOOL'S PUPILS who were recently baptized are, left to right seated: Jackie Noble, Georgia Ernster, Connie Shook; Standing: Robert Harrison, Robert Wilkinson, Judith Tower, Rodney Phillips, Georgia Bell. — Photo by Windhorst

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22, 6.

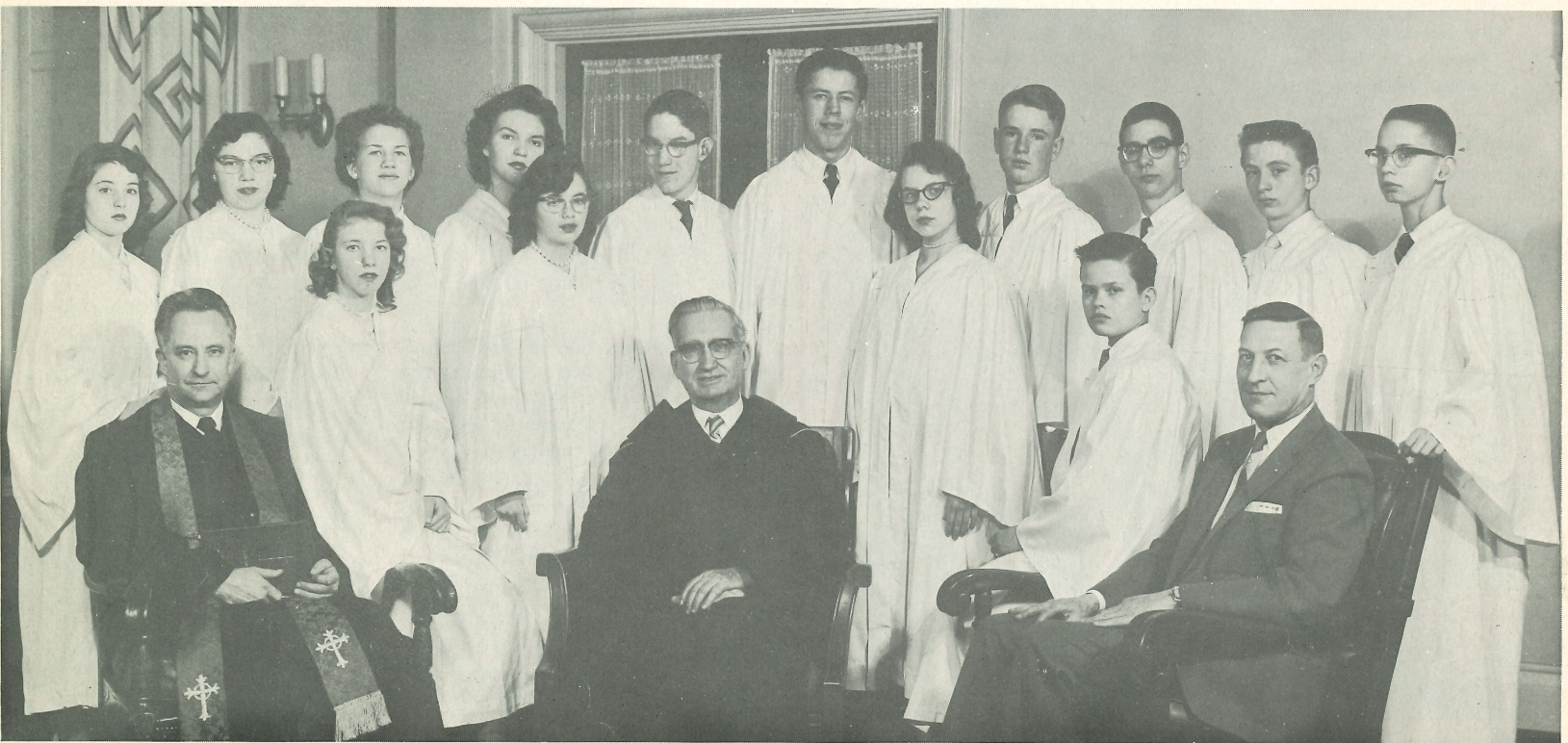
Continued prayers and gifts out of love for Christ from our many readers and friends make possible the School's total program of Christian education and training of deaf children for this life and for heaven.



PAMELA GUSTAVEL with Mr. Herman Holste leading in prayer in the daily morning chapel devotion.



ALLEN POWELL and BONNIE TAYLER Beholding the Cross.



1958 CONFIRMATION CLASS — Left to right: Judith Tower, Nancy Pfannes, Eva Waisanen, Viola Schankin, Susan DeBaeke, Kathryn Gregg, Robert Frank, Roger Lindstrom, Karen Carr, James Johnson,

Alan Nelson, Robert Doyle, Curtis Coveyou, Rodney Phillips, Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Dr. J. A. Klein, Director, W. J. Bellhorn, Principal. — Photo by Windhorst