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## THINK ON THESE

*The angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2, 10, 11.*

## THOUGHTS

### THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Among the most valuable paintings in all the art galleries of the world is Raffael's Christ Child and His mother. Five million dollars, we are told, could not buy this picture. But if you receive and believe God's Christmas gift and have Christ in your heart, you have a blessing that makes five million dollars look like mere pebbles on the beach. . .

That is why we join the apostle to declare: "Thanks be to God for His Unspeakable Gift."

But our gratitude must induce us to do more than to take and enjoy God's Unspeakable Gift. And if at Christmas we will not in vain hear the bells ring out — the organ peal — the choir sing — the children hum — if we will not in vain view the decorations and hear our pastors proclaim: "Christ, the Savior is born," then we will, in love and gratitude, cast off the old man, his disagreeableness, his unkindness, his love of sin, his hate — and put on the new man and walk in joy, service, loving obedience, patience, hope, — and all for the sake of God's Unspeakable Gift to the world, Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem.

And in order that our thanks might be more than mere words, we ask you to come and as you attune your voice to the angelic chorus: "Glory to God in the Highest," — repeat with us this resolute promise that you will translate your gratitude into action — by giving yourself to your Savior in regular service to Him whenever His Word is preached to you in God's House, — by giving of your time, your talents, your energies and your gifts that the blessed spreading of the Kingdom of God may prosper — and by giving your all that this Unspeakable Gift of Christmas may be, more than ever, brought to hovels and mansions, to darkened sick rooms and radiant living rooms, to dingy basements and towering apartments, to old folks homes and homes for the friendless, to asylums and prisons, yes, also to the Children of Silence in your Detroit Lutheran School For The Deaf — so that additional thousands of sin-sick souls throughout the world may join in this chorus of Christ-centered praise: "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift."

Adapted from *Charity Thermostat*

## A Blessed Christmas To All

In deep appreciation of your continued loyal and thoughtful support for the needs of our many handicapped children we pray that God may bless and protect you, our Advocate readers, and your loved ones. May the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year.

With Sincere Christmas greetings.

THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



OUR DEAF CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

### A TEACHER'S PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS

O God, whose Son was our first Christmas gift,  
Grant to each sincere teacher, this we pray:  
That we may feel the blessed, glorious lift  
Of spirit that should truly fill this day.  
We pray that each through love-filled eyes may see,  
With children that we truly try to show,  
The deeper meaning of the star atop the tree  
That casts its shining wonder on the snow.  
Grant us to know that in our higher math,  
If we would truly have the Christmas heart,  
Then each must first divide the things he hath  
If he desires to multiply his part.  
This do, and gladness like a high, white flame,  
Will help us each to act in Jesus' name.

By Bernice H. Railsback

### \*\*\*\*\* INCIDENTALLY YOURS \*\*\*\*\*

Thanksgiving Day past, our happy family is now preparing for the joyful Christmas vacation at home in the midst of loved ones. All will go home, even though home be as far away as British Columbia, the Rio Grande Valley, or Columbus, Georgia . . .

#### Capital Improvements

The converted heating plant and the additional hot water heater in the boys' dorm are giving excellent service. The approximate required sum of \$12,000.00 for these major improvements was provided by saints in heaven who, before departing from this vale of tears, in their Last Will's designated a portion of their worldly goods for Kingdom work on earth. May they be blessed forevermore and may there be many who will emulate their example. . . .

#### Replacements

The stainless steel sink, the new dining room drapes and the linoleum in the boys' dorm are gifts of the Detroit Ladies Auxiliary — The Ephphatha Chapter of the Auxiliary provided the school with a new mimeograph. — Three new typewriters were the offerings of other friends of the school who wish to remain anonymous. . . . Mr. M. A. Ellman, our ever-generous furniture friend, provided new teacher desks and chairs for five school rooms. . . . All playground equipment, including the gift of Mr. Max Handler, now has the look of Disneyland, having been painted all colors of the rainbow. . . .

#### Film Comments

"Well presented — Would that all would and could see this picture and learn of the blessed work you are doing."—Rev. Theo. Schmidt, Jackson, Missouri. "Excellent and very impressive," Marily Woerne, Ft. Wayne, Ind. "A surprise to all, very educational," Paul B. Bolsmann, Watseka, Ill. "Very Informative," Mrs. Joseph Nelson, Silver Springs, Mo. — Both films "The World of Silence" and the new one titled "The Deaf Shall Speak" are available rent free. . . .



New Pupils: L. to R. 1st row, John Bell, Ont., Canada; Raymond Short, Mich.; Charles Dickhout, Ill.; Ann Louise Lutz, Mich.; 2nd row: Robert Hatterick, Kentucky; Cathy Ruchoitzke, Iowa; Terri Kuss, Ind.; Venus Ashen, Ill.; David Mills, Ill.; Gerald Schneider, Ont., Canada; Larry MacDougall, Mich. Standing: Joan Haddad, Mich.; Stephen Aase, Ill.; Susan Steinke, Mich.; Mary Ellen Fuchs, Ind.; David Atcheson, Ill.

*Incidentally Yours Continued*

**Harvest Blessings**

We are most grateful to all the many city and farm congregations which already have supplied and still will furnish our commissary with all manner of farm and orchard produce, canned vegetables and fruits and all kinds of groceries. May the generosity of the donors be richly blessed. . . . The forty hampers of tomatoes from the Beland farm were turned into 92 gallons of tomato juice by our ever-willing canning committee. Green peppers were deep-frozen and the rest of the fresh fruit was also canned.

**Informational**

Many speaking and demonstration appointments have been and are being met by one or the other of our faculty members. Among the many speaking engagements of the writer were also those at the L.W.M.L. meetings in Vincennes, Indiana and West Chicago, Illinois.

**News**

It was most gratifying to see the picture of the Rev. Wm. Ludwig with his first confirmation class published in the "Deaf Lutheran." William, as we know him, a graduate of our school, is the pastor of a congregation of deaf in Columbus, Ohio, where he is doing successful mission work among his People of Silence. . . . We were happy to hear that Barbara Gossman of Columbus, Indiana, one of our last year's confirmands, was accepted into the freshman High School class of the Indiana School for the Deaf. . . .

**Gratitude**

Our thanks go to two anonymous donors in Wisconsin for their very generous cash offerings, to the trustees of the dissolved St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, for a portion of the proceeds of the sale of their property, . . . to the John W. Smith Old Timers Club which annually sends our school \$100.00 for a partial scholarship, . . . to the Ladies organization in Brownton, Minnesota, and to other Ladies Aids who remembered our cause so bountifully with quilts, towels and other beautiful needlework, . . . to the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Company for much free hauling service. . . .

**Pupil Treats**

Our pupils enjoyed seeing a professional hockey game, tickets for which were the gift of Nortown Lions Club. . . . the KA-9 Collie-ettes Show which was staged on our campus . . . the sumptuous Homecoming Chicken Dinner, a treat provided annually by our good Ladies Auxiliary, . . . and the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club's Minstrel Show.

Mr. Martjn Rahmeier of Rockville, Mo., writes: "I like the Advocate. The pictures, letters, etc., make it interesting and they remind me to be thankful for my family and the many blessings we enjoy. . . ."

The writer and his spouse had the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving week with their son's family, Col. John J. and Mrs. Klein in Birmingham, Alabama. . . .

**Christmas Program**

All our readers living in and near are cordially invited to our school's Christmas service at 1:00 o'clock, December 16th, in which our pupils will portray the Christmas story in colorful pageantry. After the service the Ladies Auxiliary will entertain all visitors at a "Christmas Tea."



The Household Staff: Rear, L. to R. Mrs. Pauline Mitchell, Mrs. Cora Wolf, Miss Sharon Blum, Mrs. Thelma Roberts, Miss Marie Bliefnick. Middle, L. to R. Mrs. Sadie Calkins, Mrs. Vera Jefferies, Miss Peggy McDougal, Mrs. Elsie VanPelt, Mrs. Alice Cole, Mrs. Faith Carter, Mrs. Isabell Heatley. Front row L. to R. Miss Marie Twenhafel, Mrs. Sally Crary, Mrs. Georgia Newman, Miss Vera Handschin, Mrs. Elisabeth Sawicka, Mrs. Olive Jennings.

**SUCCESSFUL  
EAR OPERATIONS**

There are many causes for partial loss of hearing and/or total deafness. It is gratifying to know that in recent years otological surgeons have successfully developed methods and techniques whereby they, through surgery and mobilization, are now able to restore hearing in some instances.

One such cause for the loss of hearing is oto-sclerosis, a non-infectious disease in which the bony structure of the middle ear becomes spongy, thus clogging the ear and often causing the three little bones called malleus or mallet, incus or anvil, and stapes or stirrup to become ankylosed and the oval window to the inner ear closed. These causes for deafness occur mostly in older people.

Where otosclerosis is the cause, hearing is now being restored by the so-called Fenestration operation and Stapedectomy. The former consists of the reopening of the oval window by removing the bony growth which closed it or by drilling a new window. The Stapedectomy is performed with a hooklike instrument with which the stapes with its footplate is pulled loose from the spongy bony deposit in and around the oval window. Some surgeons remove the stapes completely and replace it with a metal stapes. The wire used is either of tantalum or stainless steel.

Since these operations are not always successful, some surgeons elect to operate first on the ear having the least residual hearing in order to retain the use of the hearing in the better ear should the surgery be unsuccessful. Where successful, it is believed that most of the patients will have lifelong continued good hearing.

**More Teachers of the Deaf**

The primary target set for itself by the Parents' Section of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the deaf at a national meeting June 30 in Rochester, N. Y. is the recruiting of more teachers of the deaf throughout the country. To carry out this program during the next two years the more than 40 affiliate groups of the Parents' Section will concentrate efforts on interesting young people to enter this challenging profession. Their ambition is to reach young people in the last two years of high school and the early college years and encourage them to enter the teacher training programs. Each group will plan programs for young people, supply speakers for various young people's groups and initiate other activities that will encourage young students to enter this field of special education. — A nationwide shortage of trained teachers of the deaf prompts the group's action.

The Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf also is vitally interested in teacher-trainee recruitment. It, too, supplies speakers to High School and College groups and in addition offers two-year tuition scholarships to students who have completed their first two years of college work. Anyone interested in such a scholarship should write to J. A. Klein, Executive Director, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.

**LEGACIES**

We gratefully acknowledge recent legacy receipts from the estates of the following saints: Mr. Gieske, Miss Minna Kropp, Mr. William Treichel, Mrs. Elfrieda Brandt, and Mrs. Clara Bringmann.

These children of God did not bury their talents, but invested them in the Lord's business where they will continue to be active in His Vineyard until He comes for the final harvest.



The Office Staff: L. to R. seated: Mrs. Gertrude Spann, Miss Ruth Haase. Standing: Mrs. Winnifred Schumann, Mrs. Clara Murphy and Dr. J. A. Klein.

**DETROITERS, REMEMBER  
POUND DAY**

## STAINED GLASS CHAPEL WINDOWS

We are happy to report that we have donors for all fifteen chapel windows. For five of the windows the donors wish to remain anonymous, for the present. These will be dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Knudsen, the donors of our beautiful chapel, and in appreciation of valuable services rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Bernthal, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nielsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen.

The rest of the windows are gifts of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Werner Knack, in memory of their parents; Mrs. Walter Maul for her husband who was the architect of our buildings; Mrs. John Pankow for her sainted mother, Mrs. William Buelow, who, during her life-time, rendered our School valuable services; Mrs. Carl Witt and the Detroit Fire Department for Mr. Carl Witt who, as a loyal and devoted friend of the School, rendered much volunteer service; Mr. and Mrs. William Hofman and relatives and friends of Indianola, Nebraska, in loving memory of Dean Hofman, a former pupil and graduate of our School whom the Lord called to his eternal reward at the early age of twenty-three.

One window is the gift of the Detroit Chapter of The Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, in memory of sainted members; another is an Anniversary offering by the Ephphatha Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf; and two are the gifts of the Ladies Auxiliary of Michigan, to be dedicated to the sainted sisters of that organization.

We are most grateful to these kind donors for their generous offerings which will not only greatly enhance the beauty of our house of worship but which also will be a real inspiration and educational aid to our many deaf children who only can learn by seeing.

The Iconography for the windows is as follows:

- a. Baptism of Jesus: — vignette of modern infant baptism. — Verse: "The Promise is unto you and your children."
- b. Moses in the Bulrushes with Miriam watching: — vignette of Moses receiving the Tablets of the Law. — Verse: "By faith Moses was hid of his parents."
- c. Hannah presenting young Samuel to Eli the High Priest: — vignette of "Speak Lord, Thy son heareth." — Verse: "I will give him unto the Lord."
- d. The young David, a shepherd boy with harp: — vignette: "The friendship of David and Jonathan." Verse: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."
- e. Naaman's little serving maid: — vignette of Naaman at River Jordan. Verse: "Would, God my Lord were with the prophet."
- f. For the facade rose window: Symbols of the 12 apostles, rich and jewel-like.
- g. Nativity: — vignette of the Wise Men. — Verse: "On earth peace, good will toward men."
- h. The Boy Christ with the Doctors: — vignette of Boy Christ in the Carpenter Shop — the dignity of labor. — Verse: "I must be about my Father's business."
- i. Christ Blessing the Little Children. — children to be of different races: — Verse: "Suffer little children to come unto Me."
- j. The Last Supper. Young Mark to be introduced. — Verse: "This do in remembrance of Me."
- k. The Resurrection. — Verse: "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory."
- l. Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple. — Verse: "The Child grew, and waxed strong in spirit."
- m. Symbols of the Tablets of the Law and the symbol of the Sermon on the Mount. — Verse: "The law was given by Moses but grace and truth come by Jesus Christ."
- n. Young Timothy being instructed by his mother and grandmother. — Verse: "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
- o. Young lad with loaves and fishes. — Verse: "What are they among so many?"



The Faculty: Seated L. to R. Dr. J. A. Klein, Ex. Dir., Mrs. Agnes Hance, Miss Helen Szajna, Miss Joann Kern, Miss Miriam Mueller, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, Principal. Standing: L. to R. Miss Helen Henon, Miss Grace Mannen, Mrs. Marion Thompson, Miss Elsie Forsberg, Mr. Herman Holste, Mrs. Dymphles Nutt, Miss Joan Dailey, Mrs. Emily Lietke, Miss Frances Seiz.



Dear Dr. Klein: Stratford, Ontario  
Many thanks for the fine and informative tour of the School for the Deaf last Sunday.

Seeing the deaf children in such nice surroundings and taught by your special methods touched our hearts. We thank God for people like you and your staff and the skills with which the children are taught so that they may have the opportunity to live a fuller life in this world and for the life that is to come.

May God bless and encourage you in your work.

Yours in Christ, S. Marie Griffith, St. Peter Senior Walther League.

Dear Dr. Klein: Columbus, Ga.

I am glad that Pat has the privilege of attending your School. . . .

We are very proud of the progress and improvement that she has made in her speech and her understanding. We are, therefore, very thankful that we were able to get her in your school.

Dr. Klein, I wonder if there would be a chance of us getting the new film that has been made, the one "The Deaf Shall Speak". The Business Woman's Association in Columbus wish to show it at a meeting. They are a group that is interested in the welfare of children in Columbus. I expect there are also several other organizations here in Columbus that will want to show the film. . . .

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Irene Ford

Dear Dr. Klein: Columbus, Indiana

Please find enclosed our check for . . . dollars, three of which is for a Memorial Wreath and the rest as a contribution. We plan to continue to contribute a definite sum to your school each month in gratitude for the Christian education our daughter received in your School. Thank you for sending Barbara's tests to Indianapolis. We had an interview there. As a result of Barbara's scores on the tests taken in Detroit, they placed her in the High School freshman class. Of course she was thrilled. I think trying to "make the grade" with the other freshmen will keep her working and "on her toes."

With the fine training she received in your Detroit School, I feel sure that she will get along well in Indianapolis. She is especially happy to be able to spend her weekends at home. She has been to one week of camp during the summer where she had a wonderful time. Thanks again for everything you did for her.

Sincerely, Mrs. Carl Gossman

### A MOST WELCOME SURPRISE

ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION  
Chicago 35, Illinois

Lutheran School of the Deaf  
Detroit 34, Michigan  
Dear Sir:

You will be pleased to know that Mr. George Meier of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has selected your school to receive a \$500.00 scholarship award as outlined in our earlier letter.

Our District Sales Representative will deliver our check to you in the name of the contest winner, so that you can immediately select the child, or children, that are to benefit from this scholarship. Please advise us by return mail the date that would be most convenient to receive our representative.

While we are giving adequate recognition to the above person for sponsoring this scholarship, we are sure you will want to acknowledge their selection of your school. Therefore, we are listing this winner's complete name and address below for your convenience.

Sincerely, E. M. Kinney

### FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Michigan, a duly organized and incorporated, non-profit corporation, the sum of \$..... and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds.

The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

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*Your Offerings —*  
**"THE LORD HATH NEED OF THEM"**

Dear Friend of the Handicapped:

SATAN, the arch enemy of God and man, the murderer of body and soul through sin, left mankind lying by the wayside naked, wounded and half-dead with all manner of infirmities of body and soul.

JESUS, our Sinbearer and Savior, came and of Him it is written that He went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. He is our GOOD SAMARITAN who pours the oil of forgiveness on our sinbruised wounds.

AND it is Jesus Who tells us, His followers, to go and do likewise. And so we come to you, dear reader of our Deaf Child's Advocate, with our ONE annual appeal asking you to support our Church's work of preaching the Gospel of Salvation to deaf children and by the Spirit's power rehabilitating them physically and spiritually through a Christian education.

WE are confident that you will not pass them by as once did the Priest and the Levite, but that YOU will send US your offering for the furtherance of this most blessed work.

With Christian Greetings,

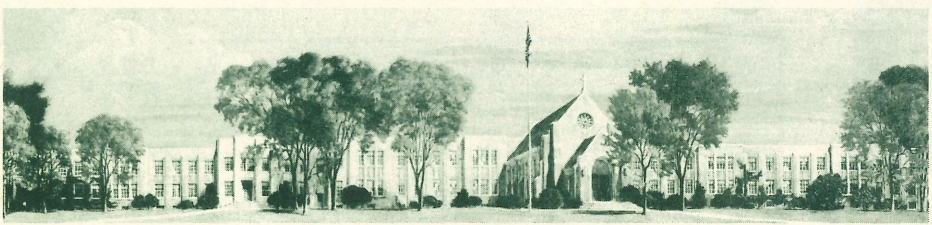
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J. A. Klein, Executive Director

P.S. Kindly use this patented envelope for your response. And, please, do not forget to give your name and address.

*A Protestant School For Deaf Children*



*You Will Not Fail Him*

*We are confident that every reader of The Deaf Child's Advocate will respond to our "ONCE-A-YEAR APPEAL," according to ability, with an offering which is so necessary for the continuance of the blessed missionary work for God's Children of Silence.*



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**OUR ONE ANNUAL APPEAL TO THE FRIENDS OF THE DEAF CHILD**