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## THOUGHTS



### Christmas and You

There is a very personal note in the Christmas message which is frequently missed by many. The birth of Jesus is not simply an interesting fact of history wholly unrelated to your present life . . . but rather it has a direct bearing upon it.

When the angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, the personal importance of His coming was emphasized. He said, "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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11.)

Have you ever thought that it was for YOU the Savior was born? Do you realize that when God sent His Son into the world, He sent Him to become YOUR Saviour? Listen to the word of the herald angel, "I bring YOU good tidings of great joy . . . for unto YOU is born . . . a Saviour." Yes . . . it was for YOU that Jesus came.

When at this Christmas season the wonderful birth of Christ is brought again to your mind through Christmas carols, paintings and pictures and through the sacred story itself, will you not consider it was for YOU that He came?

He did not come to be the inspiration of sacred art, nor to be the theme of glad song, much less to be merely a good man and a great teacher . . . Jesus came to be the SAVIOUR, and as such He was born for YOU.

Bound inseparably together are the Saviour's birth and His death. He came to save, and to save He must die . . . die in the sinner's stead, bearing the full penalty of divine wrath for sin. This too, was Personal — it was for YOU.

And such a very personal message of God's love and grace demands a personal response. The Saviour who was born was God's GIFT to YOU. And He wants you to receive that gift. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

To receive the gift of God by faith you must believe that Christ actually was born to be YOUR Saviour. You should trust Him because He died for your sins. You should trust Him because He lives, having risen from the dead.

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So this is now the mark by which we all shall certainly know whether the birth of the Lord Jesus is effective in us: If we take upon ourselves the need of our neighbor.

Luther

### THINK ON THESE

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. . . "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2, 15.

### A Blessed Christmas To All

Dear Reader:

For the approaching joyful Holiday Season, we in deep gratitude pray that God may bless and protect you and your loved ones, and that the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas may be yours through all the days of the coming year.

With Holiday Greetings,  
The Children and Staff of the School



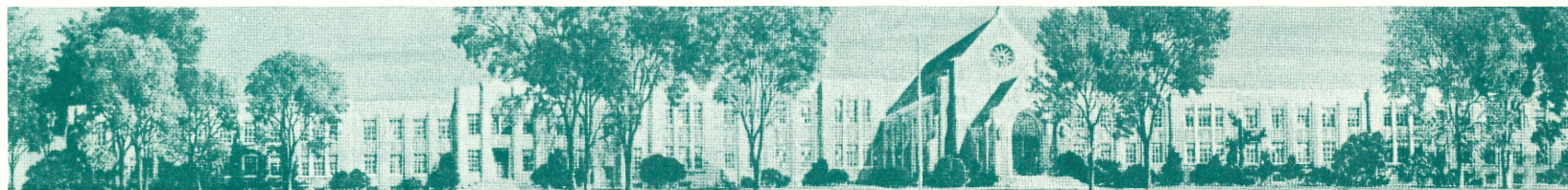
Little 4 year old Carmen Olsen from Minnesota appears perplexed, at this age, of the true meaning of gifts at Christmas. Mark Allen has already learned the meaning of this symbol and is pleased to be able to help the little ones in rehearsal for the annual Christmas Pageant which will come on December 19.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our School's annual Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 1:30 P.M. in the school chapel. It will consist of the blessed Christmas story which our deaf children each year so beautifully and reverently recite and portray in colorful pagentry.

All parents and readers of the Advocate are invited to this impressive service and also to remain for the Christmas Tea which our Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf serves all visitors after the program.

Immediately thereafter, our parents may take their children home for the Christmas vacation. All children are expected to return to school on Sunday, January 5th. Classes resume Monday morning, January 6th.





**EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS**

Dear Friends in Christ: May God watch over you and keep you in good health so you can carry on this wonderful work. Enclosed find a small check. We sincerely wish it could be more . . . ! You are always in our prayers and thoughts. Yours in Christ,  
Joe and Loraine Evans, Bridgeman, Mich.  
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Dear Mr. Bellhorn: The St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid, Jackson, Missouri, joins me in expressing thanks to you for sending us material on the School for the Deaf, Detroit . . . May God continue to bless our endeavor of mercy! Yours sincerely,  
Edna Kasten, Jackson, Missouri  
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Dear Mr. Bellhorn: We would sincerely like to thank you for taking us on a tour of your school. It was very enlightening and educational and we shall always remember the wonderful things we saw being done for the deaf. Yours truly,  
Janet Streb, Sinda Smith, Grosse Pointe High School  
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Dear Rev. Wacker and Mr. Bellhorn: I was surprised and pleased to receive a certificate of Award from your School for the Deaf. I sure appreciate it. It came two days after my 73rd birthday . . . My best wishes to you in your work in the school and all the good you are doing for the deaf children. Sincerely,  
Sarah Snyder, New Castle, Pennsylvania  
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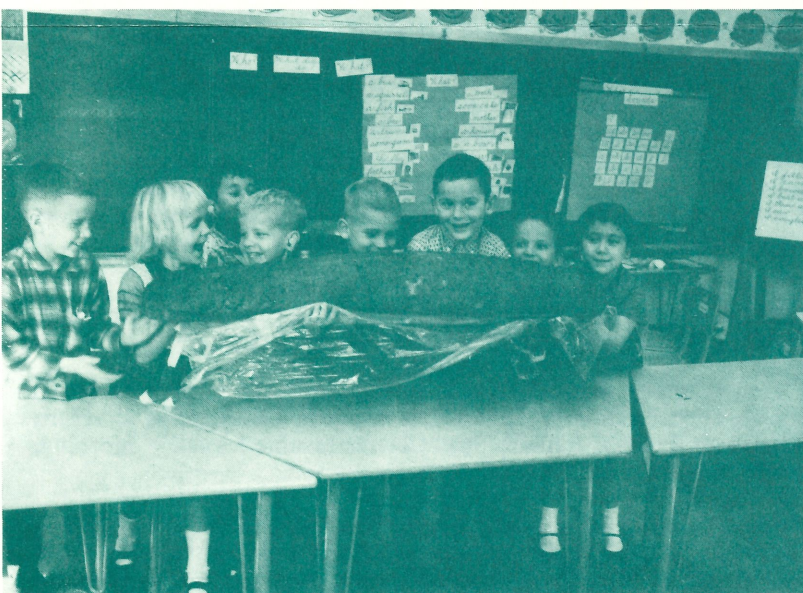
Dear Sirs: We, the Lutheran Womens' Missionary League wish to thank you for your film "The World of Silence." It is truly amazing the insight it gave us into the wonderful work you are doing for these children . . . In His name,  
Ruth Robinson, Charity Lutheran Church, L.W.M.L. Detroit, Mich.



The annual Hallowe'en party given by the teachers, affords opportunity for creativeness by the older groups of children. These winners indicate a wide variety of ingenuity and originality.



The boys have ample opportunity to expend some of their energy by removing the falling leaves to the composte pile. These boys represent Georgia, Illinois, Ohio and British Columbia.



We are mindful, especially at Thanksgiving time, of the great blessings from God. This 26 pound loaf of bread, given to the children, clearly shows our many blessings received. These 5 year old children clearly learn the meaning of the words "big" and "long."



On a beautiful Fall day the Detroit Edison Boat Club treated a group of our children to a ride on the Detroit River and a luncheon at the Club house. Every sight, including this old anchor, was observed with keen interest.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

From time to time organizations or individuals request a special Project which they desire to adopt, thus helping the School in acquiring needed classroom or dormitory equipment. The following items would be most helpful additions to our present teaching supplies.

1. A Planetarium (lighted or otherwise)  
Cost — approximately \$96.00
2. Science teaching Supplies. (unlimited)
3. World Book Sets. (Three sets needed)  
Cost — approximately \$140.00 per set.
4. Wall maps in holding case. (Four sets needed)
5. Childrens Library Books. (unlimited)

If a group or individual is interested in supplying any of these classroom needs, we shall be most happy to send them all the necessary information.

Special School Supply Showers can be considered at this time of the year by congregational groups such as Ladies organizations, youth groups, Men's Clubs, Day Schools and Sunday Schools as a special project. Classroom items such as pencils, erasers, tablets, rulers, crayons, art scissors, paint sets, etc., are always needed and would be deemed a valuable "assist." After the shower, pack the gift items in boxes and mail them to us. Such help, too, is always deeply appreciated.

Donations of new and used Hearing Aids are always in order. The used aids, when received, are sent out for reconditioning if this is necessary, and then assigned to a child who can benefit from its use.

In general, any project mentioned above will be of great assistance to the School and your response will be deeply appreciated.





A member of the Musicale group which presented entertainment for our pupils helps Danny Kessler of Kentucky and Bob Bedford of Michigan to produce a sound through one of the big horns.

### YOUR GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED

To the many friends of our handicapped pupils who already have headed our "Once-a-year" Appeal by sending us offerings we say: "Thank You and may God richly bless you for your remembrance." To all the kind people and groups such as congregations and related church organizations who remembered our cause with gifts "in kind" such as farm produce, groceries, toys, beddings, parties, etc., etc., we also express our deepest appreciation. To one and all — for your generosity to the needy, you have our Heavenly Father's promise that He will reward you most abundantly.

## Detroiters - - - Remember Pound Day

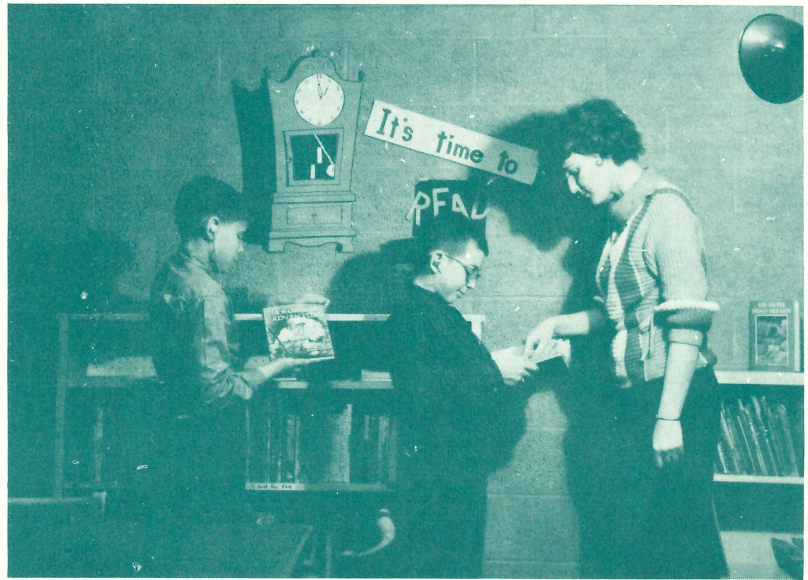
### THANK YOU, OPTOMETRISTS

The sense of sight is all important to the child who has lost his hearing. Again, the school was privileged to have its pupils eyes tested by a group of optometrists and their assistants who so generously and gratuitously render this service annually.

The professional friends who this year did the screening and testing were: Drs. C. A. Bongiovanni, 21820 Kelly Road, East Detroit; H. R. Bunge, 26701 Harper, St. Clair Shores; J. V. and O. R. Dueweke, 13904 Gratiot; G. R. Henderson, 18524 Moross; R. T. Hugo, 14619 E. 7 Mile Road; M. A. Kamlay, 11601 E. McNichols; R. R. Muse, 151 Main Street, Belleville; J. A. Park, 12434 Kelly Road; R. D. Sobieski, 14619 East 7 Mile Road; E. L. Wallace, 19740 Mack, Grosse Pointe; Mesdames Charlotte Bunte; Marilyn Karuso and Miss Lois Anne Smith.



"Papa" Dr. Dueweke provides an opportunity for "his children," our deaf pupils, to examine the instruments used in the annual eye screening tests. Dr. Dueweke has been providing this service for over 35 years.



Bob Harrison of Vancouver, B. C. and Greg Dinsmore of Windsor, Ontario receive help in selecting books from the library from their teacher, Miss Walter. Because of the crowded situation, Miss Walter is converting a basement room into an attractive library.

**OUR BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL WREATH FOLDERS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, FREE AND POST-PAID.**

### DEAF MISSIONS GROW

For the first time in the history of Deaf Missions the number of deaf communicant members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod went above the 5,000 mark with a total of 5,022 members as of December 31, 1962. This is an increase of 73 members or 1.4% over the 1961 membership.

Our missionaries conducted 5,321 services during the year and a total of 173,277 Deaf attended these services. At the present time our Church is working with the Deaf in 44 states and 5 Canadian provinces. At the end of 1962 there were reported 40 congregations for the Deaf and preaching stations in 189 other cities.

The Deaf contributed a total of \$111,099 for home purposes, which was an increase of 1.4% over the \$109,616 contributed during 1961. For missions the Deaf contributed last year \$23,128, which is approximately a 5% increase over the \$22,046 contributed in 1961. The cost for the Deaf Mission program of Synod during 1962 was \$393, 334. To this must be added the \$111,099 the Deaf contributed for home purposes, bringing the total cost of the Deaf Mission during 1962 to \$504,433. This is the first time in the history of the mission where the total cost of the mission exceeded one-half million dollars. The Deaf contributed 22% of this total cost, with Synod being responsible for the other 78%. However, it must be remembered that besides paying 22% of the overall cost of the Deaf Mission the Deaf also contributed over \$23,000 for the general work of missions in Synod and District, which is the highest contribution from the Deaf for Synod and District in the history of the mission.

All missionaries to the Deaf, all members of the Deaf Mission, and all friends of the mission have much cause to rejoice over these statistics for 1962. God continues to work in the hearts and the lives of the Deaf. God be praised for His blessings and may He continue to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the Mission to the Deaf.

—THE DEAF LUTHERAN

(Editor's Note: The formation of our Synod's Mission Program for the Deaf was the direct result of the School's Christian Education program.)

### 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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## Our Annual Appeal . . .

We hope and pray that our Annual Appeal (pictured below) which recently reached all readers of the Advocate, will receive sympathetic and serious consideration for truly "The Lord hath need" of your financial support for this very necessary and blessed missionary endeavor.

# Deaf . . . And Looking to You



Hello! My name is Debbie.

I am five years old. I am now learning to read lips and to speak and can already say "Jesus loves me."

Thank you for helping me and all the other children at school. I know you will remember us again.

I love you — and may God bless you.  
Debbie

### Dear Friends In Christ:

We hope that you have read Debbie's message. Debbie is only one of the more than one hundred Deaf children from all parts of the United States and Canada who are learning to know Jesus, their Savior, at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf.

As a reader of the School's quarterly publication "The Deaf Child's Advocate" you know of the manifold blessings which our Lord through your loyal support has showered upon this Mission endeavor during the past 91 years. Truly, He has wrought miracles through your gifts of love for which we are most grateful. Also, you have been made aware of the fact that teaching the Deaf is an expensive type of education with the cost continually rising. Yet, it is a ministry of mercy which cannot be neglected.

And so, again, this Once-A-Year letter comes to you pleading for your supporting prayers and offerings and also for your bequests of love so that ever more of these "Children of Silence" might be brought to the knowledge of their Savior, Jesus Christ. We know that you will not fail them.

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." — Matt. 25:40.

In Jesus Name  
The Board of Management

*Walter Bellhorn*  
Walter Bellhorn,  
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