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THOUGHTS

Suffering — Death — Resurrection LENT AND GIVING

The holy season of Lent, as no other time, emphasizes the blessedness of giving.

God GAVE His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him — (and you and I have that privilege) — should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jesus GAVE His life on Calvary's cross because He would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. (Thank God, you and I were included.)

The dying thief GAVE Him an eleventh hour confession of faith which, ever since has given courage and hope to those who delayed almost too long.

Joseph of Arimathea, backing the Lord's cause in the hour of danger, when all seemed lost, boldly claimed our Savior's body and GAVE Him His final resting place.

Faithful women GAVE Him costly linen and precious spices.

If these people GAVE what was needed to a dying or dead Master, how much more ought we, who have a resurrected and living Lord, give to Him what He needs for His Church!

For us who are privileged to foster among our people — and that includes you, dear reader, as a coworker — it is encouraging to call to mind those who have gone before to show the way as we dedicate ourselves to follow in their footsteps.

JESUS LIVES! Go And Tell!

A careful perusal of the Gospels selected for reading in our churches in the post-Easter season reveals a unity of purpose, — the effort on the part of our Lord to prepare His believers for the great work which He assigned to them on the day of ascension: "Go ye — and tell."

Our after-Easter work is still the same. We too must "tell." Some of us have the opportunity to do that to hundreds, others again to only one. Still others can only work through their prayers and gifts for missions, Christian education and charity.

Many times we feel we aren't doing much. All of us would like to do more. But none of us can know exactly how much we are doing.

A story is told of an aged minister, — and we all get old some day, — who was informed by one of his elders in no uncertain terms that there was something radically wrong with his preaching because only one person had been added to the church in an entire year — and that person was a boy. Years later that boy was acclaimed throughout London, as he returned from Africa, where he had added an entire province to the Church of God, had converted one of the most savage African chieftains and had translated the Bible into a native dialect, so that the Word of God might become known to these people.

So, let's do our best — be sure that we ARE doing our best — and leave the rest to our Lord.

—Charity Thermostat



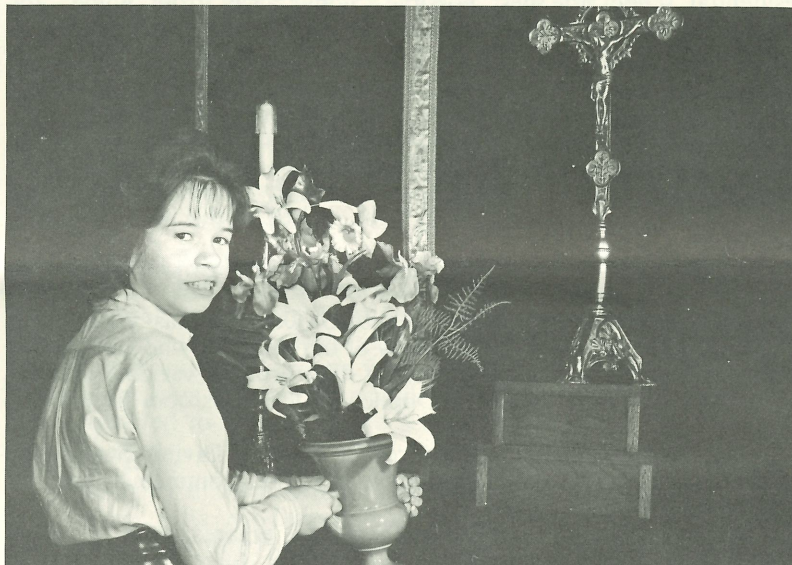
EASTER IN SILENCE

When Easter bells ring out the joy
And gladness of the day,
When choirs join in the angel song
And children sing their lay,
I hear no sound of bell or voice;
In silence breaks my day,
But on the face of everyone
I see such ecstasy.

My eyes behold the rare delight
That streams from every face,
The sun bursts forth in brilliant glow
And brightens every place
Within my "WORLD OF SILENCE" comes
A searching for the "WHY?"
What makes this day a special one
And stirs the earth and sky?

I know the joy of Christmas Day,
It tells of Jesus' birth;
When in His love the lord reached down
To sinners on this earth.
But could there be a birthday too,
Perhaps on Easter Day?
Oh yes, new life for you and me,
When the stone was rolled away.
He is risen, Hallelujah!

By K. F. Freytag



The darkness at the Cross on Good Friday was followed by the brightness of Easter Sunday Morning. Sixth Grader Sonja Lyon of Grand Rapids, Michigan, places the white Easter lilies near the darkened cross to signify the comparison between the deep sorrow of the cross and the great joy of Christ's resurrection.

SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE 90th ANNIVERSARY

Ninety years ago the Lutheran School for the Deaf opened its doors to deaf and hard of hearing children whose parents desired for them a Christian education and training and since that time it has served Children of Silence with the Bread of Life and provided them with the opportunity to receive an elementary education. Because of the bountiful blessings which have gone out to thousands of deaf people from this agency of mercy, a Special Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God will be held in conjunction with the traditional Annual Festival on Sunday afternoon, June 9th. The complete program for the day will appear in the June issue of the Advocate.

Plan now to attend and mark the date on your calendar.



"See what I made". Four year old Joey Bell of Chatham, Ont. proudly shows the valentine which he made for Mother to his Classmate Anastacia Westall, Ft. Benning, Ga.

SERVING WITH GLADNESS

The school is signally blessed with the services of two large groups of Christian women interested in the work of the Church among the deaf. Their chief aim and purpose is to make this residential school the best possible "home away from home" for our large family of children enrolled from as far west as British Columbia and as far south as Texas ranging in age from four to fifteen. Besides caring for the "home" needs, they also undertake many projects within other areas of the school's activities.

The Detroit Chapter of the Lutheran Ladies' Auxiliary for the Deaf recently resolved to purchase a new carryall type station wagon to replace our old 1948 Chevrolet Carryall which after many years of "active duty" finally had to be retired to the junk yard of a local dealer.

A \$2,000.00 pupil Scholarship is another project which the Chapter has accepted for this year.

The Ephphatha Chapter (Macomb County) has initiated a Hearing Aid Fund which serves many of our children who can benefit from such auditory help. Another of this group's various projects is the purchase of a Standard Duplicator for classroom and office use.

The Detroit Chapter will hold a Special Divine Service in Trinity Church, Detroit on Tuesday, April 2, commemorating its 90th Anniversary.

We are eternally grateful to these two organizations for their services and offerings given out of love for their Savior to His "children of silence."



CROWNING THE CIRCUS QUEEN — On Jan. 31st the Grosse Pointe Lions Club took our large family of children to the Shrine Circus. As in the past, the crowning of the Circus Queen is one of the highlights of the day. Here is Ralph Martin (right) and Freddie Meyer of the Lions Club bestowing the crown on Donna Hill of Markle, Ind. Blinko the Clown gazes on the large stuffed Lion which was presented to Donna.

Thank You!

Because free-will offerings, also called "The Life Line," are so vitally necessary for the continuance of the school's blessed work of rehabilitating and educating deaf children, we wish to express our sincere feelings of gratitude to all of our many friends who so far have responded so generously and kindly to our annual appeal letter.

All known donors received our acknowledgments by mail. But, now and then, an anonymous giver remembers the needs of the school with an offering. To these we can only say, through this column, "Thank you and may God bless you."

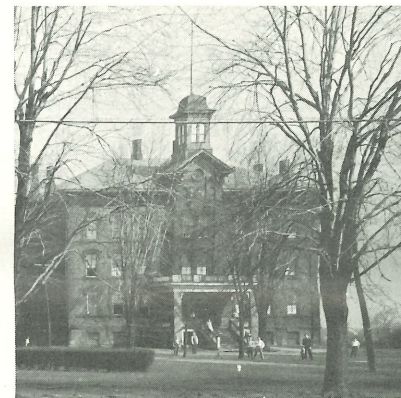
We also pray that our Heavenly Father may prosper all those of our readers who as yet have not found it possible to send a contribution so that they, too, may enjoy that warm and satisfying feeling which is the Christian's reward when we serve the Master by serving some of the least of His brethren.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Recently the editor was pleasantly surprised to receive an old copy of the "Detroit News-Tribune" date November 29, 1903 which was sent to the school by Mr. & Mrs. George Kandt of Dearborn, Michigan. The Magazine Section had allotted a full page to the Lutheran School for the Deaf featuring in pictures and print the history, purpose, and methods used to teach the Deaf, and outlined the usual day's activity of a pupil at this residential school in 1903.

The following is the first paragraph of a most interesting and historical story which we wish to share with our readers: "One

of the most interesting institutions located near Detroit is the Boarding School for Deaf Mutes, situated at Norris. This little hamlet, also known as North Detroit, is about five miles by trolley north of Detroit, but less than three "as the crow flies." It is reached by means of an electric car which runs from the terminus of the Baker and Chene streets line, or by a car which continues out Van Dyke avenue to Centerline station. Many people in Detroit who are well aware of the State School for Deaf Mutes at Flint have avowed their ignorance of this school of like character at Norris. This, however, is not so strange as might appear, as it is a private institution, under the management of the German Lutheran churches of Detroit and vicinity. The school building and grounds are the property of the churches, but the pupils are not restricted to German Lutherans. The school board will receive for instruction any deaf mute child who is brought to them, and children are now in the school from all parts of the United States and Canada."



The School Building 60 years ago

FILM AVAILABLE

Now is the time to schedule the School's all color Sound movie "The World of Silence" for showing at a Spring meeting of your congregation, Day or Sunday School or other organizations within your church.

TELEVISION THRILL

Several groups of our children were thrilled to be on television when the school presented three programs on Detroit educational Channel 56 in January and February. We say "thrilled" because they were so fascinated by seeing themselves on the studio monitor T.V. set before the program went on the air that the monitor set had to be moved out of their view. The big attraction had become too great a distraction but it was fun while it lasted.

The programs planned by the School's Principal, Herman Holste, were designed to bring to the viewers various specific aspects of educating the deaf such as the beginning steps in speech and lip-reading, developing language concepts and auditory training. The children's choir rendered songs and hymns in rhythmic speech.

The three presentations by our children and faculty members were a part of the total program which is presented by the Lutheran Schools of Greater Detroit and televised by W.T.V.S., Detroit, every Monday evening.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

Thank you so very much for presenting such an inspiring program to our Women's Club.

Your fine school will certainly leave a lasting impression on each one of us on the wonderful work you are doing with these deaf children.

Janet Frank, Corresponding Secy, Royal Oak, Mich.

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I can't express the way we feel towards your school. We could never do what you and your church have done for our daughter. My two boys and I are joining a Lutheran church and we love it.

Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Detroit, Mich.

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We are married 50 years and for our thankfulness to God we want you to use this gift for something in your school to remember us by. May God bless you all. Thank you.

Frank & Sophie Priebe, Hastings, Nebr.

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Thank you for sending me "The Deaf Child's Advocate". This publication really shows what your school is doing for these unfortunate children.

I pray that God may continue to bless your school so that many children will learn about their Savior.

Enclosed is my check which I hope will help in some small way.

Esther Hoffman, Clinton, Iowa

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Again I'm sending in memory of my brother Martin Bastian and sister Mary Bastian a gift check of . . . to help the deaf children.

We have so much to be thankful for. We can hear and see. May the Lord continue to keep his protecting hand over us and all.

Miss Elizabeth Bastian, Portland, Oregon

PARENTS MEET

The Fourth Annual Information Series for Parents of deaf children was held at the Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit, on three Tuesday evenings in February. Parents from Michigan, Ohio and Canada attended the sessions in which the following subjects were discussed:

1. Meeting the Needs of the Pre-School Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child.
2. The Deaf Child's Parents: Asset or Liability.
3. Problems of the Teen Years: Educational, Psychological, Vocational.

The Keynote speaker was Mr. George Fellendorf, a fellow Lutheran and Executive Director, Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Jane Haselhuhn, the parent of one of our pupils served on a discussion panel and related some of her experiences encountered in rearing her deaf child.

Director Walter Bellhorn and Principal Herman Holste served on the Planning and Program Committee, chairmaned by Dr. Bruce Graham, Audiologist at Ford Hospital.



Oh! What fun it is to Roller Skate—Approximately once a month Redemption Lutheran Church, Detroit, invites our children to a Roller Skating party, which is arranged by Mr. Soper of Redemption. The Rev. Harold Bernthal is the Pastor. Here we see a group of our youngsters enjoying a snack between skating sessions.



A group of our children are gathered around the piano "singing" Happy Birthday to Mr. Phil Skillman of the Grosse Pointe Lion's Club while he personally furnishes the music.

SCHOOL COOPERATES IN STUDY

The Lutheran School for the Deaf is cooperating with Wayne-State University of Detroit, in a special project which represents an initial attack upon the problem of understanding how children use audition and vision in learning verbal material and how hearing loss affects the process.

Thirty-five of our older children were subjects in the study which is supported by the United States Office of Education.

Since the study involves some schools and classes for the deaf in other States, the results or findings will not be known for some time.

Incidentally Yours

VISITORS:

Hardly a day passes when we do not have visitors spend some time touring the buildings and observing classes or parents of young deaf children coming for interviews and information. Among the many visitors were Dr. Fred Berg and Dr. John Gaeth of Wayne State University, Detroit, Dr. Oliver Graebner, Valparaiso University and Mr. George Fellendorf, Executive Director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Washington, D.C.

DEMONSTRATIONS:

A Talk and Demonstration with deaf children before congregations, church related organizations and clubs is one way of bringing the problems, the successes and the needs of such children to the attention of interested groups. Very many appointments of this nature have been kept by our Principal and the writer and many more are scheduled to be met before school closes on Sunday, June 9th.

THANK YOU:

So many individuals and groups have remembered our children with favors, gifts, goodies and parties that it is impossible to list them all in this column. Even though letters of appreciation have been sent, we again want to mention the great joy with which we and our youngsters have received them.

Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Fried Heuser of Lapeer Michigan for the many delicious pheasant dinners which they provided for our large family:—to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club for taking our youngsters to the circus;—to Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn, for their annual Children's Dinner Party.

ETERNAL REWARD:

Some of our Readers may remember Mrs. Eleanor Schulz who served as the School cook for a long period of time, years ago. She was taken to her eternal Home on January 2 to be with her Lord.

COMING EVENTS:

- Confirmation — April 7th
- Ladies Fair — April 23rd
- Annual Association Meeting — June 5th
- Annual Festival — June 9th

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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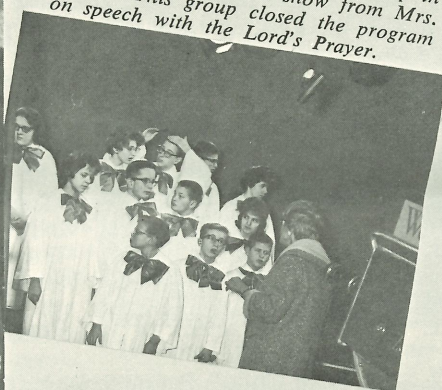
We Produce A Television Series

Danny receives a boost from Miss McFall, but questions with a glance for permission to look through as a Cameraman does.



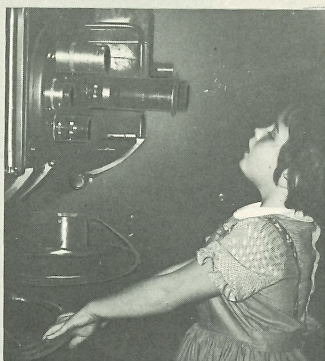
Miss Elsie Forsberg arrives at the studio with her pupils and supplies. Elisa Haggard of Kentucky, Sally Lambert of Detroit and Danny Kessler of Kentucky demonstrated Language development.

Miss Mannen's "Choir" receives help in sprucing up before the show from Mrs. Hance. This group closed the program on speech with the Lord's Prayer.



Miss Mannen and TV student director from Wayne University make final adjustments and revisions before the telecast. Pupils Bob Lenderman of Georgia and Valerie French of Michigan tensely await the red light to show the finer points of speech development.

Elisa tiptoes to the TV Camera to have a look at the working end of the machine.



Mrs. Hance, with pupils Karen Hambleton of Canada, Stephen French of Michigan and Gerald Hales of Indiana showed a sample of how the children are taught to use what little hearing they have to advantage through auditory training.

Speech, Language and Auditory Training Help Us To Learn To Know Our Savior and The Meaning of This Lenten Season