

# The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE

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## THINK ON THESE

Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6, 9-10.

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.



## CONCERNING CHARITY

St. Paul said . . .

Nearly two thousand years ago the great Apostle St. Paul by inspiration said: "But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" . . . "To communicate" means to share our wordly good with such as need our assistance. It is that Christian working together which is practiced in our own families where we share in order to fill one another's various needs.

And so there is that larger Christian family in which all of God's children are inseparably bound to one another and to the Heavenly Father with the tie of love through faith in the Savior.

In that larger family our Heavenly Father is intent on providing for all the members. But He does this through and with the help of all His children for whom He has already made ample provision far beyond their own needs. And so He brings them in sudden contact with a child left homeless . . . and that other child handicapped by deafness and in need of specialized education, care and training to bring him to the knowledge of his Savior . . . and yonder girl who is not blessed with normal mentality. — For what purpose?

These children are His children. Yes, they are your sisters and brothers and mine because they are members of our Heavenly Father's family, hence, they are our responsibility . . . our concern. And out of love for Him Who gave Himself for us, we are to provide for them . . . in body and soul.

To be sure, we can't always do this in person. But we can do it by giving our financial assistance to those whom the members of God's family have appointed to do it for us through the various agencies and charity.

We will, therefore, heed St. Paul's admonition "to do good and to communicate forget not," and especially also follow his other word of advice: "Let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap." . . . Yes. "As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men; especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

--- *Charity Thermostat*

The Annual Meeting of the Lutheran School for the Deaf Association will be held at the school on October 14, beginning with a Chapel Service at 9:30 A.M.

## 98th SCHOOL YEAR

On Tuesday, September 8, the school began its 98th year of educating and training deaf children — preparing them for this life and for heaven. For several days before the opening of school combined and separate meetings of the faculty and household staff were held in preparation for the busy year ahead.

New pupils accepted for enrollment this Fall are the following: Jon Arntzen, 3, Warren, Mich., Vicki Brown, 8, Attica, Ohio, Jill Compeau, 4, Alpena, Mich., John Gilbert, 9, Country Hills, Ill., Denny Guinn, 4, Windsor, Ont., Sandra Hirsch, 8, Country Club Hills, Ill., Thomas Kungl, 4, Wheatley, Ont., Terry Means, 5, Hopkinsville, Ky., Elizabeth Patterson, 4, Livonia, Mich., Michael Reese, 4, Detroit, Mich., Paul Skurda, 3, Detroit, Mich.



Deaconess Marie Twenhafel examines one of the many cards and gifts sent to her and presented at the time of the staff retirement luncheon. Miss Twenhafel completed 31 years of being "mother" to deaf youngsters.

## DEACONESS MARIE TWENHAFEL RETIRES

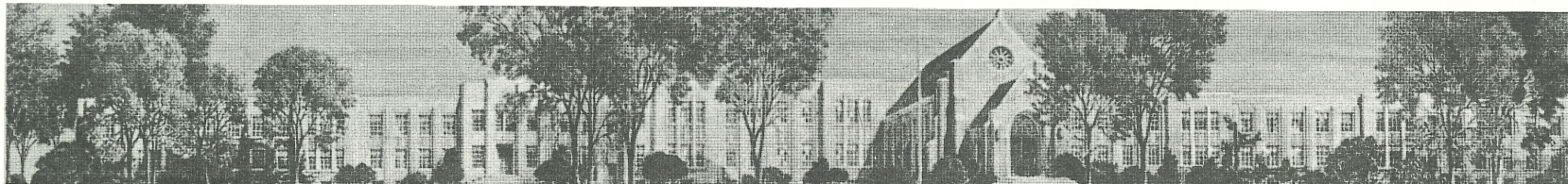
After 31 years of outstanding service to deaf children, Deaconess Marie Twenhafel retired as matron in charge of the boy's dormitory. On Festival Sunday, June 14, her services were recognized during the school closing program by the school's Board of Directors and the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf. At that time, special gifts were presented. The School Staff also gave a retirement luncheon for Miss Twenhafel and presented her with a going away gift.

During these years of being "mother" to deaf youngsters, Miss Twenhafel's day seemed never to end. Early morning until late at night she was on the job caring for a group, taking care of sick ones, talking or writing to parents, tending to a loose button or a torn sleeve, just no end of work that required her attention.

Yes, the work needed to be done and she did it. She loved the youngsters and fellow staff members and, in turn, was dearly loved by all.

Even though we miss her no end this Fall, we thank God for having had her on the school staff and pray that He will be with her in her days of retirement now living with her sister in her home town of Chester, Illinois.

Thank you sincerely, Miss Twenhafel, and may God richly bless you always.



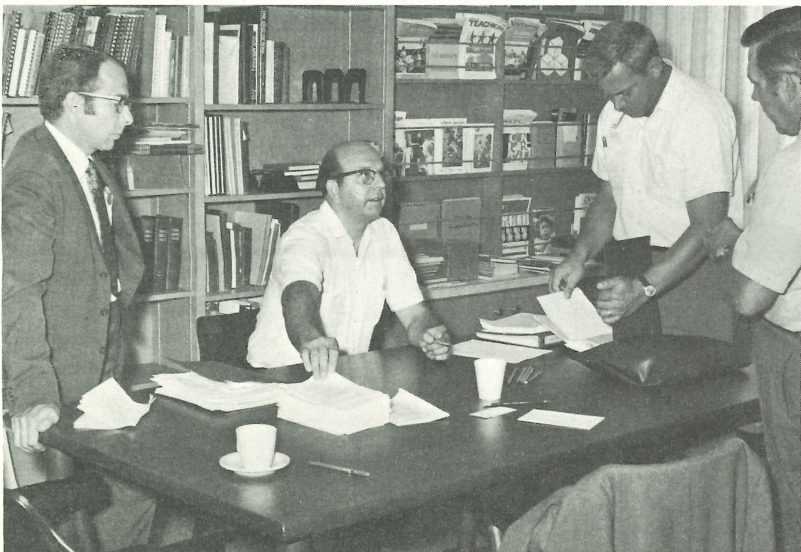


## MICHIGAN DISTRICT PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, August 25, 105 principals of Lutheran Schools in Michigan arrived on our campus for a three day conference. In addition to the general information disseminated, this provided an excellent opportunity for them to become better acquainted with the work of educating deaf children at our school.



Executive Director Walter Bellhorn welcomes Michigan's Governor William Milliken to the school for a special address to the Conference.



Conference committee members meet briefly to discuss daily events. Principals, Dr. H. Holste of our school; Justin Schwartz of Emmanuel, Dearborn; Glenn Eckert of Guardian, Dearborn; and Chairman Carl Middledorf of St. Peter, East Detroit.



Director, Walter Bellhorn; Conference Chairman, Carl Middledorf, Dr. Herman Holste; Keynote, Dr. D. Marble, President of Delta College; and Mr. Mel Kieschnick, Supt. of Michigan Lutheran Schools, discuss some of the educational issues of today.

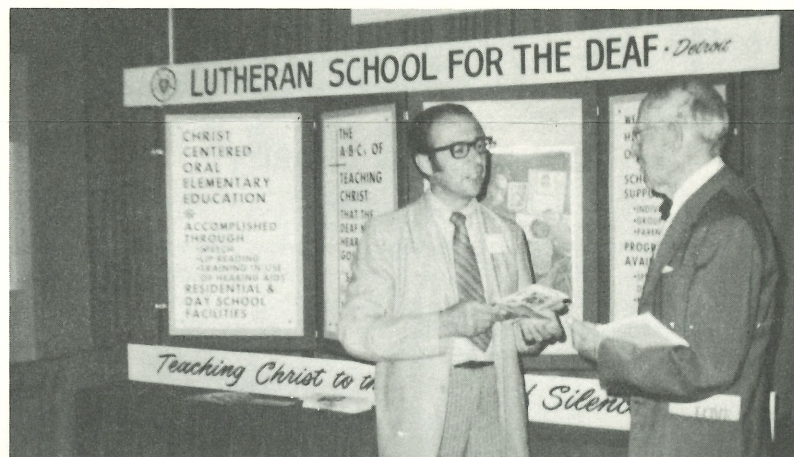
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## OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear readers, sometime in November or early December you will receive our annual appeal letter which is considered the School's "lifeline" upon which depends for almost six-sevenths of its operating needs. The "Advocate" reminds you from time to time that your prayers and your financial support are desperately needed so that the school's program of bringing Christ to deaf children might continue.

With an annual budget of \$426,000.000 of which the parents supply only approximately \$70,000 in the form of tuition payments, the school must look to all possible sources for financial assistance in supplying the greater share of its budget requirements. So, when the APPEAL arrives, please give it serious thought and consideration. And then respond to it as the Lord has prospered you and as the Spirit moves you.

For your offering, our school's management will be highly appreciative, the parents of our many deaf children will be eternally grateful to you for assisting them in bringing their handicapped little ones to Jesus; and our Savior will accept your offering as a token of your love for Him and bless you beyond measure for it.



Principal, Dr. Herman Holste, represented our school with an exhibit at the North American Sunday School Teachers Convention in Washington, D.C. A long time friend of the school Mr. Henry J. Schneider stopped in to gain more information.

## THE JENNIFER FILM

The School's film, "A New Life for Jennifer" has been a real winner at various Film Festivals throughout our country and across the ocean. Not only we think that the film tells a wonderful story but the Film industry, too, has given it a high rating.

The following are awards received by "A New Life for Jennifer."

- Golden Eagle Award/CINE
- Blue Ribbon Award/American Film Festival
- First Place Award/NVPA (National Visual Presentation Association)
- Chris Award/Columbia Film Council
- First Place Award/Columbia Film Council
- First Place Award/Second Tehran International Festival of Films For Children

Be sure to schedule it now for a showing at one of your church or school group activities this Fall or Winter. See and hear how deaf children learn to live in a world of sound. There is no charge.

### CLIP — RETURN

Please schedule your 27 minute all color sound movie titled: **A New Life for Jennifer** for showing on the following date:

Preferred Date \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation or organization requesting film:

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Send Film to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_





Special Award recipients proudly show the medals presented at the close of the year. Medal winners were Molly Reeve, Cindy Ames, Debbie Richert,

Valerie Peltier, Colette Bondy, Nancy Pletcher, Karen Marton, Diane Sowle, Kim Hurdlebrink.

## the LETTERBOX

Dear Sirs:

Our gracious Father speaks to us in many ways. And in one of the ways that He speaks to us we have found that He uses little children to declare His marvelous wisdom to His people.

On April 28th, our little daughter, Paige Ellen Ehrhardt, accidentally drowned when she strayed into the deep end of the swimming pool of the motel at which we were staying while I was attending a pastoral conference. Because our Father has shown us that her life was so filled with meaning and with love, then just because her physical presence is no longer with us is no reason that her life should not continue to have meaning. Please accept the enclosed checks as memorials to our daughter Paige Ellen Ehrhardt for the Lutheran School for the Deaf. We thank God that her health was perfect and we pray that this might somehow help some child or children who have not known the joy of hearing and of experiencing the sounds of God's earth.

May our gracious Father continue to bestow the blessings upon the ministry of our Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Walton H. Ehrhardt, Pastor First English Lutheran Church,  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a check representing a portion of the offering taken at our children's Chapel services which were held twice each month during the 1969-70 school year. We pray that this will be of help to you in your endeavors and that God would continue to shower His blessing on you as you go forward in your area of the church's mission.

Yours truly, C. E. Goldenstern, Principal  
Immanuel Lutheran School, Danville, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

I hope that your film, "A New Life for Jennifer", has been received by you. Its loan was much appreciated and the film proved very instructive to the teachers attending our summer school.

My very best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely, D. J. Jenkins, Supt.,  
Interprovincial School, Amherst, Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check to be used in your work among the deaf. It is from the children of Martin Luther School from the mission of the month chapel offering.

May God continue to bless your work and efforts in behalf of these children.

In Christian Service, Warren H. Helming, Principal  
Lutheran School Association, Buffalo, New York



The staff of the school surprised Director Bellhorn with some gifts at the staff luncheon, celebrating the completion of 40 years at our school.

## ALIVE OR DEAD

There is a sea in Palestine the waters of which abound in fish and living things.

There is another sea in Palestine with no life in or near it.

There are people who are fed by the Bread of Life and the Water of the Word. They labor for the Lord. Their hands are open for the needs of their fellows. They GIVE and they LIVE.

There are other people who sip at the Everlasting Fountain of the Word. They hoard these benefits for themselves. They CANNOT be tempted into a generous impulse. What they GET they KEEP.

There are two seas in Palestine. There are two kinds of people in the world.

--- selected

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## 1970 - 1971 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September	8 (Tues.)	Children come to school and school begins
September	9 (Wed.)	New pupils enroll
September	18 (Fri.)	Y.M.C.A. program begins for older children
September	20 (Sun.)	Parent-Staff Organization meeting at 4:00 P.M.
October	1 (Thurs.)	Eye Examinations
October	2 (Fri.)	Individual pupil photographs
November	6 (Fri.)	End of 1st quarter
November	15 (Sun.)	Parent-Staff Organization meeting at 4:00 P.M.
November	25 (Wed.)	Thanksgiving recess begins at NOON (12:00)
November	29 (Sun.)	Children return from Thanksgiving recess
December	18 (Fri.)	Christmas Pageant at 1:30 P.M. Classes dismissed after the service for Christmas recess
January	3 (Sun.)	Children return from Christmas recess
January	4 (Mon.)	Classes resume
January	17 (Sun.)	Parent-Staff Organization meeting at 4:00 P.M.
January	29 (Fri.)	End of first semester (2nd quarter)
March	21 (Sun.)	Parent-Staff Organization meeting at 4:00 P.M.
April	2 (Fri.)	End of 3rd quarter
April	2 (Fri.)	Easter recess begins at NOON (12:00 o'clock)
April	4 (Sun.)	Palm Sunday — Confirmation Day
April	12 (Mon.)	Children return to school from Easter recess
April	13 (Tues.)	Classes resume
May	16 (Sun.)	Parent-Staff Organization meeting at 4:00 P.M.
May	21 (Fri.)	Y.M.C.A. program ends
May	31 (Mon.)	Memorial Day — no classes
June	13 (Sun.)	Annual Closing Festival — Classes dismissed after the program

## FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234, 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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## SCHOOL VARIETY



As in all parts of our country, our boys enjoy baseball and the "pickle in the middle" type of practice. Kim Hurdlebrink and Karl Gruetzner give Norbert Irion a workout.



Especially the younger children enjoy the new rainbow climbers.



During the erection of some of the new playground equipment the children had opportunity to become acquainted with the volunteers. While mixing some cement, Mr. Schorling and Mr. Koester discuss the matter with pupils.



The fascination of a trip to a farm was very evident, even on a rainy day, as the younger pupils have opportunity to see piglets having lunch.



Mark Abercrombie hurries to be the first down the new slide as Ellen Southard, Tami Schultz and Jenise Cook wait their turn.