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THINK ON THESE

I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

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.



New Pupils

NEW PUPILS ENROLLED

On Tuesday, September 7th, the Lutheran School for the Deaf began its 99th year of educating deaf children—thus preparing them for this life and for heaven. Pupil enrollment this Fall numbers 102 with a faculty of 16 classroom teachers. The new pupils are as follows—William Ballard, age 6, Troy, Mich., Colleen Bartel, age 6, Fremont, Wisc., Leah Bickley, age 3½, Elmhurst, Ill., Allan Bliss, age 9, Royal Oak, Mich., Glen Bressette, age 5, Sarnia, Ont., Jeffrey Bromund, age 4½, Alpena, Mich., Jonathan Brown, age 6, Ypsilanti, Mich., Jeanette Eichel, age 6, Winnepeg, Manitoba, Jeffrey Eremia, age 4, Bay City, Mich., John Gafkay, age 4½, Roseville, Mich., Beverly Green, age 7, Dearborn, Mich., Joelene Hascall, age 6, Vassar, Mich., Elaine Pawlowski, age 5, Warren, Mich., Susan Riselay, age 5, Saginaw, Mich., Dawn Robertson, age 10, Melvindale, Mich., Edward Rosemeyer, age 5, Indianapolis, Ind., Heidi Szilagyi, age 5, Madison Heights, Mich., Michael Weyrowski, age 5, Midland, Mich.

All of the youngsters have made a fine adjustment to their new environment and are doing well in school.

THE REV. N. E. BORCHARDT HONORED AT SYNODICAL CONVENTION

Rev. Norbert E. Borchardt of Detroit, Mich., who served congregations for the deaf for the past 40 years, was presented the John of Beverley award, July 11.

The presentation was made during the 49th regular convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Milwaukee. The award honors and recognizes individuals for outstanding and faithful service to the deaf and is given by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, an organization associated with the Lutheran School for the Deaf at Mill Neck, N.Y. The award—a medallion—takes its name from the first known Christian clergyman to serve the deaf, John of Beverley of England, who in A.D. 685 befriended a deaf youth and taught him to speak.

Pastor Borchardt has served the deaf during the entire period of his ministry. After graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1930, Pastor Borchardt began ministering to the deaf in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. He served stations in Columbus, Findlay, and Westerville, Ohio, as well as Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa.

Pastor Borchardt served Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Detroit, since 1937 before retiring last year.

Our Savior Congregation today numbers over 200 communicant members. In 1965 Pastor Borchardt organized St. Paul Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Flint, Mich. That same year the Michigan field was divided and another pastor called to serve the Flint congregation and six stations.

Pastor Borchardt was married to the former Hera Lemke of Morrison, Wisc. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Norbert Jr. of Mount Clemens, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Vanni, of Macomb, Ill. Mrs. Borchardt passed away in spring of 1970.

Mr. Melvin Luebke, superintendent of the Mill Neck school, presented the award. The convention gave standing recognition to Pastor Borchardt and joined in singing a hymn of Christian praise.

For 33 years while pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf, the Reverend Borchardt served ably and faithfully on the Board of Education of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf and annually conducted the confirmation service.



Mr. Luebke (left) presents the Award to Rev. Borchardt

PASTORS EXCHANGE ROLES

Two ministers to the deaf, the Rev. Daniel Pokorny, Lutheran chaplain at Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C., and the Rev. Edward Kolb of Zurich, Switzerland, director of Religious Programs for the Deaf in the Canton of Zurich, are exchanging roles under a State Department Exchange Visitor program for the academic year 1971-72.

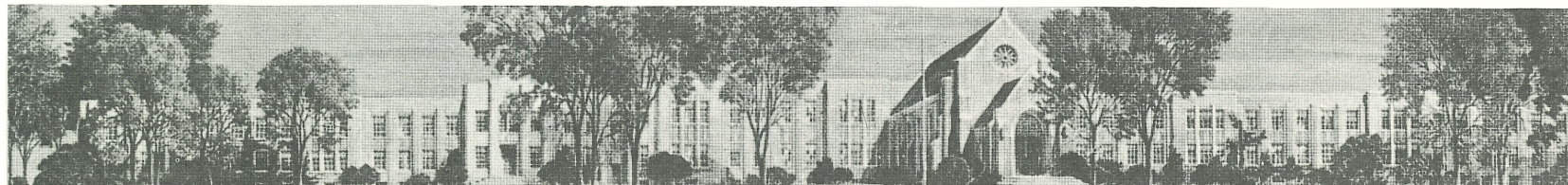
Rev. Pokorny left in July to begin a 10-month special assignment supported by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, of St. Louis, Mo. He will study multipurpose services to the deaf, including pastoral counseling, social services and vocational counseling at the Zurich church-state Center for the Deaf.

Rev. Kolb, who visited Gallaudet College, the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf, for the first time in February, has been minister to the deaf in Zurich for 25 years.

Gallaudet has joined the State Department Exchange Visitor program, and the exchange of the two ministers is the first arranged. Rev. Kolb will maintain the Lutheran chaplain's office and advise Gamma Delta, the Lutheran students' organization. His exchange is supported by the Kirchenrat des Kantons, Zurich.

Rev. Pokorny attended the World Federation of the Deaf Congress in Paris, July 29-August 5. He also was scheduled to attend the first world Conference on Religious Work with the Deaf in Geneva, August 8-28, as the representative of the National Association of the Deaf.

Gallaudet College News



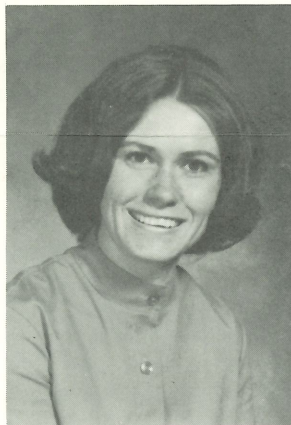
NEW FACULTY MEMBERS



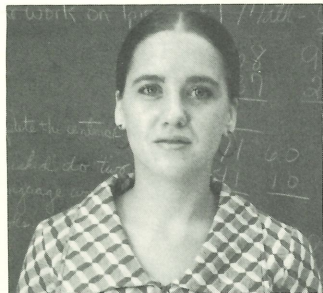
Christine Barnes

Christine Barnes was born, raised and educated through high school in the Detroit area. The beginning of her college training was spent at Endicott Junior College in Beverly, Massachusetts, where she studied Child Guidance. She then transferred to the Eastern Michigan University Special Ed Department from which she graduated in 1971 with a Major in teaching the deaf. She is currently teaching children at about the 8 year old level.

Mrs. Donna Hahn has returned to the Detroit area after having taught for one year in Ida, Michigan and the following two years in southern California. Mrs. Hahn obtained her deaf education credits at Eastern Michigan University, from which she graduated in 1967. Along with her husband and three small sons, she makes her home on the west side of Detroit. Her previous experience has been working with the young deaf child and she is continuing at our school by teaching children at the preschool level, the five year olds.



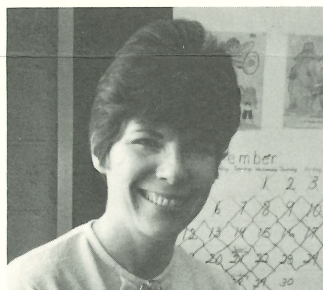
Mrs. Donna Hahn



Miss Pamela Berry

Miss Pamela Berry received her education in Michigan as a native of the State. Having obtained her credentials as a teacher of the deaf at Michigan State University, from which she graduated in 1970. She taught at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint. She has come to the Detroit area in 1971 to be a member of our staff, teaching a group of 11 year old children.

Mrs. Janet Wunderlich is no stranger in Detroit nor to the school. Having raised her two children into school age, she has gained additional experience by teaching a year at Wayne State Speech and Hearing Clinic and a second year at the Lakeshore Public Schools of St. Clair Shores. She now returns to our staff where we are happy to have her teaching a group of seven year olds.



Mrs. Janet Wunderlich

BEQUESTS

Following is a short form for a bequest in behalf of the Lutheran School for the Deaf:-

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Lutheran School For The Deaf, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the City of Detroit, the sum of dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor for same."

The Deaf Child's Advocate



The Rev. Martin Rehder of Hamburg, Germany observes Mrs. Fenton teaching her preschool class.

VISITOR FROM GERMANY

The Reverend Martin Rehder of Hamburg, Germany, visited our school from September 17th to 27th for the purpose of gaining as much knowledge as possible about the American methods of educating deaf children. He also was much interested in the church life of the adult deaf.

This young pastor has a congregation of hearing people in Schlesswig-Holstein besides ministering to the deaf in the Hamburg area. He reported that there are approximately 2000 deaf in the area, the largest group in West Germany. Pastor Rehder also is scheduled to assume the duties of Religious Instructor at the Samuel Heinicke School for the Deaf in Hamburg when he returns home.

It was a distinct pleasure to have Rev. Rehder with us as our guest and we are pleased to report that we learned much about the deaf and their problems as found in West Germany today.

ANNUAL APPEAL

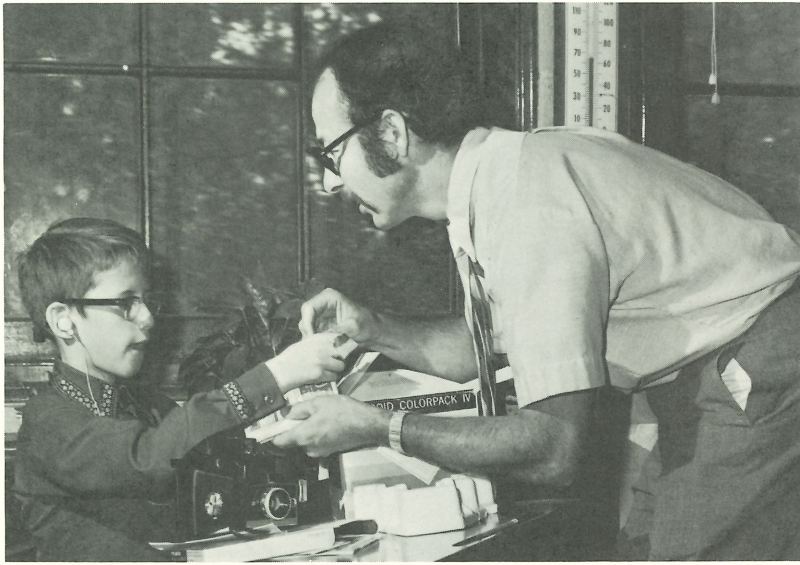
Our Annual Appeal letter is on its way.

Each morning when Arthur and Scott and all the other children in our care arise to begin another day, they have, because of their deafness, special needs that must be met. Will you kindly give prayerful consideration to the Appeal when it arrives and then mail your contribution in the self addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you and may God richly bless you.



Miss Grace Mannen, Supervising Teacher, standing, meets with the preschool department teachers, Mrs. Uhl, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Middleton.



Dr. Herman Holste, Principal, helps John Gilbert, to understand the operation of a Polaroid. Through the Polaroid Corporation, every classroom now has a camera. These will be used as teaching instruments in planning and reinforcing lessons.

PROJECT "ADOPT"

Some time ago the Women's Guild of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Melbourne, Florida, inquired about projects or ideas relative to helping the school.

The following correspondence explains the project which was accepted by the Guild.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

In regards to your recent correspondence with Mrs. Emilie House our Ladies Guild president, the ladies decided during our August meeting to help in any way we can with funds and our prayers to help one of your students with part of his or her education.

The ladies were all very enthused and excited about taking one of your students as a special project to help and to pray for. We will appreciate your picking us a child and sending us information, so that we can remember "our student" on birthdays and other occasions.

Our Pastor, Rev. O. T. Dieffenbach, formerly served a church in Flint and is very well acquainted with your school and thinks we have made a wonderful choice for our mission work.

Enclosed please find our check for \$ to use as you see fit to help "our student". We know that this does not come close to all the needs of the student, but with God's help we hope to do more as our Guild prospers.

May God bless your wonderful work with the dear children in your care.

Yours in Christ,
Marion R. Diebel (Mrs. R. D.)
Treasurer, Ladies Guild

Dear Members:

The Lutheran School for the Deaf indeed is most grateful to you for your gift in the amount of \$ and your decision to "adopt" or "sponsor" one of our deaf youngsters. The little boy whom we feel would be worthy of your consideration and sponsorship is Terry. Terry was born October 5, 1964, and he lives with his mother in Hopkinsville, Ky. when not attending school. There also is another child at home. Next week Terry will begin his second year with us. He did well in school last year and seems to be a real out-going little fellow.

When you assist in bringing Christ to a deaf youngster like Terry, you are doing real mission work. Be assured that your prayers and your gifts are deeply appreciated and may God's richest blessings be yours always.

Gratefully,
Walter Bellhorn
Executive Director

Dear reader, just suppose that many more of our youngsters would be "adopted" by a group or individual who would pray for them and assist them financially so that their educational needs might be fulfilled. Certainly, it would be a God-pleasing way of becoming directly involved in the educational life of a deaf youngster.

So far, four groups have "adopted" a child. These are 1. The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, Detroit Chapter, 2. The Ephphatha Chapter, 3. A group of Lutheran Young Ladies of St. George Lutheran Church, Brighton, Michigan and 4. The Florida Guild.

Will others be heard from? We sincerely hope so.



Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Enclosed please find a cheque for your school. I am sure you can make good use of it and we certainly do appreciate all that the school did for Dennis while he was there.

I know that you will be interested in knowing that Dennis has now graduated from the Ontario School for the Deaf at Milton, Ontario. Dennis has written and passed his entrance examination to Gallaudet College and I am sure that you are as proud of him as we are.

I know the many years that he attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf contributed immensely to his great accomplishments.

Thanks to all who helped him and greet all the teachers he had who are still there.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kozak, Windsor, Ont., Can.

Dear Mr. Walter Bellhorn: The children of St. John's School here at Adrian chose the Deaf School as their mission project for the 1970-1971 school year.

The enclosed check is their gift of love and thankfulness which they contributed each Wednesday morning at Chapel Services.

May God continue to bless you, your staff, and the faculty and the children you serve in His name.

In His Service, Richard H. Schempff, Principal
St. John Luth. School, Adrian, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: Sometime in the hectic and turmoiled world we live in, people tend to take things for granted and forget to say thank you. Therefore, I am dropping you this short note to thank you for letting me use your movie, "A New Life For Jennifer", for my eighth grade Catechism class.

I feel that it was a very educational and enlightening subject for this group of children. I feel that this movie stimulated this group in to having a better understanding on the problems of deafness.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, John Tierney, Ferndale, Mich.

Dear Friends: Thank you so much for sending me your paper "The Deaf Child's Advocate." It makes me very happy to see and read about the very fine things you are doing for the deaf children. May God bless you richly.

Enclosed find a gift of _____ for your school.

Sincerely, Harvey L. Baalke, Sheboygan, Wisc.

Dear Dr. Holste: We were tremendously impressed both with the presentation and the public support evidenced at the closing ceremonies of the school. Certainly The Lutheran School for the Deaf has many friends who have confidence and concern that the school continue to provide the kind of excellent training it has afforded through the years.

Enclosed is our monthly check and again we say a sincere thank you for all that you and the other members of the staff are doing. We remember how much "Circuit Riding" you had to do last summer in search of new teachers, and we pray that the Lord may lead you to those who can best serve there in the coming year.

Sincerely, your friends, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Means, Bloomfield Hills

Dear Mr. Bellhorn: On behalf of the children at Trinity Lutheran in Mt. Lake, I would like to "Thank You" for the use of the film, "A New Life For Jennifer". It got the point across, how very fortunate we all are. So instead of exchanging personal gifts for Christmas, our children each brought one item of school supplies for the school. And so it has been mailed with our love along with the love of Christ for your children.

Thank You Again, Mrs. Dennis Behrends, Supt.
Trinity Luth. Sunday School, Mt. Lake, Minn.

"SEE AND HEAR" DEAF CHILDREN IN ACTION

Thirty-six copies of our film "A New Life For Jennifer" are now in circulation. The movie has enjoyed an excellent reception by viewing audiences and we sincerely hope that every congregation and/or related organizations will find an opportunity to show this outstanding 16 mm. all color sound production depicting Deaf Children in action.

If desired complete the following form, clip and return it to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234. There is no rental charge. Preferably space alternate dates a month apart.

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 _____

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Making the Banner

PRESENTING THE BANNER

The Confirmation Class of 1971 decided that their gift to the school would be a handmade banner depicting an event most important to their lives. They designed, cut and assembled the materials, then made the presentation to Executive Director Walter Bellhorn in a general assembly period.

The following is an excerpt from the presentation speech made by one of the confirmands.

THE MANGER AND THE HAY—

The manger and hay are their natural colors of brown and yellow.

This symbol speaks to us of Jesus' birth at Christmas. His nativity is one of the first things we learned about when we came to the Lutheran School for the Deaf as little children.

The manger represents His humble birth, too. Jesus was born in a stable and was seen first by shepherds.

God sent Jesus for all people and told us so in this beautiful way.

THE CROWN—

We have learned about the boyhood and manhood of Jesus, about His life and teachings, and about His death and

resurrection.

The crown in royal blue trimmed with gold sequins symbolizes Jesus as Lord and King—of heaven and earth and of life over death.

He has also told us . . .

"Be faithful till death, and I will give you a crown of life."
 —Rev. 2:10b (NEB)

CHI (ki) X

This is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ.

RHO (ro) P

This is the second letter in the Greek word for Christ.

CHI-RHO

The Chi-Rho symbol for Christ is red to signify His death on the cross for our salvation.

We, the Confirmation Class of 1971, are deeply thankful to know Jesus as our Lord and to be part of God's family, the Church.

In this spirit, we present the gift of this banner to our school.

