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A Deaf Child's Hymn

(To the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

My heart has heard the glory of the coming of the Lord.

I can sense the blessed spirit that has made our Christ adored.

His message reaches to me, and it shall not be ignored.

His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah; Glory, glory, hallelujah;

Glory, glory, hallelujah; His truth is marching on.

With His love to sustain me, I shall conquer every hill.

Just like His other children, I've a mission to fulfill.

And through the word He sends to me, I know I surely will.

His love is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah; Glory, glory, hallelujah;

Glory, glory, hallelujah; His love is marching on.

The word of God calls strongly out to everyone who hears;

It falls with silent mystery on those with deafened ears.

Our hearts have heard the message for the last one hundred years.

His word goes marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah; Glory, glory, hallelujah;

Glory, glory, hallelujah; his Word goes marching on.

Rev. Carl E. Nietzsche Retires as Board of Education Chairman

After 15 years of service with the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Pastor Nietzsche of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Detroit, is shown holding a plaque of appreciation for his outstanding service in the overall program of educating deaf children. The plaque was presented by the School's Board of Directors at a retirement dinner given in his honor. Mrs. Nietzsche is pictured on the right. After serving since June 1956 on the School's Board of Education, Rev. Nietzsche retired in December of 1971 due to a pressing schedule. A native of Michigan, he is a graduate of Concordia College, Ferris Institute, Concordia Seminary and Western State Teachers College. He holds a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan. He also holds a life certificate in education and has served in the Detroit-area Lutheran Ministry since 1938.



Drive Planned as Lutheran School for the Deaf Approaches Close of its First Century

As the Lutheran School for the Deaf approaches its 100th birthday, plans are being made for a Synod-wide fund drive to assure the continuation of the institution's blessed work. This was the scene recently as the campaign steering committee set its goal at \$750,000 (most of which will go to rehabilitate obsolete buildings and facilities, replace aging boilers and to provide modern equipment). Left to right: Elmer W. Engel, Chairman; Mr. Carl Middeldorf, Director for Educational Agencies; Rev. Richard H. Bernthal, Associate Consultant, Michigan; Rev.

E. J. Rossow, Rev. Maurice G. Shackell, Mr. Walter J. Bellhorn, members at large, and Mr. Albert K. Jacoby, Information Coordinator. "Remember Our Jennifers" Appeal Steering Committee: Mr. Elmer Engel, (Chairman); Mr. Herbert H. Schoenberg, (Vice Chairman); Mr. Walter Bellhorn, Rev. Richard Bernthal, Dr. Herman Holste, Mr. Albert K. Jacoby, Miss Doris Krist, Mr. Carl Middeldorf, Mr. Rudy Quitmeyer, Rev. E. J. Rossow, Rev. Maurice Shackell, Mrs. Hazel M. Stark, Mr. Carl R. Thomsen, Mr. Carl Weinert, Mr. Rolland Wilkening and Mr. Harry Will.

Fund Drive to Precede Centennial Observance of Lutheran School for the Deaf

Detroit—A drive for funds with which to assure continuance of the Lutheran School for the Deaf will be launched this winter, as the school prepares to commemorate its first century of ministry to deaf children.

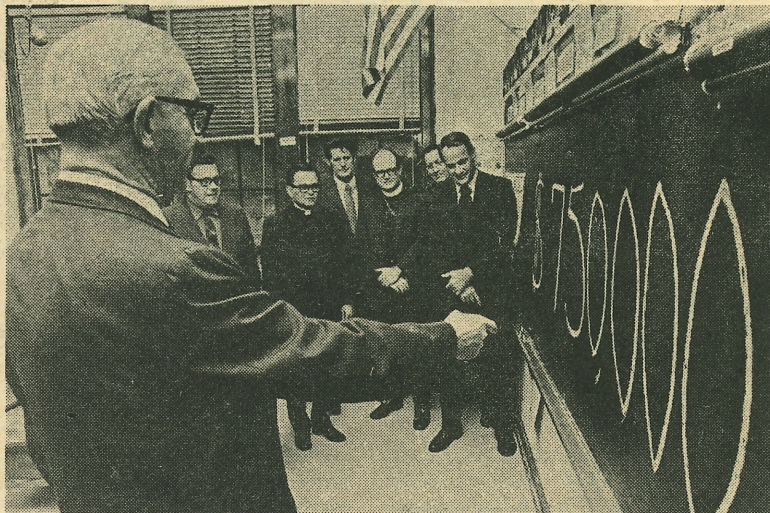
The School, at 6861 E. Nevada, is the oldest charity of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It serves children from all areas of the United States and Canada and has won world-wide recognition for its contributions to the advancement of instructional methods.

When the institution was in the initial planning stages, a century ago, the intention was to make it an orphanage for children whose parents had died in a recent epidemic. As superintendent the group appointed the Rev. G. Speckhardt, a Pastor who was doing mission work among Indians and German immigrants near Saginaw. He

had earlier been a teacher of the deaf, in Germany and was versed in the latest "oral" techniques of instruction.

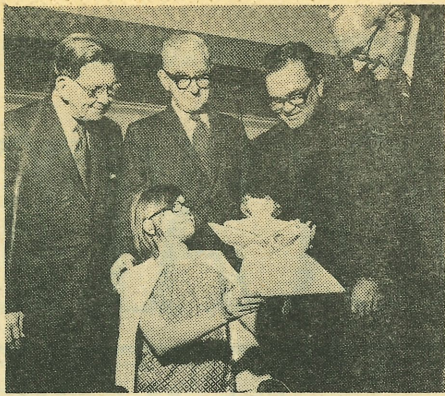
When he took up his duties at the new orphanage, several parents sought him out and prevailed upon him to take their deaf children into the home, to educate them in preparation for confirmation and active church membership. The word of his ability quickly spread, and soon the enrollment at the orphanage consisted principally of deaf children. Recognizing the need, the sponsors converted the institution into the school for the deaf.

Through the years, it has grown in prestige and its influence has been reflected in mission to the deaf all over the world. Current capacity of the school is 118, but there is a waiting list of more than 40.



Theme of the appeal is "Remember Our Jennifers". The reference is to a little girl named Jennifer, whose life at the school is the subject of an award-winning motion picture. The film, entitled "A New Life for Jennifer" may be booked for group showings by calling the school, TW 1-8477.

The goal of the drive is \$750,000. Priority items include rehabilitation of the building and facilities, which have suffered deterioration and obsolescence over the years; replacement of the heating system's boilers, and updating of instructional equipment.



Jennifer Freed star of the award winning film "A New Life For Jennifer" is now 12 years old. Appeal Vice-Chairman Herbert Schoenberg, Chairman Elmer W. Engel, Steering Committee members Rev. Richard Bernthal and Carl R. Thomsen view promotion display for this popular color sound film, available for group showings.

Send your request to:
Lutheran School for the Deaf
6861 E. Nevada Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48234

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

Preferred Date _____
Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____
(Alternate dates should be spaced approximately one month apart.)
Name of Congregation or Organization: _____
City _____ State _____
Send Film to: _____
Address _____
City and State _____ Zip Code _____
Signed _____

More Children Now Need Our Help From Lutheran School for the Deaf... Costs Have Outgrown Present Means

Mr. Elmer W. Engel Appeal Chairman, said: "Education and caring for handicapped children, and especially deaf children, is very costly. At present it costs the school about \$5,030 per child for care, board and tuition. Of this, parents pay only according to their ability. Some of the children are orphans or from broken homes. Over 80 percent of the total cost must come from gifts. Current capacity of the school is 118, but there is a waiting list of more than 40."

To carry out this blessed work, it is necessary to reach out across the nation with an appeal to "Remember Our Jennifers".

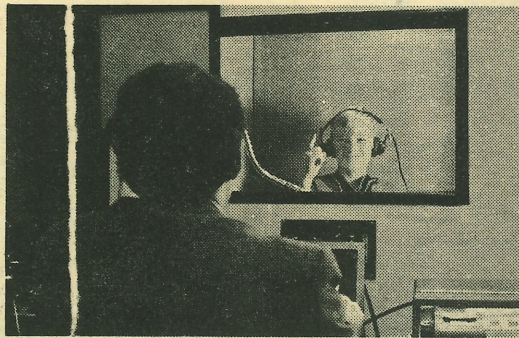
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the heating systems boilers, and updating of instructional equipment.

The need for this kind of care is increasing. Today a greater portion of children are born deaf, or become deaf before learning to speak, than was the case 25 years ago. Due to improvements in medical care, many children who would have died in infancy are now saved, but at the cost of various kinds of impairments, including hearing impairments.

The JENNIFER APPEAL will finance these urgent needs:

Renovations and Repairs:	\$489,000
Furnishings and Equipment Replacement:	80,000
New Service Building:	46,000
Audio-Visual Equipment and Materials:	135,000
	\$750,000



Medical Advancement Increases Need for Deaf Education

Since the founding of the Lutheran School for the Deaf nearly a century ago, there has been a tremendous growth in educational facilities generally—including special provisions for the deaf and other handicapped children. The question naturally arises: Is the need still as great as in the early days?

The answer is an emphatic "Yes." According to U. S. Government statistics, there are today 15 million adults and 3 million children with hearing loss.

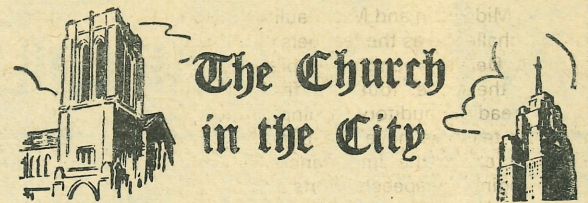
A greater proportion of children are born deaf, or are deafened before acquiring language, than was the case a generation ago.

Due to improvement in obstetric and pediatric care, many thousands of children who would have died in infancy

are now saved, but at the cost of various kinds of impairments—including hearing impairments.

Today less than 50% of the deaf children in the United States, under the age of six, needing specialized pre-school instruction, receive it. Today there is a severe shortage of programs, facilities and teachers to meet the required needs of deaf youngsters.

What about the Christian education and training? Mail that reaches the school, telephone conversations and interviews involving parents of young deaf children indicate their deep concern for the child's religious education which cannot be realized in a public school program. At the present time, the school has more than 40 applicants on the waiting list.



Editorial from Detroit Lutheran

By Rev. THEODORE A. DANIEL
Pastor, Outer Drive Faith, Detroit

What Happened to Jennifer?

As a resident of this area—as a member of your church—you may expect this question to be asked and answered during the coming year.

Yes, there really is a Jennifer!

She's 12 years old—has a father and mother and two sisters—is in the 6th grade—she's not much different from other girls her age—with two striking and significant exceptions:

- Jennifer happens to be a 'movie star'—she was only four when she played the leading role in a widely seen and beautiful film.
- Jennifer also happens to be deaf—she was born that way—she has never been able actually to hear—but slowly she has learned to understand what others are saying—and to talk to them, too.

"A New Life for Jennifer" is the name of the movie which tells the story of how this little girl and hundreds of other children like her have overcome the handicap of deafness—have come to know of God's Love in Jesus—and have been prepared for a happy and useful life—all through the rare and incomparable program of the Lutheran School for the Deaf on Nevada Avenue on the east side of Detroit.

In 1973 this School is going to be 100 years old! This calls for a celebration.

Local and national festive observances are now being planned.

In addition, amid all the theological wrangling at its Convention in Milwaukee this past summer, our Synod took time to authorize and encourage a church-wide Centennial Offering for this School.

The goal is modest: \$750,000.

Raising it ought to be a lead-pipe cinch for such a church as ours.

And we here in Detroit and in Michigan ought to show the way with a generous response.

Most of the money will be used for badly-needed repairs to and renovation of present facilities and for the acquisition of improved auditory and visual equipment to enable the Staff to do a better job with the children entrusted to their care.

If this makes you raise your eye-brows because you've been led to believe that this School is 'rolling in money'—please dispel yourself of this myth.

Yes, it has been and continues to be the grateful recipient of gifts from individuals and congregations, of bequests from estates and legacies.

The School's annual budget exceeds \$500,000—and that's over \$5,000 for caring for one child like Jennifer for one year. Yes, it is an expensive operation!

But translate these cold figures into human terms—try to put yourself into the place of a person born into a world of silence—think of what it means to be educated and trained, loved and helped—and the cost becomes insignificant.

So, in these coming months, think of Jennifer—she might have been your daughter or mine—she is our sister-in-faith.

What happens to Jennifer and many like her depends greatly on the efforts of institutions like the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

And that's up to you and me!

Parents Share in Oral Education

Mrs. Carole Middleton and Mrs. Pauline Fenton have a two-fold challenge as the teachers of the Lutheran School for Deaf's youngest pupils. Along with introducing the three, four and five year olds to speech, lip reading, auditory training, arithmetic and reading, the teachers have the big job of helping the parents realize the importance of continuing and encouraging the speech efforts at home.

"Too often, in seeking the easiest means of communication with their deaf children, the parents will continue using whatever methods they have devised in the child's first years which usually is a combination of their own sign language and physical directions", Carole emphasizes.

Carole helped initiate the School's PSO program (Parent-Staff Organization) which requires the

teachers to write a progress letter every two weeks to her pupils parents and also requires the parents to spend a minimum of two full days during the year at the school and sitting in on their children's classes.

Carole's dedication to the School dates back to when she was 15 and attended the confirmation of her cousin, who was then a student at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

"I feel a great debt to the Lutheran School for the Deaf for guiding me to my career and advising me to finish my college education at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis."

Mrs. Fenton spent her childhood in India as the daughter of a missionary. Upon returning to the United States she decided she could only find fulfillment in a career which not only was worthwhile

but also unusual, so she entered the field of education of the deaf.

After teaching at the Lutheran School for the Deaf for three years, Mrs. Fenton retired to raise her four boys, David, 21, Charles, 19, James, 18 and Gary, 15.

Nine years ago Mrs. Fenton returned to the School to continue her other true love, the education of deaf children, which she has found to be much more challenging in recent years due to advanced medical technology.

"With infant mortality at an all-time low, we now have many pupils with multiple handicaps", Mrs. Fenton explains. "Very often deafness is now coupled with learning and visual handicaps".

Out of Mrs. Fenton's seven first year students, three have only the sight of one eye.



Mrs. Carole Middleton shows the meaning of her reading lesson.



Mrs. Pauline Fenton demonstrates a phase of oral education.

APPEAL BULLETIN

Reports from throughout the country indicate that the "Remember Our Jennifers" Appeal is rapidly moving into high gear.

The Oregon District Director, the Rev. L. Dean Hempelmann reports that 77 per cent of the congregations have already indicated participation, and he expects the ultimate figure to reach 98 per cent. He is pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salem, Oregon.

In Oklahoma, not even illness can slow the campaign. The Rev. Walter E. Dorre of Altus, Okla., had to enter a hospital just as he was in the midst of his duties as District Director. His wife valiantly stepped into the breach and is completing the task while he recuperates.

Campaign workers were a little taken aback when the Rev. A. H. A. Loeber of Detroit's Messiah Lutheran Church, told them not to send him any materials for the "Jennifer" Campaign. But they were cheered when he explained the reason: Messiah Church has already budgeted "Remember Our Jennifers" contributions of \$1,000 each for years 1972 and 1973.

Pastor Loeber also advised the workers as to how to complete the campaign in a hurry: "Just get 374 other churches to match Messiah's record!"

"Jennifers Appeal" Story on New Film

A 12 minute slide-film, telling the story of the Lutheran School for the Deaf and the "Jennifers Appeal", will be distributed in early January to all congregations of the Synod.

Narrated by singer Ronnie Bell, the film gives a warm and lively look at the activities of the children and the highlights of the School's 99-year history.

The film, and accompanying record, are usable on manual or automatic projectors.

Children are shown in classroom situations, at play and in their dormitories.

Laymen to work as representatives in their congregations are urgently needed. A complete kit of materials has

been prepared to assist these lay representatives present "Jennifers Appeal" to their Congregation. The kit includes brochures, posters, mailing pieces, a newspaper tabloid, the above slide film/sound presentation, news releases, feature stories, photographs, radio and television releases, pre-cut stencils, envelopes, telephone campaign, Hearts for Jesus material, a sermon and a hymn. The entire program is being prepared under the direction of Albert K. Jacoby, Appeal Information Co-ordinator.

Interested laymen, men and women, should contact their Pastor to order material and plan their individual Congregation's campaign.



The Many Hats of Mark Reeve

A red light and a donated refrigerator of the 1940 era stand out amidst the surplus government parts that Mark Reeve has adapted for use in the evaluating and maintaining more than 100 hearing aids depended upon by the children at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Mr. Reeve, who has been with the School for the past 9 years, also fills the role of science teacher, athletic director and girls coach. The last two posts represent the School's austerity program. It was necessary for Mr. Reeve to assume the athletic positions when only the boys coach was included in this year's program.

Mr. Reeve's career in mechanical engineering sales took a gradual turn to education of the deaf and electronics when it was discovered that his only daughter, Molly, was born deaf. In seeking a school in oral deaf education for Molly to attend, Mr. Reeve was introduced to the Lutheran School for the Deaf and its principal, Dr. Herman Holste.

Molly, age 13, is now a 6th grade student in Grosse Pointe's Parcels School.

"Molly, who is profoundly deaf", Mr. Reeve explains, "is integrating well with 'hearing children' due to the success of oral deaf education".

"I consider at this moment that my daughter is demonstrating the resuccess of the education of the deaf and the

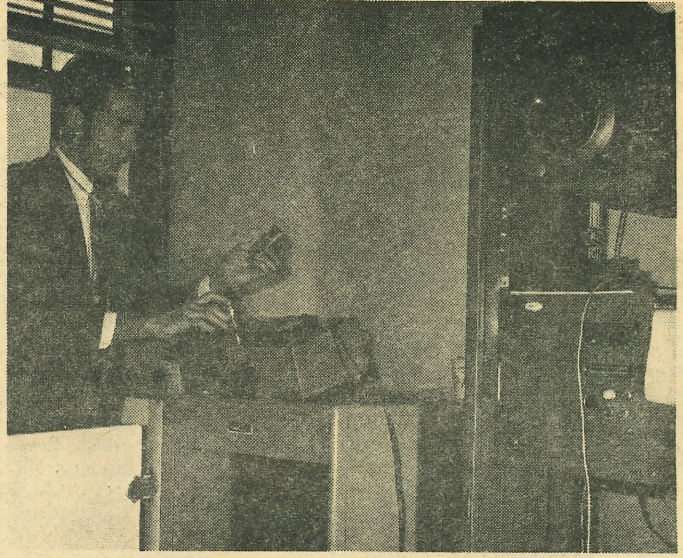
continued success of the Lutheran School for the Deaf", he adds.

Reeve, a Princeton graduate with a degree in Political Science, first received his electronic background as a radar operator in the United States Navy. After coming to Detroit from his home in Philadelphia, he was employed in sales. In 1962, after he decided to devote his life to teaching, Reeve earned his Masters in Education of the Deaf from Wayne State University.

Mr. Reeve's laboratory is a small room crowded with sensitive evaluating equipment. The refrigerator, which he had modeled after an expensive piece of technical equipment, is heavily insulated with fiberglass. All had hoped it would serve as a sound box to measure the effectiveness of hearing aids. But because of uncalculated reverberations from its surroundings it has failed. A sophisticated sound box is now one of the leading needs of the School.

Three year years ago Mr. Reeve developed the School's program to use hearing aids, called the Loop Induction System. It abolished the use of headsets, weighing approximately 1½ pounds, and wired to sound boxes on the back of classroom chairs which the children were required to wear up to that time.

Yet the School's basic auditory training system equipment in this advanced electronic age is sadly twenty years old.



Mark Reeve with Refrigerator & testing apparatus



Housemothers Share Rewards of a Big Family



Although the little girls from three to eight years old are the special beneficiaries of Marie Bliefnick's loving understanding, developed from her 34 years experience as a housemother at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, everyone at the School from time to time depends on this kindly lady who is Deaconess Matron-in-Charge of the School.

Miss Bliefnick herself admits to watching over everyone, "from the adults down to the babies".

Her devotion to the children is best expressed when she talks of them as her big family, and voices her continuous worry of one of them being seriously injured or sick.

After working for seven years with the mentally retarded at a school in Wisconsin, Miss Bliefnick, a practical nurse, came to the Lutheran School for the Deaf to join her sister, who was then the cook, and four other friends she had known as housemothers in Wisconsin.

Miss Bliefnick over the years has kept in contact with more former students than she can readily count. She is continually being invited to such happy occasions as weddings and confirmations of their children, many of whom she has sponsored.

"What gratifies me more than anything about the children", Miss Bliefnick comments, "is the fact that they couldn't be more normal, which is displayed by their sharp thinking process and their fight and make-up pattern in everyday life".

The School's four and five year old boys also fare extremely well under the

gentle love of Housemother Delores Cook, who just turned 21.

Delores after graduating as a practical nurse, expressed a desire to her pastor, Rev. Dan Reeb, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Carlton, Minnesota, to work for her church. With his guidance, she visited the Lutheran School for the Deaf and this September moved here to join the staff of houseparents.

Leaving her family, mother and father, a 23 year old married sister and a brother, 19, who is about to enter service with the Army, was indeed a big step for Delores. But working with the children, who depend on her as they would their own mother, and seeing what great progress they make compensates for her move to a new strange city.

Delores still expresses the amazement she experienced when she discovered how well the School's children could speak.

"We had a neighbor child at home who was deaf and completely incoherent and this is what I expected to encounter here", she comments.

Delores spends her private moments reading and sewing her own clothes (luckily another housemother has granted Delores the use of her sewing machine). On her days off Delores enjoys exploring Detroit's cultural centers which she feels is the best way to get to know a strange place.

Indeed, Miss Bliefnick's compassion and Delores' youthful dedication along with the School's other houseparents' devotion, make it a real home away from home for the children.

1000 VOLUNTEERS SPARK SCHOOL DRIVE

Over 1000 volunteers, coming from all over Southeast Michigan, have joined forces under the leadership of Paul F. Gady to undertake the largest single effort of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in its Synod-wide fund raising drive.

Each day since early January, more than 50 workers have gathered in the School's gymnasium to sort, stuff, package and ship several million items which are being mailed to congregations throughout North America.

Mr. Gady was recruited by Elmer W. Engel, Chairman of the Campaign Steering Committee, because of his many years experience in the shipping department at Bowen Products, where he retired in 1966.

Volunteers from over 35 congregations plus the 450 members of the School's Ladies Auxiliary are a vital factor in reaching the \$750,000 goal set by members of the Campaign Steering Committee to assure the continuation of the Institute's blessed work.

The singular effort of volunteers from St. Peter's Church in East Detroit, is a typical example of the wholehearted cooperation of Lutheran congregations throughout Greater Detroit. More than 25 men and women, including some family teams, have traveled to the School regularly to give a full working day.

St. Peter's Koester family currently represents three generations of volunteers, but it actually totals four generations. Donation of time to the School for the Deaf began with Mr. Karl Koester's parents, Maria and Jacob Koester.

"The tradition of volunteer work at the School has been inherited by each

Koester generation," Karl Koester comments.

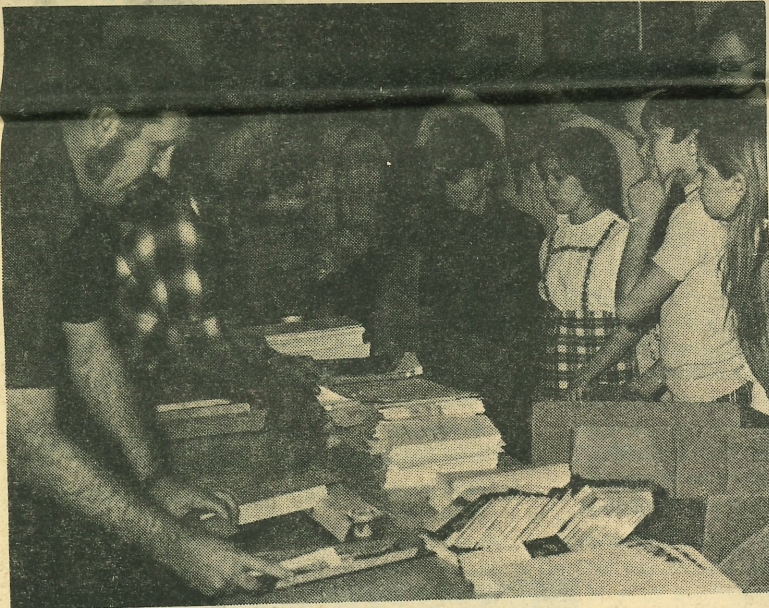
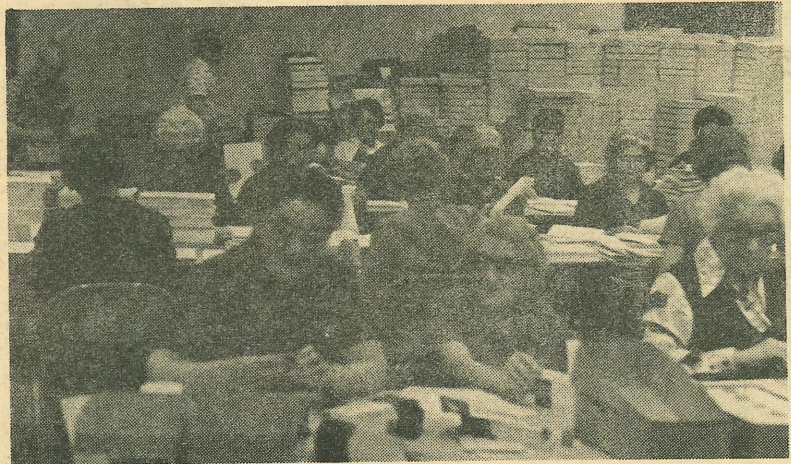
"I can remember us kids, as far back as 1908, going by horse and wagon with our parents to help out at the school," he adds.

Currently, in addition to Karl Koester, other members of the Koester family from St. Peter's congregation who are active Deaf School volunteers include his 80 year-old sister, Miss Bertha Koester; another sister, Mrs. Louis Knorr; his son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Shirley Koester and their four children, Karen, 17, Diane, 14, Linda, 12, and Jerry, 10.

Members of the Deaf School Auxiliary, who number 450 and come from as far as Monroe, Ann Arbor, Lansing and St. Clair, Michigan, have undertaken to assist in the great effort.

Celebrating its 95th anniversary this year, the Auxiliary has some members who can boast of 30 or more years of service. It was founded by six women from Trinity Church on Gratiot in 1877.

Besides its president, Mrs. Ruth Kade of Covenant Church in Detroit and its corresponding secretary, Mrs. Winnifred Schumann of Detroit's Bethany Church, other Auxiliary members among the fund raising drive volunteers include Mrs. Ruth Koch of St. Mark's in Detroit, Mrs. Hazel Kukuk of St. Mark's on East Grand Boulevard, Mrs. Marguerite Grady of Detroit's Gethsemane Church, Miss Clara Manske of St. Thomas Church in East Detroit and Mrs. Sophie Sauberlich. The ladies named are just a few of the many who have contributed their services to this initial effort.



Elmer W. Engel Appeal Chairman

Mr. Engel is a native Detroiter. He was born on September 16, 1905, the son of Fred Engel and Mrs. Augusta Engel, nee Kemp. He attended Gethsemane School, the Ellis School and graduated from Detroit Commercial College.

On September 8, 1928 he married Dortha Rebb. The couple have three children, Gordon Engel, Mrs. Eleanor D. Haller and Elmer W. Engel, Jr.

On September 30, 1970 Mr. Engel retired from the Chrysler Corporation after 49 years of service there. His position at the time was Production Control Manager, Car Assembly Division.

Mr. Engel is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation West, where he is an elder, President of the new Senior Citizens

group, and President of the Men's Club.

Mr. Engel serves on the Board of Management and as Treasurer of the Lutheran School for the Deaf and is chairman of the Centennial Committee.

He also serves as national treasurer of the Lutheran Fraternities of America and the Building and Construction Fund of that agency. He is a Director of Lutheran Life Association of America. He is also a Director and Treasurer of the Glen Eden Lutheran Cemetery Association. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran High School Association and now serves that organization as Chairman of the Dollar-A-Month Club. He is a past member of the Lutheran Center Board.

Lutheran School for the Deaf Facts:

The Lutheran School for the Deaf, though located in Detroit is not a local institution. Since 1873, it has served some 1,200 deaf children from age 3½ through age 15 from all parts of the United States and Canada. The capacity of the school is 118.

Our Doors Are Open:

Although named Lutheran, it serves many denominations and is inter-racial. The following table supports this fact.

Religious affiliation of pupils at the Lutheran School for the Deaf 1950-1970:

	Lutheran	Non-Lutheran
1950	55%	45%
1955	45%	55%
1960	58%	42%
1965	54%	46%
1970	44%	56%

Management:

Operation of the Lutheran School for the Deaf is conducted by a Board of Directors under the auspices of an Association of Lutheran Congregations: Present board members are:

Mr. Herman H. Auch Mr. Allan O. Helland
 Rev. Richard H. Bernthal Rev. Russel Johnson
 Mr. Elmer W. Engel Rev. Edwin J. Rossow
 Rev. John Gagern Mr. Herbert H. Schoenberg
 Mr. Raymond Gartha Rev. Maurice G. Shackell
 Rev. Donald E. Hasse Mr. Rolland M. Wilkening

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Walter J. Bellhorn, B.S.

PRINCIPAL:

Dr. Herman M. Holste, Ph.D.

Since its founding in 1873, it has been voluntarily affiliated with the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Accreditation:

The School is accredited by the Michigan Department of Public Instruction and is licensed by the Michigan Social Welfare Commission as a boarding school and by the Federal Government to accept deaf pupils from foreign nations for enrollment. It accepts educable deaf children from the age of 3½ to 15 years whose parents desire for them a Christian education and training in a home-like environment.

Personnel:

The faculty consists of a principal, supervising teacher and 16 classroom teachers. Eight pupils constitute the maximum class number. All teachers are specially trained and are licensed by the State of Michigan to teach the deaf. Besides the faculty, twenty-seven household and maintenance people plus five office workers are employed by the School.

School Year:

The school year begins the day after Labor Day and closes the second Sunday in June with the Annual Festival. The children may go home for weekends as often as the parents can arrange to take them. Approximately a dozen children are day pupils.

Health:

During the school year the health and physical well-being of the children are a constant concern. Eyes and teeth of all pupils are examined periodically. Expert medical, optical and dental attention is provided at all times. All ordinary ailments are cared for in the well-equipped hospital wards. In cases of serious illness the parents are notified and the child is accorded the facilities of a local general hospital. The School's team of health professionals serves gratuitously.

Physical Education:

The physical education and recreational program includes such sports as touch football, softball, basketball, indoor hockey, volleyball and swimming. The students take part in sports and track and field meets sponsored by the Lutheran parochial schools. Swimming and gymnastics are taught at a local Y.M.C.A.

Christian Education:

From the standpoint of a secular education, the need for the future is there. But what about the Christian education and training? Mail which crosses the writer's desk, telephone conversations and interviews involving parents of young deaf children indicate their deep concern for the child's religious education which cannot be realized in a public school program. At the present time, the school has more than a real need for its program to continue. And then the great Command of our Lord "Go ye and teach all nations", which includes the deaf, is our directive to carry on this special mission endeavor which our forefathers

began 99 years ago. As a concluding statement, these words of Holy Scripture seem fitting: "He hath done all things well: He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak". Mark 8:37.

Confirmation:

The goal of every child enrolled is Confirmation and active church membership. Each year on Palm Sunday members of the class kneel at the altar in the School's Gloria Dei Chapel and renew their baptismal vow. It is on this day, too, when parents of the class members express special thanks to God, who, through loyal benefactors of the School, has most bountifully blessed them and their loved ones.

Teacher Recruitment:

Since a great need for adequately trained teachers exists throughout the country and, since our school, too, needs teachers from time to time, special effort is made to create interest among young students to train in the area of deaf education. The school offers to students a \$400.00 annual scholarship for the Junior and Senior year of college while taking the special training. Recognizing the great need for special teachers, our Federal Government offers a \$1,600.00 Scholarship for the Senior year and \$2,400.00 for a graduate year of study and training.

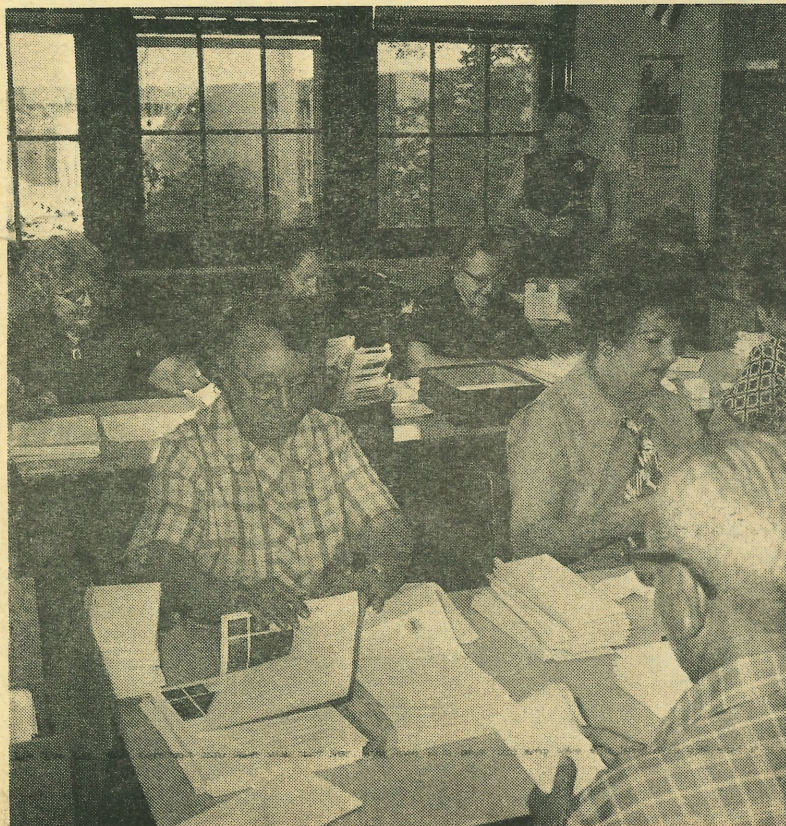
Financial Need:

The Lutheran School for the Deaf needs your help to rehabilitate frustrated and bewildered youngsters afflicted with inability to hear. Your financial assistance will help us open the doors of communication and understanding to children born deaf and unable to speak or comprehend, and to bring joy, understanding and newfound happiness to these unfortunate children.

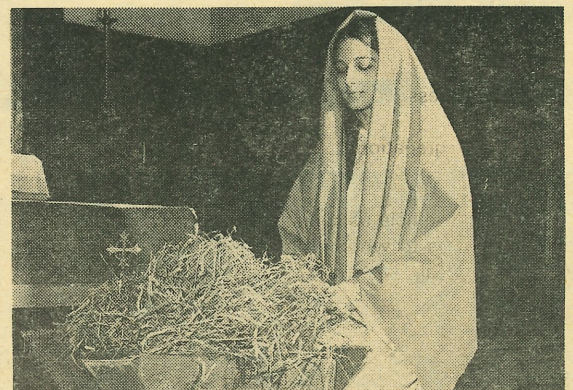
The Lutheran School for the Deaf provides these deaf children with the basis to achieve an equal opportunity to take a responsible place in the community—many graduates hold positions of responsibility in business, and enjoy a successful life because of the school's program.

Needs:

1. Building renovation and repairs
2. Furnishings and equipment replacements
3. New construction
4. New hearing aid evaluations, auditory amplification, and special visual equipment
5. Additional teaching staff—WAITING LIST OF 40 STUDENTS



Women preparing material for Centennial



Putting Treasure Where the Heart is "Give: Give: Give:"

This is all you hear these days. How many Christians are saying or thinking something of this nature? Really, these words are not a bad definition of Christianity as the Christian life is one continual—Give—Give—Give! That's the way it all began. God gave His Son. The Son gave His life on the cross.

The disciples gave, they gave their homes and businesses to spend full time telling the good news. Most of the 12 gave their lives into a martyr's death. Down through the centuries the work of Christ has prospered to the extent that Christians have learned to Give, Give, Give. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". The blessing is all on the side of the giver. The person who has not learned the grace of giving has a barren life. "Give until it hurts", someone has said. The person who is pained by giving is the one who gives as little as possible. "Give until it feels good", is far wiser counsel. We cannot outgive God! Christianity is give, give, give! The Christian who has discovered this enjoys a life abundantly rich and fruitful.

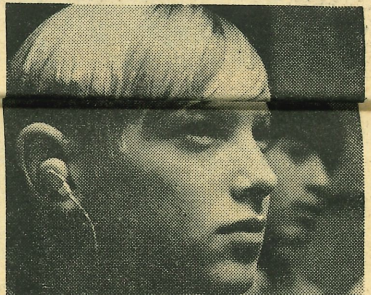
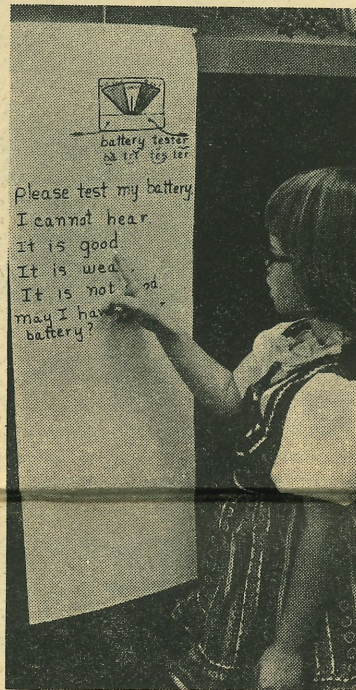
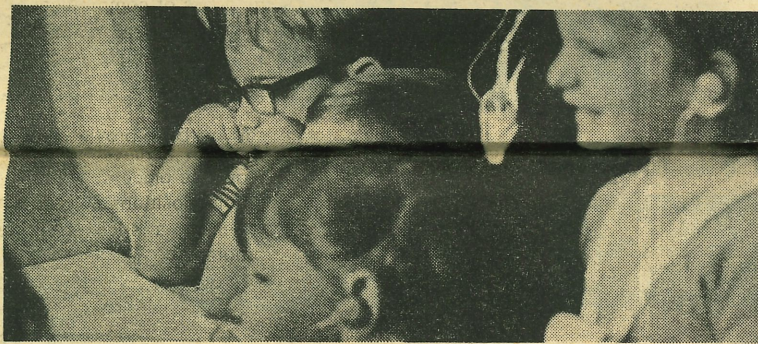
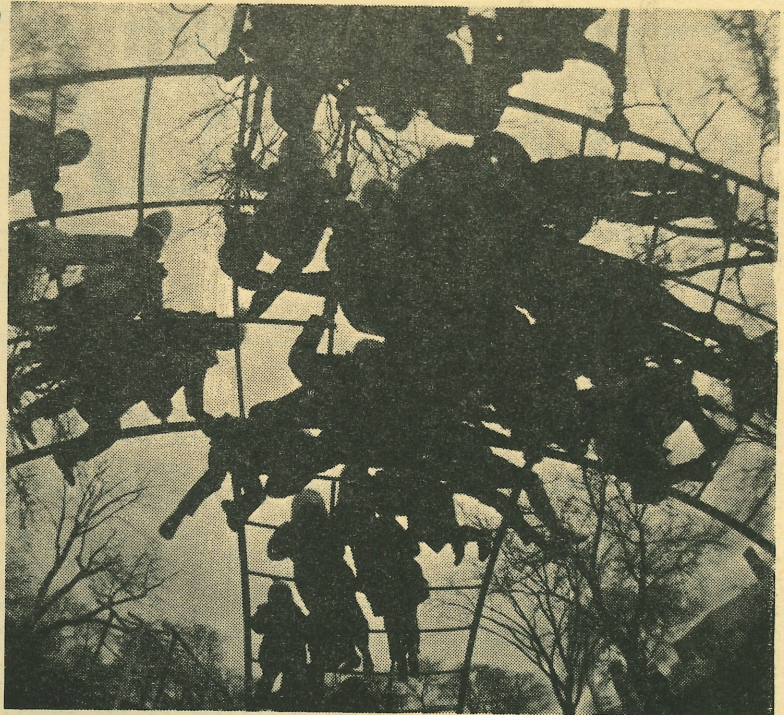
"How much shall I give to the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf in this special thankoffering for a 100 years of God-blessed-service to deaf children?" This is an easier question to ask than it is to answer. Another easier question to ask than to answer is, "How much is your hearing worth to you?" Why not think about this and make it a thanksgiving for the hearing that God gave to you? Other questions people frequently ask, "What's expected of me,? What's the average?", "don't worry about the average. Who of us is "average?" Who of us "gives", "average?" One of our consultants has said, "Most people consider themselves above average in intelligence and below average in material blessings". Maybe he is not far wrong.

Christians, "whose hearts have heard the glory" will not be concerned about what's expected or average. They will be excited about giving generously in order to bring the gospel of Christ to all the Jennifers who are now and who yet will follow at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

When you receive a telephone call from a fellow church member or a piece of mail from your church office, respond, hear the story, read about the excitement of bringing the love of Jesus to the hearts of children at the Detroit Lutheran School. When you have the opportunity to make a pledge over the phone or respond with a gift in an envelope, remember that you are giving "as unto the Lord Himself".

The weeks of March 5 and March 12, 1972 are target dates when you may join fellow Christians across North America in a generous thankoffering for His children at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit.

Our Lord and His Jennifers will bless your generosity.



You may support "Our Jennifers Appeal" by contributing through your church or by mailing your check directly to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, Michigan 48234 with the following information:

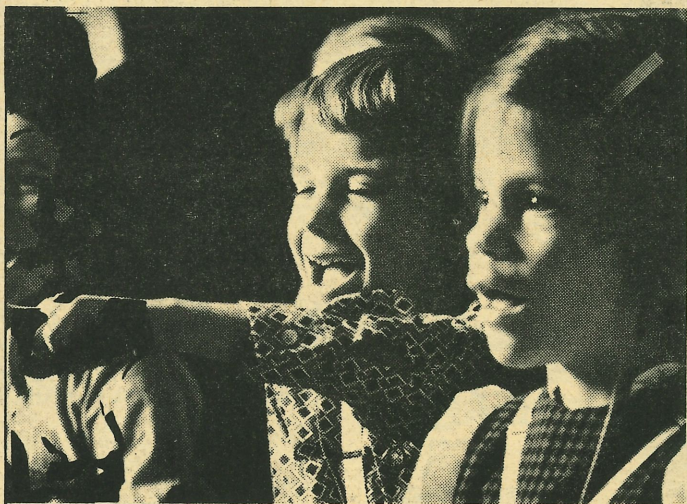
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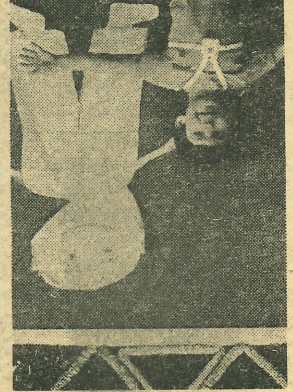
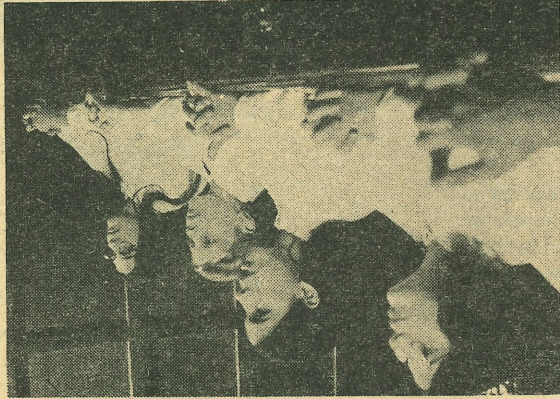
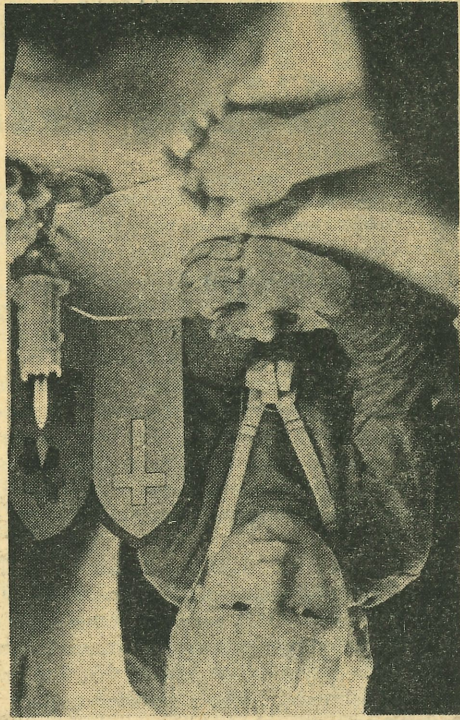
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Please help us spread the word, by sending the names and addresses of others to whom you would like us to send information regarding the Appeal.

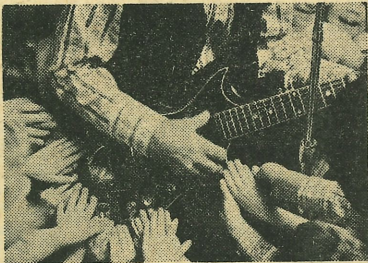
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My Heart Has Heard the Glory



Hearts for Jesus Valentine Week Campaign to benefit school for the deaf



Lutheran children throughout North America will receive a valentine shown at the right from the "Jennifer's" of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. They will have an opportunity on Sunday, February 13 to return an envelope (shown below) with their contributions.

A record featuring singer Ronnie Bell has been prepared for the purpose of conveying the message of Jennifer's Appeal to the children.

