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June Marks Half-way Point of Lutheran School for the Deaf's Centennial Drive

The month of June marks the half-way point of the Lutheran School for the Deaf Centennial \$750,000 fund raising drive. Elmer W. Engel, Campaign Steering Committee Chairman, stressed the absolute necessity to get contributions in now so that urgently needed improvements can be started immediately.

Engel reported that contributions through May 15 totaled \$447,123 or \$302,877 short of the goal set last December by members of the Campaign Steering Committee.

"The much needed boilers and modern instructional equipment for the education of the deaf could be ordered in time for the school's fall opening if contributors continue to support the "Remember Our Jennifers" Appeal throughout North America," Engel commented.

The theme of the appeal is "Remember Our Jennifers," which refers to a little girl named Jennifer, whose life at the school is the subject of an award winning motion picture.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf, located 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 for the deaf.

Engel reported that presently the drive is \$52,877 short of the projected \$500,000 goal set for the end of May.

"Although encouraged by the response from thousands of members of the Missouri Synod plus many outside groups and people," Engel emphasized, "we must continue our efforts to reach our \$750,000 goal to assure continuation of the School's blessed work with deaf children from all denominations."

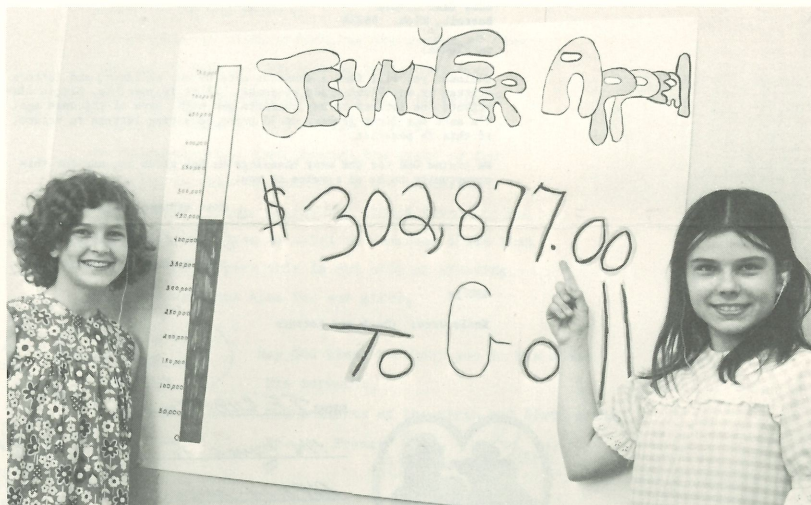
"In fact, we must more than double our efforts in view of the fact the School is no longer a recipient of United Foundation Funds," he added.

Future goals that have been set include contributions totaling \$80,000 for June, \$60,000 for July, \$30,000 for August, \$30,000 for September, \$20,000 for October, \$20,000 for November and \$10,000 for December which will bring the drive up to its \$750,000 target.

Engel concluded that people throughout North America must realize that the urgent appeal emphatically publicized during the Drive's launching, should still be foremost in their minds, hearts and pocketbooks.

TRAVELERS WELCOME

Friends of the Lutheran School for the Deaf traveling to or through Detroit during the Summer months are invited to stop for a visit and become better acquainted with the special type of Kingdom work being done for hearing impaired children. Even though the youngsters will be home enjoying their vacation, visitors may see physical facilities and pupils' classroom exhibits, all largely made possible through the free-will contributions of friends and loyal supporters.



Students Tami Schultz and Barbara Gulczynski exhibit enthusiasm, anticipation and joy as the "thank offering" thermometer slowly rises.

CONFIRMATION

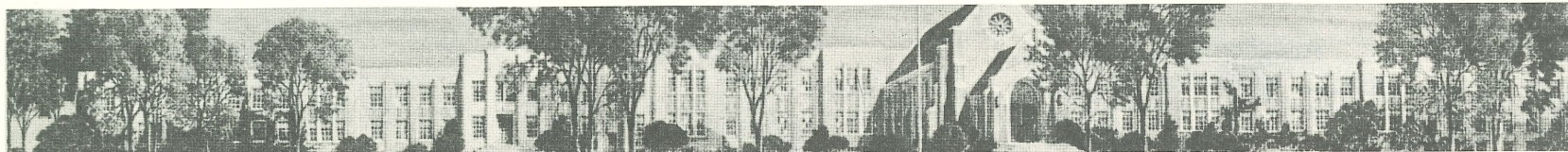
On Palm Sunday, parents, relatives and friends gathered in the School's Gloria Dei Chapel to rejoice in the Lord as members of the Confirmation class knelt at the altar and renewed their baptismal vow.

The class was confirmed by the Rev. Russel Johnson, pastor of Our Savior's (Deaf) Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ruth Kade, President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, on behalf of the organization presented each member of the class with a Bible and prayer book.

We pray that the members of the Class of 1971 may abide in the Word of God and finally reach their heavenly home above.



1972 Confirmation Class: L. to R. - Dr. Herman Holste, Principal, Executive Director, Walter Bellhorn, the Reverend Russel Johnson, Peggy Nearing, Michigan, Karen Marton, Ohio, David Kelly, New Jersey, Diane Sowle, Michigan, Iain Clemerson, Ontario and Kim Hurdelbrink, Michigan.



THE GOAL \$750,000



EUGENE O. KRUG - PASTOR
ALAN D. GUNDERMAN - MINISTER OF EDUCATION
701 WEST PALMETTO PARK ROAD • BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33432
April 5, 1972

Rec'd 4/17/72
#6233

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
6861 East Nevada
Detroit, Mich. 48234

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a donation made by our children, and letters written by our First Grade students. If it is possible, please distribute the letters to any children you might have of the same age. I'm sure our first graders would enjoy receiving letters in return, if this is possible.

We praise God for the many blessings He has given us, and for this opportunity to be of service to you.

Most sincerely in Christ,

Alan D. Gunderman
Alan D. Gunderman, Principal

ADG:jg

Enclosures: Check and letters



FROM T.F. GIBERTSON

118 MAJOR ST.
ALPENA MICH.
49707

3/3/72

DEAR SIR:

ON BEHAVE OF ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE "VETS CLUB" OUR GIFT OF \$25.00 FOR THE "REMEMBER OUR JENNIFER'S" APPEAL

I HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS DRIVE SINCE MY NEPHEW ATTENDS YOUR SCHOOL.
JEFFERY BROMUND!

YOURS TRULY

Thomas F. Gilbertson

Lutheran School for the Deaf
6861 East Nevada Ave.
Detroit, Michigan 48234

The young people of our Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Madley, Minn., are sending this check for \$28.00 for your Jennifer Fund. We raised the money by selling box lunches at a Basket Social at our Church.

Sincerely,
St. John's Walter League

RECEIVED APR - 3 1972
Ch. enc. #28.00

Our Redeemer Lutheran School
9135 SHELLEY AVENUE
OVERLAND, MISSOURI 63114
March 27, 1972

RECEIVED APR 10 1972

Carl W. Middeldorf, Principal
St. Peter Lutheran School
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Carl:

The enclosed check represents the offering of the children of Our Redeemer Lutheran School in their hearts for Jesus offering. We had not received your materials when we had our appeal. The children brought their offerings in their own envelopes and decorated them. We are including these envelopes so that you can show them to Jennifer and her friends. Please tell them that we have remembered them in our prayers and wish them God's blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Ronald L. Kasten
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Principal

RECEIVED APR 7 1972

CHARLES H. SHARRER, M.D.
1133 GRAYTON ROAD
GROSSE POINTE, MICH. 48230

April 6-72

Mr. Bellhorn
I received the beautifully illustrated letter today and we are peppy in your too low enclosed donation. Let me tell you how much we enjoyed going to the circus with the children and also the members of the Lions. If you need any help from me don't hesitate to call after another week or two. I am recovering at this time from the surgical removal of a cataract from my left eye. The one in my right eye was taken care of last June and with new glasses as soon as possible my vision should be vastly improved. Best wishes to everyone at the school, and our regards to the staff.
Sincerely,
Dr. Charles H. Sharner

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Dear Sir,

After our pastor, Rev. Ronald Huber Sounser, showed us the movie about Jennifer and to Home for the deaf we decided we wanted to help. So we had a "coffee hour" after church and asked for donations. I know that it isn't much but hope it will help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely,
The "DS" Club
Mr. & Mrs. E. Gustafson
Lions Club

March 8, 1972

In appreciation for the wonderful care and teaching given to our great nephew, Frank Kowalski, Jr.

Sincerely,
John F. Bekemeier

3/10/72
Check
\$100.00

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Bekemeier
3908 N. Barry Rd., Route #1
Wheeler, Michigan 48096

RONALD G. FOLLE, Pastor
1006 Church Street
Phone: 872-3796

Holy Cross LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eleventh and Court
Scott City, Kansas 67871

17 March 1972

Lutheran School for the Deaf
6861 East Nevada
Detroit, Michigan 48234

Gentlemen:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Scott is a hearing congregation, has two members mute, these two being received into membership one year ago this past December.

To the "Remember Our Jennifer's" Appeal gave a nice gift through this congregation offering envelope they included the enclosed thought you might appreciate having it, so enclosed.

Most

R.G. J

R.G.

RGF/js

STILL TO GO \$302,877

RECEIVED MAR 16 1972

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

(MISSOURI SYNOD)
307 W. Court Street
Marion, North Carolina 28752

REV. CONNOR L. CORKRAN JR.
PASTOR

January 13, 1972

PARSONAGE: 704-652-3777
303 W. COURT STREET

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

STONY PLAIN, Alberta
March 10, 1972.

Dear Sir:

During the month of February the Jennifer appeal came to the attention of the fifth and sixth grade class and they decided to do something. It was decided to organize and hold a hot dog day. We do not have a hot lunch program and so cold sandwiches are the order of the day usually.

As a result of their effort, we the grades of five and six as well as the rest of the students of St. Matthew's are pleased to be able to send to you this cheque for fifty-four dollars.

We sincerely hope that through the grace of God you will be able to continue on the wonderful work you are doing. We are not always aware of the gifts God has given us until we remember those that have not. So in part this is not only an offering for your work but also for our gifts.

May God bless and keep you in His Grace,
His servants,

The students of the fifth and sixth grade
Mr. Wm. Fraser

*Rec'd 3/15/72
Annie M. Fraser
25442*

RECEIVED JAN 15 1972

Check - \$50.00

Lutheran School for the Deaf
6861 East Nevada
Detroit, Michigan 48234

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$50.00 from the Bi-Circuit Pastoral Conference of North Carolina West. Please use it in connection with the "Remember Our Jennifers" appeal.

This amount represents an honorarium which was paid to Dr. Fergus Pope, Celco Farm, Route 5, Burnsville, North Carolina 28714, who spoke at our recent pastoral conference. Dr. Pope generously directed that the honorarium be sent to the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Cordially in Christ,

Connor L. Corkran Jr.
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Pastor

Copy to:
Rev. William Fogle,
Conference Secretary

March 21, 1972

Mr. Walter Bellhorn
Lutheran School for the Deaf

Dear Mr. Bellhorn:

We, the Esther Circle members from St. Pauls Lutheran Church of Milan, have decided our special project for the year 1972 would be the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Our Circle members are making various items: some ceramic, crocheted, knitted and other handcraft. These are religious seasonal, household and other gift items. The profit from their sale will be given to your school since this is your centennial year.

We have \$50.00 we are enclosing at this time and will send more as items are sold.

This project was chosen as we realize the great need your school has in doing this blessed work for "Our Jennifers." Some of us were able to visit your school last September and enjoyed the visit very much. Please accept our gift of money toward your great work.

Yours in Christ,

Donna Katala, Sec.

Esther Circle
St. Pauls Lutheran Church
Milan, Michigan 48160

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Missouri Synod)

H. A. TRAUGOTT
PASTOR
E. G. EIFERT
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

737 E. 124th
Houston, Texas 77008

May 5, 1972

Much greetings!

RECEIVED MAY 6 1972

I am happy to send you a check of \$50.00 from our Hearts For Jesus Chapel Offerings. It was given in love by the children in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade of Immanuel-Bethlehem Lutheran School, Houston, Texas.

Thank you for material that was sent earlier this year for the promotion of "heart" month. The children welcomed the bookmarks and the other good stuff.

You may send us some of the same material next year - except the box, which I am keeping in a safe place. I may be too busy to write requesting materials, so you may just send envelopes and other materials for about 80 young children.

Our prayers are with your school and for the children in your care in Detroit.

In His Service,

Ralph Streicher
Ralph Streicher

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

6414 NORTH HAMPTON AUSTIN, TEXAS 78723 PHONE (512) 926-8574

April 19, 1972

Hope Lutheran School
6414 N. Hampton Ave.
Austin, Texas

To the Faculty and Students of the Lutheran School for the Deaf,

The children and teachers of Hope Lutheran School want to share in your ministry and in the celebration of your anniversary in the Lord's Grace.

May our thanks for enabling us to participate in special ministries be known and our prayers go with you as you continue to witness and communicate the message of God's Love in your unique language and ways.

Rejoicing in God's Grace,
The Children of Hope
Lutheran School.

Milton Uecker
Milton Uecker
Principal.

Received
Ch. # 100.00

Dear Sirs:

Please send me some information on your school and Jennifer. I am enclosing 50¢ for the information.

Love your friend,
Janese Schuitz

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Mr. & Mrs. John F. Bekemeier
2958 N. Entry Rd., Route #1
Wheeler, Michigan 48666



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Hilled and Lion
Green River, Wyo. 82935
March 29, 1972

RECEIVED MAR 25 1972
30.00 check

Lutheran School for the Deaf
6861 E. Nevada Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir
Our Junior High Youth Group saw the filmstrip put out by your school on the appeal for Jennifers. We were deeply moved by the work you are doing and decided to send you all the money we now have in our treasury (\$30). We won't forget your school and plan to send more when we are able. We are a small new group and don't have too much to send, but we pray that it will help.
Yours in Christ,
Junior High Youth Group, Emmanuel Lutheran Church.
(Mrs. Larry Pyatt, sponsor)

Dear Sir,
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Rejoicing in
The Christ
Lutheran
Mission

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"JENNIFER" MOVIE AVAILABLE

If desired complete the following form, clip and return to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48234. There is no rental charge. Send your request now for Fall and Winter showing dates.

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 _____

SECOND CLASS
 POSTAGE PAID
 AT
 DETROIT, MICH.

Close of 1972 School Year Brings Awards

AWARDS

Each year the Klein Wing students participate in an Awards Program to challenge them to become productive citizens in society. There are five categories of awards with specified qualifications for each. The entire faculty met to nominate and discuss the nominees. Those selected were also approved by the house-parents. The recipients were presented with awards in a special assembly of the entire student body.

Citizenship — This award is based on the development and expression of thoughtfulness, responsibility, good attitudes, and moral character. For the first time, all the recipients are members of one class. We rejoice at their unusual achievement in intergroup co-operation and social growth. The recipients are:

Iain Clemerson - Canada	Karen Marton - Ohio
Kim Hurdelbrink - Michigan	Peggy Nearing - Michigan
David Kelly - New Jersey	Diane Sowle - Michigan

Scholarship — This award is based not only on grades but also on the student's desire and ability to learn more on his own and to apply and relate his knowledge to new situations. The recipients are:

Kim Hurdelbrink - Michigan	Peggy Nearing - Michigan
Norbert Irion - Canada	Tami Schultz - Michigan
Diane Sowle - Michigan	

Language — This award is based on the use of good oral and written language. The recipients are:

Jennifer Freed - Louisiana	Bonnie Kaufman - Indiana
Barbara Gulczynski - Michigan	Peggy Nearing - Michigan
Kim Hurdelbrink - Michigan	Tami Schultz - Michigan
Norbert Irion - Canada	Diane Sowle - Michigan
Barbara Stanz - Michigan	

Speech — This award is based on the consistent use of good speech in communicating. The recipients are:

Scott Caskey - Indiana	Peggy Nearing - Michigan
Kim Hurdelbrink - Michigan	Diane Sowle - Michigan
Barbara Stanz - Michigan	

Athletics — This is for outstanding athletes who are also good sports. The recipients are:

Iain Clemerson - Canada	David Sharpe - Michigan
Diane Sowle - Michigan	

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 \$

The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for same.



The Confirmation Class assists in opening coin folders made in the form of a cross and presented to the school as a centennial offering.



Nickels, dimes and quarters - The deaf children at the school also had their special collection for the "Jennifer" effort. On behalf of the students, Kim Hurdelbrink of Sebawaing presents a valentine box with the gifts to Mr. Elmer Engel, Chairman of the Centennial Steering Committee.

The Deaf Child's Advocate