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REV. RODNEY R. RYNEARSON ACCEPTS CALL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



With thanks to God, we joyously announce that the Rev. Rodney R. Ryneerson has become the new Executive Director of our School. Pastor Ryneerson comes from Rochester, New York, where he was serving as Pastor of Alpha (Deaf) Congregation and Chaplain of the National Technical Institute of the Deaf.

Pastor Ryneerson is married to the former Rhoda Ryan of Kansas City, Missouri, who has served as Lutheran Elementary Teacher for 11 years. They have 3 sons: Timothy, 14, Stephen, 13, and Peter, 10.

Pastor Ryneerson grew up in Nebraska, and received his seminary training from Concordia, St. Louis. He served the Deaf first in the Northwest, living in Spokane, Washington and serving Idaho and Montana. While there, he was the chaplain and director of religious programs at the Idaho and Montana State School for the Deaf. He also served as Regional Advisor for the Pacific Region.

Since 1967, he has been serving the Lord in Rochester, New York. While there, he received his Master of Education degree from the University of Rochester, majoring in Philosophy of deaf education. He also served as chaplain of the two deaf schools in Rochester and Rome, as well as chaplain for the mentally retarded deaf at the Rome State School. He is the current Chairman of Ephphatha Conference and the Pastoral Advisor for the International Lutheran Deaf Association.

As he begins his new duties, we pray that God will pour out on all of us renewed zeal and love as we seek to provide the highest quality Christian education for each of those young people God has entrusted to our care. May all that we do help each growing child better know, love, and serve our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1974 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are proud to present our 1974 Confirmation Class who were confirmed on May 26, 1974 in the Gloria Dei Chapel at Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf.



Left to Right — First Row: Shawn Birkett, Wyandotte, Michigan; Tami Schultz, Hubbard Lake, Michigan; Judy Manik, Oak Park, Michigan; Karen Hoffman, Carleton, Michigan; Bonnie Kaufman, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Norbert Irion, St. Catherines, Ontario.

Left to Right — Second Row: Mr. Elmer Engel, Business Manager, Jennifer Freed, Houston, Texas; Roy Turnbull, Livonia, Michigan; Pastor Clark Bailey, Lee Latimer, Akron, Michigan; Barbara Stanz, Glen Arbor, Michigan; Mrs. Pauline Fenton, Principal.

PUPIL SCHOLARSHIP

Hearing impaired children are brought to the Lutheran School for the Deaf for the Christian oral education we are able to offer. This unique combination of services is expensive, far more so than parents can afford.

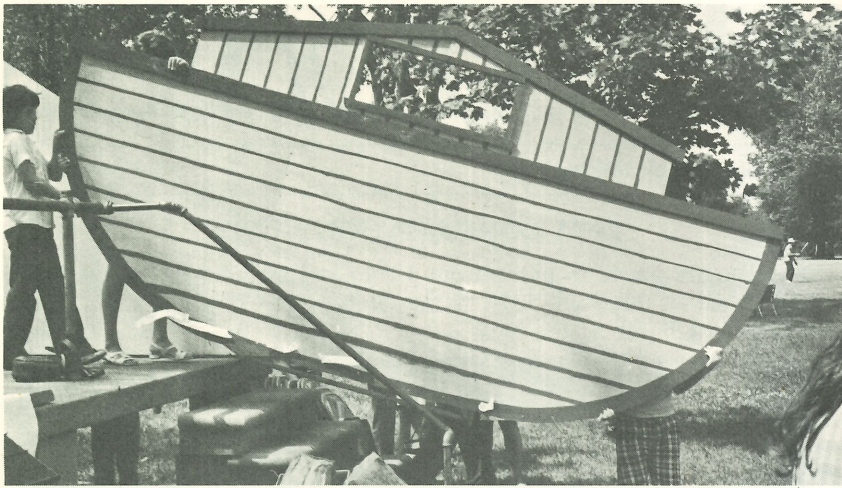
This is why we again ask friends of our school to come to the aid of families who have deaf children by providing Scholarship Funds, regardless of how large or small your contribution may be. Thus, in a very personal way, you can contribute toward a deaf child's learning about his Savior and learning to live and communicate in the world of today and tomorrow.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40

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SCENES FROM THE 101st ANNIVERSARY — AS PORTRAYED



THE RHAPSODY OF NOAH'S ARK

*Our theme this year is Noah's Ark
We hope that it creates a spark
Of TOGETHERNESS deep down within
And maybe, too, a great big grin!*

*We'll try to tell you in some simple ways
What happened on some very fateful days
All the beautiful things God had made
Soon turned on Him and refused His aid*

*God's anger with our violent world
Grew and grew and was soon unfurled
When God needed someone to tell of His plan
Good Patriarch, Noah, was the chosen man*

*He spoke to Noah in words so sad
"Go tell the world to stop being bad!
Then build an ark to take refuge in
And warn the world that I'm saddened by sin!"*

*When Noah's work was almost through
And the animals had gathered two by two
God said:
"Noah, take your family each son and daughter
As I cleanse the earth with My saving water."*

*God saved the penguin with its huge black nose
Two came arunning in their full set of clothes
Birds flew in by the various dozens
Bringing all their country cousins*

*The hippopotami hustled in
They didn't want to wallow
The apes walked tall like stars
There was no monkeying around*

*But frolicking in behind them
Two mice who couldn't stop
The elephants arrived in an
And then broke into a silly*

*The giraffes sauntered forth
Making the rabbits and kangaroos
And with a great big grin to
Came Mr. Tortoise with its*

*Then came creeping, crawling,
Wearing only great big smiles
Noah thought for peace of mind
T'was better to tie them on*

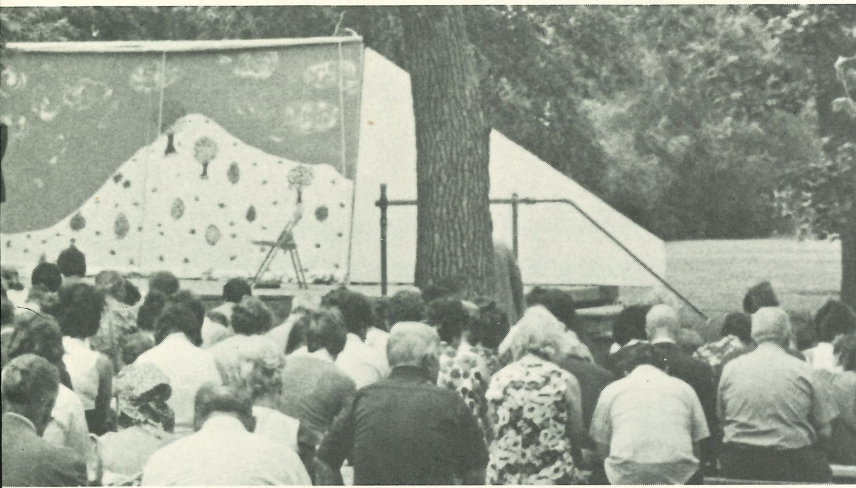
*The ark was not full, but the
Said God: "It is finished, I*

*And it rained, and it rained
And it rained, and it rained
And it rained, and it rained,
Tossing and bobbing its huge
The ark and its cargo survive*

*In Genesis: 8 it tells us that
The ark rested on the Moun*

Y CELEBRATION, SUNDAY June 9, 1974

BY OUR CHILDREN



by teacher, Anne Mierendorf

In all that sin
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 found for them

He came
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 will close the door."

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Noah released two birds to see
 If the water God has sent would always be
 He knew there was land and a second chance
 When the third bird returned with an olive branch

God opened the door, and was angry no more
 What came out was a beautiful sight
 Good Noah and crew, were no more two by two
 They had added a few in their flight

God's Manificence comes in colors
 He splashed them across the sky
 In the rainbow, each hue, gave promise anew
 "No more must all of life die."

I have sent you a rainbow, when you see the rainbow
 As My message of love, let it stand
 Use all of your days, to walk in My ways
 And refresh and renew all the land.

The Program closed with the children and
 congregation singing the following song —
 "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His Hands,
 He's got the big round world in His Hands,
 He's got the whole world in His Hands,
 He's got the whole world in His Hands.

He's got all God's children in His Hands,
 He's got all His children in His Hands,
 He's got all His children in His Hands,
 He's got the whole world in His Hands.



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IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES H. SHARRER

Our beloved Dr. Charles H. Sharrer departed this life on April 24, 1974. He died at Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Detroit where he had been a member of the staff for nearly 50 years.

Dr. Sharrer graduated from Detroit College of Medicine, now Wayne State University.

He provided medical services gratuitous for all our children here at the school for nearly 40 years and loved the work of caring for these hearing-impaired children.



Dr. Charles H. Sharrer

He was named Father of the Year in 1959, having been nominated by the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

He was a member of the Economic Club of Detroit, Senior Mens Club of Grosse Pointe, Detroit Yacht Club Pelicans and sang with the Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus.

In 1973, he retired completely from his regular practice but still continued to be available whenever required to administer to our children here at the school.

The Board of Directors, School Staff and the Children will greatly miss this truly dedicated servant of the Lord.

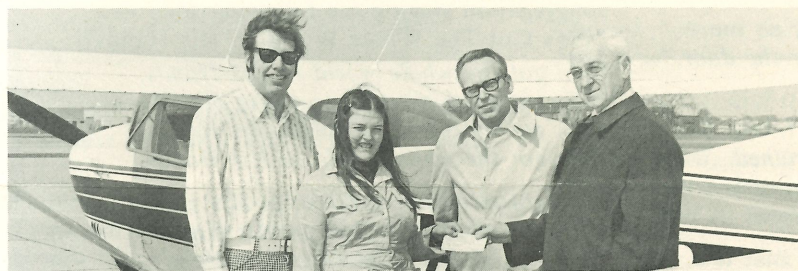
GIFT FOR DEAF SCHOOL ARRIVES BY AIRPLANE

A donation for Lutheran School for the Deaf, gathered by the Sunday School of Zion Church of Petoskey, was delivered Saturday morning, May 11, by air. The Sunday School had been collecting for the donation about a year, and the sum totaled \$207.00. Robert Schrader, Sunday School superintendent, student Ruth Ann Klee and Pilot George Kaven landed at City Airport and presented the funds to Elmer W. Engel, manager-director of the school and to Harvey Keaneman, LLL photographer.

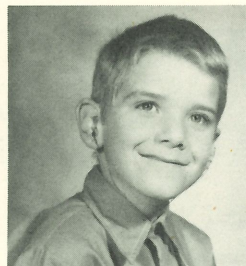
The Petoskey guests, who had never seen the school, were taken on a tour of the buildings and grounds, after enjoying lunch. Mr. Engel also showed them the new Phonic Ear equipment in the classrooms. The trio were surprised at the size of the facilities.

"This is a good project for other schools and Sunday School, if they would like to help these hearing-impaired children," Mr. Engel said.

Now the children of Zion Lutheran Sunday School are ready to begin another project. We are grateful to these children for their interest in our school.



YOUNG PUPILS SLATED TO ATTEND "HEARING" SCHOOLS



John Neufeld and Angie Mastronardi, Leamington, Ontario

John Neufeld and Angie Mastronardi, two of our nine year old pupils in Miss Forsberg's class this past year, will not return to the Lutheran School for the Deaf next fall. Since their speech and language have progressed to the point where they are able to attend school with hearing children, they have been enrolled in schools in their own neighborhood.

John of Leamington, Ontario, began attending school here just before his 4th birthday. He had already had some tutoring and auditory training at the Rehabilitation Institute in Detroit.

Angie, also from Leamington, began her schooling too at the Rehabilitation Institute and became one of John's classmates when he began his second year here.

Both children continued to make good progress, especially in using their residual hearing for learning language.

After 5 years at Lutheran School for the Deaf, they are now ready to join their friends at local schools. This is a goal toward which we work with all our pupils—integration into hearing schools. We pray for God's blessings on John and Angie both now and in their future lives.

NEW STUDENT APPLICANTS

We still have room for new students wishing to apply for 1974-75 school year enrollment.

Detailed information can be obtained by writing our Principal, Mrs. Pauline Fenton, at the school office.