



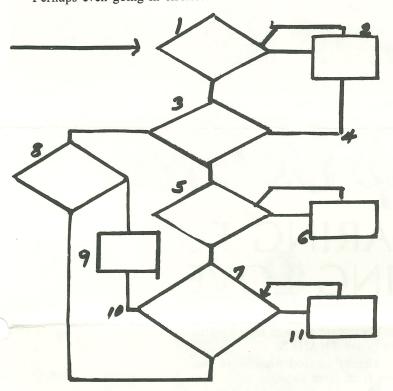


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GOALS

Not quite sure where you are going? Perhaps even going in circles?!



Well, it is always good to stop, take a look and see if your goals are clear and valuable.

So, we have attempted to do that this fall. Board, faculty and staff have begun a dialogue to state again our purpose. What are we doing? Why? Is it worth doing? How does it give glory to God?

Sure in the past 101 years we have served God in many exciting ways. How will we continue to use God's gracious gifts for His glory? He gives us time, students, dedicated staff, magnificent friends, eager loving Christian helpers. Over 101 years ago we dedicated ourselves to our Lord and promised that we would use His blessings so that many deaf individuals could learn to know Christ as their Lord and Savior while they were learning ways to glorify God through their daily lives as good self-supporting and self-respecting citizens.

This is an involved and complex process. The students must learn language which is a very difficult process. Then they must use that language as a tool to learn math, science, social studies, reading, speech and the thousands of other facts and ideas necessary to enjoy life in God's world. We wish to make their education complete. So we share with them the glorious good news of God's love shown through Christ our risen Redeemer and living God.

As we now study our past, re-examine our goals, seek new and better ways to educate the deaf, we re-dedicate ourselves to one primary goal: We will let Christ shine in and through our lives and teaching so that each of the deaf students entrusted to us may regularly show His love through their daily actions.

NEW RELIGIOUS CURRICULUM



Each fall the Faculty has an opening workshop prior to the beginning of school. This year the faculty met three days to discuss our religious curriculum. We thanked God for all His blessings and asked, "How could we better share His love?"

From our discussions came some resolutions for action. Our chapel services would be held daily for 15 minutes and would be times of joy and praise. We would seek new ways to share our joy for all Christ's love so richly shown to us and we would help the students show their happiness through their praises.

We would begin a total restructuring of our religious classes. Our goal would be to have a coordinated religious curriculum. One that begins with the childrens' needs and builds a solid foundation of Biblical knowledge while it challenges the children to show positive Christian attitudes through some of their actions now. Our teachers worked hard during the workshop and have continued to work willingly as we attempt to write a first draft this year.

We pray God's blessings on our labors as we seek to share the glorious good news of Christ with each other.

WANTED For Use With New Religious Curriculum

- 1. Surplus Sunday School, Weekday School, Vacation Bible School materials.
- 2. Old or unused or torn film strips from any source.
- 3. Any religious leaflets or pictures suitable to be used with little children.
- 4. Donations to buy new religious visual aids.

FRIENDS OF GREATER DETROIT HELP US RESTOCK OUR PANTRY SHELVES – REMEMBER POUND DAY —



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Volunteers Help Us Grow

THROUGH SHARING FUN AND SHOWING LOVE

Each Tuesday evening over 40 members of Bethel Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores gather to share a little love.

Lay people? Hardly. They are professionals in the lovely Christian grace of volunteer service. Young and middle-aged, dedicated all, they come to share some of their skills with our older deaf students.

This year they have organized 7 activities: Cake decorating, crafts, gymnastics, small motors, sewing, typing and woodworking.

We picture a few of their activities here to say THANKS:

Thanks to God whose love over-flows from them to us,

Thanks to God for the skills and time they share with us,

Thanks to all of them for sharing with us,

Thanks to the many groups who come to help our children experience many different joys,

...and, oh yes, thanks for such finger licking good skills.







RAMBLINGS

From the Association Meeting on October 9

Mr. Ray Gartha, Teacher Carl Middeldorf, Pastor Edwin Rossow and Mr. Herbert Schoenberg, Attorney, were re-elected to serve on the Board for three more years. We thank God for the dedicated service of all twelve of our Board members who voluntarily dedicate much time for the improvement of our School.

During this past year, more of the Centennial funds were expended for the upgrading of our building. Some of the projects were:

- a. All new outside doors.
- b. Recaulking and fixing on all outside windows.
- c. Painting of interior halls (they really shine).
- d. The painting of the chapel.

In addition to our normal publicity, the Jennifer film continues to be extensively used. It was shown 114 times on television this past year and there was a beautiful article in the *Correspondent* published by the Aid Association for Lutherans.

During the past year, we received gifts from 27 different wills. It was this money which helped us balance our budget. We thank God for the gifts that these dedicated Christians left us.

The parents of one third of our school children stated that they do not attend church nor consider themselves members of a church. God has given us a magnificient opportunity to witness of Christ to these people who would not otherwise hear the Good News.

The enthusiasm of all the participants at the Annual Meeting was very noticeable. Lay people and pastors eagerly asked questions, encouraged more progress and thanked God for the glorious blessings that He has poured out upon us.

NEW CHILDREN





Keri Blodgett is so cute we almost made her our center fold. Other new students this year pictured from left to right, Michael Windemuth, Cecil Bowman, Michael Matzke, Dale Sweeting, Roger Reed

We thank God for the new students. Since our enrollment this year is down, we pray God that He will send us many more students.

To the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Please help us. Answer these questions and send this corner to us. We would like to know more about the ways God has blessed our former students. We would also like to begin again an alumni column in this paper.

Did you attend the Lutheran School for the Deaf? Yes No
I attended Lutheran School for the Deaf from to (example 1928-1932).
Were you confirmed at the Lutheran School for the Deaf?
Yes No
I regularly attend Church, City State
Tell us a little about yourself, your family, your job.
Thanks.

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.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available free and postpaid.

APPLIES 'N' APPLES



Our kids rejoice. They also spill.

The cause for their fun is God's great blessing of apples, given by God through the members of Salem Lutheran Church, Colona, Michigan and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Washington, Michigan.

We thank God for the love and dedication of these people who made it possible for our children to have fresh apples this winter.



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CLEAN-UP



Our older boys spend a Saturday cleaning up litter on the picnic grounds.



Could you please help us? Would you please save the labels off of the Campbell Products (soups, baked beans, etc.). If you will send these to us, we can redeem them for needed visual aid equipment. If you are not collecting them for someone else, please send them to us by

Campbells have helped us so much in the past with their gifts. Now through collecting and recycling these labels, they will help us again by giving visual aid projectors. These projectors will be used for individual study by our students.

We hope you find this a delicious way to help us.

ADVOCATE READERS

In order that you might receive prompt delivery of "The Deaf Child's Advocate", we ask that you check your address as it appears in this issue and, if there are any inaccuracies in the address or if you receive more than one copy, kindly clip the address from this paper, indicate corrections, deletions or duplication and return it

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WE OFFER

To

PASTORS - TEACHERS - SCHOOLS CONGREGATIONS AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

The Following Interesting and Informative Programs:

- 1. Mission Talks in Church Services or Meetings on the work with and for the Deaf. Sponsoring agency determines the length of the program.
- 2. An all-color sound motion picture 1/2 hour "A New Life for Jennifer"
- 3. Talk and live teaching demonstration with deaf children. Length of program 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- 4. Talk. 30 minutes.
- 5. Conference paper "Counseling Parents of Handicapped Children". 1 hour.
- 6. Assistance in setting up and training teacher for local Sunday School or weekday school for the deaf.
- 7. Counseling parents of deaf children.

There is no charge for any or all the offered programs. We would appreciate it if you would help with traveling expenses. When writing, please, state a choice of several dates. This will give us a better opportunity to comply with your wishes.

Make all request to:

Pastor Rodney R. Rynearson, Executive Director 6861 E. Nevada Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48234

THANKS

The Association at its annual meeting made a resolution to thank the following for their dedicated service:

The two Ladies Auxiliaries.

The Fred Sanders Company

The Denby Kiwanis Club.

The Volunteer Mailing Group.

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club.

The Bethel Tutoring Group.

The Volunteers from Grace, Redford.

The Doctors and Dentists whose services we use when our children are in need of medical care.

The Parent Staff Organization.

Mr. Elmer Engel for his work on the Festival Committee and as **Business Manager**

Miss Marie Bliefnick for her 35 years of dedicated service.