

# THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE

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## AN ALUMNA REPORT

We are always pleased to hear how our alumnae are doing. Recently Barbara Brauer Sachs spent a weekend with us helping us focus our thoughts and goals. Barbara was born deaf and has a 100 decibel hearing loss. She attended the Lutheran School for eight years. Since she left here, she has attended regular schools. This fall she will receive her Ph.D. from New York University in Clinical Psychology.



Mrs. Sachs is now a Psychologist at the Federal Mental Hospital, St. Elizabeths, in Washington, D.C. She led us in a discussion regarding mental health and the feelings of the deaf. She stated that recent books and research studies point out that the majority of deaf people have pronounced feelings of inferiority and low levels of self-esteem and self-worth. These studies also show that deaf people also perceive the attitude of hearing people toward deafness and deaf persons to be decidedly negative.

Mrs. Sachs offered the following suggestions:

1. Let deaf individuals fully participate in every conversation.
2. Consider allowing the children to sign. Signing did not hurt my speech.
3. Let deaf children interact with successful deaf adults.
4. Teach them to express their feelings.

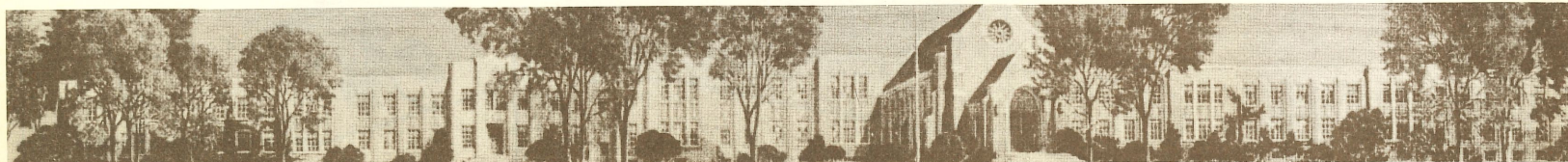
We thank her and hope that our discussions will help us provide a better education for all of our children.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL PROGRAM

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Festival Program on Sunday, June 8.

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| 11:00 - 1:30 | Dinner served in gymnasium                       |
| 12:00 - 2:00 | Open House                                       |
| 2:30         | Combined Children's Program and Festival Service |
| 4:00 - 6:30  | Refreshments and relaxation on the grounds       |

Bring a friend with you for an even more enjoyable afternoon.



## CIRCUS QUEEN



Queen Laura Walker from Swan River, Manitoba, Canada

In connection with the children's annual visit to the circus, we elect a queen.

This year, we had two very pretty girls who each received an equal number of votes. As an experience in democracy, the children spent one week attempting to convince each other and the staff which of the two girls should be queen.

After many hours of campaigning, a second election was held and a second tie occurred. Finally, we prayed and drew lots until Laura won.

We are thankful for the learning experience which occurred for our children.



Laura and her runner-up, Stacey Sullivan

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are always available, free and postpaid.



Work or play?



Our beautiful lodge



a test?

### WINTER CAMP

The Boy Scout Camp near Brighton provided a beautiful setting for our winter camps held March 11 through 13. Twenty-one Intermediate students, together with their Faculty and many members of our staff participated in this delightful three day long science experience. A friend, Mr. Charles Schad, took the children on a hike through the winter woods and showed them many, many signs of life that were clearly visible as they walked.

Numerous short courses were provided as learning experiences for children:

- ice safety for fishing or skating
- first aid
- use of the compass
- use of the telescope

In such a beautiful setting, even the classes took on a joy and an enthusiasm not always seen back at the school buildings.

Our thanks to all who made this possible, especially our Forest Guide, Mr. Schad and our Chief Cook, a parent - Mrs. Betty Ewald.

### DESIGNATED OFFERING FOLDER

This folder is a sample of our folder which can be used to honor friends or loved ones on the occasion of their

- anniversaries
- birthdays
- or other joyous occasions

We will gladly send you free as many as you request.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
 We rejoice in the grace and love of God which He has so graciously showered upon you. His mercy has been shown to you and through you richly. His kindness and strength are apparent in your joyous, loving actions. Our Lord Jesus daily encourages us as we recall His dying and living for our forgiveness and hope. Daily God pours out on us His Holy Spirit of wisdom and peace. We rejoice with you on this special occasion and say with David in Ps. 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and shield, in Him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exalts, and with my song I give thanks to Him."



To the Glory of God  
 and in Honor of

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An Offering has been

"... All the  
 People rejoiced  
 OVER EVERY  
 wonderful thing  
 which Jesus did."

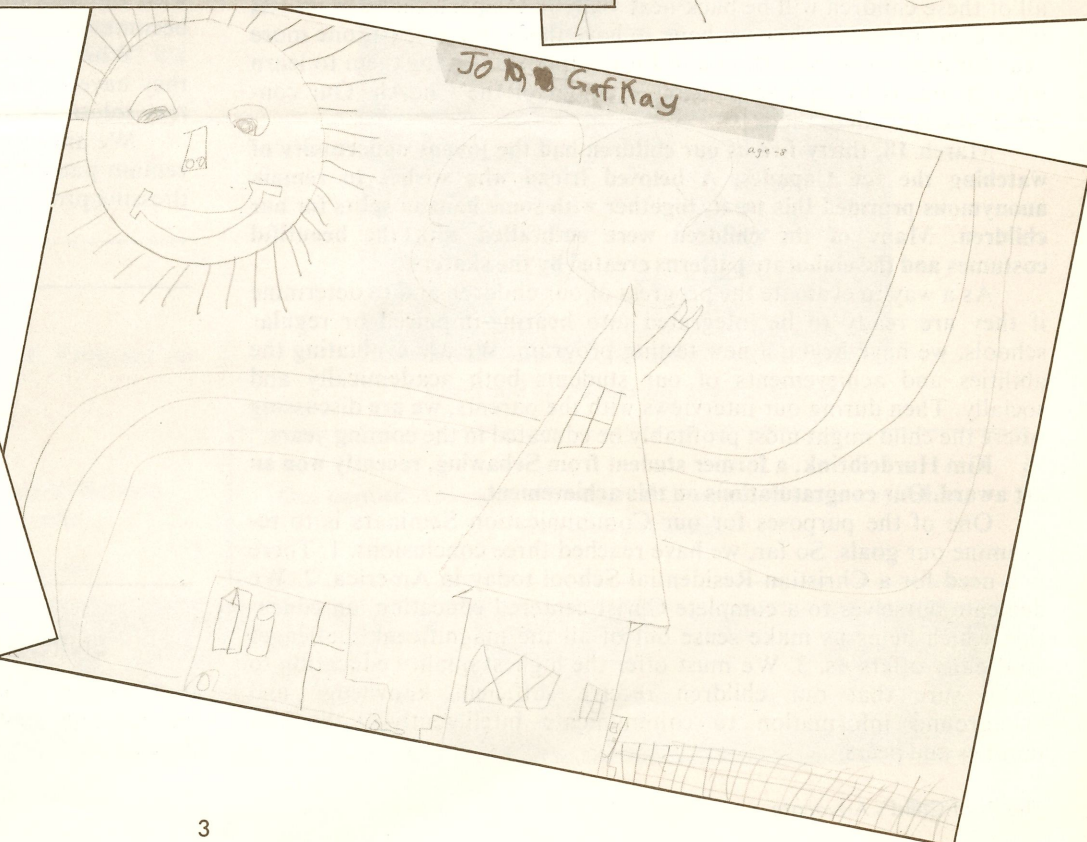
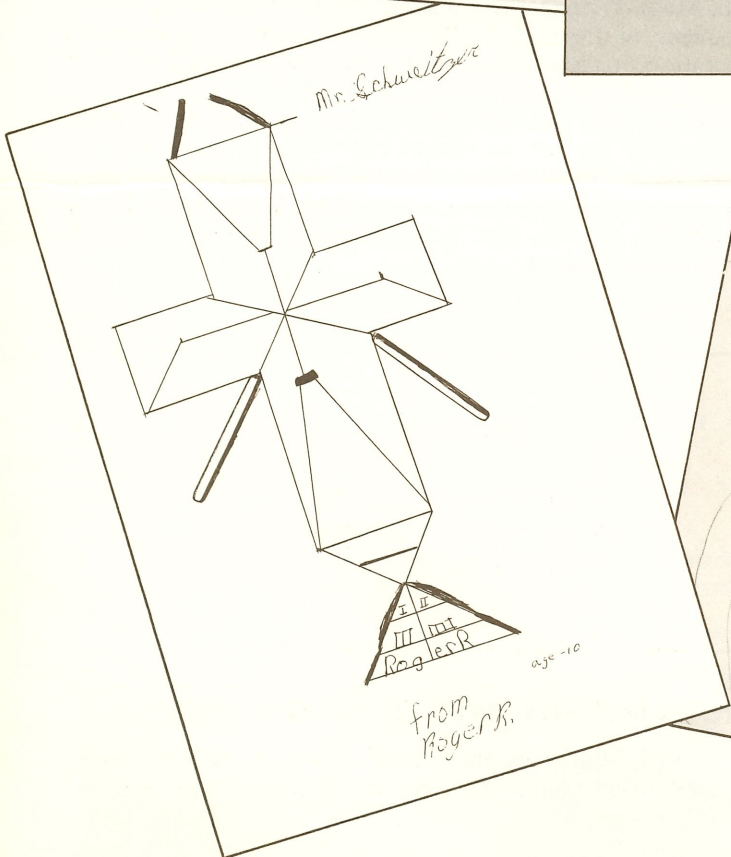
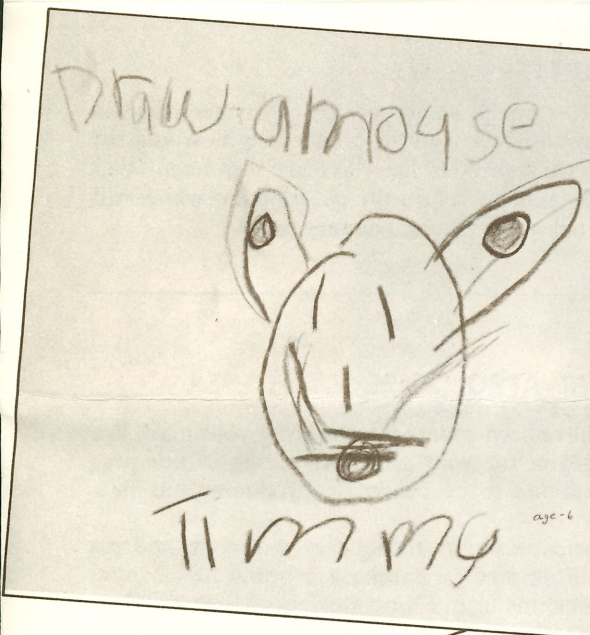
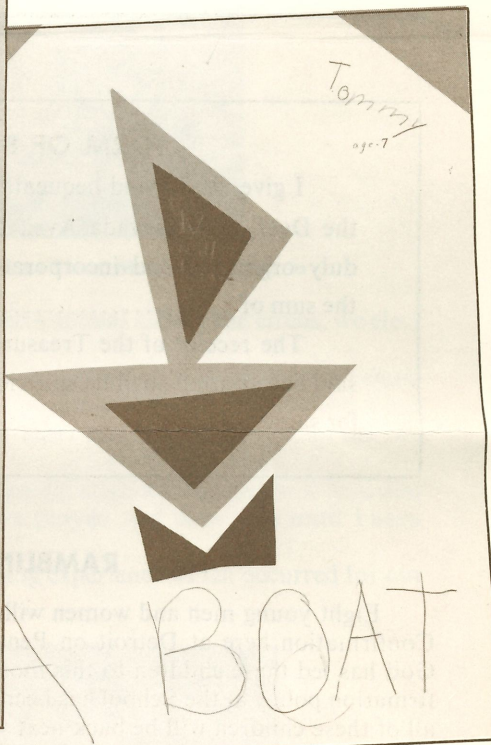
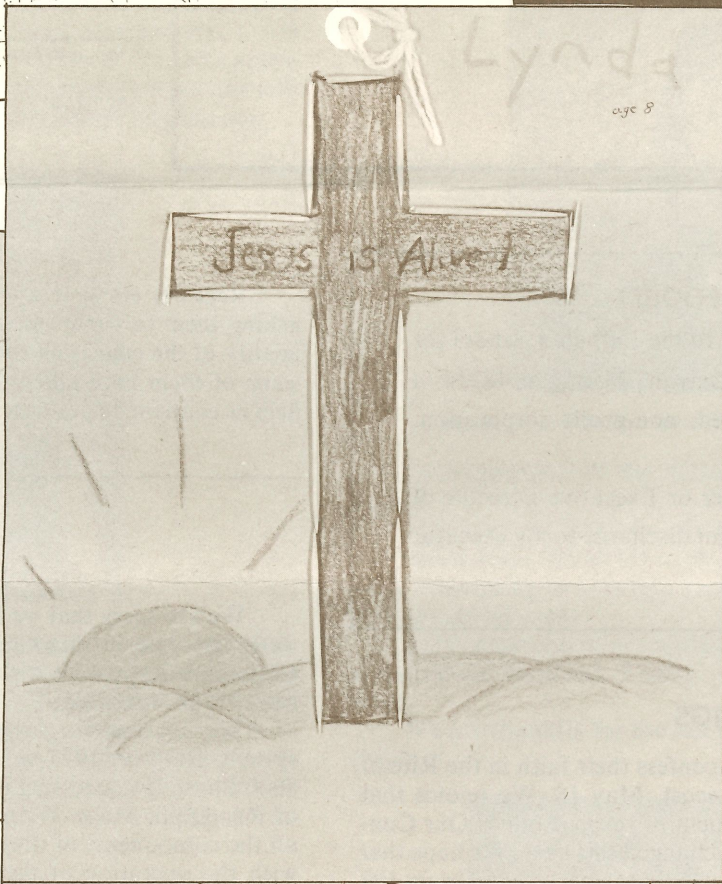
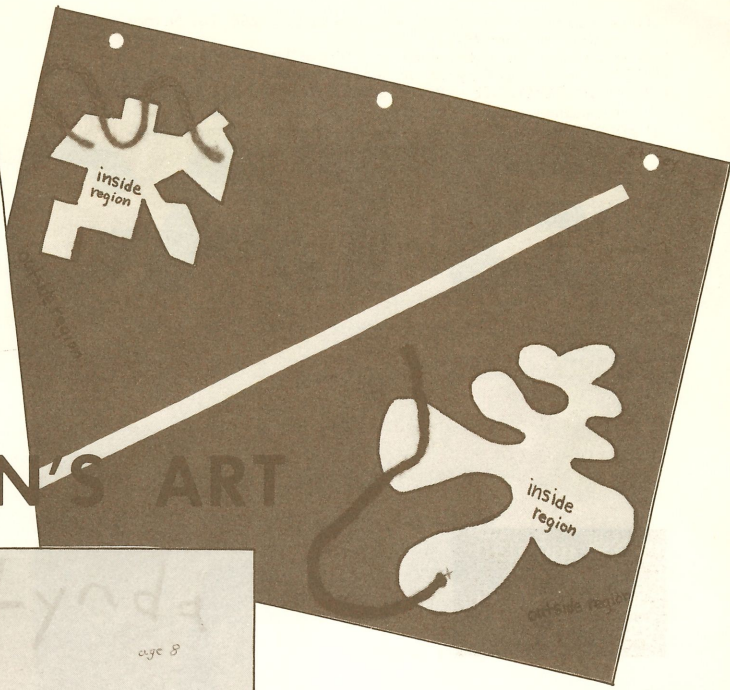
Luke 13:17

To the Glory  
 of God



"In Thy name shall they rejoice."  
 P 89:16

# OUR CHILDREN'S ART



SECOND CLASS  
 POSTAGE PAID  
 AT  
 DETROIT, MICH.

## RECYCLE ME PLEASE,

let a friend read me when you  
 have finished enjoying me.

If there are any inaccuracies in your address or if you receive more than one copy, kindly clip the address from this paper, indicate corrections, deletions or duplication and return it to us.

Your cooperation will save the school an appreciable amount of money.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print or Type—Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.D. No. (In care of)

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Post Office, State, and ZIP Code

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.D. No. (In care of)

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Post Office, State, and ZIP Code

(If signed as agent, include title) DO NOT print or type

### 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.

### RAMBLINGS

Eight young men and women will confess their faith in the Rite of Confirmation here at Detroit on Pentecost, May 18. We rejoice that God has led these children to this moment of responsibility. Our Confirmation policy at the School has been changed this year. We hope that all of these children will be back next year. In the past, they always left after Confirmation. Now we hope to have them for, at least, one more year for additional education and for an opportunity for them to learn what it means to be a responsible member of the Church. Our congratulations to all of them.

**March 18, thirty-five of our children had the joyous opportunity of watching the Ice Capades. A beloved friend who wishes to remain anonymous provided this treat, together with some banana splits for our children. Many of the children were enthralled with the beautiful costumes and the elaborate patterns created by the skaters.**

As a way to evaluate the progress of our children and to determine if they are ready to be integrated into hearing-impaired or regular schools, we have begun a new testing program. We are evaluating the abilities and achievements of our students both academically and socially. Then during our interviews with the parents, we are discussing where the child might most profitably be educated in the coming years.

**Kim Hurdelbrink, a former student from Sebawing, recently won an art award. Our congratulations on this achievement.**

One of the purposes for our Communication Seminars is to re-examine our goals. So far, we have reached three conclusions. 1. There is a need for a Christian Residential School today in America. 2. We dedicate ourselves to a complete Christ-centered education, an education which helps us make sense out of all the magnificent challenges God daily offers us. 3. We must offer the highest quality education to make sure that our children receive sufficient knowledge and background information to communicate intelligently with their families and peers.

### LETTERS SENT

Recently we sent a letter out to some parents of former students asking them to comment on how their child is progressing now and the quality of the education the child received here. We are very happy that some of them have taken the time to return the questionnaire which will help us continue to evaluate ourselves. Thank you very much.

### OUR APPOLOGIES

We are sorry that we have been so late in answering your mail. We were very late in thanking you for your gifts responding to our pre-Christmas Appeal. We continue to be behind in producing our new issue of the *Advocate*.

We continue to experience major difficulties with our address system. Early in 1974 we attempted to purchase a brand new Model 8000 Phase II addressing machine from Elliott Business Machines, Inc. of Randolph, Mass. We experienced some initial difficulties in getting all the components of the machine. We have had continuous headaches with the operation of the machine, which frequently breaks down or becomes maladjusted.

While the company has been prompt in repairing the machine, they have repeatedly ignored our requests to find a mutually satisfactory solution to our problem.

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by this situation. Please remain patient with us. Pray that a God-pleasing solution to our addressing problems be resolved.

### THANKS

*Thank you for all the surplus religious materials. Please send us more.*

### ENROLLMENT FOR 1975-76 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents of deaf children are encouraged to write for detailed information and application blanks. Contact our Principal, Mrs. Pauline Fenton.