



New Students

Four children were newly enrolled in school this fall. They are pictured above from left to right, Michael Johnson, six years old. Michael used to live in Texas and has now moved to Detroit to live with his brand new parents on the west side. Second, Nelson Kowalczyk, ten years old. Nelson is a day pupil who lives with his grandparents a couple of miles away from the school. Third, Tommy Cain, eleven years old. Tommy used to live in Southern California. His dad has a job working for one of the auto companies here. Fourth, Richard Evans, from Columbus, Ohio. Richard is twelve years old.

This year, we have 44 full time students enrolled. There are seven classroom teachers in our building.

Five of the children attend classes at St. Peter's in East Detroit. St. Peter's is a regular parochial school. One of our teachers, Mr. Robert Schweitzer, works there as a consultant and tutor to help insure maximum educational progress for these children.

DESIGNATED OFFERING FOLDER

Our new folder can be used for anniversaries, birthdays, and other joyous occasions. We will gladly send you free as many as you request.

New Staff

Mr. James Pagels has accepted a call to become Learning Disabilities Resource Coordinator for the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Mr. Pagels formerly was a parochial school teacher at the Zurstadt Lutheran School in Redford, Michigan. He has completed his Masters Degree in Educational Psychology and Testing.



God has offered us many challenges in the area of learning disabilities. We hope that early in 1977, we can begin to offer programs to help some of these special children of God, in addition to our ongoing program with deaf children.

Mr. Pagels is the second of three new employees this summer. Mr. William H. Harlow was pictured in our July ADVOCATE. He is our new Principal and doing an excellent job of directing the educational policies of the school.

Miss Joanne Weinert has replaced Mrs. Woelkers as assistant bookkeeper. We are thankful that God has blessed us with these delightful individuals.

Mainstreaming

Individuals ask, "Has mainstreaming effected the Lutheran School for the Deaf?" Of course it has. While mainstreaming has raised many questions, it is effective and good in some cases and unknown in others.

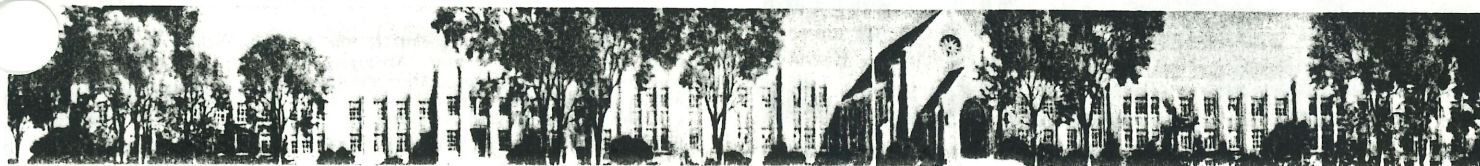
Mainstreaming is the term for the present educational practice of placing handicapped children in normal classrooms.

Some people have said that mainstreaming is the answer to a dream come true. Children may now live at home and attend school with their brothers and sisters and classmates. Others have said it is a horrible nightmare because of the naive and inadequate approach some schools have taken in preparation for it.

Obviously it would be wonderful if every child could attend a normal school. However, that idealistic goal should be evaluated in terms of the needs of the children. Through this discussion regarding the best educational environment for children, it has become apparent that there are many different environments. These might be:

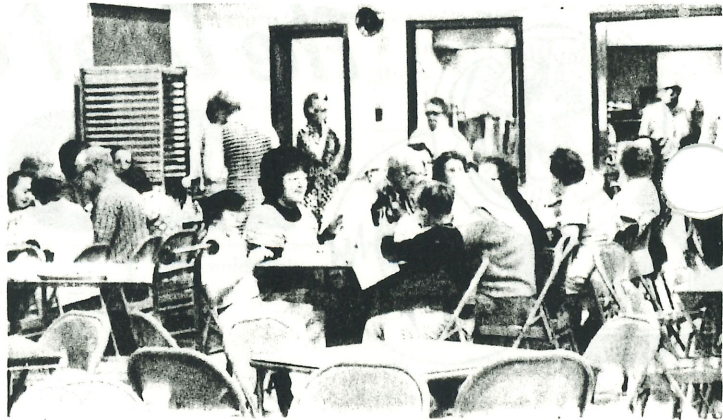
1. A regular classroom.
2. A regular classroom with consultation.
3. A regular classroom with supplementary tutoring.
4. A regular classroom, plus resource room services.
5. Part time special class.

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Hayride



Delicious German foods



Folk Choir, St. Peter's, East Detroit



Magician James Ruth

The Harvest Festival

Thanks to all who came to our wonderful party: The Harvest Festival on October 16.

It was a delightful, chilly fall day. Activities continued all day.

Almost 600 people partook of the delicious German foods prepared by the volunteers. All morning and afternoon, families and groups of children visited the school. Over 250 people saw one or both of our movies and toured the building. Hundreds rode the hayride around the property. Candied apples and cider and doughnuts were consumed and enjoyed by many.

An evening of delightful entertainment was enjoyed. First, we heard the young people from Bethlehem, Roseville. Then the Folk Choir from St. Peter's, East Detroit sang. Then Mr. James Ruth, a magician, entertained us. Mr. Herman Miller, from East Bethlehem, led us in a nostalgic and harmonious community sing. The evening was crowned with the delightful dancing of the young people who call themselves Lederhosen.

We rejoice that so many were able to come and have a delightful day as together we thank God for all of the blessings which He has so richly poured out upon the school.



The Lederhosen



Apples for Sale

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 \$ and/or the following described real estate and/or stocks and bonds. The receipt of the Treasurer or Executive Director of said corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

Ramblings

Our annual Appeal Letter is on its way. We are most grateful that you have responded so graciously to this Appeal in the past. We pray that you will carefully consider the challenge it offers and, if possible, respond. Through your gift it is possible for the children here to receive an excellent Christian Education. Thank you for all your help.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS. We have been informed that Campbell's will redeem their labels. However, this year, the deadline for redemption is February 15th. Campbell's knew that you would rather eat soup during the cold winter months after Christmas so they have extended the deadline to that period of time. Please send us the front half of the label from any of the Campbell soups or bean products.

The young boys are again involved in Cub Scouts. Mrs. Rynearson helps them belong to a Pack with a group of hearing children at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. This gives the children an opportunity to learn some very necessary skills through a very wonderful club.

In Memory

Recently we were informed that Col. John James (Jack) Klein died. Jack Klein is the eldest son of our beloved former Director, Dr. John A. Klein. Jack was born here at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. He served our country during World War II, in Korea, and in Vietnam. After retirement, he taught at Trinity Lutheran School and later was involved in various business activities in Spring, Texas, his hometown. He is survived by his wife, two children, one grandchild in addition to his parents.

We rejoice that Dr. John Klein continues in good health. We pray that God will give His Spirit of Comfort to Dr. Klein, to Mrs. Jack Klein and to all of his survivors. The following poem was written by the mother of one of his students.

The Colonel Was A Teacher

By Catherine Neal

*Colonel John J. Klein was a dedicated teacher.
Of military grooming and discipline he was a preacher.
Taught by example that spelling can,
Be conquered by a Colonel and/or a young man.
By rewriting again and again; with a word he fought.
He was showing the way to spelling perfection he sought.*

*Once at school when he reigned as a teacher,
A bran muffin brought by a student was a feature.
"Muffins like those you cannot buy,
And if you could the price would be high."
Returning home with the teacher's reply,
The young boy's mother let out a happy sigh.*

*The Colonel to many better known as Jack,
For a full life of caring he did not lack.
America with bravery and honor he served.
He so inwardly and deeply cared that unnerved
Some days he pushed forward with pain hard to bear,
Striving for betterment he pressed his idea there.*

*Instilling in his students to listen and hear,
Beyond the threatening thick wall of fear.
What this information history books they paged.
He taught it was unnecessary from scratch to start,
Rather add to and build on their fore-father's part.*

*Thanks to God: for death that came with children grown,
Jack; a son, husband, father, Colonel, teacher who loved his
home,*

*For Jack's broad smile and understanding meekness,
For most of all Jesus and Heaven the Beautiful Eternal Place
Where you God will judge no man by color nor race.*



The Potatoes are Here

Pound Day

Each fall, thousands of individuals throughout Michigan and Northern Ohio, join to gather food for the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

One circuit in the upper part of the Lower Peninsula gathers up funds to buy potatoes for us. Last year, almost 200 bushels of potatoes were delivered by them for our use.

Some Christians on the West side of Michigan gathered up almost 80 bushels of apples and sent them over for our children to enjoy. School children all over Michigan gather cans and cans of food. We rejoice that God makes it possible for us to offer delicious meals to our children through these delightful gifts.

Mainstreaming

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6. Full time special class.
7. Special day school.
8. A residential school.

We must be honest with our use of terminology. To rejoice that our child is "mainstreamed" when, in fact, he attends a full time special class in a regular school and is only with hearing children during lunch and gym is to miss the point. A deaf child's biggest problem is in the area of language, not in the area of math or art or physical education. The ultimate goal in mainstreaming a deaf child would be to have a child successfully participate in language based subjects such as social studies, reading, etc.

We ought also be careful of moral judgment. The educational environment should fit the child, not the child fit the educational environment. If a child can learn fast in a part time special class, obviously that is good. If another child could profit best by education in a regular classroom with consultation that, too, is good and is not better than the other child who is in a part time special class. Our own preconceptions, together with society's popular opinions are nowhere near as important as the educational achievement of the child.

Another additional question should be asked, "Is the education Christian?" Public education normally ignores the subject of God. Yet as a Christian, I do not believe God can be ignored. To place your child in an environment where he will never hear that God is important may require a much higher price to pay than the cost of sending him to a parochial school. Be interested in your child's education. Make sure it is appropriate and that it challenges your child to learn both facts and attitudes. Make Christ the Center of that education. Then, the mainstreaming will be worthwhile.

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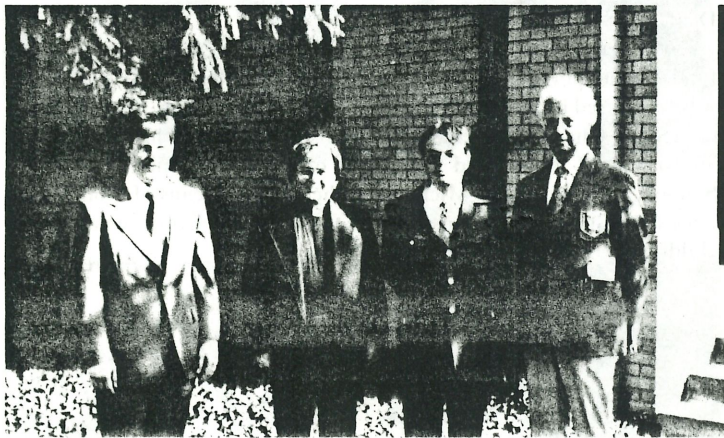
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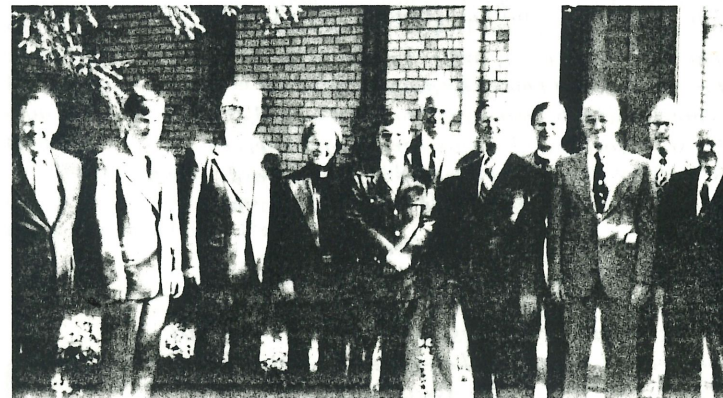
The Annual Meeting



Ratiner, O. Dueweke, W. Rice and W. Neeb. The Fred Sanders Company. Various service clubs, including the Denby Kiwanis, Grosse Pointe Lions, Northeast Lions. The Festival Manager and his Committees. The nominating committee. The Parent Staff Organization. The Volunteer Mailing Group led by Mr. Paul Gady. The Bethal Tutoring Group, Mr. Hilgenbrink and his friends from Grace, Redford. The Bauer Floor Company for refinishing the gym floor and French Electric Company for all of their help during the ice storm last winter and the flood this summer.

Pictured below are members of the Board of Directors. From left to right, Mr. Carl Middeldorf, Secretary; Mr. Paul Quitmeyer; the Rev. John Gagern, Chairman; Rev. Richard Bernthal; Mr. Allan Helland; the Rev. Edward M. Schulte; Mr. Herbert Schoenberg, Attorney; Rev. Wilton Fluegge; Mr. Elmer Engel, Volunteer Business Manager; Mr. Paul Groth; and Honorary Member, the Rev. Carl Nietzke. Two men were absent, Mr. Herman Auch who is in the hospital for eye surgery and Mr. Ray Gartha.

Our thanks to the delegates for taking time off from their busy schedules to offer their constructive evaluation and encouragement for our program.



Our beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are available, free and postpaid

On October 13th, delegates from the seventy-one congregations in the Greater Detroit Area met to review the progress and plans of the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf is not owned by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is a private agency recognized by the Missouri Synod. It is owned by 71 congregations in the Southeastern Michigan area.

One of the purposes of the meeting is to elect the Board of Directors. Twelve men serve on the Board of Directors. Four being elected each year for a three year term. Pictured above are from left to right, Mr. Paul Quitmeyer, CPA, the Rev. Richard Bernthal, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Mr. Allan Helland, National Bank of Detroit, Rev. Edward N. Schulte, Good Shepherd, Detroit. Mr. Quitmeyer and Pastor Schulte were newly elected. Mr. Helland and Pastor Bernthal were reelected.

The Association adopted the proposed budget of \$597,861.00. This is down slightly because of the slightly lower enrollment this year.

Special thanks were given to Mr. Elmer Engel, a Board Member, who continues to serve voluntarily as full time Business Manager. Mr. Herman Auch, Board Member, who, in spite of many vision problems, has given many hours to the maintaining of the building. The Detroit Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf, Ephphatha Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Deaf. Various doctors and dentists who have contributed so much to the health of our children: Drs. W.A. Huegli, C. Ruger, S.