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THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL



"Fear not for behold a Child is born in Bethlehem." The joyous Christmas Story was beautifully told again by the students during the Christmas Pageant on December 19. Parents and friends came from near and far to rejoice with us.

For a number of years the school has presented the Christmas Story in the form of a narrated pageant. All present rejoiced as the children, who have heard only garbled and muffled sounds, stated again, clearly and precisely, the glorious Good news "Jesus Is Born."

Our beautiful Christmas Angel this year is Colleen Bartel from Fremont, Wisconsin. This is Colleen's fifth year enrolled at our school. Earlier she had attended schools in the Wisconsin area.

Colleen comes from a large family. Her father is engaged in farming. She has an uncle who attended the school here a few years back.

No one enjoys being separated from her family for two or three months at a time. Such separation may be necessary to get an adequate kind of education for your child's special needs. To provide your child with a Christian education makes the separation acceptable.

Because of the distance, Mr. and Mrs. Bartel don't often get to come and visit the school. Our Christmas Pageant is always given on the last afternoon prior to vacation, so it was possible for Mrs. Bartel and her mother to watch Colleen be a Christmas Angel.

In spite of a vision problem, caused by a cataract at birth, she continues to learn rapidly. Her academic progress is excellent. Her speech continues to improve. Socially she has matured greatly in the last few months. We are most pleased with her progress in the school.

We thank God for our delightful little Christmas Angel — Colleen. We are very thankful that again the children have progressed to where they can joyously and boldly share with us the joyous News that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

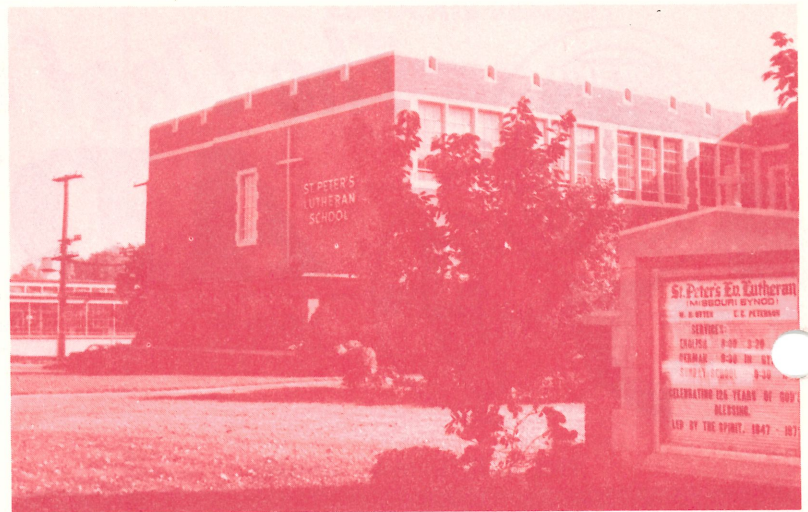
GOALS

The goals of the Lutheran School for the Deaf are that every child:

1. Will confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as the result of multiple learning experiences in formal classes, chapel and informal living-learning situations.
2. Will have a healthy self-concept which includes accepting themselves, their limitations and their talents as God given.
3. Will have fulfilled basic individual needs (Spiritual, emotional, psychological, intellectual and physical).
4. Will receive a consistently high quality subject-oriented education with the idealistic goal of completing appropriate content level equal to hearing peers both now and, if possible, later on in normal schools.
5. Will have sufficient content information, language skills, and study habits that they may achieve their God-given potential through developing marketable vocational, self-satisfying avocational, and appropriate social skills.
6. Will have sufficient communication skills which include knowledge of the vocabulary and syntax of the English language together with receptive-expressive oral (visual-auditory) skills so that they may communicate with others in a self-satisfying manner.
7. Will be given appropriate learning experiences on the basis of diagnostic evaluation. This may mean that a child be here for a short period of time for diagnosis and then referred back to a local school with recommendations for appropriate remedial learning experiences.

The above goals were formally adopted by the School on October 8, 1975, after discussion and planning for over a year. We are pleased with the response of people who have already read the goals. We pray that God bless us and help us carry them out.





Off to school!?!?

AN ALTERNATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Goal number four on the previous page speaks of "if possible, later on in normal hearing schools." There are many learning environments for deaf children. Some children can progress well in hearing schools. Some children need tutoring while in hearing schools. Other children need more concentrated instruction in separate classes for deaf children within hearing schools. Still others, need the benefits of residential education.

Each morning, five children, together with one of our staff teachers, Mr. Robert Schweitzer, leave by bus to attend school at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in East Detroit. While there, the five children

participate full time in classes with normal hearing children. Mr. Schweitzer monitors the progress of the children and tutors them if there is any area of misunderstanding or non-learning appearing.

Children in both schools have benefitted greatly. The children at St. Peter's have learned to know and accept deaf children. Our children have learned many new educational and social skills. Most important though, we are learning ways to provide the most efficient educational environment so that each of our children may realize his or her fullest potential.



Lisa Rau of Frankenmuth, Michigan, pictured in Front row, center concentrates on a reading lesson.



Delbert Rosemeyer, Indianapolis, Indiana and John Gafkay, Roseville, Michigan, consult together about a Science project.

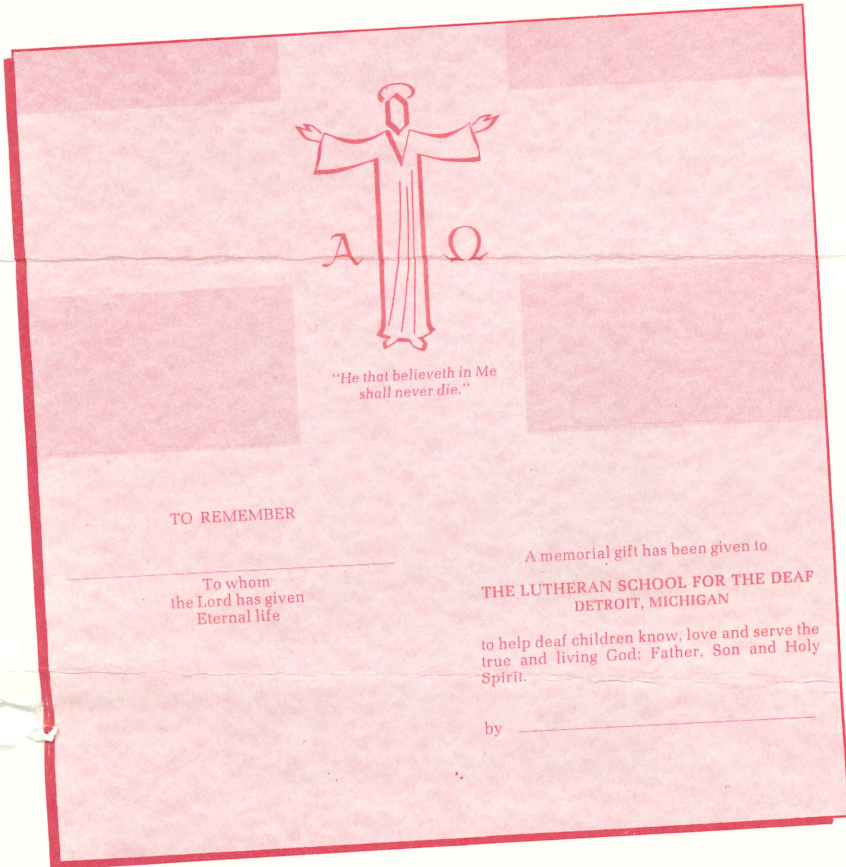


Mr. Robert Schweitzer tutors Beth Ann Olech, of Detroit, about a reading problem.

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Ronnie Stelzer, Detroit, enjoys a moment of free reading while classmates are involved in other activities.



Above is pictured the front and inside of our new Memorial Wreath Folder. We will gladly supply them to you upon request.

If you send in a Memorial and you want US to send a card to the family, please specifically tell us so. Many of our friends send the card themselves which is the real purpose of the card shown above.

RAMBLINGS

Thanks to all of the people who sent in Campbell's labels. 61,800 were shipped a few minutes ago (Jan. 16) to the Campbell's Soup Company for redemption for a number of different pieces of equipment. We hope in our Spring Issue to show you what all of your labors have gotten us.

Thanks to all who continue to send us surplus religious materials. As we continue to get more and more copies they become more and more beneficial for our children. Please continue to send us more.

The Harvest Festival, October 25, was a joyous success. Over 1,000 people came out to take part in our Fall Thanksgiving Party. Hayrides and games, pumpkin face painting contests and apple peeling contests all contributed to make the day enjoyable. Most memorable, though, was the exceptionally wonderful entertainment provided by the choirs and folk dancers. Special thanks to St. Peter's Folk Choir, East Detroit, the Cross of Christ Singers from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, the German Folk Dancers and the Choraliers.

A STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As Christians, we always attempt to wisely use the gifts which God has given to us. We are most grateful to the hundreds and thousands of individuals who continually support the Lutheran School for the Deaf through their gifts. A special thanks to all who again sent in money in response to the annual appeal. The most frequently received gift this year was two dollars. It is the loving sacrificial gifts of many, many people that make this Christian ministry possible. For your information, we list a projected Budget. For us projecting a budget is extremely difficult, since we never know how much money we might receive. The receipts last year totaled a little over \$379,000.00. We had to borrow over \$125,000.00 from our Legacy Fund which has been set aside for such emergencies. As you will notice, we will again probably need to borrow \$150,000.00 from the same fund.

Of the monies expended 45% are used for child care and household items and 55% are used directly for the educational costs of the school.

At this moment, we have 55 children enrolled. That means the annual cost per child is \$11,158.73. Obviously no parent can pay that much money. We encourage parents to give as much as they responsibly can. The average gift is still slightly below \$1,000.00. Some parents give far more and some are unable to give anything. Because of your Christian love, it is possible for us to continue to operate in a responsible way while providing a loving Christian service to children who need special education due to their deafness.

INCOME

Donations	\$ 329,000.00
Tuition	50,400.00
Board & Room - Employees	7,000.00
Festival	10,000.00
Interest & Dividends	7,000.00
Lunch Program & Miscellaneous	4,600.00
Donations in Value - Food	12,000.00
Legacies	150,000.00

Total Income \$ 570,000.00

Expense

Salaries	407,150.00
Office Supplies	12,000.00
Administration & Public Relations	40,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	14,500.00
Food	28,000.00
Household Expenses	7,600.00
Insurance	7,500.00
Utilities	18,300.00
Protection Patrol	8,500.00
Education Expenses	17,180.00

Total Cash Expenses \$ 560,730.00

Non-Cash Depreciation 53,000.00

Grand Total Expenses \$ 613,730.00

The mailing system functioned very well. We thank the people who notified us of duplicates. We have eliminated over 2,000. We still have a large number of questions unanswered. For instance, when there are two people listed in the same house, one a male and one a female, we do not know whether that is husband and wife, or father and daughter, or mother and son, or brother and sister or what. We are willing to send two copies to the same house, as long as we are not creating unnecessary duplications. We also have a problem that we must receive your Old Address in order to eliminate the duplication. Specifically supply us with your zip code and your name and then we can locate you in our filing system. Thanks for all of your help and your patience.

NEEDED: A NEW PRINCIPAL
 Our Principal is planning to retire.
 If interested, apply to the
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c/o the Lutheran School for the Deaf

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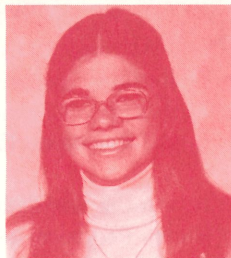
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JENNIFER

Many of our friends have requested information regarding Jennifer who was pictured in the film "A New Life for Jennifer." With joy we print a recent letter sent by her.



ANNA RECHLIN DUNDAS



Pictured above is a most amazing alumna. Anna Rechlin was born November 8, 1881 and sometime around the age of two became deaf, due to a fever epidemic in the Bay City area.

Anna became a student at the Lutheran School for the Deaf on September 3, 1889 and left here, having been confirmed, on August 5, 1895.

Sometime around 1902, she returned to the school as a teacher and continued until 1908 when she left for personal reasons. During that time she did a considerable amount of private tutoring also and, at least, on one occasion, went all the way out to Nebraska to tutor a child there for awhile.

During the early 1920s, she married Harry Dundas and helped raise a family of three children. For many years she and her husband were active in the deaf community in Saginaw. She especially loved to attend the church services and to participate in leading songs and prayers.

On October 17, 1975, a few short weeks before her 94th birthday, her Heavenly Father called her to live forever with Him in heaven.

This remarkable lady was one of the few deaf teachers to have ever taught at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. She was a very dedicated, hard working leader in the deaf community and a devoted loving Christian. We thank God for all of the blessings which He so richly poured upon her.

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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John H. Freed

Pastors:

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November 20, 1975

Pastor Rodney Rynearson
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Dear Pastor Rynearson:

How are you doing at school? I am just fine and really so busy and sorry that I didn't write you sooner. So please forgive me. But now I am writing to you about my high school this year and what I am doing at home.

One of my friends taught me how to paint with oil about three years ago. She is still helping me. I painted a big landscape picture of a beach, and she took it to an Art Show. I won first place for it. I couldn't believe it. My friend and my parents were very proud of me. I think I'll keep on with my painting. My favorite hobby is painting.

The first day of school was on August 25. I am going to Northbrook Senior High School. I am a freshman there. My subjects are Algebra, Physical Education, English, American History and Art. I have a Study Hall at the last period. Next Monday I'll go to Driver Education— simulator and behind the wheel driving. I passed my signs and rules test already and have a permit to drive with my father. The high school is so big, it has three floors and three sections. I really like my school. I am in a carpool in the morning but ride the bus to come home in the afternoon. My teachers are all concerned about me and very helpful. I think they are great. I have many hearing friends, and I really like all of them. I still miss all my friends at the school in Detroit.

I still get letters from some of my friends at Lutheran School for the Deaf. I always like to know what they are doing. I am thankful I went to L.S.D., and now am able to live at home with my parents and sisters. I have jobs that I do at home like feeding our dog, Teena, Doing dishes every evening and keeping my room clean. Of course I have some homework to do every evening, too.

That's about all the news from here. I hope everyone is happy there. I think of the house-mothers and wonder what they are doing.

May God Bless you all.
 A friend from L.S.D.,

Jennifer K. Freed

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P.S. I am thankful I went to L.S.D. and learned to lipread so I have many hearing friends.

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.

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.