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LEE AND THE LION



Lee Kowalsky

Caesar turned and took Lee Kowalsky into his mouth.

While Caesar did not bite down, his teeth did break the skin on Lee's body, as some of you saw on nation-wide television.

We thank God for the quick thinking action of the trainer and all of the other adults in the room.

Even more, we thank God for His protection of Lee. Lee was in the hospital for about 30 hours. She then was released and stayed with her parents for about a week. Since then, she has been back at the School eagerly learning.

A few days before Caesar's visit, the School had finally received its new video-tape equipment. As part of the Centennial offering, three years ago, we determined to buy a video-tape recorder. This allows our children to see themselves. It allows them to capture an experience and look at it again and again.

Our video-tape recording of the incident allowed us to spend some time with the children and teach them how to properly respect the "king of beasts." The children were able to learn what we had planned.

We also again learned anew what it means when it is written "all things work together for good, to them that love God."

Lee is well and is curious as always. Lee remembers, as we all do, the lion. Like us, Lee thanks God that His love protected her.

Thanks be to God for His protection.

On February 10, Caesar, a two year old, four hundred pound lion, visited the Lutheran School for the Deaf. He was invited for two reasons: One, publicity; and two, an opportunity for our children to learn to respect an animal.

Obviously, we got far too much publicity. Pictures of Caesar and Lee were shown on television throughout all of the United States and Western Europe.

We also had an excellent learning experience. Travelogues and nature shows on television are wonderful for hearing people but most of the information is carried by sound. Sometime turn off the sound on your T.V. set and see what you learn from a travelogue.

Deaf children need many experiences from which they can learn visually the same concepts that you and I learn by listening and so we must carefully evaluate every opportunity for learning. With Caesar we learned something but not exactly what we had planned.

We learned again to give thanks for God's great protective power.

Caesar was brought to the school about 10 o'clock that morning. He had been fed and was quiet. On many other occasions, other children had petted him and even ridden on his back.

He was here for about an hour. The little children first came into the room, touched him and went over and sat down and their teachers led them in an educational experience. They learned what he ate, how he slept and many other facts about him. They saw him do some of his tricks.

Then, the little children began to leave the room and they were invited one more time to "pet" the lion.

The children gathered around, touched him for about one half a minute, then suddenly, without warning, and without provocation,



Caesar

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.





THANK YOU FOR LABELS

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We are very impressed by the gracious response of our many friends. Altogether, over 70,000 labels were sent in to us during the months of October, November and December. Again the labels came in letters with one or more labels and in boxes (1 with 13,000 labels) from all over the United States and Canada.

Some have asked whether they should continue saving labels. We will not know until fall whether Campbell's will redeem them. In the meantime, please save them. Save for us only the front part of the label, which contains the Campbell name and the variety of the product. All varieties and sizes of soups and all varieties and sizes of bean products are eligible.

Thank you especially for the phonographs and recording tapes. They help our children learn proper speech, rhythm and intonation. Learning speech when you can't hear it, requires expending considerable effort. This equipment helps the children acquire better sounding speech. We deeply appreciate your gracious, loving response.

	Labels
1 U.S. Flag	1275
1 Michigan State Flag	1275
5 Bi-Centennial Golden Books	1050
2 Sets of Instructors' Study Prints	1550
24 Cassette Tapes	2800
1 Califone Record Player	6975
1 Valiant Record Player	6450
1 Kodak Slide Tray	450
1 Kodak Extension Cord	650
1 Singer Rear Projector	34925
12 Encyclopaedia Pre-school Books	1900
2 Tether Balls	2500
Total	61,800

RAMBLINGS

The School will make a new movie after Easter. Many of you have seen the "Jennifer" film. It is an excellent movie. We will continue to keep it and provide it upon request. We are in the process of making a second half hour color, 16mm sound film. We hope it will be ready by September 1.

This spring, the parents have been coming in for conferences with the Principal and the Executive Director. One of the major purposes of the conferences is to discuss the learning progress of the child to date and to begin to plan for future schooling after the child leaves here. We attempt to honestly evaluate all of the potential strengths of the child. Then we evaluate the local educational opportunities in the child's home area. Finally, we begin to project when the child may again participate in local school programs. We seek to provide the best education for each child entrusted to us. Sometimes that means that we must recommend that the child go to another school to receive a kind of education which we are unable to provide. We thank the parents for their cooperation in these conferences.

Our enrollment continues to slowly decline. We have room for more students. If you know any parents of deaf children, encourage them to consider sending their child here. We offer the very best education that we possibly can, together with that magnificent plus of sharing Jesus Christ in and through everything that we do with the children.

Thanks to our Board of Directors, a group of dedicated Christian gentlemen who meet regularly to guide and direct the school. In

January, our Chairman, The Rev. Edwin Rossow, accepted a call to Marengo, Illinois and has become an honorary member of the Board. Recently, The Rev. Maurice Shackell accepted a call to Western Michigan and will soon become an honorary member of the Board. Our thanks to the following men for their many hours of dedicated service: Mr. Herman Auch, The Rev. Richard Bernthal, Mr. John Booth, Elmer W. Engel (Treasurer and Business Manager), The Rev. John Gagern (Chairman), Raymond C. Gartha, Allen O. Helland, Carl Middeldorf (Secretary), Herbert Schoenberg (Attorney), and The Rev. Duane Wuggazer. Members of our Honorary Board of Directors are The Rev. Norbert Borchardt, The Rev. George Krach, The Rev. Carl Nietzsche, The Rev. Edwin Rossow, Mr. Barney Schumacher, The Rev. Maurice Shackell and Mr. Rolland Wilkening.

THANKS

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

The following poem was given to us by Mrs. Norman Wondero. She received it from a friend of hers, Mrs. Norman Bauer, of Zion Lutheran Church in Bay City, Michigan.

GOD'S HEAVENLY PLAN

It is never for mortals to question God's plan.
We must trust that our Lord is much wiser than man.
In His infinite wisdom and love He can see
What is best for His children—for you and for me.
So, my friends, if He chooses for children to be
Unable to hear or to speak or to see,
To look different than some of the children we know,
To be crippled in body, or be backward or slow
And to not understand us, or to just sit and stare,
And to need constant watching and unending care—
We should cherish and love them, though we can't understand,
And accept them as part of God's heavenly plan.

If our Lord would return to this earth for one day,
Do you wonder the things He would do and would say?
I can so well imagine all the time He would spend
With these handicapped children—each His special small friend.
Can you see how He smiles? Can you picture His joy
As He beckons and welcomes each girl and boy,
As He holds each small hand—Oh, our Lord misses none
As He cuddles, caresses, and talks to each one?
Can you see Him enfold each in love to His breast?
Can you not hear Him saying, "Oh, my child, you are blest."
We would see from His words and His smile and His touch
That they're special to Him and He loves them so much.

Well, 'twas only a thought. God's in Heaven, we know,
But we're sure that He loves them for His Book tells us so.
He wants them to be cared for, so it's quite plain to see
This important big task falls to you and to me.
We must clothe them and feed them; we must shelter them, too.
We must teach them of Jesus. There is much we must do.
Just remember God trusts us to each do our part.
God's depending on us to each open our heart.
These are God's special lambs, and their need is so great.
We must not let them down. We must not hesitate.
Yes, they're asking for help. Can you not hear their plea?
Let's remember God's words: "Ye have done it for Me."

Mrs. Norman Bauer
Zion Lutheran Church
Bay City, Michigan

Mrs. Wondero for a number of years has been active in the Ephphatha Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf School. In the last year she has become very sick and often has severe pain. Her consistent love for the school and her ongoing prayers for God's blessings upon the School continue to be a great inspiration to all of us.



**BARBARA KOPP
CIRCUS QUEEN**

Barbara Kopp, Taylor, really loves Circuses. Her favorite state is Florida because that is the home of the greatest of all Circuses.

This year, Barbara was elected to be the 1976 Circus Queen. When the children went on their annual visit to the Circus, Barbara rode in the lead car around the rings during the Grand Procession.

Circus time is an opportunity to have many treats such as hot dogs and popcorn. It is also a time to learn many new ideas and words. For weeks before the Circus, the children learn the vocabulary necessary to understand all of the fascinating sights.

Barbara has been a student here at the school for many years. In May, 1975, she was confirmed and became a member of the Lutheran Church. This coming fall, she will attend a hearing parochial school. We rejoice that our children chose such a lovely young lady to be our Queen.

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.



NEW ALTARS

New altars have been dedicated for the lower primary and primary chapels.

From a gift given by Mrs. Fred Blewett in memory of her parents, we received the encouragement to build these beautiful new altars.

Pictured here are the members of the Ruth Circle of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rochester, Michigan. These ladies have spent hours sewing frontals for our altars. They are assisted by Mrs. Faith Ebert, Art Teacher at Lutheran High School North, who creates the designs.

In addition to improving the setting in which the children worship, these new altars give them opportunities to learn new ideas about our loving God Who so richly blesses us.

ADVOCATE READERS

Return address postage will now cost us 25 cents a piece. Please help us. Inform us of any correction, deletion, or duplications. We need the following information.

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New Address _____
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Post Office, State and Zip Code _____

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Please circle Sunday, June 13, on your calendar. Plan now to come to our joyous annual Festival.

11:00 - 1:30 Dinner served by the ladies

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

Come and enjoy God's blessings: Delicious food, an opportunity to visit with Christian friends, the chance to see a delightful program staged by the children, an opportunity to thank God for all of the blessings He has poured out upon the six young people who have completed their studies here and a time to relax and enjoy visiting.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are available,
free and postpaid

This spring we had some enjoyable visits with some alumni, even though we missed getting their pictures.

Nancy Pletcher ('62-'70) stopped by to visit during a short college break. Nancy is attending the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. Her dad is still a Chaplain in the Armed Services.

She came with Jan (Russell) Bandli. Jan Russell attended school here from '66-'70. Recently, she married Daniel Bandli ('64-'68). They now make their home in Rockwood, Michigan. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Several weeks ago, David Sharpe ('63-'70) and a friend stopped by to visit. David is enrolled at the Michigan State School for the Deaf in Flint.

On the last Thursday in March, when the Deaf Senior Citizens had their meeting here, Edward Beard ('49-'52) stopped by. He came to speak to the Senior Citizens about the future of the Michigan State School at Flint and some of the legislative proposals dealing with deafness.

We thoroughly enjoy visiting with former students. We hope that when you are around Detroit you will come by and say hello.



CUB SCOUTING

Nine of our boys meet each week. Ten year old boys love clubs. They love uniforms. They are very curious and they want to know how to do many different things. Each week, the boys meet to learn a new skill.

Once a month, they join with four other groups of children, all hearing, at the Pack Meeting. Recently, they participated in the annual Pinewood Derby — a model car race. The following week, the large group of boys went to the Detroit Science Center to a special show on "lights."

The Cub Scout Program allows the boys to learn ways in which they can enjoy God's nature and use their energy to learn a new skill. It also gives them a good opportunity to learn how to communicate with other children their age.

Thanks to Mrs. Rynearson and her assistants for providing this learning experience.