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## Learning at Camp

By Frank Okroy

I am in sixth grade at St. Peter's Lutheran School. My class went to camp Oct. 10-13. We went to Albert E. Sleeper State Park in Caseville, Mich. It took two and a half hours by bus.

We slept in sleeping bags in heated cabins. In the dining hall we ate and did school work.

We learned about animal and bird tracks and other clues that animals were there. I found some snakes, birds, toads, a mouse and a chipmunk. Some children found some salamanders under leaves and logs. My teacher, Mr. Koessel, told us about what the animals do, where they live, and what they do in winter. We learned why we didn't see rabbits, foxes, ducks, deer, or racoons. These animals moved to other places, because they were afraid of people or they couldn't find their food.

At night we sat on logs in a circle by a campfire. We sang to God. We prayed and thanked Him for many things.

Each child drew a picture of the forest for an art contest. I got first place for my picture. Mr. Koessel gave me a pencil sharpener for a prize.

I liked to play games the best. My favorites are called kickball and concentration.

I thought camp was special. Too bad I can't go back next year.



*This past June, Dale Sweeting completed his education at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. This fall he is enrolled at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Connecticut. Regarding Dale's schooling here, his mother wrote on June 25th saying:*



Dale Sweeting, Freeport Bahamas

## Dear Friends,

Through the teaching of your church and school, Dale has come to know and learn so much about Jesus Christ. We were extremely proud to be in the midst of our brothers and sisters in Christ to witness Dale receive the body and blood of Christ and become a child of God through confirmation.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Luchow who have opened their home and hearts to Dale and many others who came with him. We shall never forget them.

Dale's education was all made possible by a God-sent family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shillington of Toronto, Canada, who took up residence in Freeport, Bahamas. Mr. Shillington, now deceased, would have been very proud of that day.

The Shillington's came to the Bahamas with love and kind feelings in their hearts for all human beings; our family was among the many lucky ones who met them. Mrs. Shillington was also in our midst to share the joy and proud feelings of Dale's confirmation.

We are also extremely thankful to the faculty and all staff members for their contributions to Dale's education. Special thanks to Pastor Bailey, Pastor Rynearson and Mrs. Fenton who were instrumental in Dale's admission to The Lutheran School for the Deaf. Mrs. Fenton has since resigned her position at the school. We shall never forget all the lovely people and smiling faces whom we have met over the past years.

Our family pray God's richest blessings on your continued good works.

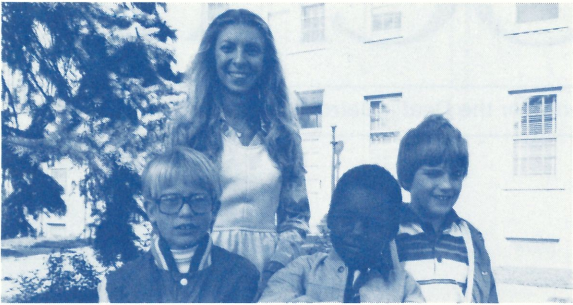
Our heartfelt thanks,  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sweeting  
and family

Our Beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are available,  
free and postpaid





## New Pupils



Jeff Tapert, Miss Norrice Janer, Daniel Greer, David Pasternacki



Jocelyn Milton, Art West, Roosevelt Luster, Jeremy Gregory, Dawn Newman, Damon Jordon



Carl Ross, Ralph Riopelle, Miss Lorna Danz, Stephen Williamson



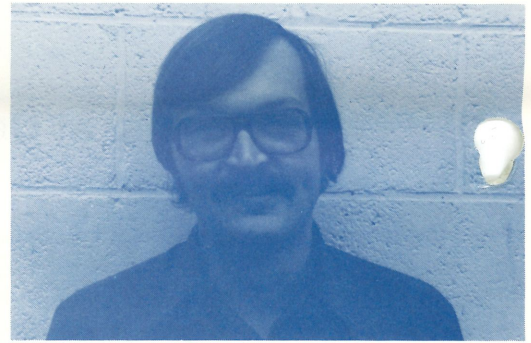
Dannell Barnes, Miss Kathleen Lynch, David Long, Joseph Griffin



Judy Buchanan, Dietician



Myrna Duffer, Head Cook



Mr. Michael Seefeldt, houseparent

## New Staff



Elmer & Mildred Francisco, new houseparents



Mrs. Edith O'Brien, Teacher Alternate Learning Environment



Miss Norrice Janer, Primary Department



Miss Kathleen Lynch, Intermediate Department



Miss Lorna Danz, Intermediate Department



## Annual Meeting

The Lutheran School for the Deaf held its annual meeting on Wednesday morning October 11th. With the closing of Gethsemane congregation, 69 churches now own the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Mr. Paul Gady of Gethsemane congregation presented the school with a check in the amount of \$2,500 in memory of Pastor F. A. Hetwig. The memorial represents a final distribution from the congregation. Thanks were given to God for all the blessings that He poured upon that congregation and upon many others throughout its many years of service.

The following were re-elected to the Board of Directors:

Reverend Wilton H. Fluegge, Trinity, Warren  
Reverend John H. Gagern, Immanuel, Dearborn  
Elmer W. Engel, W. Bethlehem, Detroit  
Donald Rutter, Redeemer, St. Clair Shores

Noted with special thanks:

The dedicated staff  
The school was remembered in 35 wills during the past year  
The reorganization of the Board  
The special gifts from the auxiliaries  
The magnificent job done by volunteers

Reports were given by Mrs. Hermina Carey, President of the Detroit Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Mrs. Lawrence Sharum, President of the Ephphatha Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Noted with special joy was:

1. The increased enrollment in the school
2. The protection of the stained glass windows of the church
3. The small monetary surplus generated during the year ending June 30th.

The proposed 1978-79 budget was studied and adopted. The budget is \$760,674.

Resolution of thanks were passed thanking the doctors for all of their help with the children, the service clubs for the special interest in our school together with many volunteers.

## Dates

Please write the following dates on your calendar:

POUND DAY - November 23, 1978 and following  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - December 20, 1978  
CLOSING FESTIVAL - June 10, 1979  
FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL - October 20, 1979

## Memorials



A memorial says thanks to God for all the blessings that he gave to you or to friends through a beloved individual that you are memorializing.

The memorials also have a significant second benefit as revealed by the following letter.

Dear Friends:

I would like some more of those memorial wreath folders as I don't have any more.

I always send all my memorials to your wonderful school for all the school has done for my son Curtis.

Everyone did a lot for us at that time, so I feel I should help the school now so other children can learn to know their God as Curtis has.

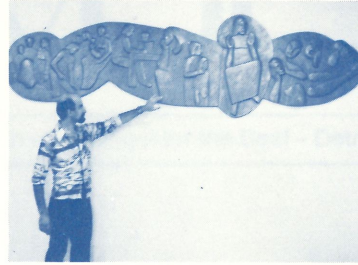
Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,  
Clara L. Ketelsen

(Curtis Ketelsen is now Secretary of Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Evangelism Program Chairman.)

## Art Work

On the occasion of their 100th anniversary of service to the Lutheran School for the Deaf, the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary of the Deaf commissioned Mr. James Messana to prepare a sculpture for the front entrance to the school.



Mr. James Messana, artist

Mr. Messana, a renowned local artist, prepared a bas-relief sculpture shown mounted in the hallway. As you look at the picture, on the far right side you see the rejection of the world and their misunderstanding of the deaf. In the center you see Christ seated within an arch which resembles an ear. To the left of Christ you see a mother and a deaf child contemplating God's love. The deaf child is thinking of what his deafness means; a child attending school, family life, and just above Mr. Messana's head, an occupation. The occupation chosen was a carpenter because of our Lord's step-father. And finally on the far left you see the Lord calling His people to come unto Him both now and forever.

This beautiful gift does a beautiful job of explaining the purpose and function of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Our thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their very thoughtful donation.



## Festival



Pumpkin face painting contest

On October 21st the Lutheran School for the deaf had its fourth Annual Harvest Festival.

On that joyous day more than 700 people came out to join with the school in thanking God for all its blessings of sharing Jesus Christ with the children.

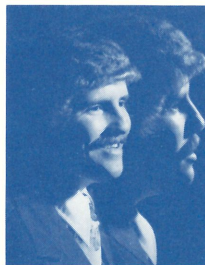
Games for the children went on all day with the most important one being the pumpkin face painting contest. Many children spent hours in the beautiful warm, sunny afternoon decorating the pumpkins. Throughout the day tours of the building were given by the teachers. Individuals had an opportunity to see the art work and projects of the children. Mr. Reeve performed some hearing screening tests on a number of individuals and offered them some advice regarding improved hearing. The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary operated their Country Kitchen with home baked goodies and sausages. There was cider and candied apples and donuts for sale, and the ladies prepared a delicious German lunch and dinner.

A number of our local friends prepared and presented some very inspiring entertainment throughout the day.

Thanks be to God for allowing us to again rejoice in His continued blessings as we share Jesus Christ through a quality Christian education.

## Alumnus

Tom Eisenmann attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf from 1962 to 1970. Recently he sent a letter to his former teacher, Mrs. Daniels, with the enclosed picture.



Tom Eisenmann

Tom is employed as a warehouseman for the Chrysler Corporation in Louisville, Texas. This past summer he was married to Elaine MacMullen on July 17, 1978. Elaine is a commercial artist and also employed in Louisville, Texas. We rejoice in God's blessings shown to this wonderful young couple. We are always happy to hear from former students. May God continue to bless them.



**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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**Comforters**

This past summer during vacation Bible school, the children of Faith Lutheran congregation of Deer Park, Washington, as their special project, prepared two special comforters for our children. The children painted the pictures on the individual fabric squares using fabric paints. Then their parents took the time to sew the very beautiful comforters and send them to our children.



Members of Faith Lutheran Church, Deer Park, Washington.

(Since the editor was formerly a minister in Spokane he holds many fond memories of the Deer Park area. The Lord's continued blessings on this congregation.)

Our very special thanks to this young congregation for their very imaginative and thoughtful project. We continue to need blankets and comforters for the children. We rejoice in their gift.

**Pound Day**

Each fall, the congregations of Michigan gather up fresh produce and canned products and send them to the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

This is called Pound Day because the gifts are actually weighed when they come in so that we may affix a value to them for purposes of bookkeeping. Last year the gifts were worth about \$12,000.

This year already the churches in the Rogers City and Alpena area have gathered up potatoes and sent us 10,000 pounds of them which will last about the whole coming school year.

Your gifts make it possible for us to hold down the budget a little bit in this time of inflation. Please encourage your Sunday school, parochial schools, and congregations to have a Thanksgiving offering for the 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.

**Christmas Cards**

In the August edition of the *Deaf Child's Advocate* there was a story about the Christmas cards.

We unfortunately forgot one fact. There are 25 Christmas cards and envelopes in each package and the price per package is \$3.00. Many of you have shown great interest in these cards and we thank you for that. If some of you are interested in buying them for this year or early for next year, we would be more than glad to send them to you. Just drop us your name and address together with a check. The cards turned out to be very lovely. They were designed by the children. There are a way in which you can share a little Christmas joy with us and with the children.

**Labels**



Campbell's box

The picture shows a box prepared by Steve Brelje, the pastor's son of Zion Lutheran congregation in Hiawatha, Iowa. The members of Zion congregation have been collecting labels all year for us. They also have been encouraging their college students to save labels when they snack from these products.

Campbell's have again agreed to renew their offer to give us items in exchange for the labels. The past several years the labels have allowed us to get many visual aids when the budget would not permit it.

Please save these labels for us and send them in to us by February 15th.

**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.