

# The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE



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## Annual Meeting

The Lutheran School for the Deaf held its annual meeting on Wednesday morning, October 10th.

With joy, the following congregations were accepted into membership in the Association:

- 1) Grace Lutheran Church - Redford
- 2) Redemption Lutheran Church - Sterling Heights
- 3) Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church - Livonia
- 4) Christ Lutheran Church - New Baltimore

Two congregations reaffirmed their membership in the Association:

- 1) Immanuel Lutheran Church - Mt Clemens
- 2) Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Roseville

With these new members, the Lutheran School for the Deaf is now owned and operated by 73 congregations in eastern Michigan.

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

- Reverend Richard H. Bernthal
- Mr. Allen Helland
- Mr. Paul Quitmeyer
- Reverend Edmond Schulte

Noted with special thanks:

- 1) The dedicated staff which included 39 full time, 10 part time, and 2 volunteer workers.
- 2) The tremendous help given by all of the volunteers.
- 3) The four confirmation classes which are occurring in the school right now.
- 4) Growth and enrollment
- 5) The extension of the learning disability program Reports were given by the leaders of our two ladies auxiliaries: Mrs. Lawrence Scharum, Ephphatha and Mrs. Elmer Engel, the Detroit Chapter. These two organizations yearly support the children through scholarships as well as special gifts to the school.

The proposed 1979-1980 budget was studied and adopted. The amount is \$780,147.00.

Resolutions were passed to thank all of the doctors for caring for our children, the service clubs for the special interests that they have shown to our school, and the many dedicated volunteers.

## Mr. Keith Watson, Eagle Scout

Mr. Keith Watson, a student at Lutheran High School East and a member of Bethlehem, Roseville, will receive the highest award granted in boy scouting, his Eagle award, on November 12th.

For his project, Keith organized the boys from his scout troop at Bethel in St. Clair Shores and together they came down and landscaped the entire front of the school building.

They carefully pulled all the weeds, trimmed all the bushes, cut back all the trees, and then moved in loads and loads of wood chips to complete the landscaping job.

We rejoice in the progress that Keith has made. We rejoice in the beautiful landscaping in the front of our school, and even further, we rejoice that with some encouragement from Keith Watson and others we now have a Boy Scout troop here at the school which will allow us to have some of our boys do such wonderful projects.

## Lutheran Special Education A ministry of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Michigan

Enrollment as of October 24th is 84. This includes 30 deaf and 54 children with specific learning disabilities. The children that we are helping in alternate learning environments now include one young man at Lutheran High School East in Detroit, 2 deaf students at St. Peter's in East Detroit, and 8 children with specific learning disabilities at Holy Cross.



Left to right — Jody McNabb, David Hanna, Sandy Peltier, Bob DeRidder, Robert Wendt, David Lloyd

Left to right back row — Scott Warnick, Madison Parker, Nolan McBride, David Pasternacki, Steven Gray; front row — Steven Kramm, David Strater, Daniel Greer, Tim Kelly



Left to right back row — Ken Riffenburg, Kathy Wendt, Charles Ross, Kim Hankey, Frank Tolson; front row — Jeff Tapert, Vincent Boguslawski, Jason McNabb, Nick Georgoulis



Left to right back row — Randy Springfield, Scott Flager, Don Polhill, Carl Ross, Todd French; front row — Sam Pasatta, Art West, Jennifer Lonnstrom, Jim Lewis, Dawn Newman



Left to right back row — Callen Mathis, Dwayne Newman, Ken Szachta, Charles Herch; front row — David Long, Kevin Letwin, David Jackson





## Fall Festival

On October 20th the Lutheran School for the Deaf had its fourth annual Harvest Festival and open house. Over 1,000 people came to enjoy the delightful Indian Summer day.

The building was beautiful due to the dedicated efforts of the students and the staff. A special thanks to Lynne Coleman and Gale Pinfold for the beautiful decorations throughout the Klein Wing. During the entire day the staff supervised games for the children as well as showed movies about the school and took our guests on tours throughout the building.

The volunteer committee prepared the whole festival under the able direction of Mr. Elmer Engel. The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary prepared the delicious German foods which were sold both for dinner and for supper. Cider and doughnuts, candy apples, and the country store were enjoyed all day.

Through a loan from Mr. Alvin Schwark, a farmer in Mt Clemens, the most popular activity of the day for the children was again the hayrack ride throughout the back part of the beautiful school property. The oak and maple trees were glorious in their Fall colors.

Throughout the day the children were actively involved in their games, in the hayrack ride, in the pumpkin face-painting contest, and with the delightful green polka dotted clown that spent the day with us.



Mr. Harold Ramm and his marionettes



Lutheran High East Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Larry Barone



The Bell Choir from Calvary Lutheran Church, Lincoln Park

Entertainment this year was superb. The hit of the day was the first individual, Mr. Harold Ramm of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dearborn who presented his marionettes. A standing room only audience deeply enjoyed the performance. Later in the afternoon we all had the opportunity to enjoy the delightful music of the Lutheran High East Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Larry Barone.

Following supper two different groups from Calvary Lincoln Park played their bells for us. They have some unique and special ways of playing these bells and they had a beautiful sound. Next magician Jeff Hobson, a senior at Lutheran High School east, amazed and entertained all of the people with his skillful feats, some of which we understood and most of which just made us laugh.

This was then followed by the East End Blends, a ladies barber shop quartet, who sang delightful harmonic music. Next was the puppet show put on by three individuals from Bethlehem, Roseville, led by Miss Pat James, a kindergarten teacher. With beautiful characters she told us of the wonderful love of Jesus Christ. Finally to conclude the evening on a most blessed and joyous note we had the On-Going Ambassadors for Christ to share with us God's good news.

A joyous fall day provided a magnificent opportunity for many people to learn to know a little bit more about the school and to thank God for the blessings that He has given through their efforts.



The Hayride



Children's games



The pumpkin face-painting contest

### 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.

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## New Staff



Mr. Marvin Rank, Business Manager



Miss Lynne Coleman, Audiologist



Mrs. Irene Sampson, Bookkeeper II



Houseparents, Diane Bacon and Pam Soeby



Cooks, Thelma Reese and Shelley Walker

## The Lions Came



On Tuesday, October 2nd, the school received an unexpected visit from three members of the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club.

Over the years the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club has been very active in supporting the school and in encouraging the program of Christian education carried on here.

It happened on that Tuesday morning that for the first time in at least 5 years the school received no gifts of money in the mail. All of us were sitting here a little bit sad, and then in walked three gentlemen with a check for \$1,000. Our special thanks to this club for all of the help that it has done for the school throughout these past years.

## Designated Offering

During this past month the school has received many gifts through our designated offering folder. There were two gifts on the occasion of another couple's 50th wedding anniversary. There was a gift on the occasion of thanksgiving for a job an individual had done for another individual. There were also two different gifts for an individual's birthday. The designated offering folder provides an opportunity for people to give gifts to help special children continue to learn about Jesus while they rejoice in the gifts that God has given one of their friends.

### 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.

## Board of Directors



The Lutheran School for the Deaf is owned and operated by 73 congregations in the eastern Michigan area. They annually meet to elect the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is comprised of the individuals pictured above from left to right:

Reverend John Gagern, President  
 Reverend Wilton Fluegge, Chairman of the Education Committee  
 Mr. Raymond Gartha  
 Reverend Richard Bernthal, Vice-President  
 Mr. Elmer Engel, Treasurer - Chairman of Finance & Property Committee  
 Mr. James Hoerberling, Attorney  
 Mr. Donald Rutter  
 Mr. Allen Helland  
 Mr. Carl Middeldorf, Secretary  
 Mr. Paul Quitmeyer, Chairman of Resource Development Committee  
 Reverend Edmond Schulte  
 and Mr. Robert Marowske (not pictured)

The Board of Directors meet at least every other month for a half day to conduct the formal business of the Board. In addition to that they meet regularly in committees to carry out their necessary functions.

Our deep thanks to them for the time they so voluntarily give and for their dedicated efforts to improve the quality of instruction for the children.

## Pound Day

We thank God that our enrollment has grown. That has brought a new problem. There are many more mouths around here to be fed and our pantries are beginning to look a little bit like Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Please remember Pound Day. Take some time to encourage your Sunday School, Parochial School, or congregation to have a Thanksgiving offering of food for the children.



## ADVOCATE READERS

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## The Athletic League



The Lutheran School for the Deaf has again rejoined the East Side Parochial School Athletic League. For many years we were members of that league. However, the last four or five years as the school decreased in size it was not possible for us to field the teams and participate in it actively.

During the school year we hope to be able to participate in about half of the activities in that league. We rejoice that some of the schools allowed us to join unofficially during the volley ball season. We really didn't have enough students to field a full girl's team for volleyball, but we did have a lot of fun challenging some of the other teams in the league and we thank them for allowing us to play.

Our children have looked forward to participation in the Athletic League because it gives them an opportunity to meet other youth, to visit with them, and to share with them a little bit of the joy that they have in the health that our Lord gives us.

## Campbell Labels

Yes, we are collecting Campbell soup labels. Please save for us all labels bearing the Campbell name, soup, beans, juice, etc. Also included are the labels from V8 juice products, Swanson products, and Franco American products.

Campbell's has a new catalogue this year. There are many items which we need desperately in our growing program with the children with specific learning disabilities. We hope that you will save these labels and send them to us shortly after Christmas.

## Redactor's Ramblings

October 15 to 19 Pastor Rynearson attended the Estate Planning Conference funded by the Aid Association for Lutherans and conducted by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Foundation. The Board of Directors of the Lutheran School for the Deaf have en-

couraged Pastor Rynearson to learn more about the concept of estate planning so that he would be available to speak to congregations and individuals to help them understand this subject better. This is one way in which we could say thanks to all of the people for the great support that they have given us. The primary purpose of involvement in this area is to encourage people to carry out a consistent stewardship approach in using God's gifts which he has entrusted to us.

## Dates

Please circle the following dates on your calendar.  
Pound Day - November 22, 1979 and following  
Christmas Program - December 21, 1979  
Closing Festival - June 8, 1980  
Fall Harvest Festival - October 18, 1980

## Bushels of Vegetables



Throughout the years Denby Kiwanis Club has supported the school in a variety of different ways. Most recently we received the blessings of a summer long project. Their new president, Mr. John Belanger, permitted the club to use some of his land up near St. Clair as a vegetable garden. Many of the members went out regularly, especially on weekends to plow, plant, weed, and finally to harvest all of the vegetables.

Pictured you see the children of the school together with one gentleman in the middle who seems to have a hoe in his hand. He is the chairman of the project, Mr. Walter Frisby. We have gone up to the farm twice. On the first occasion we brought back a whole van load of vegetables including pumpkins, squash, turnips, carrots, potatoes, and then later we went back a second time to pick up a wagon load of pumpkins and squash.

Our thanks to the Denby Kiwanis for their continued support of the school's programs and for the most delicious gifts from their labor.