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First year, second century

## The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary For The Deaf

On April 3rd, the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf-Detroit Chapter celebrated its 101st anniversary of continuous service to God helping the children at the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

The mood of the day was one of youth and excitement.

Last year we celebrated our centennial. The ladies gave a beautiful gift to the school.

This year was sort of like a first birthday. It's a whole new century. Wide eyed and excited we look forward to responding to God's challenges. Our primary goal is to continue to help the children and their families. We want them to know and rejoice in God's great love which He so regularly shows to us.

This year the projects of the Ladies Auxiliary include: 1) scholarships for three children totaling over \$5,000. 2) Thousands of hours of volunteer service to the school, and 3) millions of prayers.



## The Great Flood

And Noah built the great boat. God commanded Noah to build the ark. The people had become evil. They refused to listen to God. Patiently He waited throughout the long years that Noah and his sons built the boat. Finally, Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives, together with animals of every kind entered that ark.

Then came the flood, the terrifying, destroying flood. It rained 40 days and 40 nights and the waters of the Heavens and the deeps opened up and poured out, and only those on the boat survived.

Peter writes: "The few people in the ark — 8 in all — were saved by water (1 Peter 3:20). This water was a figure pointing to Baptism which now saves you, not by washing off bodily dirt, but by a promise made from a good conscience. Baptism saves you through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone to Heaven and is at the right side of God, ruling all angels and Heavenly authorities and powers." Bible stories are interesting. Children must learn them. But they must learn them to know how God acts in their lives. The story must have a present-day application.

The story of Noah ties together the greatest miracle, that is the death and resurrection of His Son with God's greatest condemnation on sin, the flood.

Sin is terrible. So terrible that once all except 8 people died because of it. Sin is so terrible that God's holy, precious Son died because of it.

The purpose of the story of the flood and the story of the resurrection is to get us to turn from ourselves and to look to God. A patient, loving God.

God who waited while Noah built an ark. God who waited until the time was right. God who sent His only Son to be our Brother. God who laid upon that Son all of our sins. God who caused that Son to rise up again gloriously to proclaim to us, "Your sins are forgiven. By Baptism you have been washed clean through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

A terrible water — the flood. A magnificent water — our Baptism. Magnificent because Christ rose that we might have life.

## Spring Festival

Circle June 10th on your calendar. Save that day to come and rejoice with the students at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Thank God that He has allowed us to complete the 106th consecutive year of sharing His knowledge with the children. Come to thank God that again this year five young people will confess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and become confirmed.

June 10, 1979

Closing Festival

Roast beef dinner

Inspiring closing program 2:30

Come and bring a friend

The guest speaker will be the Reverend George W. Bornemann, President of the English District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



# — VOLUNTEERS —



Mrs. Neuman and Mrs. Long

## Media Workshop

Recently a group of parents spent all day preparing educational learning materials for the children.

All of our children, whether they have hearing problems or learning problems, need a great variety of experiences to learn necessary ideas.

The teachers try to provide a large variety of learning experiences for each child.

To reach our goal of a quality education we must learn what each child now knows and then provide appropriate learning opportunities for him to grow in knowledge and the understanding and control of his feelings.

The school has many, many individualized materials. In fact, there is a whole classroom full from floor to ceiling. Many more, however, are always needed.

The parents have given a magnificent gift to the school through their voluntary labor. We thank them for the help that they have provided, not only for their own children, but also for all the other children studying here.



Coach J.D. Sharp "Sit ups"

## Physical Fitness

Every Wednesday all of the children in small classes go down to the gymnasium to participate in the President's program on physical fitness as directed by J.D. Sharp. J.D. has long been interested in children and in athletics. He is a volunteer. A year ago he came to the school asking if there was any way he could help out. Early this school year he asked if he could come for one whole day and involve each of the classes in an actual program of physical fitness.

Arrangements were made. The program was all set up. Then Mr. Sharp changed jobs. When he was hired at his new position he had only one stipulation and that was that he continue to have Wednesday off so that he could carry on this program. We thank his boss for agreeing. Even more we thank him for the dedication involved in coming around so regularly and helping all the children.

Since we have become small in size and can only participate in inter-school team sports, athletics has been a little bit boring around here. J.D.'s program has all of the children very excited and very happy. We thank him for his many hours of dedicated labor.



Left, Mr. William Harlow, Principal; Right, Mr. Michael Descamps, Instructor

## First Aid

Students at the Lutheran School for the Deaf are being taught an advanced course in first aid through the kind gift of Mike and Grace Descamps and the Denby Kiwanis Club who sponsor some of their educational activities.

Grace and Mike Descamps are a delightful couple who have been very interested in first aid for many years. They both are certified emergency medical technicians. They both spend considerable time voluntarily serving at parades and festivals to help people who have emergency problems. Both are certified as teachers of first aid and emergency medical service. They are also certified to teach C.P.R. which is emergency first aid help to individuals who have either had a heart attack or some other form of a heart problem.

On Monday nights throughout the Spring, Mike and Grace will be teaching the children the standard first aid course. They will offer them an opportunity to become certified both in first aid and in C.P.R.

Emergency skills are important for all of us to learn. We rejoice the deaf children can learn these skills. They will be able to help other people who have physical problems. Our special thanks to the Descamps and the Denby Kiwanis.



Dental technicians teach health care

## Care of Teeth

Throughout the winter months, dental technicians from the University of Detroit have been coming to the Lutheran School for the Deaf attempting to have our children learn better care of their teeth.

Many people think of dental technicians as the assistants to dentists when it's time to go in and have your teeth cleaned or filled.

Far more important is preventive care of your teeth. The ladies put great emphasis on eating appropriate foods, brushing your teeth regularly after you have eaten, and continuous regular checkups.

As part of their college requirements, the young ladies had prepare an educational experience for children. We rejoice in the dedication of these young ladies who spent so much time preparing the material for our deaf children. We hope that it will help our children better care for this specific gift from God, their teeth.

## The Circus

Each year members of the Grosse Pointe Lions treat our children to a trip to see the Shrine Circus.

The circus is a lot of fun and this year was very exciting. This was about the 43rd year in a row that the children have gone.

In connection with the circus the children of the school always elect the most lovely student to be circus queen for the day. The Lions club invites two circus clowns to come and entertain the children from 11:00 to 12:00. This year we had two highly skilled clowns, one of whom after a week of hard study, got his doctor's degree and successfully operated on the other one. The Lions then ate dinner in the dining room with the children. Members of the ladies auxiliary helped the kitchen staff serve that dinner. Then the Lions crowned Miss Tammy DeLong of Midland as queen for the circus. Mr. Freddie Meyer, a florist, gave her a dozen long stemmed red roses and the club gave her a beautiful stuffed lion.

120 people then boarded onto two great big buses and drove to the circus. Miss Tammy DeLong rode in the white convertible at the head of the gala circus parade around the entire arena to the cheers of many, many other children. Throughout the afternoon the Lions club presented the children with treats and mementoes to remember the joyous day.

Our special thanks to the Lions and their circus chairman, Mr. Dallas Kitchen, who made this delightful day possible.



Crowning of the Circus Queen, Tammy DeLong, by Mr. Ed Kilber, Lions president.



Shrine clowns and our queen



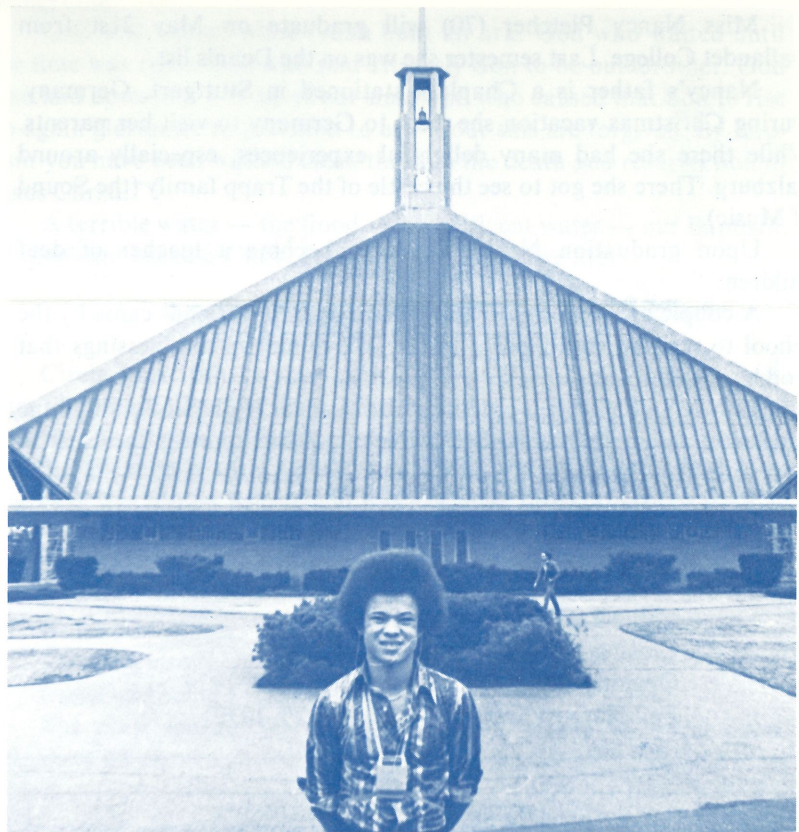
Members of the ladies auxiliary who served the dinner for the Lions

## Visit to College

On Friday, March 23rd, the oldest class at the Lutheran School for the Deaf went on a field trip to visit Concordia College in Ann Arbor. The children left the school about 8:30 Friday morning for the hour long ride over to Ann Arbor. Concordia students met our young people and took them to Chapel. After Chapel they attended the Introduction to Humanities class taught by Dr. Paul Foelber. Then they had a tour of the campus. We made a tactical mistake. College students do not keep their dormitories as clean as we require. Then our young people ate lunch with some of the college students and after seeing a little more of the campus, we returned to Detroit.

The five young people, Steve Washington, Roger Reed, Beverly Green, Jeannie McKay and Tammy DeLong, who went on the trip will all be confirmed this Spring on May 20th. We are very proud of them and of the progress that God has permitted them to make at the school. This was their first trip to see a college. It was a good experience for them to sit in on a regular college class and learn a little something about that process.

The trip was arranged through the children's teacher, Mrs. Jane Daniels and a Concordia student, Mr. Matt Warnke. Twice this Fall students have come over from Concordia and visited the school, and in discussions with Mrs. Daniels wondered if our students could come and visit them once. We rejoice in the very wonderful day God gave us to visit the campus and see His love working through the students and teachers there.



Roger Reed, Columbus, Ohio outside of the beautiful Chapel

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Nancy Pletcher



Judy Manik

## Alumni News

Miss Nancy Pletcher (70) will graduate on May 21st from Gallaudet College. Last semester she was on the Dean's list.

Nancy's father is a Chaplain stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. During Christmas vacation she went to Germany to visit her parents. While there she had many delightful experiences, especially around Salzburg. There she got to see the castle of the Trapp family (the Sound of Music).

Upon graduation Nancy hopes to become a teacher of deaf children.

A couple of weeks ago she and a couple of her friends came by the school to visit on their Spring break. We rejoice in the blessings that God has given to her.

Judy Manik (74) will graduate from Lahser High School this June and begin college at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester this Summer.

## Dates to Remember

Volunteer Dinner — May 22, 1979

Closing Festival — June 10, 1979

Opening day of school — September 4, 1979

Fall Harvest Festival — October 20, 1979

## 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.

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## Redactor's Ramblings

Recruitment: A) Teachers — The school always needs teachers. Through the note in the January *Advocate* we have had a number of people apply, two of whom are, in fact, already teaching here.

B) Students — There is room here at the school. We offer a quality Christian education. The children learn to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They also learn many skills and attitudes which will be beneficial in their lives. Encourage parents of deaf children to consider the value of sending their child for that quality Christian education.

*Deferred Giving: Recently the school received a gift of 1/3 interest in a land contract on a farm near Saginaw. Each year from now until 2008 the school will receive a nice sum of money from this land contract to help continue Christian education. Our thanks to God for leading one individual to give this magnificent gift to the school. Consider ways in which you can use God's gifts to you for His service long after you are rejoicing with Him in Heaven.*

Response: When you edit papers like the *Advocate*, you wonder how many people will honestly read it. 122,000 copies were sent out in January. The response was magnificent. Two teachers have already been hired in response to one of the articles. A little comment buried on the front page about a brochure for religious education of profoundly deaf children in congregations has brought 15 responses so far. The school's camera died. We do hope to have that brochure completed within a few weeks and will send it out as quick as we can to the people who requested it. Thirty people booked the school's film through the month of March alone. 17 have booked for the month of April. But the greatest response was labels.

*Labels: The school received, processed and shipped off to Campbell's 322,820 labels. The labels weighed over 700 pounds and we had 19 cartons. We have ordered 86 different items from the catalogue. Our deep thanks to the more than 3,000 individuals and congregational organizations who worked so hard to send us the labels. I promised some that I would put the list in this paper, but I would like to wait until our next issue so that we can get in some of the pictures of them.*

Synod Convention: Synod will hold its convention this year in St. Louis July 6 thru 13. The Lutheran School for the Deaf will have a display at the convention. We hope that our friends will stop by the display and say hello. If there are any questions that we can answer at that time, we will be glad to do so.