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## Confirmation

Left to right, First row: Beverly Green, Jeannie McKay, Tamzen DeLong, Second row: Roger Reed, Steve Washington, Third row: Pastor Bailey, Mr. Harlow, Principal, Reverend Rynearson, Director.



On Sunday, May 20, 1979, five young people confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior following two years of special religious study.

Mr. Harlow, the Principal, led the children through a year long study of Bible history. Then Pastor Bailey led the young people in a study of the six chief parts of the Catechism. Pastor Bailey is the full time Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Detroit and is the Chaplain of the Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Tamzen DeLong is from Midland, Michigan. She has attended the school for 11 years. This past year she was the circus queen.

Beverly Green comes from Dearborn, Michigan. She has attended the school for eight years. Beverly was Mary in the Christmas pageant this year.

Jeannie McKay comes from Redford, Michigan. She has attended the school for six years. Jeannie's great-grandmother was also confirmed at the school many years ago.

Roger Reed and Steve Washington both come from Columbus, Ohio. Roger has attended the school for five years and Steve has attended for three years. Both are excellent in sports.

The young people will be returning to school this Fall for one final year of schooling during which time they will participate in a special confirmation class taught by the Director, Pastor Rynearson. He will lead them in a study of what it means to belong to the Christian church and ways in which they can participate in that church in their home towns.

Some people say that confirmation is a time when we promise to believe in God. The young people this year were very bothered by that concept. They wanted to believe in God. They knew that following God was very important, but they knew that they often did not keep their promises.

Confirmation is a time when people study God's word. Through that study the Holy Spirit leads them to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ. What they are doing on Confirmation Day is expressing and confessing the faith which the Holy Spirit has worked in them. They have learned that God's Holy Spirit keeps our promises as he leads us ever closer to Christ as our only Lord and Savior.

## Synodical Convention

During the Synodical Convention held in St. Louis from July 6th to July 13th, there was a large Mission Fair. Local St. Louis congregations developed booths to display the work that our church is carrying on throughout the world.

One end of that Mission Fair had displays from the various agencies of the Council of Lutheran Ministries. At the left in the picture below is the display of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit.

During the very exciting convention, on three different occasions, the choir from Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf came down to the Mission Fair and signed hymns and other songs for the people visiting in that area. The gentleman signing in the left center is Pastor Richard Moody from Holy Cross congregation. The young lady on the left is the former Miss Missouri (Deaf) of the Miss USA Deaf Pageant.

During the convention Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richards of Hoffman, Illinois, stopped to visit. Their son, Terry, attended our school from 1968 to 1970.

We rejoice that during the Synodical Convention it was possible for us to visit with so many long time friends, to meet a whole variety of new people, and to share with them the story of God's work being carried on through the Lutheran School for the Deaf.



Deaf choir signing at Mission Fair

## Enrollment Climbing

God has answered our prayers regarding more students. After a number of years of rapidly declining enrollment, the enrollment this Fall will go up radically.

Spirits were low when enrollment dropped from 116 to 93 to 72 to 50, and finally to 36 a couple of years ago.

Former issues of the Advocate showed how the school wrestled with the challenge of declining enrollment that God laid before it. Out of those days of wrestling came the decision that there were hearing impaired children that needed the value of a quality Christian education. The enrollment of deaf children has been steady now for three years and is going to grow slightly this Fall.

Out of that study also came the decision to help other special children. Our program with deaf and with hearing children with specific learning disabilities has been greatly blessed by God. Enrollment this Fall should include about 53 day pupils and bring the total enrollment of the school to almost 100 again. Thank you for your prayers and gifts that make this special ministry possible.



## Campbell Labels Thank You



Educational materials



Faculty opening materials

Our thanks to all the people who made the magnificent gifts pictured on this page possible. For a little over a month the first floor of this building turned into a sea of red and white. One day a great big post office truck came up and did nothing but unload mail bags full of letters and parcels containing Campbell soup labels. As we told you, we sent in 322,820 labels.

Among the items pictured there were:

- 3 Bell and Howell cassette tape recorders
- 2 Valiant classroom record players
- 1 Silent Eight cartridge player
- 1 Bell and Howell 16mm projector
- 1 Cassette tape duplicating machine
- 1 Small portable opaque projector
- 4 Instructo mathematics learning centers
- 3 Math Games & Fun, Grades 1, 2 and 3
- 1 Wollensak cassette recorder
- 3 Little Professors
- 6 Datamen
- 2 Instructo Language Art learning centers
- 2 Reading cubes
- 1 Rand McNally globe and atlas
- 35 Different books including such subjects as:
 

Chinese	Bears
Greeks and Bedouins	Animals of the World
Earth, Stars and Planets	Planes
Ships Through the Ages	Indians
Wildlife Treasure	Eskimos
Learning Science	
A Delightful Encyclopedia of How It Works	
- 24 Baseball bats
  - 1 McGregor Batting Tee
- 12 Rhythm balls
- 4 Basketballs
  - 1 Outdoor basketball goal, pole and bracket
- 2 Cage balls
- 6 Footballs
- 4 Soccer balls
- 12 Utility balls
- 4 Rubber volleyballs
- 2 Gym mats
- 2 Gym scooters
- 12 Jump ropes

All together, we received 159 different items.

### 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.

## YES, WE ARE AGAIN COLLECTING CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

The Campbell Company has again informed us that they will redeem the soup labels right after Christmas. Would you be so kind as to collect them for us again? This year you may collect any product bearing the name *Campbell*, soup, beans of any size, shape or variety. You may also collect the *V8 juice* products and the *Swanson* products, and, as always, you may collect the *Franco American* products which are made by Campbell.

Please collect these labels for us and send them to us late in January or early in February. Please help us by sending only the front part of the label, the part that contains the name and the product. Do **not** send us the back part which has the ingredients and the recipes.

Your gifts are so wonderful. They help us get all of the equipment that we need for the athletic department and get many, many items of materials that are very helpful in individualized education for special children. Last year the response was large. Gifts of labels came from almost every state of the Union. Over 2,000 different organizations or individuals sent labels. We wish that we could personally acknowledge your gift and thank you for them in every case. That, however, is not possible. We know you were giving the labels to help the children. Thank you so much for your gift. Please save them again for us.



Athletic materials

Our Beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are available, free and postpaid

## Volunteer Dinner



Dr. W. A. Huegli and his wife



The volunteer dinner



Mr. Freddie Meyer, Florist

On Tuesday evening, May 22nd, almost 100 volunteers attended the Second Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Throughout this past school year more than 200 different volunteers worked on projects around the school helping the children receive a quality education. In addition to these individual volunteers there are a number of organizations also involved in providing a variety of services for the children.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, the children "turned the tables." It was the children's turn to provide the services for the volunteers. The kitchen staff prepared a very delicious dinner. The children served the formal dinner for all of the volunteers.

Especially recognized for his services was Dr. W. A. Huegli, who has served the school continuously as its physician since the late 30's. Dr. Huegli's father was the school's physician for many years prior to that, and his grandfather was the first chairman of the Board of Directors of the school and one of the founders.

Throughout the years Dr. Huegli has very graciously worked the children into his busy schedule. He has provided them with excellent medical care and many of them greatly love this individual who has helped them so much.

Our second special honoree was Mr. Freddie Meyer who is a florist. Freddie Meyer has been active around the school for many,

many years. He has been especially active in getting Lions Clubs to show interest in the school. Through his efforts and energies the circus day program was set up and has now completed 37 years. Since Mr. Meyer is a member of a new Lions Club he has also been encouraging that one to become heavily involved in the on-going program here at the school.

Our special thanks to all of the volunteers, to our two special volunteers, and to the following volunteers who completed 500 or more hours of service during this past year and those who completed 100 hours of volunteer service this past year.

### 500 Hours

Mr. Al Brokop  
Mrs. Molly Gady  
Mr. Paul Gady  
Mrs. Dora Masch  
Mr. Fred Masch  
Mrs. Meta Masch  
Mr. Harold Prieskorn  
Mrs. Gertrude Prieskorn  
Mrs. Ruth Quitmeyer  
Mrs. Emma Schultz

### 100 Hours

Mrs. Diane Bacon  
Mr. Jim Broyles  
Mr. Harry Cole  
Miss Lillian Doench  
Mr. Earl W. Heidt  
Mrs. Ruth Kade  
Mrs. Viola Lieberenz  
Mrs. Pat Mayer  
Mrs. Catherine Neuman  
Mrs. Gertrude Riske  
Mr. J. D. Sharp

## Closing Festival



Guest Interpreter, Pastor Clark Bailey, Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Guest Speaker, Dr. George W. Bornemann

On Sunday, June 10th, over 300 people came to the closing program for the 1978-79 school year. A nice crowd enjoyed the very tasty roast beef dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary at noon.

Guest speaker was the Reverend George W. Bornemann who is the President of the English District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Following his inspiring address the children presented a number of short skits expressing some of their favorite things this past year.



Mime Skit

## Bowling Team

This past year Detroit VFW Post 140 sponsored a group of boys in a bowling league on Saturday mornings at the Grosse Pointe Lanes Bowling Alley. Mr. Jim Broyles, a member of that Post and a faithful volunteer of the school, regularly picked up the boys and took them bowling. It was a very exciting experience for all of the boys, especially for Steve Washington who had the highest average in the league and won his own bowling ball.

Our special thanks to the VFW and Mr. Broyles for this magnificent help.



Left to right, First Row: Scott Wilson, Indianapolis; Lony Schantz, Grand Rapids; Demetrius Underwood, Detroit. Second Row: Roger Reed, Columbus; Jim Broyles, Sponsor; Steve Washington and Richard Evans of Columbus

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## Redactor's Ramblings

June 21 to 24 Pastor Rynearson attended the Fifth Bi-annual Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association in Memphis, Tennessee. The theme of the convention was "Go and Tell." Again and again the delegates were inspired and trained to share the good news of Jesus Christ with their friends.

June 24 to 28 was the Annual Ephphatha Conference for Lutheran workers with the deaf. During the Ephphatha Conference many opportunities were given to share the joys and challenges of ministry among the deaf in the Lutheran Church. The 1980 Ephphatha Conference will be held at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. It will be a great pleasure to have all of these friends return to the school again.

On Friday, June 15th, young people from Grand Rapids visited the school. These young people had raised funds for the school through a special event. These members of Immanuel and St. James congregation, under the direction of Mr. Darrell Pfannkuch and with the assistance of Pastor and Mrs. Miller, came to spend the day in Detroit. They visited our school and gave their gift for the children. Later they toured part of the Renaissance Center.

Dates to remember —

Opening day of school, September 4, 1979

Fall Harvest Festival, October 20, 1979

## Rest in Peace

Mr. Arthur Krueger attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf as a child from 1911 until 1922 when he was confirmed and left the school. Mr. Krueger resided in Omaha, Nebraska for many years. Recently we were informed that he was called home to live with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Heaven. Mr. Krueger named the Lutheran School for the Deaf in his Will together with the Bethlehem congregation in Omaha, Nebraska.

We rejoice and thank God for all the blessings that He gave to Mr. Krueger throughout his lifetime. We thank God also that Mr. Krueger now has determined to help other children after he has gone on to heaven.

### 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.

## Alumni News

Graduation announcements were received from Barbara Ann Stanz (1974) who graduated from Glen Lake High School on June 3rd and from Gary Lee Carter (1974) who graduated from the Florida School for the Deaf in St. Augustine, Florida on May 27th.

Gary Carter, some of you may remember, was the young man who was a classmate of Jennifer in the movie entitled, "A New Life for Jennifer." He was the boy who always seemed to have so much fun in the class. Gary is still having a lot of fun. He managed to come up here for the closing festival on June 10th. It was a delight to see him again and to see how he has grown into such a handsome young man.

Other students who attended the closing festival included Roger Ewald, Sandy Hirsch, Stacey Sullivan, Barbara Kopp, Denise Soltzyiak, Debbie Petersmarck, Diane Sowle, Mark Lashr, J. K. Gruetzner, Dale Sweeting, Molly Reeve, Peggy Nearing, Lisa Bradacs, Billy Ballard, Ronnie Schwartz, Delbert Rosemeyer, John Gilbert, Robert LaFontaine and many more.

Carmen Olsen (1969) wrote that she attended Bethany College in Mankato, Minnesota last year. She is planning to attend Augustana Lutheran College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this Fall.

## Pastor Single



At the Synodical Convention in St. Louis one of the featured guest speakers was Pastor Paul G. Single from Hanover, Massachusetts. Pastor Single became blind a few years ago and told the convention the story of what it has meant to his life. The feeling of despair and loss when he could no longer see, and now a feeling and desire of renewed dedication to serve his Lord with the gifts that God has given him in spite of his vision loss.

During the time that Pastor Single was in the Midwest, daughter Ellen attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf and graduated from here in 1963. Ellen now is married and has her own family and is doing quite well in Massachusetts. It was a delight to visit with Pastor Single at the convention. We pray God's continued blessings upon his ministry and upon Ellen and her family.