

The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE

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School's Purpose Extended and Expanded Under God's Grace

Since 1873 the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit has continued to minister to the needs of special children. Throughout our history, deaf children have come to our door to receive Christian education at the feet of dedicated and knowledgeable staff and teachers. This program continues to this day, for which we are grateful.

Several years ago the school was faced with declining enrollment and the prospect of a completed mission. Through the prayers of staff and friends, the school found a new purpose and was led to that purpose by the Holy Spirit. In 1975 the board of directors authorized the expansion of the school's mission beyond children who are deaf, and to pursue programming for special children beyond the campus in Detroit.

As readers of the *Deaf Child's Advocate* are aware, this ministry continues to grow. The accompanying chart which is taken from the Spring 1985 issue indicates the prospects for continued growth in the 1985-86 school year. We thank and praise God for the blessings that He has shown to the programs for the learning disabled, the mentally impaired and the gifted which were

added to our program in 1976. Continued growth is also possible because of the expansion of the curriculum into the high school level in cooperation with the Lutheran High School Association of Greater

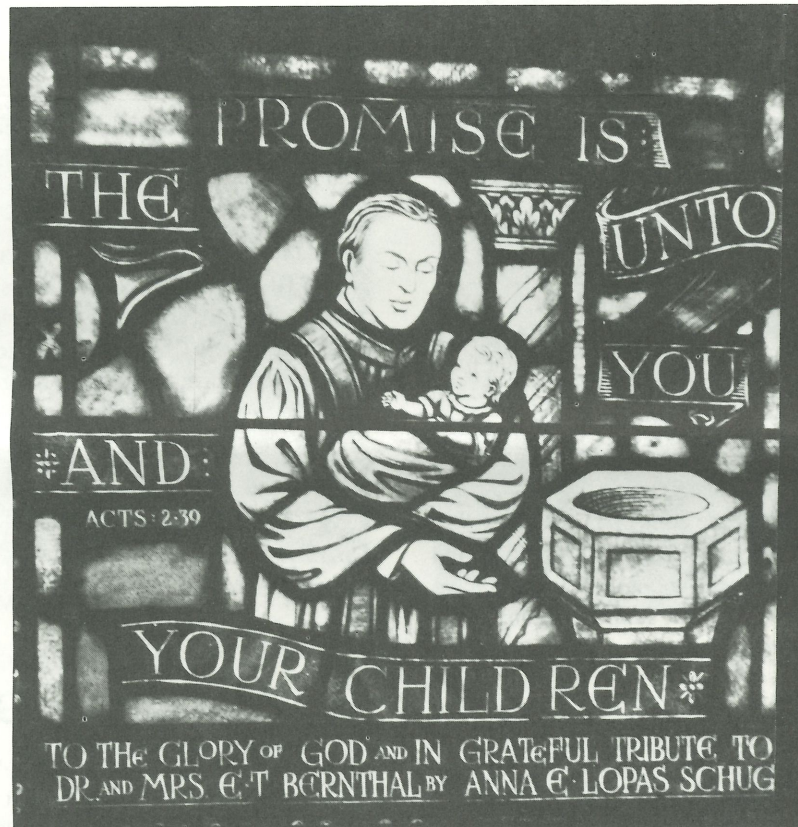
Detroit. Children may now receive a Christian education throughout their high school years even though they may have special learning problems or need assistance in academic areas.

The accompanying photograph is of a stained glass window in the Knudson chapel at Lutheran School for the Deaf. As it indicates, the promise is unto you and your children, which is a quote from Acts 2:39 indicating that the promise made to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden extends into the New Testament through baptism which is depicted as a means of grace. The Lutheran School for the Deaf continues as an avenue for providing a means of grace to God's special children through teaching of the Word and sacrament.

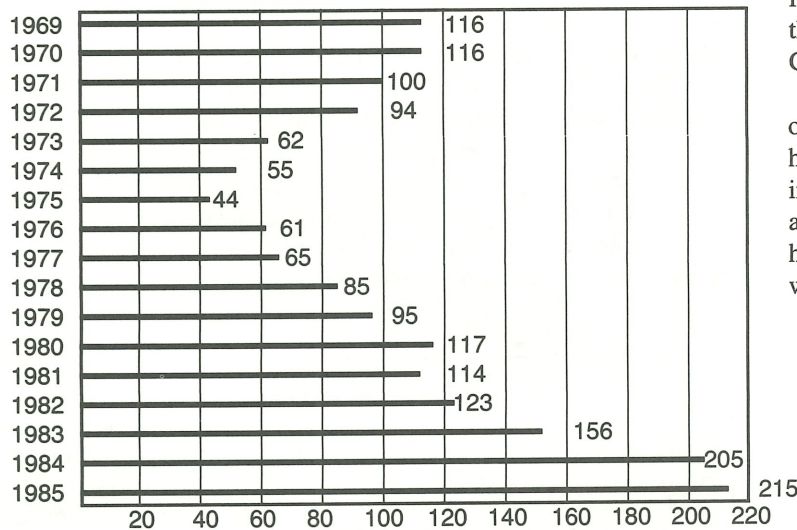
In this issue we bring to you our fall appeal for funds

and support for the ministry that is conducted here. We hope that you will read the enclosed pleas for assistance and answer the appeal generously as the Lord has blessed you. Without the financial help of the readers of the *Deaf Child's Advocate*, this ministry would not go forward and many children would not hear of the love that is theirs through the life, death, and resurrection of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

From time to time we hear from alumni and celebrate the beauty of their witness of the love for their Lord and Savior which they first heard "at Lutheran School for the Deaf." We thank you in advance for your gifts and hope that we will be able to answer any questions which you might have in regard to these various appeals which appear in this issue.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Acceptance of Special Students in Regular Schools

The Lutheran School for the Deaf embarked on its satellite program for children with special needs in 1971 with its first class for deaf children at St. Peter's Lutheran School, East Detroit, Michigan. In 1977 our first satellite for learning disabled children opened at Holy Cross Lutheran School, Detroit, Michigan. As the years have gone by, additional satellites have been established in Utica, Farmington Hills, Mt. Clemens, Sterling Heights, as well as seven Lutheran schools in Chicago, Illinois.

Pictured here you see a student working with teacher, Mrs. Linda Mikottis at Jehovah Lutheran School in Chicago. The program has been very well received in the Chicago schools. We anticipate continued growth in enrollment in the satellites in both the Detroit and Chicago areas. Listed here are some of the comments from building principals as they relate to the Lutheran School for the Deaf satellite special education programs.

"Very beneficial to students."

"Gail helps kids develop feelings of accomplishment."

"It's good to see our kids coming from that room feeling very good about the experience that they had there."

"It's good to see all of the children in the school feel about the resource room as a good place and not a bad place."

Mr. Randy Zielinski, Principal
St. Paul Lutheran School
Farmington Hills, Michigan



Mrs. Linda Mikottis guides the process of learning for one of her students.

"The satellite class is definitely an asset to the local school community because of the variety of support that we can now offer children enrolled in our school."

"The resource room teacher enables us to meet needs of kids who normally would slip through the cracks and not receive a full education."

"The special classroom gives us a chance to minister to the spiritual needs of children that otherwise would be going to the public schools and miss out on the Christian education program here."

"The Detroit school coming to our parish enables us to keep the students in our school who normally would be forced to go to public school to receive special help."

"Gives us a chance to see the needs of the kids and to change our school program to better serve the needs of all kids."

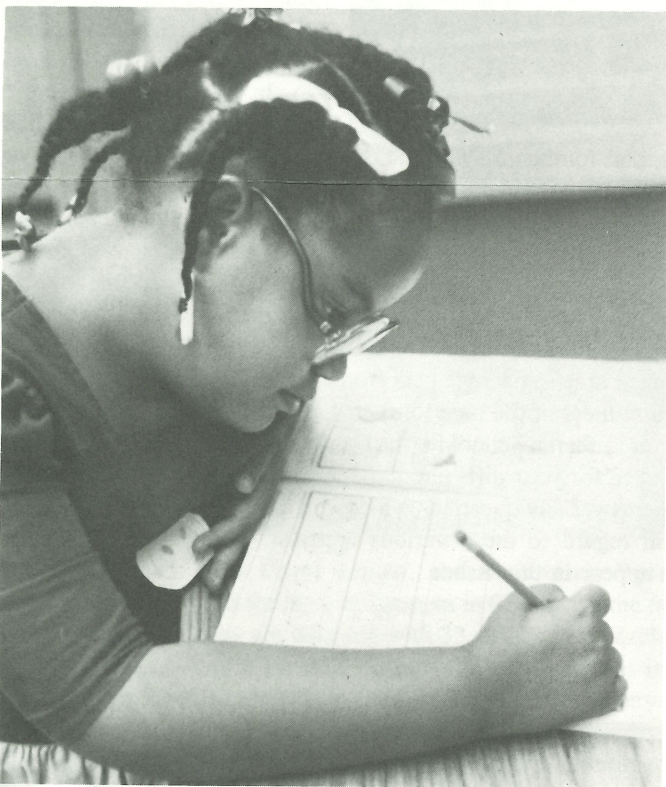
Al Sampsel, Principal
Trinity Lutheran School
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Adopt a Student

Several individuals annually support the school costs for a certain child at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. These gifts range from \$35 for a registration fee, a \$35 book fee, \$1,100 tuition for a full school year for a day student, or \$2,100 for a residential child for a full year. Also the school lunch fee for a child is \$13.50 a month. Individuals or groups may choose to adopt a student either through the payment of one of these fees or through a general contribution for scholarship assistance.

Should you desire to adopt a student, please contact us and we will in turn share information with you about a given child. You may correspond with him and we will in turn share with you news about the child and have him in turn write you a letter thanking you for your support. In any case, please remember all of our students in your prayers.

We thank God for YOU!



Hilliary Gray learns of Jesus' love for her because of your gifts to the ministry at Lutheran School for the Deaf.

Matching Gifts Program

On October 1, 1985, the Lutheran School for the Deaf was the recipient of a gift of \$100 from Mr. Martin Dobring of Port Huron, Michigan. Mr. Dobring participated in the matching gift program of the Allied Corporation Foundation.

Any gift from \$25 to a total of \$3,000 contributed in a calendar year by an eligible employee or director of the Allied Corporation will be matched by a contribution from the foundation to the designated recipient, in this case the Lutheran School for the Deaf. Mr. Dobring made a gift of \$100 to the school and we anticipate receipt of the \$100 matching gift from the Allied Corporation prior to the end of the calendar year 1985. In this way Mr. Dobring was able to be a good steward of the blessings that he has received and in return expand the gift to this ministry.

We encourage all readers to seek out their employers to determine whether or not they are participants in a similar matching gift program. This is a valuable way to increase the amount of your gift to the ministry of the Lutheran School for the Deaf. If you have questions, or if we can assist in some way, please contact Mr. Harlow at the school.

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.

Our Ladies Auxiliary

The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf supports the school in many, many ways. In addition to providing scholarship assistance for needy students, they provide gifts of equipment and supplies in various facets of the school's operation.

Here you see kitchen chairman Louise Bailey, along with Don Preston, a Kiwanis volunteer, teaching Mrs. Bailey and other staff at the school how to use a food processor which was a gift from the auxiliary. In this way the preparation of food in our kitchen can be streamlined and improved much to the pleasure of the kitchen staff and the benefit of the residential children.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the many friends of the school who participated in our Pound Day drive in supplying the school pantry. It should be noted that additional funds are needed at this time to supplement the food donations in areas such as fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, and milk. If anyone wishes to contribute to this cause as a group or an individual gift, you may send a donation specifically designated for food for the school children. We thank you in advance for any gifts that you might provide. In addition, we want to thank the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf for this most gracious and helpful gift.



Louise Bailey watches in anticipation as she learns operation of food processor.

Volunteers

Mrs. Audrey Lemay is representative of our many volunteers at the school. Here you see Audrey in her booth at the Fall Harvest Festival where she brought her arts and crafts items which she works on for many hours at home with her husband, Jim, and brings to the school to sell. Audrey and Jim share their income from their sale with the children at our school.

Her booth is one of the very popular stops for our visitors, and especially for many of the children. She works very hard at making items which can serve as gifts for children and also gifts by children to parents. She never forgets the little ones at school. We thank God for the efforts of Audrey on behalf of the children at the school.



Display of craft items at festival.

We hope that each of our readers will take the time to complete the coupon on this page and send us the names and addresses of two friends who you think would enjoy receiving the Deaf Child's Advocate. From time to time we need to supplement our mailing list with new names to spread the word of the ministry of the school. Please take the time now to send us those names and we deeply appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

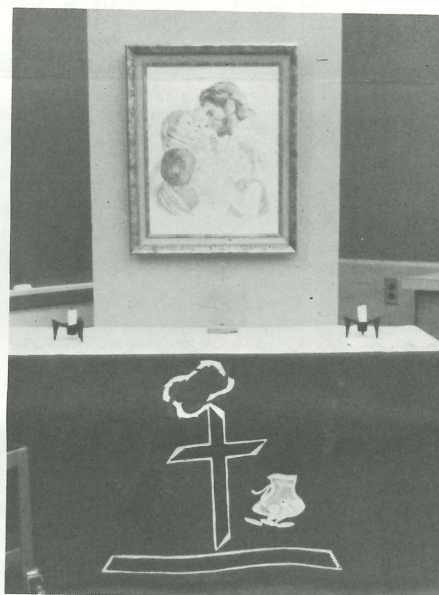
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Chapel Altar for 5-6-7 Year Olds

As we move into the Lenten season of the church year and prepare for Easter, we take this opportunity to share with you a scene at the school.



sacrifice that Christ made for the sins of all mankind are personalized to each and every student and staff person. The children are brought to the knowledge that Jesus is their friend and their Lord and Savior. The sacrifices that He made for all children and adults is the theme which runs through the entire school curriculum and is especially true during the Lenten season when we look forward to the celebration of Easter and the victory that Christ had over death for us

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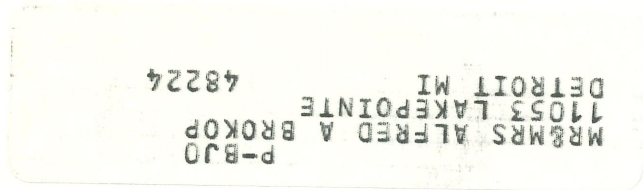
Our new folder can be used for anniversaries, birthdays, and other joyous occasions. We will gladly send you free as many as you request.

Campbell's

As we approach press time the date for mailing our labels for redemption by Campbell Soup Company is fast approaching. Even though we prepare our mailing now, we continue to gather labels the year around and hold them for the February campaign.

Please remember to save your labels and send them now so we can include as many as possible in this year's total. Last year (1984) we sent in 498,675 labels.

Our Beautiful Memorial Wreath Folders are available free and postpaid



ADVOCATE READERS

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

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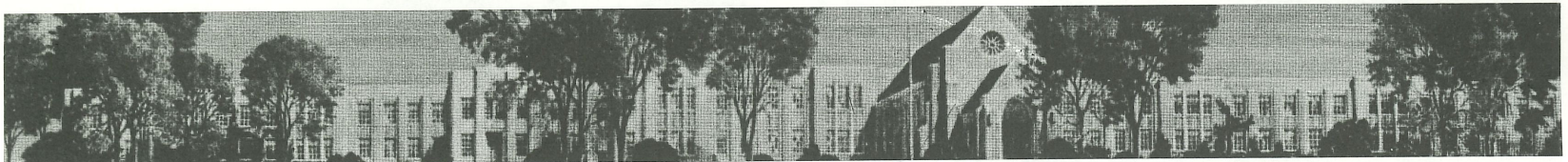
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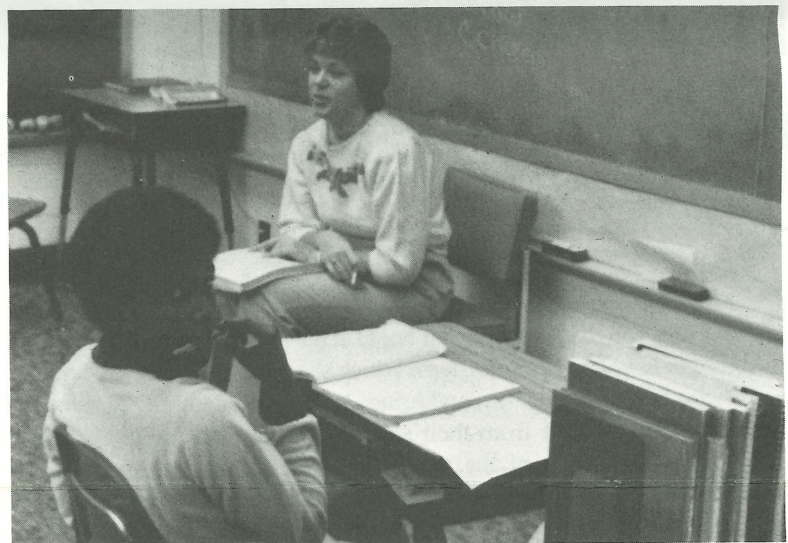


Dates to Remember

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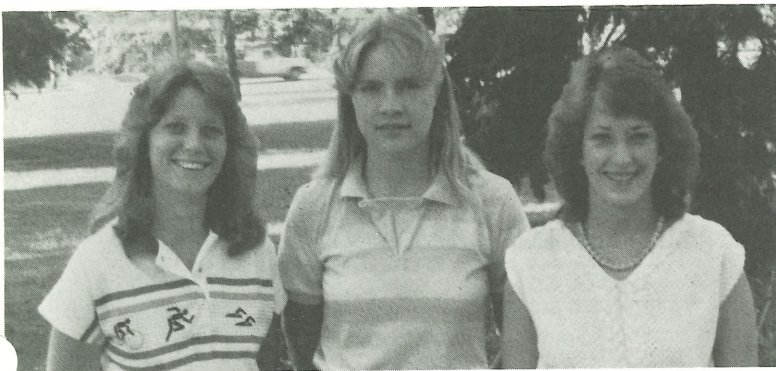
Spring Fair
April 30, 1985

Closing Festival
June 9, 1985



Miss Fett at work with her class of "uncommon" children.

Chicago Focus



Miss Joy Conrad, Miss Carol Tietjen, and Miss Linda Ross are pictured here before they left for their assignment in Chicago in the fall of 1984. As of this writing they are working with 33 children in 5 Lutheran schools in Chicago. We join these 3 young ladies in rejoicing in the opportunity they have in serving their Lord in this special ministry.

As of this writing, we project 5 teachers in the Chicago program in schools next year. If you have questions regarding the enrollment of children in the Chicago program, please contact Miss Joy Conrad, the supervisor of the program at Concordia College 312-771-8300 or contact the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit.

Here you see a new teacher, Linda Fett, working with the children in her classroom on a lesson categorizing animals. The children in Miss Fett's class respond most favorably to the type of presentation where the teacher can explain the material verbally as well as in written form on the chalk board.

The chalk board is a very important tool in the education of special children. It allows the children not only to visualize but also to experience the movement involved in writing on the chalk board and in the touch sensation involved in this type of learning. Also, errors are easily removed and do not linger as a reminder of the difficulties encountered in a special class.

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