

The Deaf Child's ADVOCATE



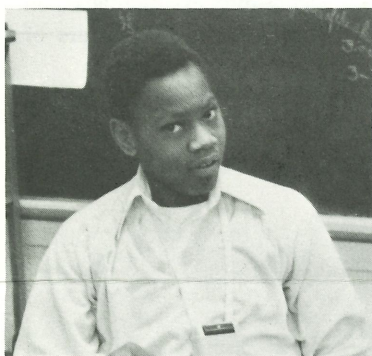
Annual Report May, 1985

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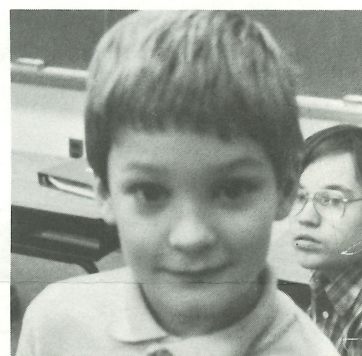
PURPOSE

By the grace of God, the Lutheran School for the Deaf helps students with special learning needs to:

- Know, love, and serve Jesus, our Savior;
- Understand their skills and weaknesses better;
- Practice strategies to make learning more effective and personally satisfying; and
- Prepare themselves for successful mainstreaming.



Michael Johnson



David Clinchoc

PROGRESS

God's love is truly marvelous. He challenges us to increased service. He makes us able to serve Him. He richly blesses our service with continued progress.

This year we are serving 205 students. That is a 31% increase over the 156 students served last year.

We began another cooperative program in the Detroit area with St. Paul, Sterling Heights. They join with other hosts at Holy Cross, Detroit, Lutheran High School East, Harper Woods, St. Paul, Farmington Hills, and Trinity, Utica.

For the first time this year, students involved in our cooperative program with Lutheran High School East will graduate. We rejoice in the progress that God has permitted them to make through the dedicated efforts of so many teachers and through your prayers and gifts.

Our biggest news is about the program in the Chicagoland area. In association with the Northern Illinois District Education and Agencies Committees, Concordia College, River Forest, Lutheran Child and Family



Linda Mikotis teaching Matthew Jablonski at Jehovah.

Services, and the Lutheran Church-Charities Fund, a program was begun to assist parochial school students with special education needs.

The program this year involved three of our faculty working with more than 35 students in the following partner schools: Hope, Jehovah, Pilgrim, St. John, and Trinity, all within the city of Chicago.



REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This has been a fantastic year of learning and growth for the students. God blessed us with a very dedicated and effective faculty and staff, who have worked thousands of hours to share their faith with the students as they helped them learn.

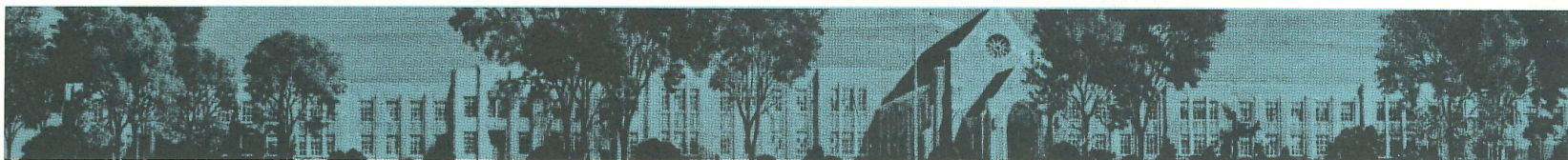
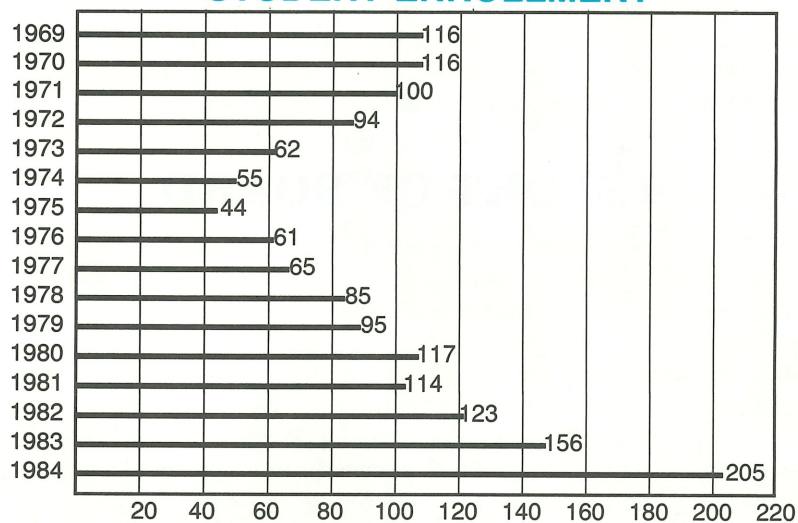
A special thanks to each of the partner schools in Chicago and in Metro-Detroit.

We praise God for the wisdom and foresight of the Board of Directors who have worked so long to assist larger numbers of students.

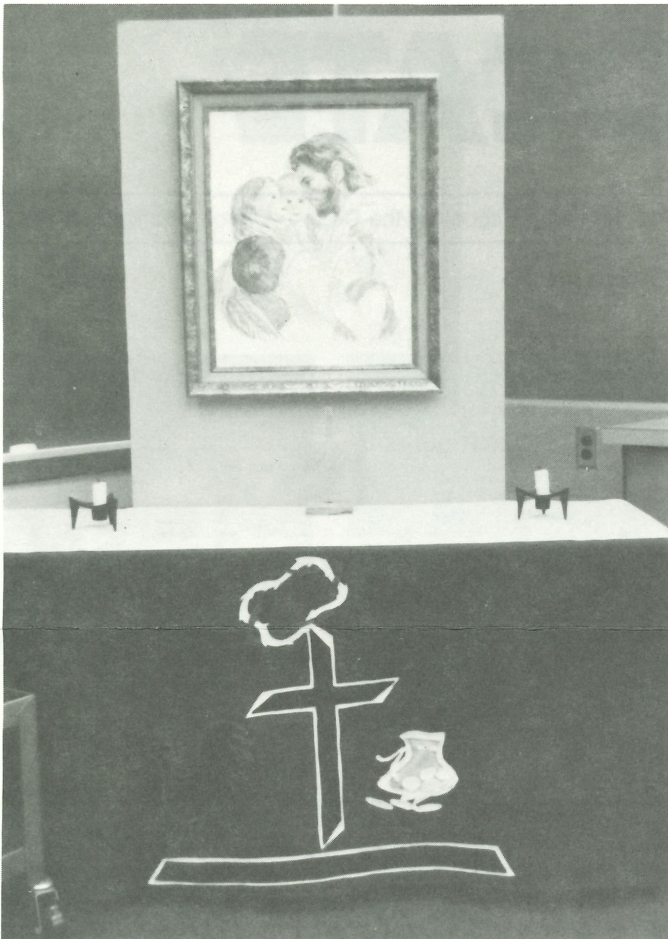
We thank God that all of this ministry is possible because of YOUR love, prayers, and donations.

Rev. Rodney R. Ryneanson

STUDENT ENROLLMENT



SHARING JESUS



Primary Chapel

The Lutheran School for the Deaf was founded for the specific purpose that "the scholars sent to them be educated in the Lutheran faith."

A requirement of the school has always been that the students study Luther's Small Catechism and be prepared to confess their faith in Jesus Christ through the rite of confirmation.

Each morning some of the staff meet early for prayer and Bible study. The school day begins with chapel for all of the students, led by various teachers. On Monday through Thursday, the teachers and students meet in four different chapels here on campus. On Friday, the whole school comes together into Gloria Dei Chapel for worship.

Every day, each teacher has a class period for the study of God's Word. The program contains ten different religion units. The last three include a survey of the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and a study of the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a Christian congregation.

Last year, four students were confirmed here in the deaf congregation and several others were prepared for confirmation at their home church.

Thanks be to God the Spirit that we can continue this important educational ministry of holding forth Jesus, our Savior.

REPORT OF BOARD

The 12 active members of the Board of Directors are responsible for administering the school. This year they met seven times as a full board and numerous other times as members of the four operating committees.

Two members resigned for health reasons: Pastor John Gagern and Mr. Carl Middeldorf. We rejoice that both are feeling better now and continue to serve on the honorary board.

Board members include: Paul Quitmeyer, President, Rev. W. Fluegge, Vice-President, Allen Helland, Secretary, Elmer Engel, Treasurer, Terry Davis, Bruce Fisher, James Hoerberling, Attorney, Walter Kaufmann, Rev. A. Prouty, Rev. J. Reusch, and Donald Rutter. There is one vacancy since Rev. E. Schulte resigned recently for health reasons.

Honorary Board members include: Herman Auch, Rev. R. Bernthal, Rev. J. Gagern, Carl Middeldorf, Rev. E. Rossow, and Rolland Wilkening.

VOLUNTEERS

Each year hundreds of people volunteer thousands of hours of work to assist the School with our "uncommon" students.

There are two ladies societies. The Lutheran Ladies Auxillary for the Deaf just celebrated its 107th anniversary of service. These ladies in the Metro-Detroit area meet monthly to assist the school through raising money for needed items to make the school look more home-like and for scholarships for students.

Ephphatha Chapter will celebrate its 50th anniversary this fall. This group of ladies in Macomb County meet five times a year to assist the school.

We have more than 100 volunteers who come regularly to assist in a variety of projects including mailing the *Advocate*, processing thank you letters, recording memorial gifts, and providing hundreds of hours of loving service to the children.

Parents of students work thousands of hours each year on labels, working at the festivals, and other volunteer projects.

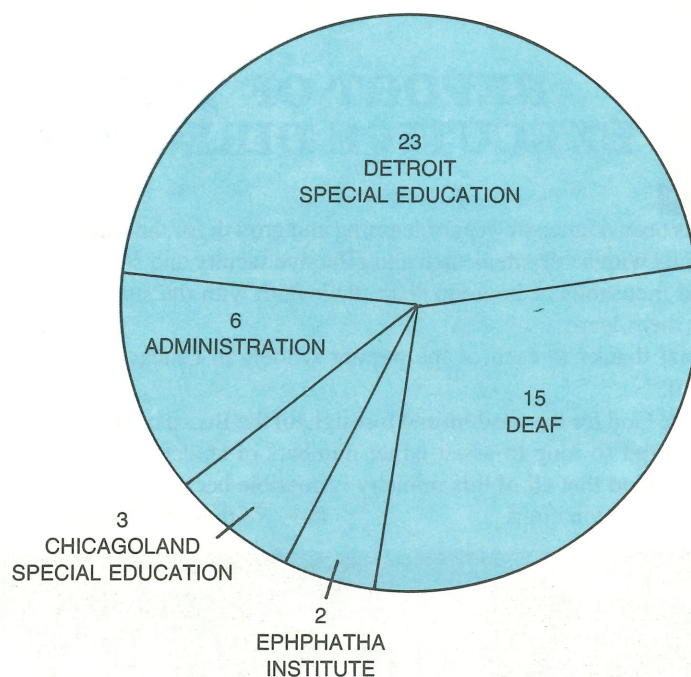
An extra special THANKS to each volunteer for their loving service.



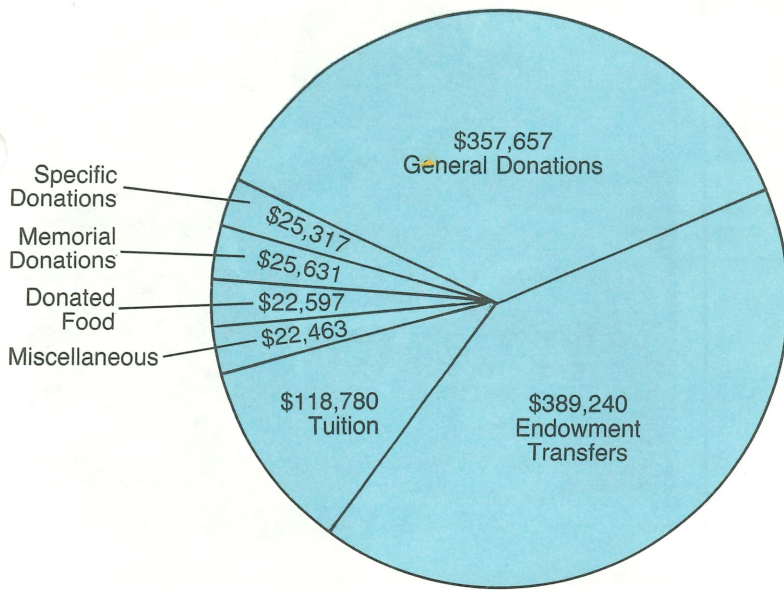
Mr. Engel, festival committee chairman right, and Mrs. Martin Moellering, chairman of the Ladies Auxillary center, meet with another volunteer.

STAFF

Forty-nine staff members work to assist students.

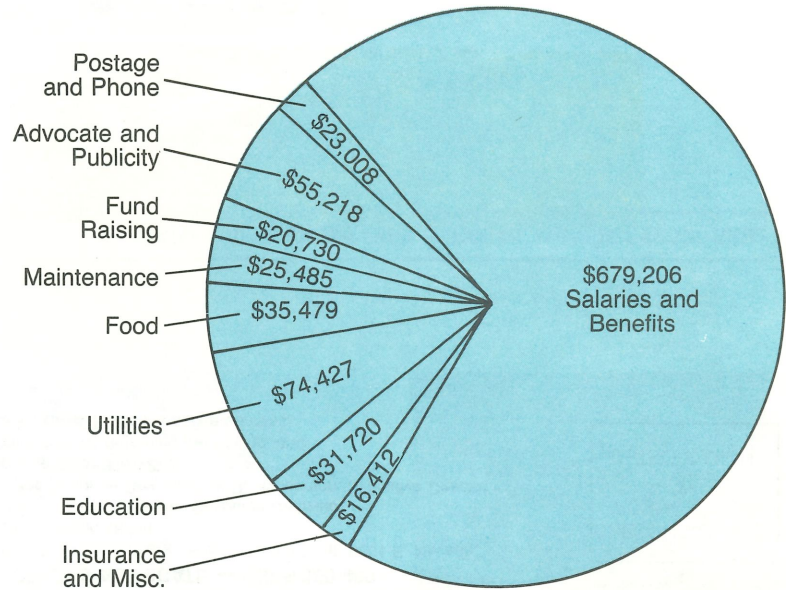


Income (1983-84)



Total Endowment Transfers \$389,240
Total Income: \$961,685

Expenditures (1983-84)



Total Expenditures \$961,685

ENDOWMENT FUND

Many individuals include the Lutheran School for the Deaf in their wills. Some of those legacies contain the provision that only the interest is to be used for programs. The principal is to remain as a memorial for the donor. Those designated legacies have been placed into an endowment fund. Last year that fund made \$389,240.000 available to the general fund so that we could continue to serve a growing number of "uncommon" students.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Harlow and the Board committee responsible for the growth of resources to use in ministry worked diligently this year to assist in the rapidly expanding program.

The *Advocate* is our major publicity source and most recently 180,000 copies were mailed out to individuals and congregations.

Our direct mail appeals and bequests are the two largest sources of income. We are deeply grateful to each donor for the wonderful help that they are giving to the special children in this educational ministry.

REMODELING

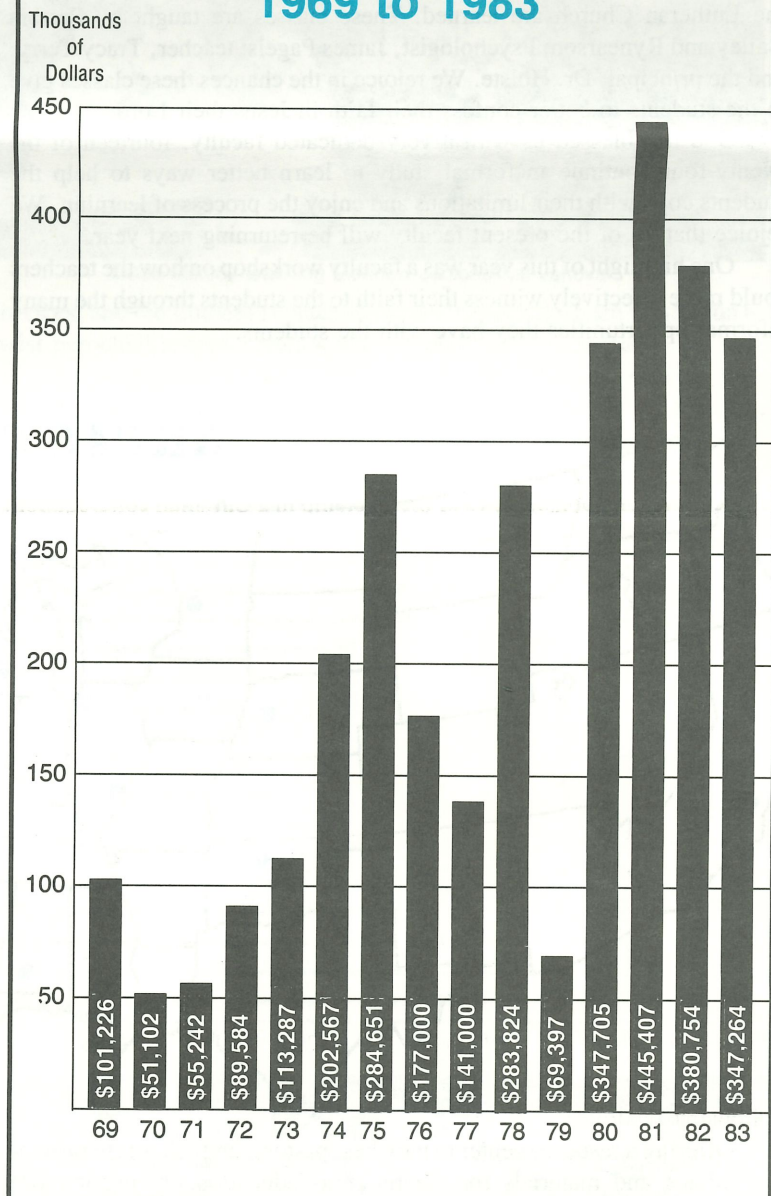
With thanks to those far-sighted church leaders who planned and built this excellent building, we have remodeled most of the first floor. 14,000 square feet of space which has been used for living rooms in the two dormitories are being remodeled into a library media center in Hertwig Hall and into a conference area in Bernthal Hall.

We have lowered the ceiling and put in new lights. New floor coverings are to be installed. All the areas are being painted and hopefully by fall, we will have completed the remodeling.

There is adequate room on the second floor for the dormitories. We will be rearranging them so that they are more efficient and enjoyable for the children.

The new parking lot, north of the garage, is completed and lighted, the school entrance has been modified to make it more safe as the children go to the playground and leave to go home.

TRANSFERS FROM ENDOWMENT FUND 1969 to 1983



MR&MRS ALFRED A BROKOP
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TYRONE

8-year-old Tyrone has been studying here for 6 years. Your loving support has helped him see Christ's love.

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EDUCATION REPORT

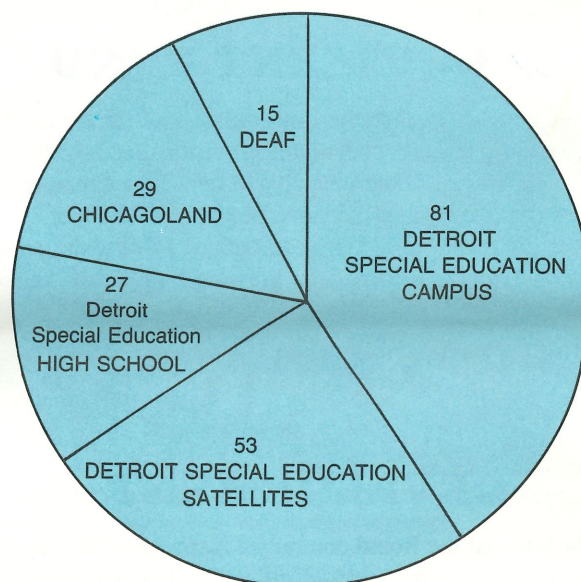
Our enrollment continues to climb as God continues to give us opportunities to share His love with many "uncommon" students through the educational ministry of the school.

In addition to the regular religious instruction in the self-contained classrooms, one class receives confirmation instruction and four other classes have Pre-confirmation instruction in which the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church are learned. These classes are taught by Pastors Bailey and Rynearson; Psychologist, James Pagels; teacher, Tracy Terry; and the principal, Dr. Holste. We rejoice in the chances these classes give to the students to better confess their faith in Jesus their Lord.

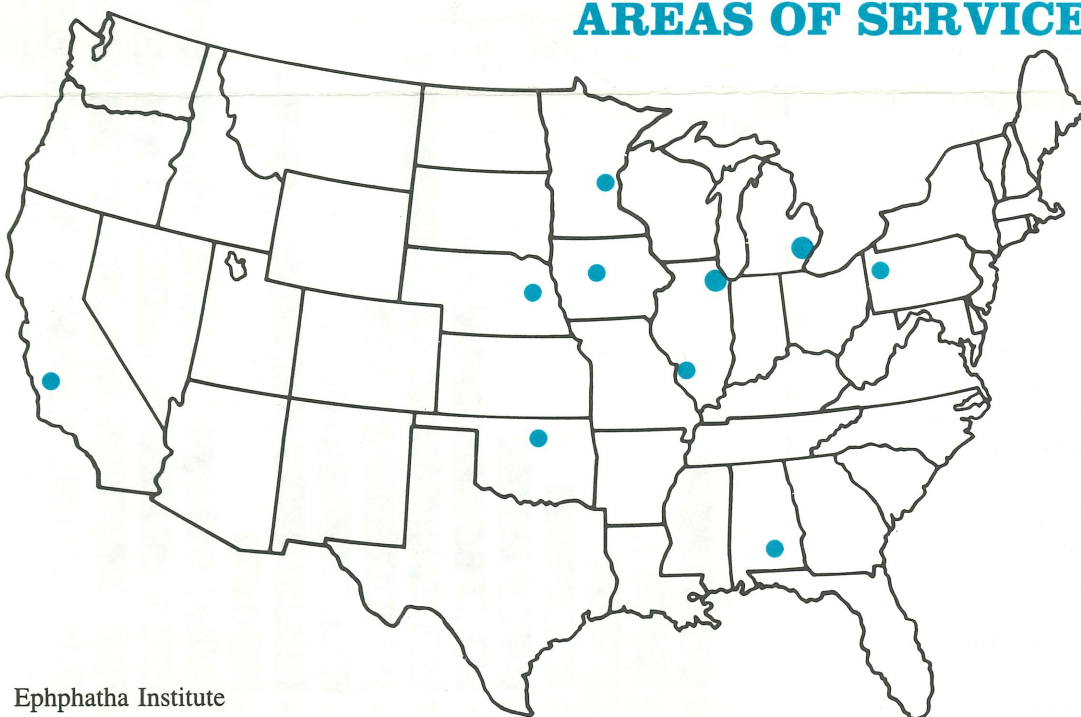
God has blessed us with a very dedicated faculty, fourteen of the twenty-four continue in formal study to learn better ways to help the students cope with their limitations and enjoy the process of learning. We rejoice that 23 of the present faculty will be returning next year.

One highlight of this year was a faculty workshop on how the teachers could more effectively witness their faith to the students through the many informal opportunities they have with the students.

Student enrollment



AREAS OF SERVICE



Ephphatha Institute

Offering a resource center to parishes, pastors, and schools to provide advice and materials for the religious education of "uncommon" students.

Metro-Detroit
 School
 Holy Cross, Detroit
 Lutheran High East, Harper Woods
 St. Paul, Farmington Hills
 Trinity, Utica
 St. Paul, Sterling Heights

Chicagoland
 Pilgrim
 St. John
 Trinity
 Jehovah
 Hope

