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## A New Year — A New Beginning

With the opening of the 1986-87 school year at Lutheran School for the Deaf, the staff and students begin a new phase of our developing program. On this page and the next are pictures of our new faculty members along with some of our veterans. We hope that you will remember each of our staff members in your prayers and ask for God's guidance as they assume their responsibilities both in our main campus programs and in our satellite locations in Michigan and Illinois.

We invite all readers of *The Advocate for Students With Special Learning Needs* to send questions or inquiries about our programs to us so that we can respond with a written reply or a personal visit to spread the message of our expanding ministry at Lutheran School for the Deaf.



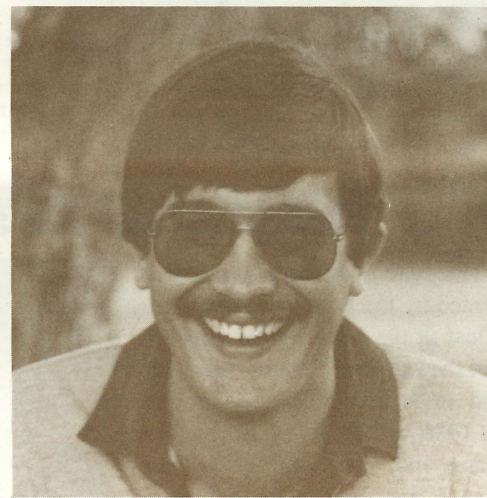
Our Detroit Lutheran high school program is the primary responsibility of Richard Mehl, located at Lutheran High School West in Detroit; Gloria Burley, located at Lutheran High School North in Mt. Clemens; and Andrew Bailey and John Morrison, both located at Lutheran High School East in Harper Woods, Michigan.



Liz Plaehn teaches our newest class for the gifted, located at Trinity Lutheran School in Utica, Michigan.



Julie Heinicke teaches the youngest children on the main campus in Detroit.



James Krone teaches in our learning disabilities satellite program in Chicago, Illinois.



Gloria Burley teaches in our newest high school satellite program, located at Lutheran High School North in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.



Mark Brower teaches the learning disabled on our main campus in Detroit.



Betty Lettermann teaches in our Chicago based satellite program for learning disabled children.  
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## A New Year – A New Beginning (continued)



Kathy Krause teaches in our newest Detroit satellite at St. Peter Lutheran School Macomb.



Loren Popke teaches the learning disabled in our satellite located at Trinity Lutheran School in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.



John Netta Ngirailab teaches our learning disabled children in Chicago.



Patricia Tims teaches in our most established satellite program at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Detroit.



Peter Heinicke teaches the oldest group of learning disabled children on our Detroit campus.



Madelyn Kuehl teaches in our Chicago learning disabilities program.

### Ephphatha Award

The 1986 Ephphatha Award was presented by the Lutheran School for the Deaf at the 56th regular convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Indianapolis, Indiana in July, 1986 to Mr. Fred Harbart of Williamsville, New York. Mr. Harbart is a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, New York. He was nominated for the award by Reverend Arnold Kromphardt, President of the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



In part, Reverend Kromphardt's nomination reads that "Fred Harbart is founder and president of the Lutheran Association of the Developmentally Disabled (LADD) based in Buffalo, New York, where it was begun about five years ago for the express purpose of being of assistance to mentally retarded persons and their families." Special emphasis is on development of community residences, respite care, parish advocacy, summer camping experiences, funding and support for the mentally retarded and other handicapped persons.

Because of Mr. Harbart's efforts, LADD now owns a community residence in North Tonawanda, New York, an intermediate care facility in Buffalo, New York, along with future sites in Lancaster, New York, Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is instrumental in the establishment of campships at Camp Pioneer, Angola, New York, and Camp Luthercrest, Cabot, Pennsylvania. He was also instrumental in arranging for *Forward In Remembrance* to provide scholarships for Camp Pioneer programs for mentally retarded children.

Mr. Hobart edits a quarterly newspaper which is distributed to all

### Scholarships

Each year the Lutheran School for the Deaf receives application from several children for whom admission to the school program would not be possible without the generous scholarship support of our many friends.

This year we have established two scholarship programs in the name of two specific donors. While we have not yet ascertained the desire of the donors in regard to their identification, one student is a recipient for 1986 of scholarship support for their program at Lutheran School for the Deaf. He is Kevin Belleman.

Other individuals who wish to earmark specific gifts to the scholarship program will receive information about the children who benefit from their direct support. Identification of donors is the option of the person making the gift.

We enlist the help of our readers in establishing scholarship programs for needy children. If you are interested, please contact the school office to discuss the possibilities for scholarship program establishment. We will supply additional information concerning recipients and donors as time and space permit.

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Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Eastern District parishes. In addition to his efforts with LADD, Mr. Harbart is active in the Eastern District's Budget and Internal Control Commission, and is the organizer and chairman of the monthly Lutheran Businessman's Luncheon in the Buffalo area, as well as the Lutheran Layman's League and the Camp Pioneer Committee. He is an investment counselor for the Eastern District and a member of the Eastern District Stewardship Committee.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf was pleased and proud to present Mr. Harbart with the Ephphatha Award for outstanding service to the handicapped in a formal education area. Congratulations and God's blessings to Mr. Harbart.





## Thoughts on Giving

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
*Matt 6:21*

As believers in Christ we will willingly share our blessings to help support the preaching and teaching of the gospel.

"Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he or she should give. Don't force anyone to give more than they really want to. For cheerful givers are the ones God prizes!" *2 Cor 9:7*

# Yes!

Here is my gift for God's Special Children  
at Lutheran School for the Deaf.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Executive Director

November, 1986



"THEN  
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DEAF  
HEAR"  
*Is. 29: 18*

Dear Friends:

For the past several years we have placed a letter in the winter issue of the Advocate to ask you for your continued support of the ministry at the Lutheran School for the Deaf. We pray that this year's appeal would be particularly successful in meeting the needs of our programs. The Lord has led us in new directions - to Chicago to establish programs for children in need of special help. He has led us into suburban Detroit Lutheran schools for similar programs. He has seen fit to lead us to the high schools of greater Detroit to extend our ministry to those children as they become older and progress through the learning system.

On the opposite page from this letter you have a story about a scholarship program for needy children. We feel that the growth and success of these programs of helping God's special children need your prayers, your gifts, and your support. We ask that you consider carefully the gift that you enclose in the special business reply envelope included with this mailing of the Advocate for Children with Special Learning Needs.

The program has indeed changed from 1873 when we had our beginning as an orphanage to the years when we served exclusively deaf children. Today the Lutheran School for the Deaf serves not only deaf children but also learning disabled, educably mentally impaired, and gifted children. Records of the school indicate that in former years very few children attended school on a day-school basis, most being residential children. Today the reverse is true. Relatively few children are in residence, but the program continues to grow and flourish with children coming to our campus and our various satellite programs on a daily basis.

As you consider your gift for 1986, please consider carefully the mission of bringing God's saving gospel, the gift of His Son Jesus Christ, to the children entrusted to our care. When God's commission was given to teach all nations, He included in all nations children with special learning needs. He has led our staff to become equipped to offer the gospel to these children. Won't you join us in this ministry with a gift that will enable more children to hear not only how to deal with learning problems, how to deal with their fellow man, but most importantly, to hear the saving gospel of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and how to share that message with others. God Bless You!

Yours and His,

*William H. Harlow*  
William H. Harlow,  
Resource Cultivator

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Enclosure  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

DETROIT: Residential Deaf, Learning Disabled, Gifted, Educably Mentally Retarded  
L.D. SATELLITES: Holy Cross, Detroit; St. Paul, Farmington Hills; St. Paul, Sterling Heights; Trinity, Utica;  
Trinity, Mt. Clemens; St. Peter, Macomb  
CHICAGO SATELLITES: Hope, Jehovah, Pilgrim, St. John, Trinity, Zion, Chicago; St. John, Lansing; Immanuel,  
Richton Park; St. Paul, Melrose Park  
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## In Memorium

### MARIE J. TWENHAFEL

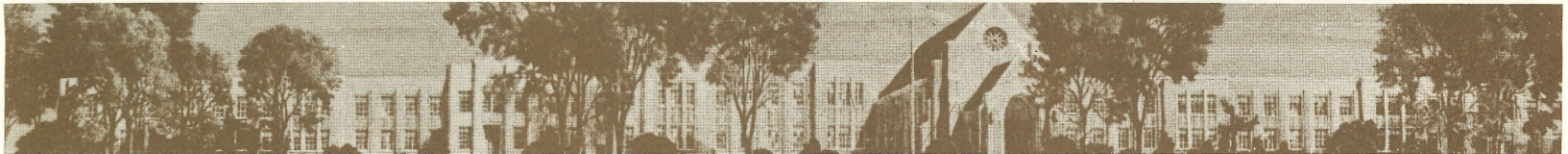
Marie J. Twenhafel received her training as a deaconess in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She served at Lutheran School for the Deaf for 31 years as deaconess, housemother, and teacher.

Marie was born in May of 1903 in Hoyleton, Illinois. She was brought to her Savior in Holy Baptism on June 14, 1903 and reaffirmed that faith on April 16, 1916. On August 9, 1986, having reached the age of 83 years, 2 months, and 13 days, the Lord, in His mercy, took her soul home to heaven. To God alone be glory for the life and service of Marie Twenhafel.

On behalf of the children of the Lutheran School for the Deaf we wish to thank all of those who gave memorials to the ministry of Lutheran School for the Deaf in memory of Marie Twenhafel.

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## Campbell's



In June a call was received from Mrs. Pearl Elston, state president of the Michigan Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to come to Lansing to their state convention to receive a presentation of Campbell soup labels. The gracious reception which we received was indeed memorable and the love shown to the Lutheran School for the Deaf by these ladies was immense.

In late August, Mrs. Elston came to Lutheran School for the Deaf to deliver on their promise of Campbell soup labels for the Labels for Education Program at the school. Mrs. Elston, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, presented to Mr. Harlow 125,000 Campbell soup labels to be used to secure materials, supplies, and books for the school. Mrs. Elston made the presentation on behalf of all of the ladies of the Michigan District of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

On behalf of the children, we wish to thank Mrs. Elston and all of the ladies of the auxiliary to the VFW for their efforts in our behalf. It is indeed gratifying for a group such as this to come to our assistance in this way. The impact of a large group of ladies is indeed tremendous in the gathering of these soup labels. For this we are deeply grateful. This gift has a monetary equivalent of \$1,250.00.

## Girl's Volleyball

Pictured here is the 1986-87 girl's volleyball team at Lutheran School for the Deaf. The after-school interscholastic program enables our students to compete with the students from other neighboring Lutheran schools in the East Side Lutheran Athletic League. They gain experience in competition with other girls their own age. The girls compete in basketball, volleyball, and track. The volleyball team is coached by Miss Jane Wagner and Miss Liz Plaehn.

In future issues we will picture the boys athletic teams in their various programs which include soccer, basketball, and track.



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