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## LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

### *A New Name for a Changing Ministry*

At their meeting on January 21, 1988, the board of directors took a historic step by adopting a new name for Lutheran School for the Deaf. To better reflect the changing ministry that has occurred over the past ten years, the Lutheran School for the Deaf will henceforth be referred to as Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries.

To clarify this, the corporate name will still remain Lutheran School for the Deaf, but the adopted name, Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries, will be used in all publications, letterhead, brochures, etc. for it better reflects how the Lord has opened the door for a changing ministry.

The word Ephphatha, which is used in the name of one of our ministries entitled Ephphatha Institute, means "to be opened." We find in Mark 7 that Jesus used the term Ephphatha when He healed the deaf man. His ears were opened. So, too, has the Lord opened the door for us to enable a new expanded ministry to occur. To this end, the board of directors has also adopted the following Statement of Ministry.

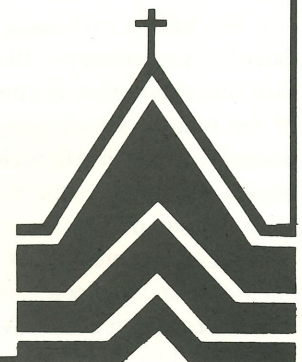
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You have read, and will continue to read, the stories of children with special learning needs receiving services that help them receive a Christian education. We pray that all our readers and supporters will continue to remember that our ministry is alive and healthy. The number of children receiving instructional services at the close of December, 1987, was 272 children compared with 244 in 1986, and we know that many, many more children will be receiving our services in the future. We thank God for this blessing!



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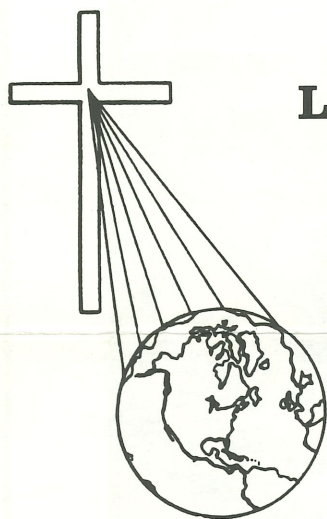
Ephphatha means "be opened." In scripture the term is found in Mark 7:34; it is the word that Jesus spoke when He healed the deaf-mute. The Ephphatha Institute, which "opens" our ministry to hundreds of children, is an arm of the school that provides advisory services. These include curriculum assistance, diagnostic testing, and instructional consultation for children with special learning needs.

The statement of purpose for Ephphatha Institute is to promote the Christian education of children with special learning needs by offering professional evaluation and guidance, thereby fostering the recognition of strengths and the acceptance of weaknesses and enabling children to develop their God-given gifts according to His plan.

If you are a pastor, parish worker, or parent who would especially like assistance on educational or religious materials for a child with unique learning needs such as the hearing impaired, learning disabled, or mentally impaired, feel free to contact us. Our goal is to assist you in providing a quality Christian education to the children you serve.



Pictured is our curriculum consultant, Susan Bailey, conferring with the school's executive director, Roger DeMeyere.



## Lutheran Braille Workers

The Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries is very happy to be the home of Work Center #8 for the Lutheran Braille Workers.

Lutheran Braille Workers has grown to a volunteer force of more than 7,000 people working in 191 work centers in the United States, Canada, and Brazil. They work to provide braille and large print Christian materials in over 40 different languages to bring Christ to those in darkness.

Work Center #8 at the school has 99 volunteer workers coming on a daily basis representing 19 area congregations. They recently celebrated their fifth anniversary at a potluck luncheon at Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf at which representatives of Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries were guests. One would have had to be present to experience the love, devotion, and peace that is enjoyed by this special group of people.

We are honored and privileged to have such a vibrant ministry within our walls, and we look forward to many years of dedicated cooperation with the Lutheran Braille Workers. We wish them the Lord's every blessing in the days and years ahead as our ministries work in tandem.

## Campbell's<sup>®</sup> Soup Label

# Thank You!

Display at Mt.  
Calvary Lutheran  
Mission Fair.



Dear Sir:

During our Mission Fair we had a soup label display. Enclosed is a picture of the display. About 2½ months before the Sunday School children (3 years - 14 years) were asked to start collecting soup labels. There would be prizes given out the week following the fair. We collected in the big soup can during the fair. Enclosed is a picture of our three winners. We sent in 1,700-1,800 labels last year and this year 2,360.

We also had a display and contest for stamps. We are a small church. Large for New England. We have 100 kids in Sunday School. The kids have asked for another contest this year. I hope someone else might use this idea. This is a L.W.M.L. project. Our soup can is in the church narthex all year with a display and a picture of this year's winners. All the 3 top winners saved over 59 labels.

Sincerely,

Sandra Andexler  
192 Tahattawan Road  
Littleton, MA 01460



Campbell soup label winners from Mission Fair.

## THANK YOU!

*to all who participated this year.*

## The Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary for the Deaf

It is always a special joy for the staff at Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries to host meetings of the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliaries for the Deaf. These two groups of ladies meet alternately at our Klein auditorium, and in respective congregations of which their members are a part.



Detroit chapter president, Hilda Moellering addresses a recent meeting.

The ladies generously support the ministry at the school by donations of time and talent. Most notably is their donation of time and financial support in our scholarship program. Recently Mrs. Moellering presented a check to the school for \$6,000 which represented part of this year's support for the scholarship program.

Most recently the auxiliary was beneficiary of the estate of one of their departed members, and this has stimulated much discussion in the area of planned giving and putting one's affairs in order to benefit their own congregation and other special ministries such as that at Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries.

The love of the ladies for our children is exemplified in their service not only to the ministry here but also due to their activity in their home



Mrs. Elnora Junke, presents historical perspective of Ephphatha Chapter at 50th anniversary celebration.



Mrs. Marguerite Gady receiving congratulations from Reverend John Streit for her recognition as Woman of the Year by the Council of Lutheran Women.

congregations. Most recently the Detroit ladies nominated one of their own, Mrs. Marguerite Gady, as Women of the Year to be honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Council of Lutheran Women. Each year the auxiliaries of the various congregations in the greater Detroit area name one of their own to be so honored. This year Mrs. Gady was being recognized for not only her work within the auxiliary benefiting the school, but also for her many years of membership in other church related organizations. We join with the ladies of the LLAD in saluting Mrs. Gady and wishing her many more years of faithful service to her Lord.

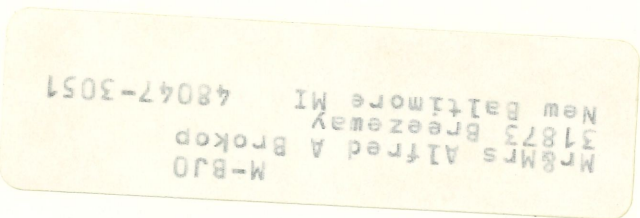
## Two Dedicated Servants



Stanley Jarychowicz (left) and Stanley Kazanski (right).

Every congregation and ministry throughout the church has those unsung heroes of dedication. Here at Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries two of our most needed and dedicated workers are Stanley Kazanski and Stanley Jarychowicz, who have both been with us for many years as maintenance men. Together they total 47 years of service.

Their day to day dedication to their work is exceeded only by their loyalty to the school and its entire staff. No task is too large or too complicated for them to tackle. The fine Christian example that these men show is a terrific example for the students at our school. We salute them and wish them many blessings in the years to come as they continue their work with us.



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## Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, May 18th, representatives from 110 association congregations will gather at the campus of the Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries to hear a report concerning the past year's ministry. Included in that report will be extensive emphasis on growth and changes in the number of children served, as well as plans for the future.

This year marks the 115th anniversary of the founding of Lutheran School for the Deaf, and we await action by the association in regard to various important matters concerning the future of the school. Delegates to

the meeting will be entertained by the Lutheran Choralaires, a very popular group of Lutheran singers in the greater Detroit area, and an evening of fellowship for those who share our ministry.

Each congregation of the association has been invited to name a lay delegate and a pastoral delegate to represent their congregation. Each congregation is thus entitled to two votes on all matters to come before the meeting.

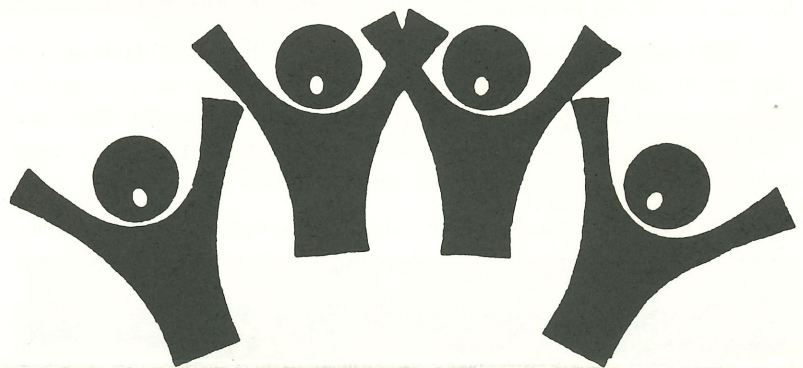
## Reunion Registration

Remember The Big Reunion being planned for June 10-11-12, 1988. Your committee is hard at work with projects and plans. They do want your reservations as soon as possible. Please call or write:

Kathy Johnston  
4323 Manor Avenue  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

Ken Carter  
3241 Howard  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48072  
(313) 288-6148 TDD

Registration fee is \$25.00 (U.S. dollars). Please use certified check or money order.



## Speaker's Bureau

For several years we have offered services of various staff members to go to meetings of service clubs, congregations, Sunday Schools, ladies groups, etc. We encourage the continued efforts of our many friends in spreading the understanding of the ministry here at Lutheran School for the Deaf Special Education Ministries to more and more people.

If you have questions concerning scheduling of a speaker, either on a Sunday morning or any other time, please contact the school, or write us. We look forward to the opportunity of sharing the message of our ministry with you.

**"BIG REUNION" REGISTRATION**  
**Deadline: May 31, 1988 (No refunds after this date)**

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Will you attend Festival Dinner? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

