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## Our Easter Blessing

"For to me to live is Christ," Paul wrote in Philippians 1:21. This truth was very real to Saint Paul. He never argued it. He never had to. He believed it!

Paul knew what he believed. Paul's thinking was this: "Christ lives! He lives in me by faith! I live!" At one time when he was discussing an event of the future, he said, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear . . ." (Colossians 3:4)

*Christ who is our life* — what a wonderful confession of faith! Christ had given Paul a new life for an old one. There had been an exchange. Paul was a new person. The old life of pride, personal ambition, selfishness, and bigotry was gone. Instead Paul had become an extension of Christ's life of love, forgiveness, humility, and service.

From St. John, Chapter 20, we get a good idea of some of the characteristics of this new life. There is a new feeling toward God. Gone is the feeling of forsakenness, of guilt, of not belonging, of sin. And all this because Jesus said, "Peace be unto you."

The new life of Christ in us gives us *confidence*; and we can pray, "Our Father, forgive me." The new life of Christ in us gives us *patience*; and we can pray, "Father, if You want, I will do it." The new life of Christ in us gives us *concern* for other people;

and we can pray with Jesus, "Father, I pray also for those who do not yet believe." The new life of Christ in us gives us *joy*; and we can pray, "Father, may we keep Your name holy." The new life of Christ in us gives us *assurance*; and we can pray, "Father, into Your hands I give myself."

St. John, Chapter 20, also makes it very clear that we are now the workers of Christ's mission and ministry in our world. "As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you," Jesus said. And He meant exactly what He said! He is the Sent One sending "sent ones." He is sending us to the world to which He was sent. God sent His Son to buy all people back from sin, death, and hell, and He paid the price with His blood. He was sent to bring people back to a warm, loving, forgiven relationship with God, and now He sends us to do the same work of love.

We call this work of Jesus our salvation — we have a home in heaven by faith in Jesus. But salvation is more than a security that pays us at the time of death. Salvation is the way we live now.

Christ is more than a hope and more than an example — He is our *life*!

The Christian lives completely depending on his Risen Lord. For example, we could say our life is a *borrowed* life. We live it fully

blessed by God, but we must live His way or we lose it. Paul says in Galatians 2:20 (TEV): "So that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith

in the Son of God, who loved me and gave His life for me."

I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives in me by faith. I live for Him!

REV. G. A. GEHRS JR.

*The SoCal Silent Visitor*

## Day of Victory

### Eastertide Back Cover

The first years of the Christian church were not easy years. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, His followers banded together to help one another. The apostles traveled about teaching the Good News of God's forgiveness in Jesus, but it was not easy work.

The history of this early church is marked by times of persecution and physical suffering. Stephen and others were stoned to death. King Herod executed the apostle James. Christians were a minority group, looked down upon and hated.

In spite of this hardship, these Christians had a joy beyond explanation. They felt secure and at peace with God, for they counted themselves as God's people.

They could say, "Jesus Christ

is for us! He died in our place for our benefit. If His death is our death, then His resurrection is our resurrection."

At first their worship centered upon this joyous event, and Jesus' resurrection was celebrated at every weekly worship service. Later the Feast of the Resurrection was celebrated annually.

The Jewish Christians celebrated the festival of Jesus' death and resurrection at the time of the Jewish Passover—the 14th day of the month of Nisan on the Jewish calendar, which could fall on any day of the week. The Gentile Christians did not agree, however. They insisted that the holy day be observed on Sunday, since Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday. Later the Council of Nicaea (in A. D. 325) decided our present custom of observing Easter.

The church year continues to

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focus on this Day of Victory. This year Easter fell on March 29. Forty days later Ascension Day is noted — May 7. Ten days after that the church celebrates Pentecost Sunday, when God sent His Spirit to His people.

Throughout Eastertide the church emphasizes Jesus' appearances to His disciples following His resurrection. Scripture readings recall His teaching and ex-

plain why He died and rose for us. The Scripture lessons remind us how Jesus prepared His disciples for His ascension to heaven and how He promised to send His Holy Spirit to them at Pentecost.

The altar coverings throughout this season are still white — a color that means the spotless purity of God and of Jesus Christ, as well as mercy, joy, and victory.

Next — Pentecost.

## Our Church in the '70s

At the beginning of a new decade we wonder what will happen to the Gospel ministry to the deaf. The deaf mission is changing — no question about that. The change is slow, and one may not see it; but a comparison of today with 10 years ago will show there is change. The last 10 years began with high hopes, but they have been difficult years for the church. We may be led to think the next 10 years will be more difficult. This may *not* be true, however.

As we begin the '70s, deaf Lutherans have a better understanding of their responsibilities as members of the church. This is because they understand better what the church is. They are less inclined to confuse the church with other organizations.

Deaf members today have a better understanding of the church's work of preaching the Gospel, and the importance of evangelism and stewardship in reaching others with the Gospel.

As we go into the '70s, I think

deaf Lutherans will take a more personal part in witnessing about their faith in word and deed. This is because the contrast between the Christian life and the accepted manner of living is becoming greater. Deaf Lutherans are learning that they need to stand up for their faith.

Deaf Lutherans will take a more active part in their church organization. By the end of the '70s there will be more deaf Lutheran pastors for the deaf and many more full-time deaf lay assistants and parish workers. The International Lutheran Deaf Association will become a working organization that will strengthen the Lutheran deaf congregations.

The Sunday morning worship hour will continue to change, possibly in the direction of a worship service designed by the deaf for the deaf.

Deaf Lutherans will aid the church in developing more special materials, programs, and perhaps services for the deaf.

The things that will not change, as long as the earth stands are: The existence of a church built on Jesus Christ as its Chief Cornerstone. The Word of God and the Sacraments. We can face the

'70s with hope and faith if God is our Strength and His Word is our guide.

REV. WILLIAM H. LANGE  
in the *Silent Visitor*



## FIELD

## GLEANINGS

### Congregation Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Pastor

*Columbus, Ohio.* After Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, secretary for deaf missions, informed us that

this was an anniversary year for our pastor, Rev. William Ludwig, some members of our congregation decided to pick a good time in November at Thanksgiving to



Pastor William A. Ludwig and his three children—Lydia, William, and Marianne—happily pose for a picture on the day Holy Cross Congregation honored him on his 10th anniversary as their pastor

celebrate the 10th anniversary in his honor. We kept the secret until the big surprise was given on Thanksgiving Day. We gave him a big white anniversary cake and a money gift and congratulated him on serving the Lord for 10 years.

Here is a biographical record of events in our pastor's life. Rev. William Ludwig was born on Feb. 29, 1932 (leap year), in Winner, S. Dak. His parents are now residing in Los Angeles, Calif. Pastor Ludwig received a bachelor of arts degree from Gallaudet

College in 1954. Then he went to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., to train to be a pastor. He married Sigrid (née Ellram) on June 27, 1958, in Minneapolis, Minn. They have three children, ages 3 to 10. In 1959 Rev. Ludwig was ordained at Zion Lutheran Church here in Columbus and officially became our pastor.

Pastor Ludwig has been serving with us at Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf for 10 years. Congratulations, Pastor Ludwig!

GEORGE F. HURD JR.

## A Letter to the Editor

DEAR SIR:

When the December *Deaf Lutheran* arrived, it was read with enthusiasm. I was especially interested in the "Question Box" answering the question on membership in the National Fraternal Society for the Deaf (NFSD-Frat.). I agreed with the answer but felt moved to add my experience.

I was an officer of the Aux. Frat. for many years. I felt bothered in my conscience for spending my time in the Frat. and not serving God in church. So I decided to seek answers for my uncomfortable feelings and talked with several ministers. Each one gave me similar advice: "Work in the Frat. as long as it doesn't interfere with your Bible study and daily devotional reading."

Right then and there I realized that I had been far from God. It was during Lent, and I found joy in hearing God's Word at the Lenten services. I attended every week to allow Him to change my life.

I feel that serving in the Frat. is different from serving God in church. The Frat. uses the idea of incentive to get people to serve. They award points and degrees to those who serve, and this sometimes leads people to work and get themselves ahead. Then the individual puts *himself* first and the Frat. and fellowship come last.

In our church we serve God by giving ourselves in love to Him and by living with love for our fellowmen. We serve because we are thankful to God.

It is O. K. to be a member of the Frat., and it is good as a way for a Christian to witness to his faith. But if serving the Frat. keeps one from the Lord, from Bible study, and from service to God, then it is wrong.

MRS. LILLIAN LONG  
Cleveland, Ohio

# The Mission Affirmations

## Truths and Promises About God's Mission

On the pages that follow are printed in six parts the mission affirmations (truths and promises) adopted at the 46th convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, June, 1965.

The material has been translated into language for signing and study by the deaf. This was done by Pastors Larry Harris and Robert Bremer in 1969 with the approval of Ephphatha Conference and the Board for Missions.

These truths and promises



about God's mission are printed in the DEAF LUTHERAN with a general selection of Scripture sections upon which these truths and promises are based. Because of limited space, we cannot include the entire selection of Bible verses that apply to each sentence and paragraph. However, the entire selection of Bible verses has been published with the original Mission Affirmations. You may ask your pastor for this complete list to use as you study these truths and promises in your Bible class or privately.

## I

### The Church Is God's Mission

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

*Exodus 19:5-6 and 1 Peter 2:9-10*

*John 20:21-23*

*Matthew 5:13-16*

*2 Corinthians 8 and 9*

BECAUSE, God the Father sent His Word to make and keep the world;  
and

BECAUSE, When people sinned, the Father sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to save the world; and

BECAUSE, Jesus obeyed His Father's command and put away His glory by becoming a man to serve people, and died on the cross to make all things right before God; and



BECAUSE, The Lord rose from the grave and defeated death and sent His church out on His mission; He appeared to His disciples after He rose from the dead and said, "Peace be with you; as the Father sent Me, so I send you"; and

BECAUSE, The Father and the Son both sent the Holy Spirit into the world as the great Missionary until Jesus will come again; therefore let us

*Promise*, That we believe with trust, believe with humility, and believe with joy that the mission is the Lord's. He is the great Doer and Sender; and let us also

*Promise*, That we believe the church cannot choose to do or not to do the work of mission, but that the church is "chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God"; and let us also

*Promise*, That we thank the Lord of the church: (1) for all the ways He has lovingly used us and our church group in His mission, (2) for blessing us, and (3) for making us a blessing to other people; and let us also

*Promise*, That we will apologize to God for thinking only about ourselves and apologize for our disobedience because we sometimes are eager only for our own congregations or for our own Synod. This makes us want to take care of ourselves first and take care of God's mission last; and let us finally

*Promise*, That we believe the church is God's mission. We believe the worship, service, fellowship, and growth is not to be kept for ourselves, but these are part of God's mission to people outside the church. We rejoice because God forgives our selfish sins because of Christ. Therefore, we give our bodies, our congregations, and our Synod into God's loving hands to become eager workers for His wonderful mission to the world.

## II

### The Church Is Christ's Mission to the Whole World

*Ephesians 1:11-23*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

*Romans 10:8-17*

*Colossians 1:3-29*

*Philippians 1:12-19*

BECAUSE, God loved the world so much He gave His only Son so that every person who believes in Him will not be destroyed but will have eternal life; and

BECAUSE, Christ sent His disciples out into all the world and said, "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them My disciples"; therefore let us

*Promise*, That we believe that the church is Christ's mission to the whole world. Christians will speak to people of other faiths with humility and love. Christians know and happily accept that God works in and for the lives of all people (1) by making the things they need and by taking care of them every day, (2) by the Law He has written in their hearts, and

(3) by showing Himself to people in the beautiful world He made. Christians believe that they and all people are equal before God. Christians believe they and all people are sinners before God. Christians are happy because Jesus Christ died to save all people everywhere; and let us also

*Promise*, That we will make a holy promise to God to use all our abilities and everything we have to show Christ to the world through the things we do and through the things we say. We will give thanks to God by supporting the preaching of Christ through radio, television, printing, and all the things God has given to the church to spread His Word to our quickly growing world; and let us also

*Promise*, That because the church has not yet made disciples of all the world, we will happily help all and any Christians who are working to show Christ to all the world; and let us finally

*Promise*, That we understand and accept that our Lutheran churches in other countries were put there by God to preach to a different kind of people in a different kind of place and are servants to God and not to us. Our God has made His church His mission to all the world.

### III

## The Church Is Christ's Mission to the Church

*John 17:1-26*

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

*1 Corinthians 12:1-31*

*1 John 4:1-21*

*1 Peter 4:7-11*

BECAUSE, (1) The Holy Spirit brings saving faith to the heart of every Christian, (2) this faith joins the Christian to the Lord like a hand or an arm is joined to a body, and (3) this faith joins every Christian with every other Christian in Christ's holy body which we call the church; and

BECAUSE, The Word of Christ commands Christians to go and teach all nations and that same Word of Christ commands Christians to teach other Christians about all the things that Christ wants us to do; therefore let us

*Promise*, That we believe and accept the church as Christ's mission also to the church. Therefore, the Christian will obey the church's Head (Jesus) and keep a holy loyalty to the congregation and the Synod. He will do this with a clean conscience by speaking to other Christians about Jesus and by listening to what other Christians have to say about Jesus. Like the people of Berea, the Christian will study the Bible to see if the things he says and the things he hears are true; and let us also

*Promise*, That as Lutheran Christians we teach the Confessions (Lutheran writings) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Confessions are a way of life and faith for Lutherans in the whole body of Christ (the church); they are not a wall to separate us from other Christians in the body of Christ. The Lutheran Christian will use the Lutheran Confessions to preach and teach Christ and His Gospel eagerly and with love to all Christians. This is the most important purpose of the Confessions. The

Confessions were written to protect the Gospel from false teachings. The Confessions were not written to separate us and stop us from speaking to other Christians; and let us also

*Promise*, That because we are joined with other Christians in the body of Christ (the church), we will work together for the good of the church and for spreading Christ's mission. We will refuse to work together if the work speaks against God's Word; and let us finally

*Promise*, That we believe the church is Christ's mission to the church. Therefore Christians should speak the Word of God to one another to help one another grow, to be a good example to one another, and to educate one another in Christian faith and life. As a Synod, then, we should respect our history of Christian education and use it every day in the lives of our members and pastors. We shall not use our schools and classes of Christian education just to make churches grow, but we shall use the schools and classes to make God's people better workers for God's mission.

#### IV

### The Church Is Christ's Mission to the Whole Society

*James 2:1-17*

*Colossians 3:8-17*

*1 Peter 2:11-17*

*Romans 15:1-13*

*Romans 12:1-21*

BECAUSE, Jesus Christ is Lord of all the world and of every part of life; and

BECAUSE, The Christian cannot accept the idea that any part of life is "secular" (joined to the world only), but believes that every part of life is under Jesus' rule and interest, even if it is not under the control of the churches; and

BECAUSE, The Christian does God's work in the world through his different jobs and duties in the home, in the church, and for the country, as Dr. Martin Luther explained the Christian's duties: (1) in the Christian congregation, (2) in the Christian family, (3) as citizens under government, (4) in the Christian's job, and (5) in speaking to others; therefore let us

*Promise*, That we believe and accept the church as Christ's mission to every part of every person's life; and let us also

*Promise*, That every time something happens we understand that it is hard to know if God wants Christians to do something together as a group, wants each Christian separately to do something, or wants both the group and the Christian person to act. Christians will try to learn what God wants them to do by praying to Him and by studying the Bible together; and let us also

*Promise*, That Christians will be encouraged to serve God in every honest job and duty and that every Christian understand that every place and any time is the right place and time to serve God and people; and let us also

*Promise*, That Christians will be encouraged to work for peace in the

city, as God commands. Christians will work together with all other people in the world for peace. Christians will work with all people of any color, from any church, rich or poor; and let us finally

*Promise*, That Christians will remember that everything they do is with the judging and forgiveness of God upon them. Christians will be encouraged to try to find what God wants them to do in every part of life and then do it. Christians should try to make laws equal for all people. Christians should treat all people equally and help all people share in God's blessings on our nation. Especially, Christians should help the people who are not protected by law, who are not treated equally and do not share in God's blessings because they are a different color, because they are poor, or because they believe differently. These differences are not right, because all people were made by the hands of our God and Father and were saved by the hands of Christ that were nailed to the cross. As God's hands made them and Christ's hands were nailed to the cross for them, now let our hands go with love to help them.

## V

### **The Church Is Christ's Mission to the Whole Man**

*Matthew 8:1-17*

*Matthew 25:31-46*

*Luke 16:19-31*

*Hebrews 13:1-21*

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

BECAUSE, The Bible teaches us that God's love is not only interested in a person's soul. God's love is interested in a person's soul, his mind, and his body because God the Father with love makes each person and cares for him; God the Son died to save his body, soul, and mind; and God the Holy Spirit gives the person faith and helps and encourages him to use his body and mind and soul to serve in God's wonderful mission; and

BECAUSE, Our Lord Jesus became a man and helped people in all their needs: (1) He forgave sins, (2) He healed sick people, (3) He fed hungry people, and (4) He even made wine for a wedding party; and

BECAUSE, Our Lord Jesus will come again and will announce if we gave food, if we gave clothes, if we visited HIM through the poorest of the hungry, naked, and forgotten people of the world, for these people are also Jesus' brothers; therefore let us

*Promise*, That we accept and believe that the church is God's mission to the soul, mind, and body of every person. The Christian is God's teacher to other people. Any place a Christian meets a person that God sends to him, this person is body, soul, and mind all in one. He may need help for his mind, help for his soul, help for his body, or help for all these things. Therefore, each Christian and every group of Christians should pray and try to help people in any way they need help.

Christians will bring the Good News about our living Christ to people who are dying. Christians will teach people in all useful things.

Christians will make friends with their neighbors on earth and help

them when they need things for their body. Christians will help their neighbor improve and protect the things he owns. Christians will do this by offering money and good jobs so that the neighbor can earn a living honestly and with honor.

Christians help others who need saving for their souls, peace for their minds, and food for their bodies because we remember that Christ gives us all we need for our soul, our mind, and our body.

Christians know that showing the love of Christ will make it easier to teach and preach about the love of Christ, and it will mean more.

## VI

### The Whole Church Is Christ's Mission

*1 Corinthians 1:10-31*

*Hebrews 11:1-39*

*James 3:1-18*

*Ephesians 2:1-22*

*Romans 14:1-23*

BECAUSE, Through baptism God has sent every Christian to teach and preach, for in the same baptism that makes us God's children God also makes us His preachers and teachers when He says, "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them My disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Ho'y Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you"; and

BECAUSE, All who are baptized into Christ are baptized into His death and resurrection from the dead, into His mission, and into His body (the church); therefore let us

*Promise*, That we accept and believe that the whole church (every Christian) is Christ's mission. Therefore, we dislike anything that tries to divide what God has joined together.

We do not like the idea that we have congregations only so that pastors can have a job, because this does not let the members use the many gifts and skills that the Holy Spirit gives them.

We do not like the idea of members fighting against pastors who are trying to lead and take care of a congregation. Through the pastor's work our God, who loves us, works to make us better Christians to serve Him.

We do not like the idea of people of one color hating people of another color and not being sorry to God for that hate. That hate refuses to accept the Bible teaching that all Christians of any color are one family in Christ working together for God.

We do not like the breaking and ruining of Christ's teachings when so many different church groups call themselves Christian and say others are not Christian. This gives the wrong idea that the church of Jesus Christ was made by people and not by God, for God uses the church to tell people that Christ gave Himself for them. We know there are differences in the church groups, but we also know that all Christians are joined together in Christ's body.

We do not like the wars and politics that force Christians and other

people of one country to hate the Christians and people of another country.

We know it is hard for a Christian's mind and faith to understand all of God's truth and at the same time to understand that Christians are joined in one body with all believers although there are mistakes and differences in many churches throughout the world.

The Christian has hard decisions in trying to live as a Christian, because Christ is a perfect master, but the Christian is not always a perfect follower.

The Christian is happy about any person who believes in Christ his Savior, because that person will preach and teach about Jesus. And God works through that Christian. This happens because the whole church (every Christian) is sent by Christ to teach and preach about Him.

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### **Pastor Beyer Retires**

*Seattle, Wash.* Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf and the Seattle Field, formally retired from the active ministry on Feb. 1.

Pastor Beyer celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination last September and recently reached his 75th birthday. Al-

though reluctant and hesitant, he decided to retire because "you just can't argue with the calendar."

The field's three organized congregations are studying plans to form a fieldwide congregation and will soon call a new pastor.

Pastor Beyer will continue to serve the field until the new pastor arrives.

### **Pastor Serves Deaf Retarded**

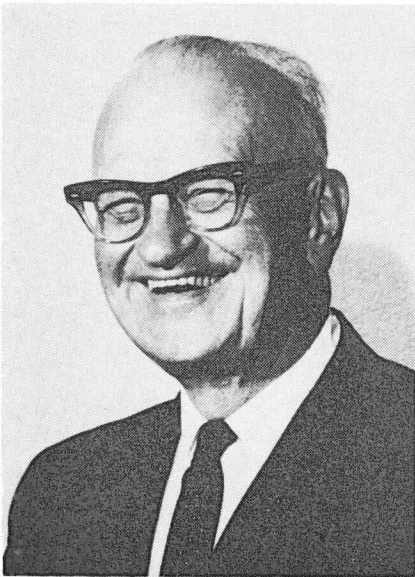
*Dallas, Tex.* Rev. Wm. A. Duey has been conducting religious education classes for the deaf and the hard of hearing mentally retarded at the Denton, Tex., State School since 1965.

Pastor Duey emphasizes that success in this work depends on how one feels about working with the mentally retarded. The key words to keep in mind are:

*Love* — Show the children that you love them. Smile!

*Patience* — Progress will be slow, but be patient. God will bless your work.

*Hope* — Don't be discouraged. God will bless your efforts.



**Rev. John A. Beyer**

*Faith*—Trust in God for His blessings upon your work. And it will take *work*.

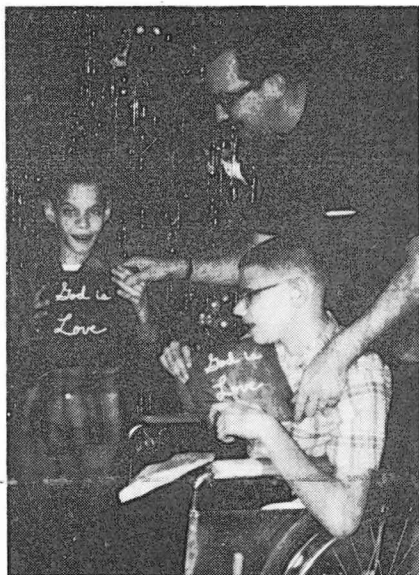
Last Christmas members of the Rachel Circle of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Our Savior Lutheran Church (hearing) in Dallas gave gifts for these children by making pillows of red and green corduroy, each embroidered with the words "God Is Love."

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EITHER the Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible. DR. ELTON TRUEBLOOD

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HORACE MANN once wrote: "I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but I have heard a great deal about the acts of the apostles."



Pastor William Duey and two mentally retarded deaf youngsters show Christmas gifts received from an LWML sewing circle



## LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

April 3—May 13

**Include the following in your prayers this month:**

- that I may reflect God's love to me as I deal with others.
- that God would give me the humility to worship and serve Him.
- that God would bless my family with friendship and love for each other.
- that parents in my congregation may rule their families wisely.
- our pastors, who must travel thousands of miles in all kinds of weather to serve the deaf in preaching stations and scattered areas.
- our church workers who celebrate birthdays this month:  
Mrs. Eleanor Bauer, pastor's wife, Edmonton, Alta., Can. (4-6)

Mrs. Marilyn Gehrs, pastor's wife, Riverside, Calif. (4-15)  
Mrs. Shirley Prok, pastor's wife, Indianapolis, Ind. (4-18)  
Pastor Daniel Pokorny, Washington, D. C. (4-18)  
Pastor George Ring, Pittsburgh, Pa. (4-21)  
Pastor Walter Westermann, Greensboro, N. C. (4-21)  
Vicar Richard Reinap, Elmhurst, N. Y. (4-21)  
Mrs. Alberta Jonas, pastor's wife, Los Angeles, Calif. (4-23)  
Mrs. Marie Ferber, pastor's wife, Kansas City, Mo. (4-25)  
Mrs. Lorraine Consoer, lay worker's wife, Opa-Locka, Fla. (4-25)  
Pastor Walter Busby, Miami, Fla. (4-27)  
Mrs. Louise Bailey, pastor's wife, Oakland, Calif. (4-28)  
Miss Johanna Becker, teacher, New York, N. Y. (5-10)  
Pastor Earl Thaler, West Hartford, Conn. (5-12)  
Mrs. Lois Fairman, lay worker's wife, Spokane, Wash. (5-12)

### *In Him We Have Hope of Life*

- April 3** — **John 11:17-27.** Jesus is our Resurrection and our Life. Ask God to give us hope in the hour of our death.
- April 4** — **John 10:1-10.** The Risen Christ is our Door to life eternal.
- April 5** — **John 14:1-7.** Jesus is the Way. Through Him we know and receive God's love.
- April 6** — **Job 19:23-27.** The Risen Christ supports our faith. Pray for the confidence to speak your faith with certainty.
- April 7** — **Luke 20:27-40.** The Resurrection is God's promise and our hope.
- April 8** — **1 Corinthians 15:35-50.** Our hope is a hope for glory.
- April 9** — **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:5.** Our hope increases our earthly joy. Ask God to give hope to the aged in your church.

### *He Is Our Lord*

- April 10** — **Matthew 16:13-20.** By faith we know our Lord's victory. Ask Christ to set His rule over your heart.
- April 11** — **Isaiah 9:2-7.** Jesus is our King forever.
- April 12** — **John 5:19-24.** Judgment has been given to the Christ, who is God's Word of grace.
- April 13** — **Revelation 19:11-16.** The end is certain, in the power of God. Ask God to lead our history into the blessing of His will.
- April 14** — **Revelation 1:12-18.** Christ is the Beginning and the End.
- April 15** — **1 John 5:13-20.** In faith we know God's unending rule.

### *He Has Taken Our Place*

- April 16** — **Hebrews 4:14-16.** Jesus, who lived among us, knows us. Make all your thoughts known to God in prayer.
- April 17** — **Isaiah 53:1-6.** He took upon Himself all our burdens. In prayer, give all your anxieties to God.
- April 18** — **Galatians 3:10-14.** The curse that is the Law has been taken by Jesus.



- April 19** — **Romans 5:15-21**. Jesus has given us life instead of our death.
- April 20** — **Romans 6:1-11**. By faith we live in Jesus. Ask for the power to overcome sin.
- April 21** — **Isaiah 42:1-4**. Jesus has accepted our weakness in forgiveness.
- April 22** — **John 11:45-53**. Jesus has given His life in place of ours.
- April 23** — **1 Peter 2:21-25**. We have been healed of the wound of sin.

*Our Sins Are Forgiven*

- April 24** — **Mark 2:1-12**. God's greatest gift is forgiveness. Ask that God forgive your family and your friends.
- April 25** — **Isaiah 40:1-11**. God's Word is the word of mercy. Pray that God give you peace in the knowledge of forgiveness.
- April 26** — **1 John 2:1-6**. Jesus has canceled the sin of the world. Pray for the forgiveness of your fellow church members.
- April 27** — **Luke 15:11-24**. God's grace knows no difference among men.
- April 28** — **1 Timothy 2:1-6**. God in Christ offers salvation to all.
- April 29** — **Micah 7:18-20**. Our God is a God who forgives.
- April 30** — **Psalms 32:1-7**. In repentance we know the grace of forgiveness.

*We Believe in Jesus*

- May 1** — **Mark 9:14-29**. Full faith is not a simple and easy thing. Pray for trust in the time of doubt.
- May 2** — **Galatians 3:22-29**. In Jesus we believe and know that we are sons of God.
- May 3** — **Acts 2:37-42**. Faith calls us out of our world and into grace.
- May 4** — **John 3:31-36**. We believe that the Christ has given us eternal life.
- May 5** — **Philippians 3:2-11**. There is no higher value than faith in Christ.
- May 6** — **Romans 8:1-8**. Repentance in the Spirit is the opposite of the pride of flesh.
- May 7** — **Ephesians 1:3-10**. God's salvation is completed when we are united in Christ.
- May 8** — **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**. Faith has called us out of sin and into holiness. Give thanks that God has called us to a pure life in Christ.
- May 9** — **1 Corinthians 1:20-31**. Our faith is a gift from God.

*We Live in Jesus*

- May 10** — **Romans 7:1-6**. Life in Christ has set us free from the Law. Give thanks for the joy of your freedom.
- May 11** — **Colossians 3:1-11**. In Christ we cannot live in enmity against one another. Pray for the peace of knowing and practicing forgiveness.
- May 12** — **Galatians 2:11-21**. Paul works to keep the Gospel pure.
- May 13** — **1 John 4:13-21**. God's love in us teaches us to know His love for us.

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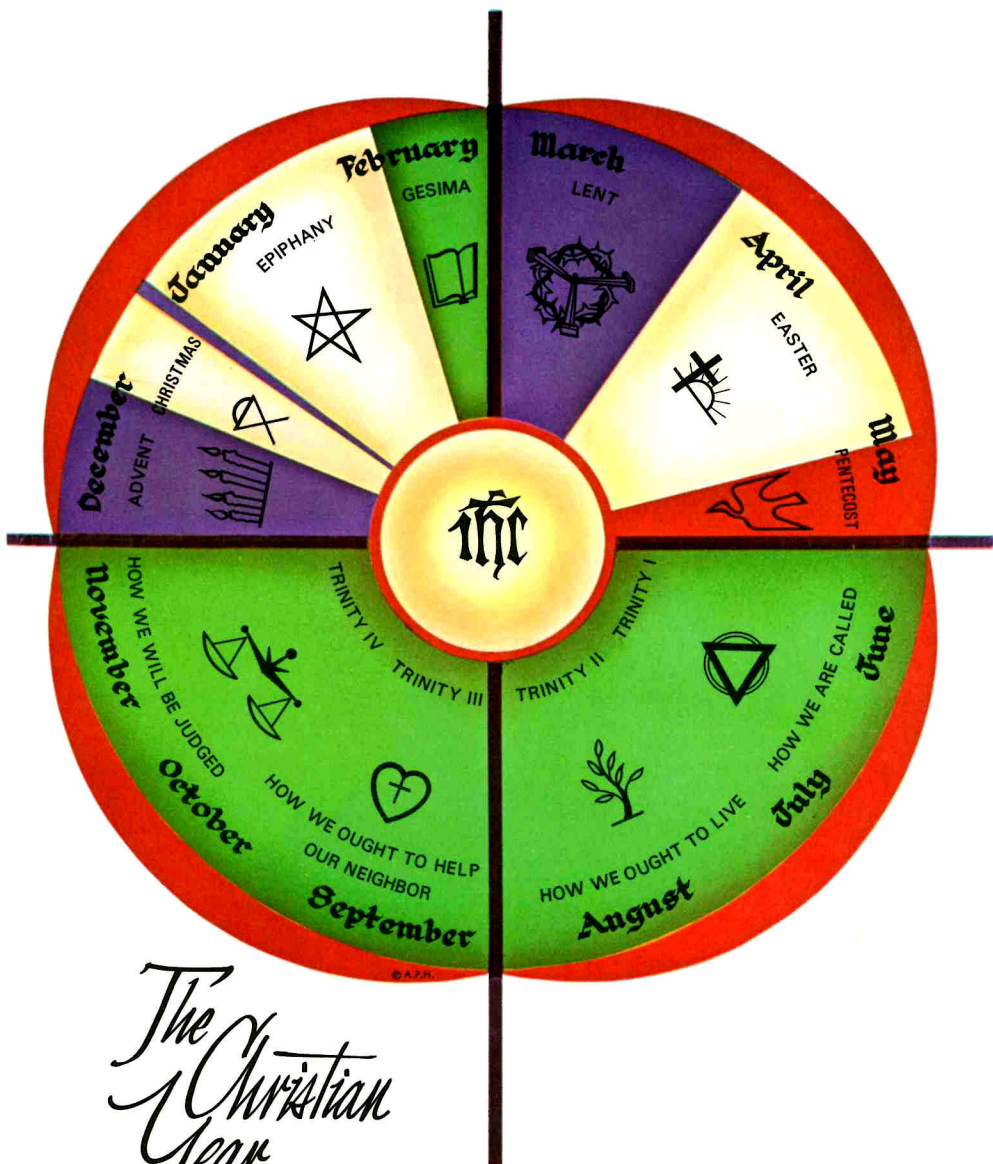
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