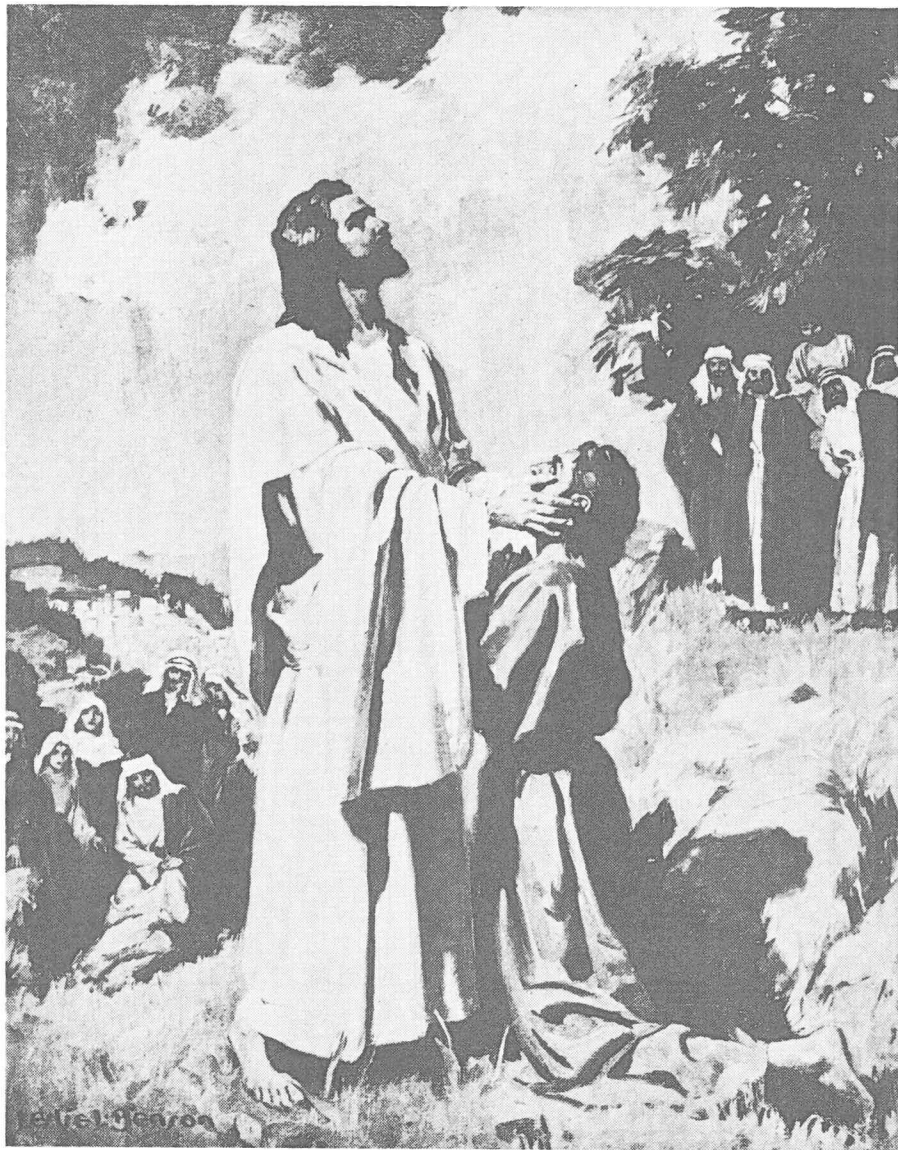


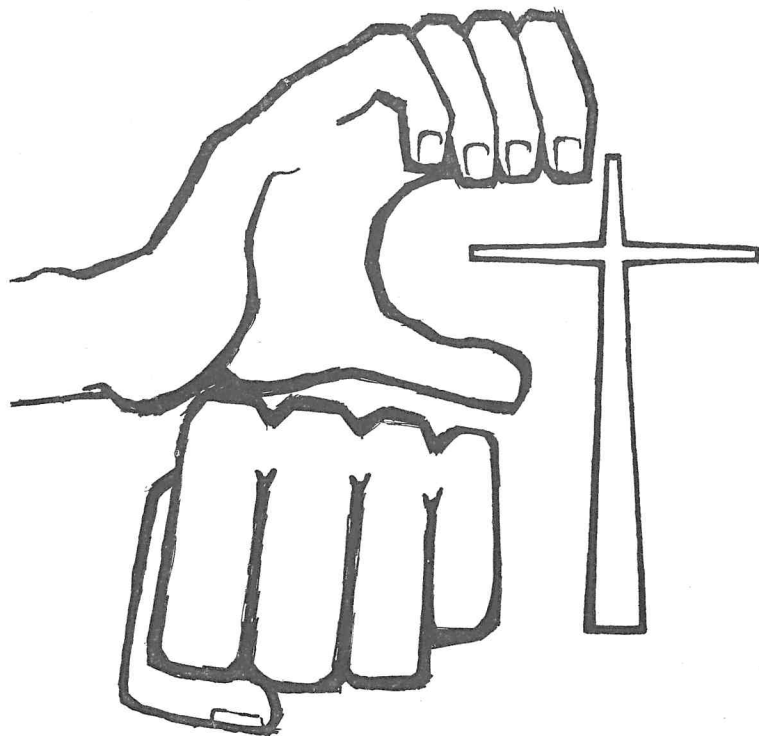


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Understanding the Church Signs

The Sign for "Church"

How do people understand this sign? The right C hand, formed by the thumb and bent fingers of the right hand, is set on the left clenched fist, the S hand, the palm of the left hand is down.

The letter C stands for church, and the S, on which the C rests, is the foundation. Some have explained the C to mean Christ, the Founder of the church. Some of our older church members who attended Gallaudet College and others who remember the Sunday chapel exercises have another explanation. The right C hand is brought down from some height at the right and then set on the back of the left S. This is explained as follows: The church is God's gift from above and placed on earth for us.

Another view is very interesting and has Biblical truth in its making. The C hand starts out as the sign for "call," placed at the throat, then moved up to the mouth and thrown forward, the mouth opening somewhat as calling, then brought down on the left S hand.

Let us see how this sign really fits into what the Bible says about the church. Church really means "people who are called by the Gospel from sin to life," 1 Peter 2:9. "You should show forth the glories of Him who *called* you from darkness to His wonderful light." Then read Galatians 1:5:

"He called us by His grace." We who are sinners, unworthy of any attention, we who could never buy nor pay for our forgiveness, we are given salvation because of His grace to us in Christ.

Now let us go on and see the further meaning of the word church and how the above sign fits so well. 1 Peter 2:5: "You also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house." So the church is not a building of wood and stone. 1 Corinthians 3:16: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

This then gives us a fine Biblical background for the last explanation of the sign: called together by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, as the Third Article explains. This should make us think seriously regarding our lives and way of living. God has not called us to uncleanness but to holiness by His Word. We are then the living stones of His true church, fitly framed together in faith and service. Yes, we build churches of wood and stone and call them churches. We do so because there we are called together to worship our Lord.

G. W. GAERTNER

(This is the second article of Dr. G. W. Gaertner's series on church signs reprinted by request from the 1958 DEAF LUTHERAN. Ed.)

Stop fooling yourself; God knows!

Dead Weight

"I've been a dead weight many years
Around the church's neck;
I've let the others carry me
And always pay the check.
I've had my name upon the rolls
For years and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled too;
Nothing could satisfy.

"I've been a dead weight long enough
Upon the church's back;
Beginning now, I'm going to take
A wholly different track.
I'm going to pray and pay and work
And carry loads instead —
And not have others carry me
Like people do the dead."

— Selected

To Our Subscribers

THE DEAF LUTHERAN was subject to some minor changes recently because of increased costs for printing and postage.

We want you to understand that the DEAF LUTHERAN costs more than \$9,000 a year. In past years we have had to depend on subsidy help from the Board of Missions to cover half of our costs. We cannot depend on that subsidy anymore.

Our only answer at the present time was to make some changes, eliminate some expensive processes, and raise the price of subscriptions.

The price of general subscriptions is now \$3.00.

Subscriptions handled by your local Lutheran Deaf congregations under the blanket discount plan are \$2.00.

Subscriptions for 1971 under the blanket plan are due now. Ed.

Notes from "210"

COSD and ILDA

In January the Board for Missions reappointed me for another two-year term as representative to the Board of Directors of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD). In this position I can help transfer the Board for Missions relationship with COSD to the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA).

After 1971 ILDA will be the official Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod organization with representatives on the COSD board. I am recommending that one pastor and one layman represent ILDA on the Board of Directors of COSD. This will be proposed to the ILDA convention in July, where the first election of a representative will take place.

At the present time Rev. Martin Hewitt and I are our church's representatives to COSD. Pastor Hewitt's term will expire Dec. 31, 1971, and mine on Dec. 31, 1972.

Church for the Deaf in Japan

Recently we had a visitor from Japan, Rev. Kuraji Yoshikawa, general secretary for the Japan Lutheran Church. While he was here in St. Louis, Mr. Yoshikawa came to our office to tell us about the fine work of Rev. Kojima, the first full-time Lutheran pastor to the deaf, who has been at work in Japan for the last two years.

Pastor Kojima has a number of deaf groups whom he serves reg-

ularly, and the work is increasing. He has already had a number of converts by baptism and holds weekly services in Tokyo.

Mr. Yoshikawa was happy to have a chance to become acquainted with our work here in America and will bring our greetings to the deaf and Pastor Kojima in Japan.

Training and Manpower

Most of our deaf congregations are sharply aware that we have a shortage of manpower, especially pastors, in our ministry to the deaf. We have written about this problem before.

First of all, I point out that this has not been "all bad" for our deaf churches. We are pleased to see that most of those churches without a pastor have developed stronger lay leadership, and these officers have done a good job of keeping up their local work. We have seen this happen in various places — Holy Cross Church, St. Louis; Trinity, Pittsburgh; Christ, Cleveland; Christ, Great Falls, Montana; Ephphatha, Chicago; Faith, Spokane; St. Paul's, Flint; Christ, Washington, D. C.; and others.

When our laymen and laywomen grow in developing greater responsibility and leadership in a time of crisis, when individual members are put to the test and prove their worth in keeping the work of the church going, this is good and as it should be. Such

internal growth in a congregation is good to see, and we indeed rejoice and thank God for such concentrated and dedicated leaders, officers, and lay workers.

On the other hand, it is not good for a congregation to be without the service of a full-time pastor for a long time. When one church suffers, we all suffer. Therefore

we want you to know that everything is being done to obtain and train more pastors and full-time workers.

The greatest need is of course to provide training programs so that young men and women can equip themselves for the ministry to the deaf. With proper training, young men and women are more

Design Contest! Prize!

An ILDA Emblem Design Contest

Entries will be displayed and judged
at the ILDA Convention, July 16—18, 1971
1st Prize — a \$50 Church Extension Fund Bond

Specifications:

1. The emblem should be something simple, clear-cut in design, not elaborate. It should be distinctive, in some way identifying ILDA and showing its purpose.
2. Overall dimensions of the design should be no larger than 8"×10" on heavy white paper.
3. Use only ink or tempera colors, not more than 2 or 3 colors, and no halftones.
4. Designs should be mounted on white stiff cardboard, 11"×14", for display with identifying names on the back (not front) for objective judging.

Purpose of the ILDA

The general purpose of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) is to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran deaf persons and all the deaf throughout the world. A specific goal is to build and support lay leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of religious life, faith, activity, and service. ILDA shall also develop programs to be used in the church for the spiritual strength and growth of deaf members of all ages.

If you plan to submit an entry for this contest please write to:

Rev. Quintin Quade
2308 D Avenue N. E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

ready to accept calls and assignments to deaf congregations.

Some encouraging things are happening to solve our needs. Courses at the University of Tennessee have been helpful to us. Two young men have come into the work after taking courses there. Pastor Paul Dorr has recently begun work in the Jackson, Miss., Field. He has obtained his teaching certificate for both Tennessee and Mississippi and has expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with the training he received.

Another young pastor about to begin his ministry to the deaf after studying at the University of Tennessee is Rev. David Carstens. Both he and his wife are pleased and happy with these courses and the opportunity to prepare for this ministry. The Board for Missions has now called Pastor Carstens to serve the North Carolina Field to replace Pastor W. Westermann, who has retired.

Pastor Westermann is now living in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he will be preparing Senior College students in using the language of signs. From the Senior College these young men will go to our seminaries in Springfield and St. Louis for more practical experience in ministry to the deaf.

Next June we hope to have five vicars and perhaps two or three graduates from our seminaries. Both Pastor Anderson in Springfield and Pastor Hewitt in Saint Louis are teaching classes and doing their best to help more

young men become fully acquainted with all aspects of our ministry to the deaf. We are also trying to improve the curriculum at these seminaries to interest more students in our ministry.

In spite of our efforts at the seminaries, however, more training is needed. The most exciting recent development for us has been at Gallaudet College. A special committee appointed by the college president, Dr. Merrill, has set up a six-weeks graduate summer course.

Pastor Daniel Pokorny will coordinate and supervise the program for us as well as conduct an orientation seminar as part of the program. This summer the course will be from June 28 to Aug. 6. Students from our seminaries, both vicars and graduates, as well as other pastors whom our deaf congregations may call, will be able to take this course here before going to their call or place of assignment.

Of course, this will cost a considerable amount of money. If we send, say, 10 men to this year's summer course, it would cost more than \$5,000. When the college notified us that the course would be available this year, we were suddenly faced with the task of obtaining the funds.

As so often happens, our good and gracious Lord "hears our prayers before we ask." While we were writing up a proposal for the January meeting of the Board of Missions and trying to suggest

ways and means of getting these funds, we received a phone call from a Rochester, N. Y., businessman. He told us that he and his wife were eager to help us provide more training for the men we needed for ministry to the deaf. His wife's mother, now deceased, had been deaf, and they were interested in helping our deaf churches. When we told him about the new Gallaudet program and that we were at that moment writing up the proposal for the

Board for Missions, he immediately began figuring the costs and promised to provide funds for 10 students.

During the Christmas holidays we received his gift. You can imagine the added happiness and joy this added to our celebration of Christmas. One of our seminary professors put it in these words: "Things are looking up for our deaf churches!" We can only add, "True, thank God, true!"

REV. H. W. ROHE

ILDA—Why?

The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) will be established for three important reasons. We call them ILDA's "big three" purposes.

- 1) Unity—to strengthen the church in its mission;
- 2) Identity—to be seen and known in mission;
- 3) Self-determination — to have a voice in the goals and plans for the future of our mission.

To elaborate on the big three:

1) ILDA is to provide our Lutheran churches of the deaf with a new *unity* which they have not had before. We have had seven regions, but no national association. In unity there is strength.

2) Another great benefit of an international Lutheran deaf association is a *national identity* as an auxiliary mission agency in the Synod and in the "deaf world."

For example, ILDA will be represented in synodical meetings and conventions and in the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD). It will thus provide our Lutheran deaf congregations with a national voice which they have never had. THE DEAF LUTHERAN could well become ILDA's public relations medium and "voice" speaking to the church, to the "deaf world," and to other agencies.

3) ILDA will also *give our deaf leaders a chance* to employ and make fuller use of their talents and abilities. God has given our church fine and able leaders who have not been fully recognized in the past, nor have they been given a chance to show their leadership abilities. These men and women should not be left "standing idle in the marketplace" when the Lord has need of them.

REV. HERBERT W. ROHE

Display Your Talent at ILDA

Are you talented in art, painting, ceramics, poetry, wood-carving, sewing, handcrafts, or any other field?

The International Lutheran Deaf Association will sponsor a Cultural Display Contest at its convention in Chicago, Ill., July 16—18, 1971.

Every item in the table-wall display will be judged on its own merit. Prizes will be awarded to the outstanding exhibits.

Do not mail your item. You must bring your display yourself or have someone bring it for you to Chicago. One exhibit room will be set aside especially for this contest.

Who is the outstanding deaf Lutheran in this cultural field? Perhaps *you* are!

For further information write to: *Rev. Donald Leber, 4787 Scheibler Rd., Memphis, Tenn. 38107.*

FCC Acts on COSD TV Recommendations

COSD Progress Report

The Federal Communications Commission on Dec. 17 urged television stations to use subtitles and other visual material in their news reports to benefit 20 million hearing-impaired Americans.

The commission recommended the "use of visual announcements along with oral announcements when presenting bulletins of an emergency nature, such as approaching tornadoes, windstorms, hazardous driving conditions, escaped convicts, industrial accidents, health hazards and other community dangers."

The suggestion — it is not a rule — was mailed as a public notice

to the licensees of television broadcasting stations.

The FCC action is the result of the continuing efforts of the COSD Television Committee for the hearing-impaired.

The COSD Television Committee is headed by Joseph Weidenmayer of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf.

This committee, composed of representatives of a number of COSD's 18-member national organizations, has been in consultation for over two years with the Office of Telecommunications Policy — Executive Office of the President, the National Association of Broadcasters, and the major TV networks. — COSD Release

Looking for a Pastor?

If your congregation were to call a pastor, would you choose this one?

The story is told about a church seeking a new minister. One day the pulpit committee received the following letter:

Gentlemen:

Understanding that you need a new preacher, I would like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications that I think you would appreciate. I have been blessed to preach with power and have had some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organizer. I have been a leader in most places I have gone.

Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place more than 3 years at a time. In some places I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances.

I have to admit that I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any wrongdoing.

My health is not good, though I get a good bit done. I have had to work at my trade in order to pay my way. The churches I have preached at have been small, though located in several large cities. I have not gotten along too well with the religious leaders in different towns where I have preached, and I am sure they would not recommend me. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taking me to court, and even attacked me physically.

I am not good at keeping records. I have been known to forget those whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I will do my best for you.

The pulpit committee found the application an insult to their fine, upstanding congregation.

One of them did ask the preacher's name. The elder replied, "The apostle Paul."

— Selected

Notes of Interest

Pennsylvania Law Aids Deaf Motorist

Act 78, signed into law by Pennsylvania in June of 1968, gives licensed drivers new protection. The law applies to auto insurance companies doing business in the state of Pennsylvania and bars cancellation of auto liability insurance policies except on two specific grounds: nonpayment of premium and loss of driver's license. It also provides protection in cases of refusal to renew or write new policies.

Total Communication Gains Support of Deaf World

The National Association of the Deaf's 17,000 members are celebrating the 90th anniversary of their organization by announcing their support of total communication for the deaf. For the past 100 years friction existed between deaf adults, and educators and other professionals working with the deaf, regarding methods of

communication. In the past, some felt that deaf children should have only oral training, which limits communication exclusively to speech and speechreading. However, the majority of the deaf population insisted on their right to use manual communication, which includes fingerspelling and sign language.

Research studies and projects during the past decade have proved the value of a multicom- munication approach for deaf children. As a result of this new evidence, some schools and classes for the deaf across the United States are changing to the total communication approach in their programs.

Total communication means the right of a deaf child to learn to use all forms of communication available to develop language competence. This includes the full spectrum: child-devised gestures, speech, formal signs, fingerspelling, speechreading, reading, and writing, as well as other methods that may be developed in the future. Every deaf child should also be provided with the opportunity to learn to use any remnant of residual hearing he may have by employing the best possible electronic equipment for amplifying sound.

Mr. Frederick C. Schreiber, executive secretary of the National Association of the Deaf, in announcing the resolution supporting total communication, passed

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by the 30th Biennial Convention of the NAD, said: "This is an historic occasion. For the first time in 100 years professionals, parents, and our deaf citizens can work together to bring about improved educational opportunities for our deaf students. With the use of total communication, every deaf child will be given an opportunity to communicate in the way best suited to his abilities.

"A report of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Advisory Committee on the Education of the Deaf states: 'The American people have no reason to be satisfied with their limited success in educating deaf children, and preparing them for full participation in society.' By eliminating the methods controversy, at-

tention can be focused on school curriculum.

"The NAD and their 45 state affiliate organizations realize that the time has come for action. Supporting total communication, which includes all methods of communication for the deaf, will allow us to devote ourselves to the task of correcting the injustice done to many deaf children who are not gifted in using any one particular method of communication."

Mr. Schreiber invites all agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the needs of deaf people to join the NAD in their efforts to assure deaf children in America the opportunity for an adequate education.

—NAD News Release



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

for February

Include the following in your prayers:

- that members in your congregation may love and understand one another.
- that God's Word and Spirit will lead the unchurched deaf to faith in Jesus.
- that the straying members of your congregation may return in love to worship and serve the Lord.

— our church workers who celebrate birthdays:

Pastor Marlin Sampson, San Francisco, Calif, (2-1)

Pastor Charles Jones, Chicago, Ill. (2-6)

Mrs. Florence Winkler, pastor's wife, Spokane, Wash. (2-7)

Pastor Clarence Bremer, Fulton, Mo. (2-10)

Pastor Ervin Oermann, Milledgeville, Ga. (2-18)

Pastor Frederick Gehrs, Winnipeg, Man., Can. (2-21)

Mrs. Delores Anderson, pastor's wife, Jacksonville, Ill. (2-23)

Pastor William Ludwig, Columbus, Ohio (2-28)

- Feb. 1** — **Genesis 28:10-22.** God shows Himself to Jacob. *Pray that God will give a vision of His promise to His church, that He might strengthen the work we do in His name.*
- Feb. 2** — **Genesis 29:1-14.** Jacob is welcomed in the home of his mother's brother Laban.
- Feb. 3** — **Genesis 29:15-30.** Laban plans a double marriage. *Ask God to strengthen the unity of each Christian family that His name may be praised.*
- Feb. 4** — **Genesis 30:25-43.** Riches come through the blessing of God. *Pray for the deaf in the St. Paul, Minn., Field as they begin to work with their new pastor to share the Good News.*
- Feb. 5** — **Genesis 31:1-18.** Jacob begins the trip home to his father's house.
- Feb. 6** — **Genesis 32:1-12.** Fear lets doubts come upon us. *Ask that God help us to repent of our sins — and to forgive others.*
- Feb. 7** — **Genesis 32:22-32.** Prayer at the time of great crisis. *Do not stop praying for the needs of your church and for the success of its work in the kingdom.*
- Feb. 8** — **Genesis 35:1-15.** God renews His covenant (agreement, treaty) with man. *Pray that we always remember God's promise and our great need for forgiveness.*
- Feb. 9** — **Genesis 45:21—46:7.** God leads His people for their own sake. Put your trust in Him. *Pray for God's continuing blessings on the deaf of the South New Jersey Field as they serve Him while awaiting a new pastor.*
- Feb. 10** — **Genesis 49:1-33.** Father Jacob blesses his sons. *Pray for the parents and the elderly people in your congregation that they may be strong in faith and accept the grace of God in Jesus Christ.*
- Feb. 11** — **Genesis 37:1-11.** The one sin of envy may become the sin of hate. *Ask God to forgive your selfishness and to teach you to love others.*

- Feb. 12** — **Genesis 37:12-36.** Even the suffering and misery of slavery may serve God's purpose.
- Feb. 13** — **Genesis 39:1-6.** Although Joseph is a slave, he knows the Lord's blessing. *Ask God for courage, faith, and freedom from despair when others look down at you and reject you.*
- Feb. 14** — **Genesis 39:19-23.** God rewards Joseph's faithfulness and ability again.
- Feb. 15** — **Genesis 41:14-45.** Joseph is blessed. By the hand of God he is raised from the depths of prison to the rule of Egypt.
- Feb. 16** — **Genesis 42:1-25.** Joseph helps his brothers in their need. *Ask God to strengthen the deaf of the Montana Field with zeal to do His work as His people.*
- Feb. 17** — **Genesis 43:15-25.** God works among men through the needs of people.
- Feb. 18** — **Genesis 45:1-15.** Former enemies are brought together as friends by forgiving each other. *Pray for the faith to welcome everyone who comes back to God with repentance.*
- Feb. 19** — **Genesis 47:1-12.** Joseph brings his father to Egypt.
- Feb. 20** — **Genesis 47:20-26.** Joseph was a skillful statesman for an earthly king.
- Feb. 21** — **Genesis 50:15-26.** A man of God dies in a strange land. *Ask God to give you a peaceful death in faith and hope.*
- Feb. 22** — **Exodus 2:1-10.** God provides a teacher for His chosen leader. *Pray for the deaf of the Seattle, Wash., Field as they continue serving Him while patiently awaiting His gift of a pastor.*
- Feb. 23** — **Exodus 2:11-22.** Moses loved his people, but as he acts to help, his deed leads to trouble and flight.
- Feb. 24, Ash Wednesday** — **Matthew 16:21-28.** Jesus prepares His disciples for His death. *Ask God to help us remember Jesus' sacrifice with humble thanks.*
- Feb. 25** — **Exodus 3:1-12.** God prepares to deliver His people from slavery through one man.
- Feb. 26** — **Exodus 5:1-9.** Moses and Aaron face a difficult task for God. *Ask God to give you the courage to speak for Him when the chance is given you.*
- Feb. 27** — **Exodus 12:1-14.** God establishes the ceremony of deliverance — the Passover. *Ask God to give you comfort and forgiveness as you believe His promises and receive the Lord's Supper.*
- Feb. 28** — **Exodus 12:29-37.** The Lord leads His people out of slavery. *Ask God to lead His people today with a strong hand to do His will.*

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