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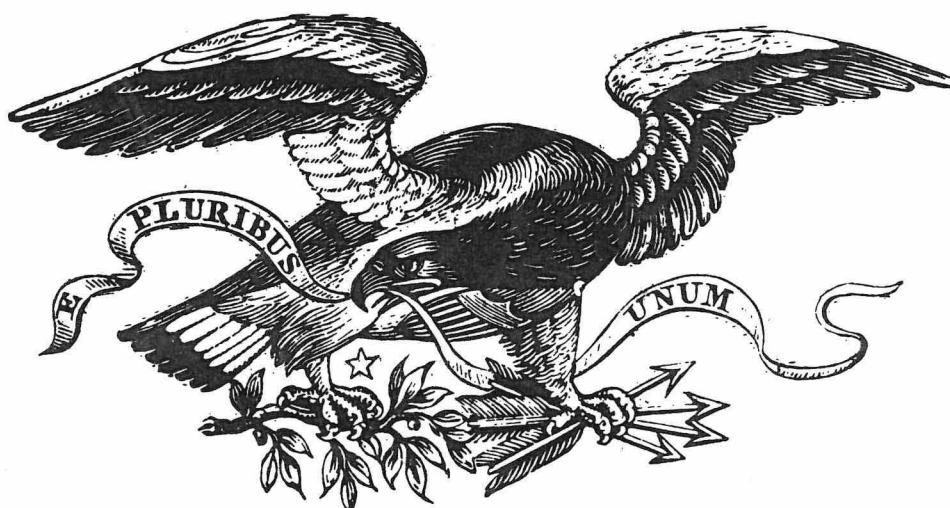
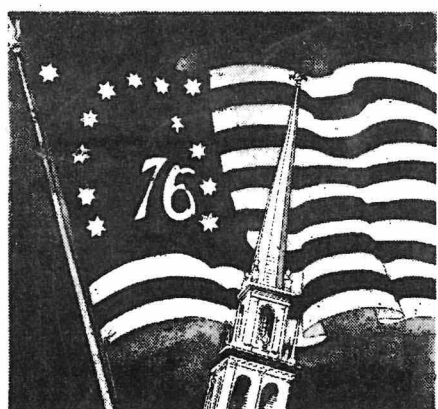
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

***** AMERICA! *****



Faith Brought Us

***** Two Centuries of Freedom

liberty

During the past months since the beginning of this year you have read and heard so much about our Nation's 200th Anniversary, the Bicentennial. No doubt in every community extra special programs have already been carried out to celebrate the event, and on July 4th, the fireworks have no doubt been more spectacular than usual.

There isn't much more that can, or should, be written about this event. Certainly it is an important event, not only for us as individuals and for us as a nation, but it is also important for all people in the world. Many good things have gone out from our nation to help and benefit millions of people around the world.

We realize that there are also problems in our nation: corruption and scandals in high places, growing disrespect for law and order, ever increasing crime rates, enemies within and without.

Yet we are thankful for the many blessings we enjoy in our land, especially the blessing of freedom to do the things our conscience tells us we ought to be doing. We want to do what we can to defend and preserve these blessings and this wonderful freedom.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God speaks also to us today and shows us the way and what we can and ought to do. "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and will turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

God gives His blessings to a nation only because of the people who believe in Him (the people who are called by His name - the Christians). When the Christians forsake God and live in sin, then there is real danger that the nation will be destroyed. But if God's people will be sorry for their sin and follow God's way and commands, then there is real hope for our nation in the years ahead. God's promise is that He will then heal our land.

freedom

During the past weeks and months we have heard much about the past 200 years of history here in North America. And often we have seen these words, *LIBERTY*, *FREEDOM*, *INDEPENDENCE*. They are part of our history and our daily life.

We look upon them as an important part of our life-style, and in recent years we have heard them more and more from our young people. They want *INDEPENDENCE* from their parents; they want *FREEDOM* to do their own thing; they think that *LIBERTY* is going to give them all the happiness they seek and want.

God's Word also uses these words and speaks of the blessings God gives us through them. We can never be *INDEPENDENT* from God and His care. We depend on Him for our life, our food, work, health - yes, for ALL things, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer.

independence

And through His Son, our Savior, Jesus, God gives us *FREEDOM* from the slavery of sin. This is the greatest blessing anyone can receive from God. And the best thing is that we do not have to fight for it. Christ has already won it for us by His perfect life, suffering and death. By His Resurrection we have new life and hope. We are free to live a happy life, and to give glory to God, and to serve others. We have freedom of, not from religion, and God expects us to use it wisely.

"Give me *LIBERTY*, or give me death", Patrick Henry said. These are brave words, and thankfully, we have that liberty today. We can do what we want, and go where we want, and associate with whom we want, without government restriction or interference.

Yet we see people abuse that *LIBERTY*, too. In the name of personal liberty the rights and liberty of others is abused. St. Paul speaks of the proper use of our spiritual *LIBERTY* in the Letter to the Galatians especially in Chapter 5. You might like to read it right now during this bicentennial year.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

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St. Paul tells us that the freedom of the Christian is from the HAVE TO of the Law to the "WANT TO" of the Gospel given by the Spirit. This is the only liberty that really means anything to a person.

While faith in Christ frees us from the slavery of sin and satan, we then are led by the Holy Spirit to live according to God's Word. Paul called himself a SLAVE for Christ - and he was glad to be such a slave.

So, there is no such thing as total freedom. Either you live according to your own wishes and desires, not caring about anyone (this comes from satan and leads to eternal death); or you follow the way of God and Christ, a life of sharing and giving and caring for others. This is the way of LIFE and LIBERTY and true HAPPINESS.

. . . from The Lutheran Newscaster Newsletter
Rev. Clark R. Bailey, Detroit, Michigan
and The Silent News Letter
Rev. Martin Kosche, Delavan, Wisconsin

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Progress In Realigning The Deaf Mission Fields

Plans are developing in the realignment of fields. There are also some problems and the unanswered questions, but on the whole the outlook is that God is leading us into a great new era for Deaf Ministry in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

The Madison congregation, at its call meeting on June 6th, decided unanimously to call Pastor David Carstens of Connelys Springs, North Carolina. Pastor Carstens has acknowledged the call but has not come to a decision yet. Please pray for him that God will lead him to make the right decision.

Pastor Herbert Drachenberg of Reedsburg has agreed to serve the Baraboo station until a new pastor is installed at Madison, Wisconsin. We are grateful to him for this help. He will announce dates and times to the Baraboo folks.

We have learned more about Ron Friedrich, the new man in the Northern Illinois District. Ron served his vicarage year in deaf ministry under Pastor Don Leber in Memphis, Tennessee. So he has had good experience in Deaf Ministry, signs well, and is ready to step in and take over the Northern Illinois Field.

Pastor Ron Friedrich and Pastor Martin Kosche met in Rockford and spent the day together on June 16th. They talked about the work assigned to Ron, namely that of missionary at large in the area of Deaf Missions for the Northern Illinois District. This means Pastor Friedrich is responsible for all deaf work in northern Illinois except that of two small areas in Chicago that are served by Pastor Allen and Pastor Nickerson. Pastor Friedrich's work will be big. In



Rev. Ron Friedrich,
Pastor to the Deaf in
Northern Illinois
District.

fact here is one of the unanswered questions at this time: Can he do all that work and at the same time give Rockford at least as much time as it had in the past? Maybe his work will be bigger and heavier than our work in the Delavan Field. In that case maybe Pastor Kosche ought to continue to help some in Rockford. Perhaps he can continue to help with the school program and sign language class on Thursday evenings for a while. These things will need more study and action by our and the Northern Illinois District committees on Deaf Ministry and the congregations involved.

Plans are being made to officially turn over the work of the congregation at Rockford to Pastor Friedrich on Sunday, August 1st. A special service is being planned involving also the hearing congregation at Redeemer Church where the Deaf meet.

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Rev. N.E. Borchardt Goes Home

*I fell asleep in Jesus' wounds,
There pardon for my sins abounds;
Yea, Jesus' blood and righteousness
My jewels are, my glorious dress.
In these before my God I'll stand
When I shall reach the heav'nly land.*

*With peace and joy I now depart;
God's child I am with all my heart.
I thank thee, Death, thou leadest me
To that true life where I would be.
So cleansed by Christ, I fear not death.
Lord Jesus, strengthen Thou my faith.
Amen.*

THE REV. NORBERT E. BORCHARDT



It pleased Almighty God to call from this life His servant, The Rev. Norbert E. Borchardt, on Sunday noon, June 20, 1976, following a brief illness.

He was born of Christian parents at Wayside, Wisconsin, on July 7, 1905, and received the new birth in Holy Baptism on July 16, 1905. After he was confirmed in 1919, he attended Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, graduating in 1926. He continued his studies for the Holy Ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. He vicared at Modena, Wisconsin, teaching school and helping with pastoral duties. He graduated from the Seminary in 1930 and accepted the call to the deaf mission in Cleveland, Ohio Field from where he also served the deaf in Pittsburgh, Erie, Columbus, Findlay, Westerville, and Toledo.

He was married on July 20, 1932, to Hera Lemke of Morrison, Wisconsin. Two children were born to this marriage, Norbert A. and Elaine. Hera was called to her heavenly home on April 21, 1970. On September 5, 1971, Pastor Borchardt married Mildred Lemke, who survives him, Together with his son and daughter and four grandchildren.

In 1937 Pastor Borchardt accepted the call to Our Savior Congregation of the Deaf, Detroit. In addition to that, he also served Flint, Saginaw, Lansing, Coldwater, Monroe, Mt. Clemens, and Windsor, Ontario.

He retired from full-time service in September 1970 and received a special award from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in recognition of his 40 years of service to the deaf. He also received the *Martin Luther - Doctor of Arts* award in preaching to the deaf in 1957 and the *John of Beverly* medal in 1971. He was a member of the Board of Education at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, from 1937 to 1970.

In his retirement he served as Pastoral Assistant at Our Redeemer, Dearborn, until he was called to his Savior's side. The services for Pastor Borchardt were held at Our Redeemer with its pastor, The Rev. Arthur Strickert preaching and The Rev. Charles Zeisser, a classmate, officiating.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Schlect brought words of comfort to the family and friends from the Michigan District, of which he is President. The Rev. Herbert Rohe, Secretary for Deaf Missions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, spoke on behalf of the Synod and the pastors serving the deaf. The Rev. Rodney Rynearson, Director of The Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, expressed the sympathies of the Board, Staff, students and friends of the school.

Mrs. Borchardt asked that we share with you her thanks for the love shown to Pastor Borchardt by the members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf, both during his years of ministry at Our Savior and in his years of retirement. May the Lord richly bless you.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saidth the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

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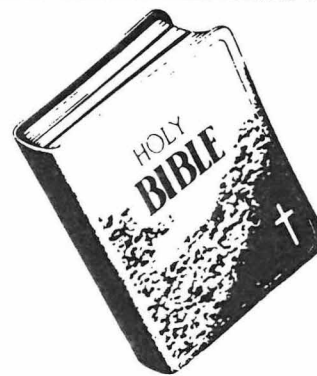


MEN DIED. . . that we might be free! The precious privelege we often too lightly acknowledge. To those in bondage it is a goal worth dying for.

CHRIST DIED. . . that we might be free. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

John 8:36

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading

JULY 1976

LIFE IN PERSONAL RELATIONS

- 1Matthew 25:31-46.....
- 2Ephesians 5:21,6:9.....
- 3James 2:1-17.....

LIFE WITH THE MASTER TEACHER

- 4 Sunday...Matthew 5:1-12.....
- 5Matthew 6:1-8.....
- 6Luke 6:37-42.....
- 7Matthew 13:1-9.....
- 8Matthew 13:31-52.....
- 9Luke 12:13-21.....
- 10Mark 12:28-34.....

LIFE THROUGH REPENTANCE

- 11 Sunday...Nehemiah 9:5-20.....
- 12Isaiah 1:10-20.....
- 13Isaiah 55:1-13.....
- 14Jeremiah 3:12-22.....
- 15Hosea 14:1-9.....
- 16Luke 3:1-18.....
- 17Luke 23:33-43.....

LIFE THROUGH FAITH

- 18 Sunday...Numbers 21:4-9.....
- 19John 3:14-21.....
- 20Matthew 9:18-31.....
- 21Mark 9:14-21.....
- 22Hebrews 11:1-10.....
- 23Hebrews 11:17-26.....
- 24James 2:14-26.....

A LIFE OF OBEDIANCE

- 25 Sunday...Genesis 12:1-8.....
- 26Numbers 20:2-13.....
- 27Deuteronomy 4:5-14.....
- 28Joshua 1:1-9.....
- 29Joshua 24:1-15.....
- 30Isiah 50:4-10.....
- 31Matthew 7:21-27.....



"Does your life in Christ make you strong? Does His love comfort you? Do you have fellowship with the Spirit? Do you feel kindness and compassion for one another?"

PHIL.2:1 (TEV)

The Lord is near unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. PSALM 145:18

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CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS

More than 100 members of eleven deaf congregations in the four-state area of the central United States gathered at Indianapolis, Indiana, June 11-13th for the conference.

A highlight of the conference was the sharing time when a delegate from each parish told of their special tasks of mission and ministry.

Most of the business sessions were used in working through a new constitution for the region which is designed to agree with the international ILDA constitution and which will make our region an official branch of ILDA.

Elected to a three-year term of office were: President - Mrs. Betty Jo Healey of St. Louis - President-Elect - Albert Reeves of Indianapolis; Secretary - Diane Foster of Indianapolis; Treasurer - Mrs. Arlene Arman of Chicago; and Historian - George Perry of Fort Wayne.

Elected as the new Pastoral Advisor was Rev. Fred Allen of Ephphatha Congregation, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Jane Rhodes, prominent parent of a deaf child of Washington, D.C., formerly of Indianapolis, was speaker at the banquet.

Pastor William Reinking, formerly minister to the deaf in St. Louis and later synodical executive secretary of Ministry to the Deaf, and presently pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Indianapolis, preached the conference service on the theme "Love Unites!"

Holy Cross of Delavan, Wisconsin will host the next conference in 1977, and the conference probably will be held in the springtime.



THE PSYCHOLOGISTS TELL US THAT THE AVERAGE MAN NEVER USES MORE THAN 15 TO 20% OF THE TALENT AND STRENGTH WHICH ARE HIS TO USE. MOST PEOPLE ARE EITHER UNAWARE OF OR THEY NEVER USE THE RESOURCES OF GOD.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LAY CONFERENCE NEWS

The Northern California Lay Conference had its meeting at the Memorial Chapel for the Deaf at Oakland on Saturday, March 13, 1976. A good number of people attended it.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 in the morning, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Marlin Sampson. Rev. Dahmann gave a short devotion including the hymn, "With the Lord Begin Thy Task." Rev. Mitchell gave a brief message. Mr. Davis of Lodi, who was elected President of this Conference, gave a sermon, prepared by Pastor Visser of Lodi.

Mr. Davis introduced Mr. Harold Thuve and Mr. Charles Kotal of Los Angeles. They came to talk about the plan to establish the Pacific Region of ILDA. They explained that our region was the last one yet to be formed, and that the regions in the rest of the United States were already established, and going strongly.

Rev. Mitchell, who is the Chairman of the Deaf Ministry Committee under jurisdiction of the California and Nevada District, LCMS, gave a report. Mrs. June Munro interpreted for him. He reported that an average of five deaf Lutherans are attending the committee meetings. He encouraged the deaf to use their "voices" to advise the hearing churches as to how they can serve the deaf all the more. He urged us to know what is happening in our churches and to be more vocal, that is, more active. He reported that work continues in establishing the TTY answering service so that the deaf can more easily contact a hearing person for to get help and even to get a doctor or dentist appointments or emergencies.

Rev. Mitchell urged us to visit the sick and elderly deaf. He also said that there are 13,000,000 deaf and hearing-impaired deaf in the United States - and that society should not continue to ignore the needs of 13 million people.

Rev. Mitchell said that our District wants to help the deaf, and also that our District needs our help in order to know how they can best help us.

Meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed again at 2 P.M. when Pastor Dahmann led in prayer and showed a film strip on JONAH and gave a brief talk on the subject. Mr. Davis introduced Mrs. Ellie Clausen of Fresno. She spoke about her call to serve the deaf and her love for them. Mr. Davis

also introduced Mr. William White, President of the Memorial Chapel.

Business meeting followed. Secretary Florence Sampson read the minutes of the last conference meeting, held at Fresno, in October, 1975, and the minutes of a brief business meeting - held at the Memorial Chapel on Sunday, February 29th.

Elsie O'Connor and Ellie Clausen explained about the expenses in mailing the newsletter, especially when we do not have correct addresses, announcing activities in our district, giving news of members, listing prayer requests, and names and addresses of the shut-ins. Mr. Davis said that he felt that God's Word should come first. Mary replied a bit of wit and humor and items of interest would get people to read it.

Treasurer Carmelita Weinmaster was not present at this meeting, but nevertheless submitted a report that the Conference now has about \$48.00 in its treasury.

Mr. Kotal took the floor and explained fully about the ILDA and the Pacific Region. There were questions and discussion. It was pointed out that at the last regional meeting, held at Fresno a few weeks ago, it was agreed that at this meeting we all should decide whether or not we want to help establish the region, and that we should not procrastinate any longer. The vote was unanimously cast in favor of forming the region, and was witnessed by two people.

It was suggested that the President appoint a representative from each congregation, for the time being in order to attend the coming regional meeting. He appointed Elsie O'Connor to represent the Fresno area; Y. Sue to represent the Oakland area; Mary Aghabalian to represent the Peninsula area; and himself to represent the Lodi and Stockton area.

Mr. Davis announced that the next Lay Conference meeting will be held at Sunnyvale next fall. The announcement of date will be made later. He also expressed heartfelt thanks to Becky Dahmann for her hard work in making the conference meeting a success and to the Oakland congregation for use of the hall.

The meeting was then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer - spoken by all. A pot luck supper was served.

-by Florence Sampson,
Secretary



Handcuffed By Unbelief

In Capernaum Jesus healed the centurion's servant and did many other miracles. In Nain He raised the widow's son from the dead. But in Nazareth, His home town, He could do no mighty works.

Why was that? Did Jesus, as far as His omnipotence was concerned, suffer power failure? Did He do no healing in Nazareth because the local doctors were against it or because there were no sick? These were not the reasons. "It was because of their unbelief." Jesus fellow townsmen handcuffed Him by their refusal to accept Him as the promised Messiah.

There is today no greater stopper to the work of Jesus Christ than unbelief. When a person says no to the Savior and to the good He wants to do in his heart, His hands are tied. Persistent, stubborn unbelief stops the Lord in His tracks, for He will not violate a person by overpowering him or compelling him to believe.

Jesus Christ works by love. He witnesses to the divine love that will not let a sinner go but pleads with him to accept Him in faith and thus obtain the salvation He has procured. When He comes to us, He does not break down the front door; He knocks. He wants to come in and share with us all the gifts He brings. He wants us to open the door.

. . . from a CPH Sunday Tract.

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Too Hurt To Be Helped?

The story is told about a boy who got a thorn in his finger. Now, normally you would expect the boy to pull the thorn out immediately, or if the thorn was in too deep to be easily removed, to run to his father and ask him to get rid of the painful thorn.

But not this boy.

He was afraid that taking the thorn out would hurt more. Besides, he wanted to show his wound to all his aunts and uncles and cousins and friends!

So it was not long that whenever he had a conversation with

a prayer in silence

No uttered word is ours - no solemn tone
 The reverent air bears upward to the sky;
 No eloquent of meaning, borne along
 Of voice and accent, meet the God on high.
 But dare ye tell us that we do not pray --
 We who so truly "Lift up our hands of prayer,"
 And by the speaking gesture mark the way,
 Our heart's desire would take to reach Him there?
 "Our Father!" that appealing gesture lifts.
 With force more potent than the spoken word,
 Desire, petition for the precious gifts
 Held in the hand of One All-Seeing Lord.
 "in Heaven!" we picture in the circling sweep
 Of arm and hand, the glorious dome above;
 "Holy Thy Name!" with reverent movement keep
 The sacred thought of purity and love.
 "Thy Kingdom!" with imperial touch we show
 The badge of Royalty-the sceptre's sway;
 And that Thy glorious Will may work and grow
 Potent and perfect, this and every day.
 Our opened hands with daily bread to fill
 The Lord we ask, "Forgive as we forgive: "--
 O hearing brothers! We are like you still--
 The hardest this to pray, and this to live.
 From Tempter's touch, when'er besides he stands--
 We pray Thee still our weakness to defend;
 And by the symbol strong of broken bands
 We crave deliverance, succor, to the end.

--from "The New York Missionary"

This beautiful poem, based on The Lord's Prayer, is taken from an old leaflet published by the Reverend C.O. Dantzer, over 80 years ago.

anyone, he would hold up his finger and display his injury. In this manner he got a lot of attention and much sympathy.

However, after several days the wound began to fester. Yellow pus formed, and the finger began to throb.

At last the boy turned to his father and asked for help.

The thorn was removed. The wound was cleaned, the infection gotten rid of, and after a time the finger healed completely.

But how much easier it would have been to remove the thorn the first day! How much sooner the healing would have taken place!

At the first sign of pain we go to the doctor. When our tooth aches we hurry to see the dentist. But when our heart has been pierced by unkind words or deeds, too often we carry the wounds for days or weeks or even years and let the infection of an unforgiving spirit set in.

St. Paul tells us that we should put away bitterness "and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgives you." (Ephesians 4:32)

When we refuse to forgive others, we close our own heart to God's forgiveness. The bitterness that we hold robs us of all peace and joy in the Lord until we, like the little boy,

quit parading our hurt and ask our Father for help and for healing.

"Live together in the forgiveness of your sins, for without it no human fellowship can survive. Don't insist on your rights, don't blame each other, don't judge or condemn each other, don't find fault with each other, but accept each one and all as you are, and forgive each other every day from the bottom of your hearts."

- adapted from The Sower

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There is much likeness between many people that think they are Christians and the half-diamonds often found in the diamond fields of South Africa.

These were meant to become diamonds, but stopped halfway in the transformation process. So they remained half charcoal and half diamond.

Many of us, too, are half jewel and half slag. We have stopped short of our spiritual progress toward complete control by the will of God. No satisfaction can be found in such a situation. We can only become fully contented in the Christian life as we fully give ourselves to the Christian life. The half-Christian will receive only half-happiness, half-power, and half-reward.

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An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.



SKETCHES

*** by Ben Burroughs

ASK THESE QUESTIONS

What have I done to help mankind endure. . . how have I served life today. . . what have I done to console aching hearts. . . and to make easy the way. . . have I brought comfort to those who are sad. . . have I spread true joy and love . . . or have I given a bright ray of hope. . . faith that God sends from above. . . what have I done for the poor folks I know. . . how have I bettered their life. . . have I in even a very small way. . . helped them to weather their strife. . . what have I done to cement brotherhood. . . between all races and creeds. . . these are the things we should all ask ourselves. . . when we sum up our deeds. . . and if the answer is no to them all. . . we should resolve not to wait. . . for we have wasted the life that we have. . . change, for the hour is late!

Los Angeles, Cal...Pilgrim L.C.....
 Pastor Jonas plans to retire on Jan. 1977. President Charle Kotel has sent a letter to the Southern Calif. District Office requesting the necessary procedure to call a new Pastor.

the good news of our Savior Jesus that means so much to us.

June 20th.

The first Annual Regional Convention of the Pacific Region of ILDA will be held at Fresno, California on November 5, 6, and 7th of this year. The Fresno Deaf group will be the host congregation and the Los Angeles, Pilgrim, will be in charge of the program.

A man seldom makes the same mistake twice. Usually, it's three times or more.

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Two persons interested in ministry to the deaf -overseas - are currently receiving training here in the States. Cheng Hsi Pan, Springfield seminarian, attended the Gallaudet summer program. Bessie Lau, teacher of the deaf from Hong Kong who has just completed a years training at Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, will be taking two additional courses at Washington University this summer, Bessie hopes to complete her masters training at Manchester, England this next year before returning to Hong Kong.

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WARNING ON DRIVING IN RAIN AFTER A LONG DRY SPELL. . . The Automobile Club of Missouri warns motorists that thundershowers or rain following a long dry spell will create dangerous driving conditions.

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Bob Rowland, who at last reporting had received 4 calls, has accepted the position offered him by the Ft. Wayne Seminary. He will also serve St. John's Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Fort Wayne while lay-minister, George Perry attends the Seminary.

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LWML GRANT. . . The Lutheran Women's Missionary Leagues continue to be favorably supportive of our ministry to the deaf. The Missouri District LWML at its last convention provided a project of \$8,000 to Pilgrim congregation in Kansas City for a bus. The Cal-Nevada District News Bulletin of the LWML reports it has selected as Project #4 \$1,625 for "equipment for the deaf" in that district. I am sure the deaf congregations blessed with and by these projects are indeed deeply grateful and appreciative.

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Rochester, N.Y....Alpha L.C....Last month the Sunshine Club raffled off a beautiful hand-made afgan which they made. The club collected \$70.75, all of which was given to the International Lutheran Deaf Association Memorial Fund in the memory of Gene Clupper. The Memory Fund will provide money for a deaf youth to become a professional church worker. More contributions will be appreciated from anyone who is interested in giving.

Bob Case, lay-minister in Memphis, Tennessee, has enrolled at the St. Louis Seminary for colloquy program this fall. He will terminate in Memphis in July. We understand that two other deaf men are being considered by the colloquy board for enrollment at the Seminary this fall. Dr. Fred Radtke, who has served years with the Commission for Mental Retardation and the Board for Parish Education in the development of religious education materials is also a colloquy student at the Seminary, intending to enter the ministry to the deaf. Fred anticipates concluding his studies shortly.

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Russel Healey, business manager of the Deaf Lutheran and treasurer of ILDA is desperately in need of all the help he can receive in recruiting memberships for ILDA and subscriptions for the Deaf Lutheran. Both are tremendous tasks and extremely vital to the ongoing success of our mission and ministry. If you can recruit local workers to represent these tasks within your congregations, it will be deeply appreciated.

Delavan, Wisconsin....Holy Cross...As a special bicentennial observation, each of the churches of our synod in South Wisconsin has been asked to have a series of evangelistic services this fall. Holy Cross Church, Delavan will take a part in this. The dates for these services in Delavan will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Oct. 22, 23, 24, and 25. Each evening there will be an informal church service with special singing, a question and answer period, and on three nights a guest preacher. The idea is to show to our friends and neighbors what the Lutheran Church and its teaching is and to invite especially our unchurched friends to come and see and taste

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New men entering the work out of our Seminaries are: Ron Friedrich, who vicared in Memphis, Tennessee, has accepted the Call as Missionary-at-Large in the Northern Illinois District; Larry Larson, who vicared for Rogate congregation in Clearwater, Florida, has accepted the Call as pastor to the deaf in central Illinois where he will be associate-worker with Orlin Anderson and have headquarters in Peoria; Springfield seminarian, Mike Kublsek will vicar this next year in Memphis, Tennessee. Two other students in our ministry to the deaf classes who did not receive calls directly into the work among the deaf are Mark Stenbeck who was called to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas; and Richard Neagley who was called to McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

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Pastor Bob Corl of Madison, Wisconsin has accepted the Call from the North Wisconsin District to serve as missionary-at-large. Bob and Altha have moved to Wausau, Wisconsin where they will headquarter and conduct their new ministry. We wish them God's abundant blessing and joy.

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We are pleased to report that Shirrel Petzholdt, Seminex graduate called to Hope Congregation in Portland, Oregon, has been certified for LCMS ministry and was ordained at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis on

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 AGE. . . Someone asked me how it felt to be so old and still so active. I answered it felt good. One of the reasons is that I have no more enemies because they're all dead.

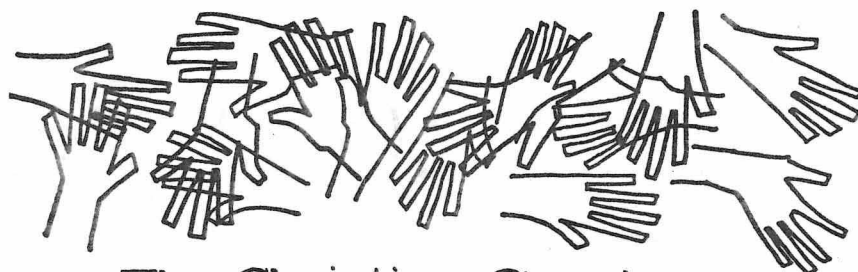
PROGRESS IN REALIGNING THE DEAF MISSION FIELDS

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Pastor Friedrich has already had a get acquainted meeting with the Deaf at Rockford on July 18th, and on the evening of June 16th, he and Pastor Kosche went to Freeport for a service there. Pastor Friedrich will take the next service in Freeport on Wednesday evening, Aug. 18th.

May God's hand be in all these plans and actions for the best interest of His work among the Deaf.

...from The Silent News Letter
Rev. Martin Kosche



The Christian Church:
have its busy hands
turned to patting each other
on the back instead of
reaching out to the lost?

PROJECT FEEDBACK Getting The Word Back To The Doctors

Alexander Graham Bell
Association for the Deaf
Washington, D.C.

"Medical doctors need feedback from their patients," says Dr. George W. Fellendorf, executive director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. "And so do speech therapists, audiologists, and special educators," he adds.

Project Feedback, a new program announced by the Bell Association, urges parents of hearing impaired children to write the physicians and specialists whom they have consulted in the past, providing current information on their children's progress. Through parent feedback, physicians, audiologists, and educators are receiving information on patients whom they might not have seen for 10 or 20 years.

In an editorial in the Association's journal, The Volta Review, Fellendorf explains.

"Perhaps 30% of the nation's population moves every year." "Many pediatricians, general practitioners, audiologists and special educators see young hearing impaired children, diagnose the condition, make recommendations and then don't see these children again. Without a knowledge of what has happened to a child after his family has moved away, the chances are that these authorities will never know if their diagnosis and recommendations were right, wrong, or some where in-between."

Underway since early April, Project Feedback is daily receiving favorable comments and requests on how to proceed from parents and other interested persons working with hearing impaired children. Comments received by the Association include:

"We are very excited by Project Feedback."
"We are anxious to have the parents of our preschool hearing

impaired children participate." "Many parents whose children are seen here request similar information and I'm sure would be interested in Project Feedback." "I think it is a very commendable program as many doctors - particularly general practitioners - have very little knowledge regarding services and facilities available to families with deaf children.

The Bell Association responds with suggestions for a letter and instructions to aid parents and others on how to provide full details of their child's growth and changes since he or she was last seen by the various medical authorities. As a result, doctors are updated, enriched, and more fully informed so they can better advise other patients with hearing losses.

Further information on Project Feedback can be obtained by writing the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, 3417 Volta Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. The Bell Association is a national non-profit organization serving the nation as an information center on deafness and furthering the instruction of speech, speech reading and the use of residual hearing to the hearing impaired.

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A Challenge To Parents

Sr. Joyce Buckler, Director
St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf
St. Louis, Missouri
taken from THE STAR, St. Louis

I would like to ask you two questions: Do you really communicate with your child the depth within you? Relative to this question is another: Is your child deaf first or a child first?

This second question is basic to the first. If we are to say or even assume: "Johnny won't understand what I'm saying --" then we don't share with him our deepest values, beliefs, worries, concerns and interests which are his right to share. As a full member of your family, he deserves to know his family as brothers and sisters do. He is deaf, but he deserves to know

what you, his parents, value; he is deaf but he deserves to know the things that worry you, that cause you concern; he is deaf but he too, needs a wide range of interests.

Three incidences have occurred recently which cause me concern. A parent acknowledged that he had not discussed the

"facts of life" with Johnny because he was afraid "he wouldn't understand"; a child took a personality test which showed a lack of value/moral code present -- a parent acknowledged setting a different set of standards for the deaf child from those set for the rest of the family.

What do these incidences reveal? - that the deafness is taking precedence over the child -- if we are striving to make our children a real part of society, this must start within the family. It is this initial society where they will learn to share, organize themselves as full persons absorbing because they are exposed to you - you in your greatness - and you in your weakness!

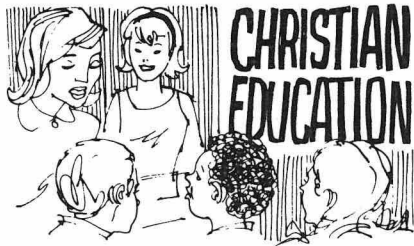
May I challenge you to give your deaf child one of the greatest gifts you have - a chance to live his or her life as a full member of your family! He or she will bless you forever!

This CHALLENGE TO PARENTS asks two very good questions. Do we use our child's deafness as an excuse to cop out of one of our most important responsibilities of parenthood - passing on our faith to our children. Sometimes it is too easy to say, "let the pastor do it." or "let the school do it." After all, "they are trained to communicate with Johnny."

Does your deaf child understand your feelings, your faith, your God? When was the last time you had a significant two-way conversation with your deaf child? Perhaps you say, "I don't know his language." -- Well you better learn; or perhaps you might say -- "I don't have the time." Well you better make time! Your chance to pass yourself -- your morals, values, and faith on to your child comes only once. Before you know it the time will be too late and you'll ask, "What did I do wrong?" Take the time now to get to really know your deaf child and let him/her really know you -- it's your God-given duty and right.

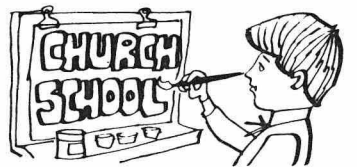


YOUTH PAGE



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

That one reminds me about the Sunday school teacher who was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Little Jimmy interrupted: "My mother looked back once while she was driving, and she turned into a telephone pole!"



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* * PEOPLE OF FAITH IN HEBREWS CHAPTER ELEVEN * *

A B R A H F A I T H E N
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In the puzzle on the left, the word "faith" is hidden seven times. Can you find it and the names below?

Words may be found by reading in any direction. Even backward!

- JOSEPH
- SARAH
- NOAH
- JACOB
- ABEL
- ENOCH
- ABRAHAM
- SAMSON
- SAMUEL
- GIDEON
- RAHAB
- MOSES
- JOSHUA
- DAVID

by Carlene Camp

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 * A man seldom makes *
 * the same mistake *
 * twice. Usually, *
 * it's three times or *
 * more. *
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NEW TESTAMENT QUIZ FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

1. Were Jesus sisters named? Yes ___ or No ___ Read 6:3
2. Where was Jesus when he said that a prophet is not without honor except in his own country, and among his own kin? At _____ Read 6:4.
3. Why did Jesus do no mighty works when He went back to Jerusalem? Because of their _____. 6:5-6
4. What did Jesus promise to the one giving a drink of cold water in His name? He shall not _____ 9:14.
5. Why did Moses grant the people a divorce law? Because of the _____ 10:4-5
6. How hard is it for rich people to enter the kingdom? It is easier _____ 10:25.
7. Who was Bartimacus? He was a _____ of Jericho. 10:46.
8. Why did Jesus overthrow the tables of the money - changers in the temple? Because they were making the _____ into a _____ 11:17.
9. What did Jesus reply to those who asked if it were lawful to pay tribute to Caesar? Render to Caesar the _____ Caesar's and to God the _____ God's. 12:17.
10. How many mites did the poor widow drop in the offering? _____. 12:42.

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ANGER

When angry, count 10 before you speak; if very angry, 100.

A man called the Fire Department on the phone and said, "Hurry over right away, my house is on fire!" The dispatcher at the Fire Department said, "O.K. we will be on our way as soon as you tell us how to get to your house." The man answered, "Huh? Don't you still have that big red fire truck?"

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 TEACHER: "Tommy, your paper is exactly the same as Joey's paper. Even the misspelled words are the same. How do you explain that?"

TOMMY: "I used his pencil."

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"Yes, I did pledge thirty-seven thousand dollars, and you'll be getting my first 25¢ installment sometime this month."

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