


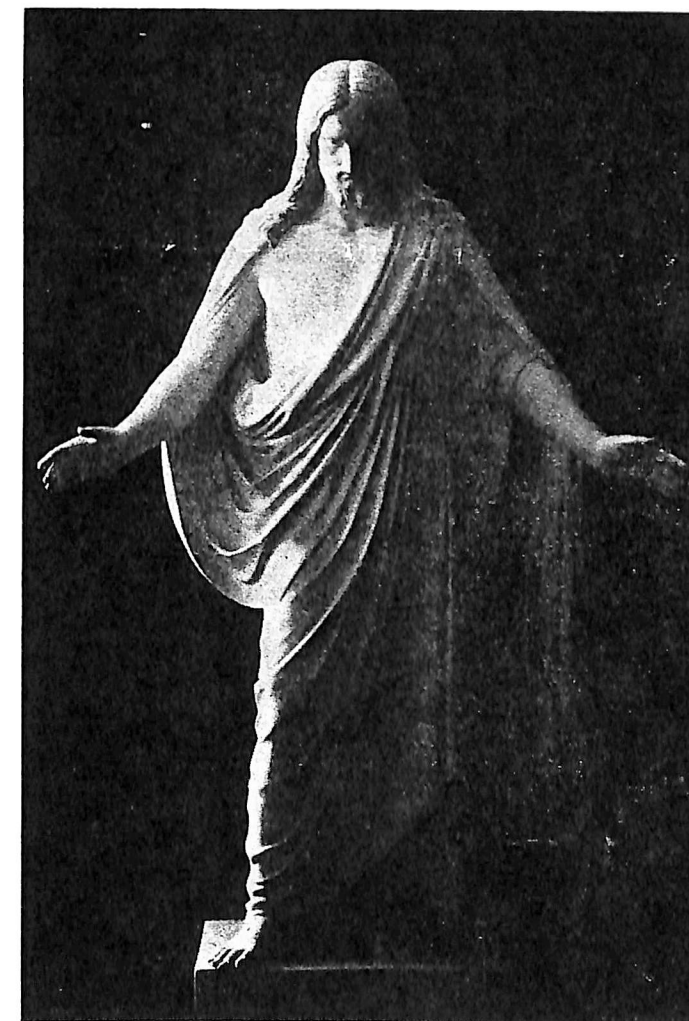
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—John 6:37.

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**MONTHLY CALENDAR**  
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 First and third Sundays .....10 a. m.  
 Second and fourth Sundays .....2:30 p. m.  
 Sunday School and Bible class:  
 First and third Sundays .....11 a. m.  
 Second and fourth Sundays .....1:30 p. m.  
 Luther League, first and third Fridays..7:30 p. m.  
 Ladies' Aid, first Wednesday .....2 p. m.  
 S.S. Teacher Training class, second  
 Friday .....7:30 p. m.  
 Catechetical class, every Saturday.....9.30 a. m.

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 First and third Sundays .....2:30 p. m.  
 Second and fourth Sundays .....10 a. m.  
 Sunday School and Bible Class:  
 First and third Sundays .....1:30 p. m.  
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 Ladies' Aid, last Wednesday.....1:30 p. m.  
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 unto the House of the Lord.'"

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Wisconsin District  
 Sunday School Teachers' Institute will be con-  
 ducted at Lazarus church, Poy Sippi. While this  
 institute is arranged and planned primarily for  
 Sunday School Teachers, it is, of course, open to  
 all members and friends of the congregations. It  
 is hoped, therefore, that many will avail them-  
 selves of the opportunity to attend the meetings.  
 The subjects discussed and the messages present-  
 ed are of vital concern to all laborers in the King-  
 dom of God.

The first session will begin at 3 p. m. and will  
 be devoted to the subject "Training the Child in  
 True Worship." This topic will be considered  
 under two heads: "Music and the Use of Luther-  
 an Hymns in the Sunday School and Church";  
 and "Personal Devotion in Class-work and the  
 Worship Period."

Supper will be served at 5:30 by the members

of the Poy Sippi Luther League. At the supper  
 table the topic, "The Board of Christian Educa-  
 tion in the Church" will be discussed.

At 7:30, the closing session, the Rev. Alfred  
 Jensen of Neenah will deliver an address on "Lu-  
 ther as an Educator." One glance at this pro-  
 gram arranged by the district Sunday school com-  
 mittee will suffice to indicate that it will be a most  
 profitable institute. Let's all help fill the church,  
 afternoon and evening.

Thanksgiving Day services will be held at St.  
 John's church, Saxeville, at 10:30 a. m., and at  
 Lazarus church, Poy Sippi, at 7:30 p. m. At both  
 services special Thanksgiving offerings will be lift-  
 ed for the cause of our synodical benevolences.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, the fifth Sunday of the  
 month, services will be as follows: St. John's  
 church, Divine worship at 10 a. m., Sunday school  
 at 11 a. m., Lazarus church, Sunday school and  
 Bible class at 1:30 p. m., Divine worship at 2:30  
 p. m., and Evening worship at 7:30.

**BUILDING A TEMPLE**

A builder builded a temple,  
 He wrought it with grace and skill;  
 Pillars and groins and arches  
 All fashioned to work his will.  
 Men said as they saw its beauty,  
 "It shall never know decay,  
 Great is thy skill, O Builder!  
 Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple  
 With loving and infinite care,  
 Planning each arch with patience,  
 Laying each stone with prayer.  
 None praised her unceasing efforts,  
 None knew of her wonderful plan.  
 For the temple the teacher builded,  
 Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,  
 Crumbled into the dust;  
 Low lies each stately pillar,  
 Food for consuming rust.  
 But the temple the teacher builded  
 Will last while the ages roll;  
 For that beautiful, unseen temple  
 Is a child's immortal soul.

—Selected.

**SPECIAL DONATIONS TO PIANO FUND**

Previously acknowledged .....	\$ 20.72
Song Service, Saxeville, Sept. 27 .....	6.11
Ward Kissinger .....	1.00
Mrs. Mary Barr .....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28.83</b>

Thank you!

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Final returns in the church paper campaign  
 show most gratifying results. Out of approxi-  
 mately 90 families in the two parishes, only about  
 five or six do not have one or the other of the syn-  
 odical papers. Congratulations, committee. Your  
 work has been well done.

Harlan Hansen and Irvin Jorgensen have be-  
 gun their work in a CCC camp. They are sta-  
 tioned in CCC Camp, Company 1608, Camp  
 Tomahawk, Tomahawk, Wis.

Quite a number from both congregations have  
 been ill the past few weeks. Little Genevieve  
 Carpenter underwent an appendectomy at Mercy  
 hospital, Oshkosh, Oct. 5. We are glad to know  
 that she is improving rapidly at her home at this  
 writing.

Mrs. Hans Madison and Mrs. Jacob Anderson  
 have been confined to their homes by severe colds  
 or "flu." Both are improving, we are glad to note.  
 "Blind" Hans Jensen, who makes his home  
 with Hans Madison's, has been failing rapidly of  
 late. His hearing has been seriously impaired,  
 and he has suffered a number of paralytic strokes  
 in the last months which have left him quite help-  
 less. May the Lord strengthen him in the bear-  
 ing of his cross in life.

Other friends have been ill for a longer or  
 shorter period of time, but are able to be with us  
 again.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, friends and relatives  
 gathered at the grange hall in Pine River to help  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jensen celebrate their golden  
 wedding anniversary. Dinner was served by the  
 members of the family, and in the afternoon  
 friends gathered to congratulate Mr. and Mrs.  
 Jensen. A lunch was served after a brief infor-  
 mal program of toasts and songs. We wish Mr.  
 and Mrs. Jensen God's blessing in the years that  
 He may permit them to spend together, that they  
 may be happy ones.

Marion Thompson is attending high school in  
 Neenah, making her home with her uncle and  
 aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carlsen.

We were glad to note that a few from Poy  
 Sippi and Saxeville attended the meetings in Our  
 Savior's Church, Waupaca, recently. They were  
 blessed meetings, and those who attended were  
 blest, we are sure. Why not more?

Remember the annual meetings of our congre-  
 gations! While they are still some weeks away,  
 it's not too early to think about them. Lazarus  
 congregation will hold its meeting Thursday, Dec.  
 3, at 7 p. m., while St. John's will be held Monday,  
 Dec. 14, at 10 a. m. The business of the congre-  
 gation is the business of all voting members of  
 the congregation. Yet sometimes only half of the  
 voting members are present. Surely there ought  
 to be more interest in YOUR church work than  
 that. Every member present at the annual busi-  
 ness meeting is the aim. Let's do all to realize  
 this goal.

**THANKSGIVING**

Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
 Sing songs of love and praise;  
 With joyful hearts and voices  
 Your Hallelujahs raise.  
 By Him the rolling seasons  
 In fruitful order move.  
 Sing to the Lord of harvest  
 A song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness,  
 The deserts bloom and spring;  
 The hills leap up in gladness,  
 The valleys laugh and sing.  
 He filleth with His fulness  
 All things with large increase,  
 He crowns the year with goodness,  
 With plenty and with peace.

Bring to his sacred altar,  
 The gifts His goodness gave,  
 The golden sheaves of harvest,  
 The souls He died to save.  
 Your hearts lay down before Him,  
 When at His feet you fall,  
 And with your lives adore Him,  
 Who gave His life for all.  
 —Monsell.

Thanksgiving! With this word come to us  
 scenes of family reunions, or gatherings, big tur-  
 key or goose dinners, memories of hours of happy  
 fellowship and fun. We fear America has forgot-  
 ten what the true Thanksgiving is. The Pilgrims  
 wending their way to the House of God despite  
 the ever-present dangers about them. Hearts and  
 voices raised in real praise and thanksgiving to  
 God. Today—football, turkey, pleasures, with  
 never a thought of the Giver of all gifts. But  
 what of God's church? How do the members keep  
 Thanksgiving? How will you keep it Nov. 26th?  
 Will there be a song of praise and gratitude in  
 your heart as the day dawns, as you wend your  
 way to the Lord's Sanctuary? We believe it  
 would be good for all of us who have been so  
 richly blessed to see what others have failed to  
 receive. What does it take to jar us out of our  
 thanklessness? Can it be done?

"Thou visitest the earth and waterest it,  
 Thou greatly enrichest it;  
 The river of God is full of water;  
 Thou providest them grain when thou hast so  
 prepared the earth.  
 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly;  
 Thou settlest the ridges thereof;  
 Thou makest it soft with showers;  
 Thou blessest the springing thereof.  
 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;  
 And thy paths drop fatness.  
 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;  
 And the hills are girded with joy.  
 The pastures are clothed with flocks;  
 The valleys also are covered over with grain;  
 They shout for joy, they also sing."

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### MONTHLY CALENDAR LAZARUS LUTHERAN CHURCH—

Divine Worship:  
First and third Sundays ..... 10 a. m.  
Second and fourth Sundays ..... 2:30 p. m.  
Sunday School and Bible class:  
First and third Sundays ..... 11 a. m.  
Second and fourth Sundays ..... 1:30 p. m.  
Luther League, first and third Fridays.. 7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' Aid, first Wednesday ..... 2 p. m.  
S.S. Teacher Training class, second  
Friday ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Catechetical class, every Saturday..... 9:30 a. m.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH—

Divine Worship:  
First and third Sundays ..... 2:30 p. m.  
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Sunday School and Bible Class:  
First and third Sundays ..... 1:30 p. m.  
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### CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year again members of the Lazarus choir and other singers will present a Christmas Carol Candle Light service. It will be given Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. As in the two previous years, this service will consist of the old favorite Christmas carols that we all know and love so much. It will be a profitable way in which to usher in the Christmas week, so let us all try to join with one another in this worship of the newborn King.

Christmas services will be held as follows:

Lazarus Church—Christmas Day worship at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School Christmas Tree Program, Sunday, Dec. 27, at 7:00 p. m.  
St. John's Church—Christmas Day worship at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School Christmas Tree Program, Christmas Day, at 7:00 p. m.

Members of the Luther League and other young people of the two congregations are invited to the Parsonage New Year's Eve for a watch night service, beginning at 8 o'clock. We hope many will do us the favor of being our guests that evening.—Rev. and Mrs. Morton.

New Year's Day worship will be held in St. John's Church at 10:30 a. m., and in Lazarus church at 2:30 p. m.

### CHRISTMAS

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Make thee a bed, Soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.  
My heart from every joy doth leap,  
My lips no more can silence keep,  
I, too, must sing, with joyful tongue,  
That sweetest ancient cradle song,  
"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto man His Son hath given."  
While angels sing, with pious mirth,  
A glad New Year to all the earth.

—Martin Luther.

### DISTRICT COLPORTEUR

At the Wisconsin district convention held last September it was decided that the district should employ a colporteur to carry on a mission work by the way of literature. This colporteur should visit the various congregations in the district in the interest of christian literature, selling and placing in the homes of the congregation christian books, tracts, pamphlets, and other worthwhile literature. The district colportage committee has chosen the Rev. N. L. Nielsen, former missionary to the Cherokee Indians, as the district colporteur. He began his work about Nov. 1, on Washington Island. We expect Rev. Nielsen to come to our congregations sometime in December, possibly just before Christmas. It is the hope of the district committee that Rev. Nielsen will be taken into the homes of the congregations he visits to be their guests while in the congregations. Thus he will be able to contact more easily the lay people and come into closer touch with them. Those homes that can receive Rev. Nielsen while in Poy Sippi and Saxeville will please notify your pastor. Be prepared to open your homes when Rev. Nielsen comes, and make use of this excellent opportunity of securing good, worthwhile literature. Why not give some book for a Christmas gift?

### DONATIONS to THE LUTHERAN TIDINGS

Tom Christensen .....\$ .50  
Thank You!

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Lutheran Hour is back on the air again. Are you taking advantage of the opportunity of hearing a clear-cut message from the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Dr. Walter Maier has a message that you cannot afford to miss. He broadcasts twice every Sunday. Hear him at 12 o'clock noon over station WLW, Cincinnati, and other eastern stations, or at 3:30 p. m. over stations WJJD, Chicago, WISN, Milwaukee, or KSTP, St. Paul. In this day of confused preaching that one usually hears over the air it is good to hear once more the simple message of "Salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Have you read the article in the October 26th issue of "The Ansgar Lutheran?" It is a good picture of a vacation—the kind the Rev. Winther likes. Most of us would object strenuously if we had to work on our vacation. Such spirit is most commendable and deserves to be copied.

Lilah Jeffers is at present engaged as substitute teacher at Hancock, Wis. Louis Rasmussen is attending business college in Oshkosh.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Theodore Jensen, Saxeville, is again able to be with us. Others who have been ill but able to be up again are Will Hansen, Mrs. Jim Andersen, George Hansen.

Mrs. Lars Johnson has been at St. Agnes hospital, Fond du Lac, where she had a cataract removed from one eye. She is improving, at home, at this writing, as well as can be expected.

The members of the Earl Wilkins family have been confined to their home the past month or more. Tonsillitis and "flu" have kept one after the other in bed. Glad to see you back again.

Mrs. Jim Jorgensen is compelled to remain at home, sometimes in bed, while the doctor seems hesitant in determining the cause. She has been on a diet the past month seeking to overcome an ulcer ailment. Hope she, too, can soon be "back to normal."

The new devotional book published by our synod is now off the press and ready for distribution. It is a book of short expository sermons on select passages of scripture written by the pastors and theological professors of our own synod. Not only is it a worthwhile and instructive book for family or private devotion, but it also gives a "true presentation of the spiritual views held in our synod." It is an ideal gift for Christmas, birthday, or any occasion. Order through your pastor, or direct from Danish Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Neb. The price is \$1. It is richly and durably bound.

It is to the tune of much hammering and sawing and planing that these lines are written. The work of building the new addition to the parsonage and of remodeling the kitchen is going forward rapidly. While the noise and disturbance are not so pleasant, they are forgotten in the thought of the finished work. When the work

is completed, a new bedroom and bathroom will be added to the north of the parsonage. The kitchen will be remodeled to allow more room and convenience.

### AFTER CHRISTMAS—WHAT?

Before me lies a newspaper in a corner of which is a little picture entitled "20 Shopping Days until Christmas." It is several weeks ago since the commercial world began to display its wares for the Christmas shopper. In early November one reads that he should buy now to avoid the rush, or secure his gifts on the lay-away plan. From Thanksgiving until Dec. 25th, the merchants of our land are busy endeavoring to furnish the public with the necessities for a "happy" Christmas. If one were to visit one of the larger cities, spend a day on its busy streets, shop in its crowded stores, he would immediately be swept along in the mad rush to be ready for Christmas. There is such a hurry and bustle to be prepared for that day. In the homes, too, there is much to be done so that all will be in readiness, that nothing will be left undone. Every member of the household has his assigned tasks.

For most people the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas constitutes the only preparation for that day. When at last Christmas arrives, the gifts are distributed, and after the gifts have been examined and commented upon, Christmas is over, except, possibly, for some entertaining. If one were to ask an individual who has such a Christmas, "What comes after Christmas?" he would no doubt answer, "Nothing much." In other words, for many men and women, when the excitement of the preparation is over, when the gifts have been distributed, when the entertaining is completed, there is nothing left of Christmas. One can justly ask the question, "After Christmas—What?"

Compare such a modern Christmas with that one on the Judean hills when a few humble shepherds first worshipped the Christ Child. Was there any lasting influence left upon those men after their first Christmas? What would they have answered if asked, "After Christmas—What?" What do we read of them in Holy Writ? "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all things that they had seen and heard, even as it was spoken unto them." So I would like to direct these questions to you. "What will be your experience after the lights of the Christmas tree have been extinguished, after the gifts have been distributed, after you have settled down to the every-day routine of work? Will there be a new peace and joy in your heart because of God's gift to you in Christ Jesus? Will you carry into the New Year a glowing sense of His presence, of His nearness at all times? Will you glorify and praise God for what you have seen and heard?" These are pertinent questions, and ought to be considered seriously. Too many of us are devoid of the true after-Christmas joy that results from the presence of Christ within us. Take time to prepare, but do not permit this preparation to overshadow the true meaning of Christmas, that Jesus Christ desires to dwell in your heart all the New Year.

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

LAZARUS LUTHERAN CHURCH—

Divine Worship:

First and third Sundays.....9 a. m.  
Second and fourth Sundays .....11 a. m.  
Sunday evenings, except third Sunday of  
the month .....8 p. m.  
Sunday School, Bible Class .....10 a. m.  
Luther League, first and third Fridays.....8 p. m.  
S.S. Teacher Training class, second  
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Ladies' Aid, first Wednesday .....2 p. m.

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First and third Sundays .....11 a. m.  
Second and fourth Sundays .....9 a. m.  
Third Sunday evening of the month.....8 p. m.  
Sunday School, Bible Class.....10 a. m.  
Ladies' Aid, last Wednesday .....2 p. m.

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"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go  
unto the House of the Lord.'"

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, September 11th, the 1937-38 catechetical class will meet for the first time to organize and begin work. All children of the congregation and others as well, who are twelve years or older, are asked to meet on that day at the church at 9:30 a. m. It is superfluous to call attention to the purpose of catechetical instruction, but permit us to emphasize rather the desirability of regular attendance. We require that all children receive two years of instruction, and that they meet for thirty sessions per year. In this minimum of time we must proceed rapidly in the instruction and to miss but one meeting means that the lessons for that day as well as the following days are too often unlearned. We realize at the same time that sickness or inclement weather may often prevent perfect attendance, but if the parents will put forth their best efforts to have the children attend each class, we shall be able to accomplish our aims.

Your pastor will appreciate any coöperation you may be able to give him in locating children outside the congregation who are of catechetical instruction age. The class is open to every child twelve years of age or over, or who will be four-teen or older at the time of confirmation.

Our fall mission meetings will be held in St. John's church October 27th to 31st. The Rev.

Aaron Christiansen, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hartland, will be guest speaker. Full particulars about our meetings will appear in the October issue of our parish paper.

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Baptisms

CARPENTER, Norma June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Carpenter, born on June 3d, was received into the Kingdom of Heaven through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 25th. Sponsors: Myrtle Jensen and Lila Jeffers.

HANSEN, Nancy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hansen, born July 25th, became a child of God in Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 15th. Mrs. Palmer Jorgensen and Gerhardt Greening were sponsors.

ANDERSEN, Arleigh Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Andersen, born August 2nd, was admitted into the Kingdom of Heaven through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 29th. His sponsors were Walden and Walter Olsen.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me . . . for to such belongeth the kingdom of Heaven."

Weddings

Marley Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Pike, and Lyle M. Jorgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jorgensen, were united in holy matrimony at the parsonage on Saturday, August 14th. Witnesses were Lenora Timm and Russel Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen will live at Waukesha where Mr. Jorgensen is employed.

Elsie Olsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olsen, and Frank P. Hansen, son of Mr. R. P. Hansen, of Oshkosh, were married Tuesday, August 17th, at Lazarus Lutheran Church with Marie Hansen and Walter Adams as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen will make their home in Oshkosh where both are employed.

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad,  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

—H. Bonar.

"Remove far from me falsehood and lies;  
Give me neither poverty nor riches;  
Feed me with the food that is needful for me."  
—Proverbs 30:8.

LUTHERAN TIDINGS

NEWS AND NOTES

Miss Hilda Rasmussen was operated for appendicitis at a Waupaca hospital July 19th. She has fully recovered her health and strength now, we are glad to note.

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Subscribers to our synodical papers will soon be approached in regard to renewals. A church paper campaign is being sponsored by our synodical Publishing House again this year, so give your coöperation to those in charge in our congregations. And if you do not carry one of the synodical papers, why not?

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nipko and Margery have moved to Hartland, Wisconsin, where "Herb" is employed. We regret their going and shall miss them in our work, but our loss is the Hartland congregation's gain.

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The church council of Lazarus church will meet for its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, at 8 p. m.

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Among those who have returned to work in the teaching profession are Myrtle Jensen, who will teach at Rice Lake, Wis.; Hilda Rasmussen at the Pine Lake School; Louise Jorgensen at West Bloomfield, and Lila Jeffers at the Hancock State Graded School.

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Holy Communion services will be conducted in Lazarus church on Sunday, September 12th at 11 a. m.; and in St. John's on Sunday, September 19th at 11 a. m.

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Fred Hansen, Poy Sippi, wishes, through these pages, to thank all the friends who have recently remembered her with various gifts. She appreciates the kindness shown her since she has come into our midsts.

"Holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof."—II Timothy 3:5.

The Apostle Paul had left his young friend Timothy in Ephesus so that he might "charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine . . ." Timothy was also to be overseer, or bishop, of the churches in and around the city of Ephesus. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, in the verses preceding our text, we find the Apostle warning young Timothy to beware of certain men in the church who had fallen away from the true faith. He describes them in strong language as apostates and "men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith." His greatest denunciation and at the same time the most sad of all descriptions is that they hold to a form of godliness, but deny its power.

These men and women who had once been

Christians had lost something. No doubt some of them had heard Paul preach in Ephesus the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They had accepted gladly this message of hope and release from the power of sin. They had opened their hearts to the Lord and had begun to walk with Him. But then something had occurred to their faith. Whatever it was, we do not know, but this we can surmise that Satan had beguiled them, had succeeded in leading them away from the way of faith, had made them "enemies of the cross of Christ." It was not into open and shameful sin that these individuals had fallen. No, their lives were still good, respectable and often honored lives. Many thought of them, and they were confident of the fact themselves, that surely these men and women were exemplary Christians whose lives were worthy of being followed. But the Apostle sees through this sham at religion, and in a few short words lays bare the true sinner spiritual condition.

It is a sad, but nevertheless true, fact that today we find many so-called Christians who must be compared to those of Timothy's day. They, too, profess a form of godliness, but their lives are without power. They are to be found within the Christian church, men and women who live lives that appear on the surface to be the kind that our Lord really wants. There is nothing wrong, no great sins to point to, no strife or jealousies, no laxity as far as the outward attendance at all services in God's House. But when we look more closely into these lives, while we find nothing wrong, we still find that there is something lacking—POWER. There is not the power to overcome sin in their own lives, no power to overcome sin around them, and lastly, no power to testify for their Lord and Master. We must call them powerless Christians. They are like great electric motors in a display room—shiny, clean, ready to work and able to deliver tremendous power—as soon as they are hooked up with the current, but until then, useless.

Could it be possible that this description of a powerless Christian should fit any of us? Are we like motors standing idle and useless until connected with the source of power? God pity us if we are. We are not called to be ornamental Christians, but primarily to be power-filled witnesses of Jesus Christ. We are called upon to show evidence of victory in our own lives, in the situations about us, in the world at large. We are expected to point to a victorious Christ in our own lives, and then recommend Him to others as a sure way of life, because that is what He is for us.

Ye members whose Head is the Ruler of heaven,  
Why walk ye on earth as if heaven were closed?  
Remember all power to Jesus is given,

And He on the cross has your tempter deposed.  
The earliest Christians in faith seldom faltered.

Tho' dangers and trials above them did tower,  
But now it is different, men seem to have alter'd;  
They call themselves Christians, where is their power?

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 3, the Sunday evening services at Lazarus Lutheran church will be suspended until further notice. Frequently the weather and roads during January and February are such that evening services are not advisable.

As in the past year, Holy Communion services will be conducted the first Sunday of alternate months during 1937. In Lazarus church the first Communion service will be Sunday, Jan. 3, while in St. John's Sunday, Feb. 7, will be the first.

The Cross is the only ladder tall enough to reach the threshold of Heaven.—Selected.

"THE HOME ALTAR"

It was a gratifying report that the Rev. N. L. Nielsen had to give at the end of his week's stay in our midst as district colporteur. Very few homes failed to purchase any literature, and in most cases this was due to reasons beyond control. The will was there. It was especially noteworthy that the largest majority of homes purchased a copy of "The Home Altar," our own synodical devotional book. As Rev. Nielsen said, next to the Bible, this little book was the best anyone could purchase. And if it is used daily with the prayer that God will bless the messages it contains, it will prove to be of great help and blessing to all in the home.

For the benefit of the readers of "The Home Altar" this little calendar is presented. Your editor feels that it is unfortunate that the committee in charge of the editing and publication of the devotional book had chosen to follow the church year instead of the calendar year. But since such is the case, this list of the important days of the church year is printed that the readers of "The Home Altar" may more easily follow its order.

Epiphany .....	Jan. 6
Septuagesima Sunday .....	Jan. 24
Ash Wednesday .....	Feb. 10
First Sunday in Lent .....	Feb. 14
Easter Sunday .....	March 28
Pentecost .....	May 16
Trinity Sunday .....	May 23
First Sunday in Advent .....	Nov. 23

Keep this little calendar near at hand so that you can refer to it occasionally.

To the homes that entertained Rev. Nielsen during his stay among us and to those who helped take him around to visit various homes, a hearty "thank you."

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Wedding—On Saturday, Nov. 28, Miss Ethel Jorgensen, daughter of Mrs. Sena Jorgensen, and Mr. Hobert Edmunds of Waupaca were married at the parsonage. Witnesses were Ruth Jorgensen and Henry Christiansen. Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds are spending the winter in Florida, but will return to Waupaca for the summer. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

LIFE'S WAYS

To every man there openeth  
A way, and ways, and a way,  
And the high soul climbs the high way  
While the low soul gropes the low.  
And in between on the misty flats,  
The rest drift to and fro.  
But to every man there openeth  
A high way and a low,  
And every man decideth  
The way his soul shall go.

—John Oxenham.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The unusually mild weather we experienced during the Christmas programs has resulted in quite a number of illnesses, due to colds and attacks of the "flu." The list of these is long and includes both young and old, but we hope nothing serious will develop in any of the cases.

George Hansen, whom we reported in the last issue of the "Tidings" as recovering from an illness, was operated at St. Agnes hospital, Fond du Lac, Dec. 7, for the removal of a double goiter. He returned home in about a week after the operation and is recuperating at home, slowly but surely, we hope.

Myra Jorgensen, Saxeville, underwent an operation for a ruptured appendix at Mercy hospital, Oshkosh, Dec. 8. She is now slowly recovering at the home of her sister, Mrs. Guy Madison, Poy Sippi.

The work of building an addition to the parsonage in Poy Sippi and of remodeling the kitchen is nearing completion as these lines are written. The new floors and woodwork are being varnished or painted. The basement has been finished and in a short time all the work will be completed. No water has been obtained at this writing, but we hope this, too, will soon be accomplished.

The Inadomi program presented by the Luther League Sunday evening, Dec. 13, was well attended. The collection taken for the work of the Japan mission amounted to \$26.51. Thank you, every one who contributed.

At the annual meeting of Lazarus congregation Edwin Andersen was re-elected to the church council. A. J. Pagel was chosen to succeed Theo. Hansen. The officers of the congregation are: President, Melvin Jorgensen; Secretary, Herbert Nipko; Treasurer, Edwin Andersen.

At St. John's congregational meeting the officers for the past year were re-elected—Peder Jensen, president; Geo. Rasmussen, secretary; Will Jensen, trustee. Hans Hansen was re-elected treasurer by the council.

Mrs. Fred Miller has been confined to her home for several weeks due to a serious sinus ailment. We hope she, too, may soon be among us again.

Rev. N. L. Nielsen reports that he sold about \$60.00 worth of christian literature in the form of books, pamphlets, etc., as well as wall mottoes. "The Home Altar" was the best seller, he reports. Thank you for your visit, Rev. Nielsen, and

thanks to the many who patronized our colporteur.

Happy New Year to all readers of "The Tidings." And a sincere thank you to everyone who in any way remembered us during the Christmas holidays.—Rev. and Mrs. Morton.

THE NEW YEAR

1937 is like a book, the pages of which contain your destiny. But this book is closed, and only day by day will you be able to turn its leaves and read your life's history. What will these pages contain? What does the future hold in store for you? No one knows. Nor do we even know what the next hour may bring, much less the next day, or week, or month. And yet the Lord has revealed the way so that no one need walk in darkness. He has said, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh the judgment." You know, in other words, that the day is coming when you shall read the last page of your life history and on that page you will find the word "Death," and after that comes judgment. Jesus has furthermore revealed that there are two ways in life, the broad that leads to destruction, and the narrow which leads to eternal life. On the former are the many who live in sin and unbelief and lust, without Jesus Christ. On the latter the few are to be found who live by faith in Christ as their Savior, who have been cleansed in the blood of the Lamb. Stop then today, the first day of the year, and ask yourself the question, "On which road am I traveling?" If you find that you have hitherto rejected the grace offered you in Christ Jesus and have walked in your own sinful ways, turn today into the narrow way that leads to heaven. Then the promise of Christ will shine along your way—"Lo, I am with you always." He shall guide you, your Savior and Atoner, and you shall walk in the way of faith all your life.

Jesus is with his own. This is the title of every page in life's history of every christian. What else we may find, He alone knows. But what matters it? If you are a child of God, you can go on in peace day by day, whether you meet success or misfortune, darkness or light, joy or happiness. He is with you, he who is the Comforter of the sorrowing, the Great Physician, the Good Shepherd. The Lord is the light of all his children, a light that never fails, not even in "the valley of the shadow of death."

Permit Jesus Christ to go with you in all your activity—in your sorrow and happiness, in work or play. Open every phase of your life to him, and take him with you day by day. Wherever Jesus goes, Satan flees, and there is peace and joy and everlasting light.

Dear Lord, Thou Sun of my soul, be with me throughout the new year. Guide me through this world full of danger. Do not forsake me when I shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Amen.

(From the Danish of N. P. Madsen.)

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LENT

Wednesday, Feb. 10, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Well might we ask the question, "What is Lent?" In the words of S. P. Long, "Lent is a season of penitence, a time for earnest heart searching." And as we stand at the threshold of this holy season the question ought to come to us, "How shall I keep this Lenten season?" In order to derive the richest blessings from this time-honored custom, the following thoughts are presented.

Lent is not a time to do penance for sin, because we know that Christ has once for all died for sin. We realize that it is only through Christ's merits that forgiveness is procured, not through any good works of our own. Nor is Lent a time to make amends for past negligence, as so many seem to think. Carried away in the mad rush of society, business, and other worldliness, they welcome Lent as a time when they can make amends and thus pacify God. But Lent is not a time to pacify a guilty conscience, but a time to deepen religious convictions and heighten Christian joy and peace.

Lent is rather a time for meditation when we again go with the Master "up to Jerusalem." We

make this sacred pilgrimage from Gethsemane to Calvary that we may better understand and realize the awful consequences of sin and appreciate His salvation purchased at so great a cost. We look upon the suffering Savior in the garden and are reminded that we helped lay that burden upon "the Holy One." We see the "meek one" before the great tribunals in Jerusalem, and shudder at the deep depravity of wicked men. We behold our Lord crucified upon Calvary and call to mind that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."

Lent is a time to search our hearts, when we have daily recourse to the Word of God. Lent drives the Christian to the Word that he may "grow in grace and in knowledge of God." Lent is also a time for special church services. In Lent we are more responsive to the "calling, enlightening and sanctifying" of the Holy Spirit, and hence we highly appreciate this blessed season with its special services.

Lent is a time of self-denial. The Christian turns away from the world, not because he is in the habit of indulging in sinful things at other times, but that he may have more time with God.

So to derive the most blessings from Lent, make it a daily practice to read your Bible. It matters not how busy you may be, how pressing your business, social or family obligations may be, see to it that some time of each day be spent with your Bible. Then pray one special prayer each day. In this prayer do not simply pray for yourself and family, but pray for the great things of the Kingdom of God, always remembering that "you have not because you ask not." Attend not only the regular services of the church, but also the Mid-week Lenten services. Lent is a time of "refreshing from the Lord," and we need just such seasons of renewal of the spirit.

In the words of J. R. E. Hunt, "By all means make Lent a time of spiritual 'stock-taking.' Go over your last year's spiritual accounts. See if you have been laying up treasures in heaven, or whether you are spiritually bankrupt, having "buried your talent in a napkin." You may not see another Lent, so turn aside for these forty days and walk and live with your Lord. Make this Lent a time of great spiritual refreshing before the Lord. 'May the Lord do this and more unto you.'"

In our time when so much human righteousness, character building, true manhood and perfect womanhood are preached while the doctrine of sin and divine pardon is neglected, when Jesus is held up as a pattern but not a Savior, when at the best the Christ in us is preached, and seldom the Christ for us, it is the mission and the power of the Passion to convince the sinner of the need, of the verity, and of the blessedness of Christ's Atonement.—R. E. Ortlepp.

Mid-week Lenten services will be held in Lazarus Church each Thursday evening during Lent at 7:30. Plan now to set this evening of the week aside in which to go to God's House where by the Holy Spirit we shall endeavor to present the Crucified Christ as "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." We realize

that the weather may often be adverse and keep some at home, but let us put forth a special effort to attend these Lenten services.

This year a general survey of the Passion History will be presented under the following heads:  
 Thursday, Feb. 11—"Jesus is anointed. The errand of John and Peter."

Thursday, Feb. 18—"The celebration in the Upper Room."

Thursday, Feb. 25—"Gethsemane."

Thursday, Mar. 4—"Jesus before the Priests."

Thursday, Mar. 11—"Jesus before Pilate and Herod."

Thursday, Mar. 18—"The Crucifixion and Death."

Thursday, Mar. 25—"The Burial."

NEWS AND NOTES

Colds, "flu" and the grippe continue. Many in both congregations are ill, but to our knowledge, none seriously. Church attendance has decreased noticeably, but we hope it will soon return to normalcy.

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Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hansen that their son, Harlan, who is in CCC service near Tomahawk, Wis., was operated for appendicitis Jan. 21. At this date, as far as is known, he is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

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Work on the new addition to the parsonage has been completed as far as possible until spring. The main task left is the well, and when suitable weather arrives it will be drilled. A few odd tasks remain, but on the whole the work is completed indoors.

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our genuine and most sincere appreciation of this modernization of the parsonage. We wish to assure all who have helped and will continue their aid that the addition and improvement are most welcome. We hope that our many friends will make use of the opportunity of visiting us and seeing the new kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

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James Carpenter is recuperating at the home of his parents after an appendectomy at Mercy hospital, Oshkosh, Dec. 31. We hope he, too, may soon be with us again.

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Some interesting facts gleaned from the parochial reports for 1936 recently filled out and sent to the synodical statistician. From Lazarus congregation: Total number of services, high mass, evening, etc., 89. Five communion services with a total of 230 communicants. Five baptisms, two confirmants, two weddings, one funeral. Membership accessions: by baptism, 5; by transfer, 17; total, 22. Losses, none. Baptized membership to date, 185.

From St. John's congregation: Total number of services, 72. Five communion services with a total of 132 communicants. Four infant and one adult baptisms; one adult confirmation. Membership accessions: by baptism, 5; by confirmation, 1; total, 6. Baptized membership to date, 51.

Search me, O God! my actions try,  
 And let my life appear  
 As seen by Thine all-searching eye—  
 To mine my ways make clear.

Search all my thoughts, the secret springs,  
 The motives that control;  
 The chambers where polluted things  
 Hold empire o'er my soul.

Search till Thy fiery glance has cast  
 Its holy light through all,  
 And I by grace am brought at last  
 Before thy face to fall. —F. Bottomo.

"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"—Psalm 137:4.

Israel had many times put their harps in tune and sung the songs of the Lord. Their happy voices had filled the Temple, the homes had resounded with the joyous note of the Lord's children.

But now they had hung their harps upon the willows, now they could not sing the joyous psalms of praise. The voices were hushed, the spirit gone. Why? Because they were captives in Babylon; they were living in bondage in a strange land under the hand of cruel taskmasters.

Alas, so many Christians are like those Israelites in Babylon. Once upon a time their lives were full of song; they could tune their harps and sing the sweet song of Christ's love. With happiness in their voices they sang to God their songs of thanksgiving for His great salvation. But now no praise arises from their hearts. Their harps are out of tune and they are silent. Why? Because they have allowed themselves to be too taken up with the world and its honor and glory. They are no longer at home in the company of the Lord, in the communion of saints. They are subject to a foreign power, they are under the law, under the sway of some sin; or perhaps they are on terms of intimate friendship with unbelieving and earthly-minded men. Therefore they cannot sing as in the days of old when they felt at home amidst the saints and truly enjoyed their fellowship.

Dear Reader, is this your spiritual condition? Has the song of joy at your redemption from sin died away? Has your harp been hung upon a willow tree in the land of the world? Are you in bondage in a strange land--where you ought not to be? If so, come out of "Babylon." God's Son has made you free. Return to the land which is truly your home, and you shall again love to sing the songs of the Lord.—N.P.M.

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Funeral—John Clausen, born in Fyn, Denmark, 1858, died at his home in Poy Sippi Wednesday, Jan. 6. After his immigration to the United States he lived in Neenah and Oshkosh, coming to Poy Sippi in 1900 where he resided until his death. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, two sons, Charles of Piedmont, Calif., and Harry of Poy Sippi; one sister, Mrs. Mary Nygaard of Atwater, Calif.; a half brother, Nels Jorgensen of Saxeville, and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at Lazarus Church, Jan. 8, with interment in Riverside cemetery, Oshkosh.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday evening services will be resumed in  
 Lazarus church Sunday, April 4th. All evening  
 services, Sunday and week-day, will, after April  
 1st, begin at eight o'clock.

The dates for our spring mission meetings have  
 been set definitely as May 5th to the 9th. The  
 Rev. L. H. Andersen, pastor of Trinity Lutheran  
 Church, Washington Island, Wisconsin, will be  
 the guest speaker. Although these meetings are  
 a month ahead of us, it is time to begin our pre-  
 parations. Too often we lose many blessings be-  
 cause we begin to prepare ourselves when the first  
 message is heard. Pray now that God will show-  
 er down upon us rich "showers of blessings," that  
 his name may be glorified and souls won for the  
 Kingdom of Heaven. A detailed program will  
 appear in the May issue of Lutheran Tidings.

Confirmation service in Lazarus church will be  
 held Pentecost Sunday, May 16th. The hour for  
 this service, as well as for service in St. John's  
 church on that day, will appear in the next issue  
 of our parish paper.

Special prayer meetings for the purpose of pre-  
 paring in a more concentrated way for our spring  
 mission meetings will be held on the Thursday  
 evenings prior to our meetings, beginning April  
 8th at 8 p. m. A part of each evening will be de-  
 voted to a brief Bible Study and the remainder to  
 prayer. Plan to attend, as many as can, and let  
 us join with one another in beseeching the Bishop  
 of our souls that he will grant us blessed days to-  
 gether about his Word. These meetings will be  
 held in the church.

DISTRICT BIBLE CAMP

Most of us know that the Wisconsin District  
 Bible Camp will be held at Lake Ripley, near  
 Cambridge, Wis. The dates are July 31st to Aug.  
 7th. During the past two years a number of our  
 young people have attended the Bible camp for  
 the full time or for a few days. We are glad to  
 note such a hearty response. But it's a camp for  
 older folks as well. We are glad for the many  
 young people in attendance; we hope for more this  
 year. But we also desire to have more older  
 members of our congregations attend. So why not  
 plan to attend? The Bible Camp is one of the best  
 means of enriching our spiritual lives, and ought  
 to be better attended each year. Full informa-  
 tion can be obtained from your pastor. Posters  
 and folders will soon be distributed to those who  
 desire them.

YOUR TALENT

"There is a lad here who has five barley  
 loaves and two small fishes; but what are  
 they among so many."—John 6:9.

Picture to yourself the scene in the desert. Jesus,  
 surrounded by his disciples. Back of them a vast  
 multitude numbering about fifteen thousand peo-  
 ple. The day is over, and the evening shadows  
 are creeping up. All day the multitude has lis-  
 tened to the teaching of Jesus so intently, so de-  
 voutly that all thoughts of physical necessities  
 have been forgotten. The place is far from a  
 city, the multitude hungry, but too weak to walk  
 the many miles to their homes. Jesus, seeing their  
 plight, turns to his disciples and says, "Give them  
 to eat." Having fed the multitude with the Bread  
 of Life, he is concerned also with their physical  
 wants. To his command that the multitude be  
 fed the apostles reply, "Two hundred shillings  
 worth of bread is not enough that each may have  
 a little." Andrew speaks up, "There is a lad here  
 who has five barley loaves and two small fishes;  
 but what are they among so many?"

We see Andrew with the lad's lunch basket  
 standing at Jesus' side offering it, but adding that  
 oft-repeated "BUT." Here was a little food, but  
 surely nothing to think of when looking at that  
 vast multitude. Jesus, however, commands that  
 the people sit down, takes the loaves and fishes,  
 blesses them, breaks them and gives to the disci-  
 ples who in turn distribute the food to the multi-  
 tude. When all are satisfied, the broken frag-  
 ments are gathered up.

How often today do we not find many an Andrew  
 who offers his contributions to the Lord's cause,  
 then adds, "But what are these among so many?"

NEWS AND NOTES

Gene Jorgensen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs.  
 Ralph Jorgensen, has been seriously ill for the  
 past ten days. As this goes to press he is slowly  
 improving, however, and we hope he will soon be  
 entirely recovered.  
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Reports have come to your editor that the Sun-  
 day School Teachers' Institute for the northern  
 section of the Wisconsin District will be held in  
 Green Bay, Sunday, May 2. This is not official,  
 however, so watch for the official announcement  
 in our synodical paper, "The Ansgar Lutheran."  
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Norman Rasmussen, Saxeville, has returned  
 home after spending the past eight months in Cal-  
 ifornia.  
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The choir of Lazarus church has purchased the  
 piano which now is in the church. At the song  
 service presented by the choir last fall a collec-  
 tion was taken, and this together with a collection  
 from St. John's church and private donations, has  
 enabled the choir to make a substantial down pay-  
 ment and secure the piano.

Miss Lila Jeffers has been engaged by the com-  
 mittee of the church council in charge of organist  
 and choir director, to direct the choir of Lazarus  
 church. First rehearsal will be held Saturday ev-  
 ening, April 3rd, beginning promptly at eight  
 o'clock. All members of the choir, former mem-  
 bers, and others interested, are invited to partici-  
 pate. A choir is a valuable asset in the church  
 worship and we hope the choir will soon be func-  
 tioning again.  
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 her home the past two weeks due to illness. She  
 is slowly improving, we are told, and we hope she  
 can soon be with us again.  
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It has been a great encouragement to note that  
 the church attendance in both churches has been  
 so excellent the last two Sundays. We are glad  
 to see nearly everyone back again, but still miss  
 a few of our members. We hope this improved  
 attendance will continue now that spring is here  
 and summer ahead of us. Irregularity in attend-  
 ing God's house of worship, "let it not be men-  
 tioned among you as becometh the saints."  
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Word has come to us that Harold Madison has  
 been confined to his home of late due to a very  
 painful attack of rheumatism. We hope he may  
 soon recover and be about again.  
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We wish to have the "Lutheran Tidings"  
 reach as many people as possible. Is there some-  
 one who, you think, would appreciate receiving  
 this little paper? It is intended chiefly for the two  
 congregations, but we want it to do missionary  
 work at the same time—to bring a word from  
 Jesus Christ, to interest non-members in the  
 church, and to assist the editor in contacting old  
 and new members alike. So if you know of any  
 who ought to be receiving this little messenger,  
 kindly give the name and address to your editor.

Many a Christian hears the call to work in God's  
 vineyard, responds, but cannot see anything in his  
 offer or ability which can be used. "I could help  
 a little, but what does such a contribution amount  
 to?" "My gift is here and may be used, but it is  
 so small that I am ashamed to offer it." "I wish  
 I could do a lot or give a big sum to the cause of  
 God's Kingdom." And so we find many a contri-  
 bution, offered in faith, but robbed of its blessing  
 because the giver attached that faithless "BUT."  
 Oh, that we as Christians would learn that what-  
 ever our gift may be, poor or excellent, small or  
 great, in the eyes of men, if given with the spirit  
 of the widow whose two mites were so richly  
 blessed, they are received by God and used as he  
 sees best. It takes small stones as well as big  
 ones to build a wall. The small fill a place the  
 large cannot, so do not despair if your gift is  
 small. Remember, it is the spirit of the giver that  
 determines the blessing.

There are many in our congregations who feel  
 constrained to give of their service, time or means,  
 but fear that the gift is insignificant. They, like  
 Andrew, say, "But what does it amount to." God  
 uses small means to accomplish great things. The  
 widow of Zarephath had but a handful of meal.  
 David had only a sling and a few small stones  
 with which to meet the Philistine. Gideon had  
 only three hundred men against the tens of thou-  
 sands of the Midianites. Peter had only a word  
 on which to let down his nets. But in each case,  
 small as the means or ability seemed, they were  
 offered wholeheartedly to the Lord and he used  
 them to glorify his name. No doubt the man  
 who was intrusted with the single talent felt that  
 that was so little to put to use, and he therefore  
 hid it in the ground. His Lord, however, thought  
 differently. Not only would he have praised the  
 servant had he gained but one talent, but when  
 the latter returned the single talent, unused, he  
 upbraided him for his neglect. It was his duty to  
 use that single talent to gain another. So, too, let  
 us remember that we are called upon to put our  
 talent to work, thus to gain another. The fact  
 that our gift or ability is small does not in any  
 way excuse us. We, too, shall be called to ac-  
 count if we neglect whatever gift we have, be it  
 a five or but a one talent gift.

Therefore, bring your talent, your gift, your  
 contribution to the Lord and offer it with yourself,  
 and he will bless it and you beyond measure—  
 more than you can know.

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Wedding—Mr. John Rhodes, Genoa, Wis., and  
 Mrs. Nellie Taggart, Poy Sippi, were married on  
 Tuesday evening, March 9th, at the latter's  
 home. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Herman  
 Ida. The "Tidings" extends congratulations to  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and hopes they will remain  
 with us.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor  
 in vain that build it."

Contributions to the Lutheran Tidings:  
 Mrs. Clara Rasmussen, Saxeville.....50c  
 Thank You!

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

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#### MONTHLY CALENDAR

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 First and third Sundays.....9 a. m.  
 Second and fourth Sundays .....11 a. m.  
 Sunday evenings, except third Sunday of  
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 Sunday School, Bible Class .....10 a. m.  
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 Ladies' Aid, first Wednesday .....2 p. m.

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Divine Worship:  
 First and third Sundays .....11 a. m.  
 Second and fourth Sundays .....9 a. m.  
 Third Sunday evening of the month.....8 p. m.  
 Sunday School, Bible Class.....10 a. m.  
 Ladies' Aid, last Wednesday .....2 p. m.

You are always welcome to worship with us.  
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 unto the House of the Lord.'"

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our summer schedule of services will be resumed Sunday, May 2nd. If you do not remember this schedule or are not acquainted with it, consult the monthly calendar, just above this announcement.

As previously announced, our spring mission, or evangelistic, meetings will begin Wednesday, May 5th, in Lazarus church, with the Rev. L. H. Andersen of Washington Island, Wisconsin, as guest speaker. The following is a schedule of our services during those days:

Wednesday afternoon (joint Ladies' Aid).....2:30  
 Wednesday evening .....8:00  
 Thursday evnning .....8:00  
 Friday afternoon (Danish) .....2:30  
 Friday evening .....8:00  
 Sunday—

Morning worship .....10:30  
 Children's service .....1:45  
 Afternoon service .....2:30  
 Closing meeting .....8:00  
 Dinner and supper will be served by the Ladies on Sunday. Thus we can spend the whole day in God's house and receive the greater blessings.

It seems almost superfluous to mention the matter of preparation, but experience has taught us

that too often, although well aware of the urgent need, little is done by way of preparation. We would never think for a moment of going out into our fields in the spring and planting the seed without first plowing and preparing the ground so that the seed will better be able to germinate and grow. But how often do we not come to God's House for such special messages, as well as for each Sunday's service, without a single thought of how the seed of God's Word will fare when it falls into our hearts. Many a "road side" would become fertile ground if rightly and extensively prepared. So let us give diligent heed to the admonition "Prepare to meet thy God." Come prepared and you shall not go away empty handed.

Confirmation services in Lazarus church will be held Sunday, May 16th, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on that day, too. The catechizing of the catechumens, or examination of the confirmants, will be held Thursday evening, May 13th, at 8 o'clock.

Divine worship will be held in St. John's church at 8 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, May 16th.

Sunday, May 30th, is the fifth Sunday of the month, and services will be held as follows:

St. John's Church—Divine worship at 9 a. m.;  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
 Lazarus Church—Sunday School and Bible Class at 10 a. m.; Divine worship at 11 a. m.; Evening worship at 8 p. m.

The Wisconsin District Sunday School Teachers' Institute will be held at Green Bay on Sunday, May 2nd, afternoon and evening. Sunday School Teachers and Workers, plan to attend!

#### MINISTERIAL ACTS

Funeral—Richard William Andersen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Andersen, born November 17, 1936, died March 25, 1937. Funeral services were held at the home on March 27th, with interment in Saxeville Cemetery. Mourning the loss of a son and brother are the parents and three children, James, Dorothy and Henrietta.

Baptism—Eileen Marie Jorgensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jorgensen, born February 23rd, was received into the Kingdom of God through Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 4th. Sponsors, Gladys Nipko and Rubena Jorgensen. "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not, for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God."

Wedding—Norman J. Jorgensen, Poy Sippi, and Irene J. Heffernon of Berlin, were united in Holy Matrimony at the parsonage on Wednesday, April 14th. Mildred Heffernon and Ray Jorgensen were witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen are located in their home in Tustin. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

"I came that you may have life and may have it abundantly."  
 "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

### NEWS AND NOTES

Mrs. Melvin Jorgensen is at Mercy Hospital, Oshkosh, where she underwent an operation for the removal of gall stones and appendix on April 15th. At this writing she is improving slowly, as is to be expected, and we hope she may soon return home and be with us again.

We are glad to learn of the hearty response which the members of the choir in Lazarus church are evidencing in the resumed choir rehearsals. We hope it is permanent, not a passing fancy.

Incidentally, we are looking forward to a song service which we hear the choir will give in the near future. Watch for the date, and then give your support to the cause which this organization is supporting.

The month of June will soon be here, and that reminds us of Daily Vacation Bible School. Yes, D.V.B.S. will be conducted this year, too. Watch for definite announcements which will appear in the June issue of Lutheran Tidings.

Work on the well at the parsonage has been resumed and it is hoped that it may prove fruitful this time. Remaining work of laying concrete, hauling in top dirt to cover the clay excavated from the basement, and other finishing tasks will be taken up soon and completed.

Some coming events that should be of interest to each one of us. Plan to attend if you can.

Annual convention of our Synod, June 9th-13th, at Medicine Lake, near Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Wisconsin District Bible Camp, Lake Ripley, near Cambridge, Wisconsin, July 31st-August 7th.  
 Luther League Convention, Lutherland, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, August 8th-10th.

Wisconsin District Convention, at Oregon, Wisconsin, probable dates, Sept. 2nd-5th.

Mrs. Fred Miller has returned home from Chicago where she has visited as well as "rested" since Easter.

According to the "Ansgar Lutheran," the Wau-paca churches will have a Bible Conference during the days of May 16th to 20th, with the Rev. N. B. Hansen of Racine, conducting a series of studies on the Epistle to the Hebrews. It may be possible for some of us to visit our neighboring churches and attend these Bible Studies. Keep the dates in mind and if the opportunity comes, we are sure you will be well repaid.

Contributions to Lutheran Tidings:  
 Emma Petersen, Saxeville .....\$ .50  
 Mrs. J. P. Jensen, Saxeville ..... 1.00  
 Thank You!

#### FIRMLY ROOTED

A traveler during a very severe storm a few years ago was much impressed with the terrible devastation that the wind had wrought. "What astonished me most," he says, "was the effect of the storm on the trees. They were not left standing with splintered and mangled trunks as they

are in my home neighborhood after a great storm; they were bodily uprooted.

"Examining them more closely, I discovered the cause. They had never been deep-rooted. The water was near the surface; the soil was fertile, so there had been no necessity for their sending roots deep into the earth for strength and sustenance. They had led surface lives, so to speak, and as a consequence the first severe storm had laid them prostrate.

In order to withstand storm and wind a tree must have deep anchorage. Neither beautiful foliage nor graceful branches nor symmetrical trunk can insure stability and endurance. They may enhance the attractiveness of a tree, but to fulfill its mission in life a tree must have something else. And what is true of a tree is true of man. A mere surface life is insufficient. Man must lay hold of something deep and abiding or else go down in the storm and stress of circumstances to which he is sure to be subjected sooner or later.

Unfortunately, like the tree, man seldom takes hold of permanent things unless harsh circumstances compel him to do it. The natural inclination of all of us is to let surface things suffice—money and the privileges that it will buy; social pleasures and the relaxation that comes without effort and sacrifice; frivolity and fashion, light and tinsel and glitter. Many a life never finds anything more substantial than those things.

A helpful writer of today has said: "The best fortune that befalls some people in this world is their so-called misfortune. Whatever compels the roots of righteousness and faith, which alone can hold the soul steadfast, to reach down in God's goodness and wisdom is not misfortune but fortune, however hard it may seem at first to accept it as such."—Selected.

#### LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH

O Lord, increase our faith, that it may move  
 The dismal mountains that our path beset—  
 That, conqu'ring doubt, Thy power we may prove  
 When anxious fears annoy, and trials fret.

O Lord, increase our faith, that it may be  
 A shield to quench temptation's evil darts—  
 A staff to stay us in adversity—  
 A buckler when all earthly help departs.

O Lord, increase our faith, that when we toil  
 It may supply a quickened energy—  
 A depth of calm when irritations roil—  
 A zeal for honor, truth, integrity.

O Lord, increase our faith, that it preserve  
 Our hearts against avenging bitterness—  
 When we must bear the losses that unnerve,  
 The griefs that crush, the burdens that oppress.

O Lord, increase our faith when joys o'erflow,  
 Lest blest with gifts, the Giver we forget.  
 Love, comfort, sympathy may we bestow  
 To troubled ones whose eyes with tears are wet.

O Lord, increase our faith, from day to day,  
 Till life is o'er, till pilgrim days shall end.  
 Break Thou the Bread of Life upon our way,  
 And walk and talk with us, as friend with friend!  
 —Anna Hoppe.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 4, will be "Children's Day" in Lazarus church. The Daily Vacation Bible School will have been completed at that time, and together with the entire Sunday School will present a program at the morning service. Parents and friends are asked to bring their picnic dinners and after the morning service, if the weather permits, an outdoor picnic dinner will be served to everyone. The afternoon will be used in playing games, etc., followed by refreshments for all children. The place for the afternoon gathering has not been secured, but will be announced in good time so that everyone will know.

The morning services on Sunday, July 4, will not follow the regular schedule, but will be held as follows:

St. John's church, Divine Worship at 9 instead of 11 a. m.

Lazarus church, Children's Day service at 11 instead of 9 a. m. Evening worship at 8 p. m.

On Sunday evening, July 11, the choir of Lazarus church will present a song service at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend, friends and members alike. A collection will be taken that evening which will aid the choir in making the final payment due on the piano. We look for a "church full."

St. John's church extends to Lazarus congregation an invitation to a joint picnic of the two congregations—an annual outing. We hope to hold this picnic on Sunday, July 18, at Kousel Lake, southwest of Saxeville. Definite arrangements as to place and date have not been completed, but announcement will be made soon in regard to the time and place. Bring your picnic dinners. Stay all day. Coffee will be served by the host.

On this Sunday, in both Lazarus and St. John's churches, Sunday School will be conducted at 9:30 a. m. instead of 10:00. This will give both the children and teachers sufficient time to drive out for the morning worship. This service will be at 11:00 a. m. In the afternoon a short, informal service will be held. There will not be evening Bible Study in St. John's church that Sunday.

Holy Communion service will be conducted Sunday, July 11, at 9 a. m. in St. John's Church, and at 11 a. m. in Lazarus church.

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Baptisms

CARPENTER, Nancy Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carpenter, born May 13, was admitted into the Kingdom of God through baptism on Sunday, May 30. Sponsors: Leone Carpenter and Herbert Nipko.

NELSON, John Oliver Hans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rhinhardt Nelson, born August 12, 1936, was also received in the Kingdom of God on Sunday, May 30. Mr. and Mrs. H. Nipko were sponsors.

MARQUARDT, Yvonne Marvel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Marquardt, born May 14, became a child of God in baptism on Sunday, June 14. Sponsors were Mrs. Morris Nelson and Fritz Nelson.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me . . . for to such belongeth the kingdom of Heaven. And He took them up in His arms and blessed them."

"Is it a strong congregation?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"How many members are there?"

"Thirty."

"Thirty! Are they so very wealthy?"

"No; many of them are poor."

"How, then, can you say it is a strong church?"

"Because they are earnest, devoted, at peace, loving each other, following the Word of God in all things, instant in prayer, and striving together to do the Lord's work. Such a congregation is strong whether composed of thirty or three hundred members."—Lutheran Annual.

Luther Leaguers—have you read all the books in the Luther League Library? They are worth the reading. Why not get a book and profit by such wholesome and creative literature?

NEWS AND NOTES

The Wisconsin District Bible Camp, as most of us know, is soon here. The dates are July 31-August 7. This is a splendid opportunity to combine a vacation with a period of real spiritual recreation. Why not attend? Full particulars and information from your pastor. Watch next issue of "Tidings" for another announcement in connection with the Bible Camp.

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Mrs. Morten Nelsen is ill at her home with a kidney ailment. She is improving as this goes to press, and we hope she will soon be entirely recovered.

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Our Synod's annual reports, the "Year Book," will soon be off the press. Thirty copies are ordered for our two congregations. A copy of this summary of the work of our church should be found in every home of our churches. The price is 25 cents each. Get your copy from your pastor. They should be here by June 27, or July 4 at the latest.

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The D.V.B.S. in St. John's church closed after a two-session on Friday, June 18, with an enrollment of 19. On the following Sunday a picnic and program were held for the children.

The D.V.B.S. in Poy Sippi will close on Friday, July 2. At the present time the enrollment is 26, not as many as we had hoped for.

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The Wisconsin District Board has appointed Mr. Tom Jorgensen of Lazarus church as district Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of the late Nels Larsen of Neenah, former Treasurer. Mr. Jorgensen will serve in this capacity until the annual district convention in September.

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Mrs. Elmer Jeffers is now able to be up a short time each day. Her recovery is very slow, but continuous, and we hope she may soon resume her place in our midst.

Here's a good one by Claude Callan in the Kansas City Star: "There is nothing more disturbing than to sit down in church and realize you have nothing less than a dollar. We did this Sunday and the result was we got little out of the service. From the moment we realized we had nothing less than a dollar we tried to decide what to do. Would we give the dollar and then suffer from the loss or would we appear in deep devotion and let the plate pass unnoticed? We felt in every pocket in the hope of finding even a nickel that we could drop in, shielding it from view as it fell into the plate, but no nickel could be found. We were so nervous our wife thought we were ill, but when the collection plate neared us, we closed our eyes and felt sorry for mankind until the danger had passed."—The Bond.

HINDERED CHRISTIANS

"Ye did run well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth?" (Gal. 5:7.)

A good many Christians are like a boat we

saw not long since. A storm had pushed it high on the shore. It was not wrecked, but it was stranded. And there are, not wrecked, but stranded Christians. They did run well but something hindered them.

Some are young Christians who ran well for a time but have stopped. Some are old Christians who keep up the form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof. Like soldiers "marking time" they are moving, but they are not marching. They are going through the motions, but they are not going ahead. Are you a hindered one?

What are some common hindrances?

Worldliness. The attractions of worldliness sidetrack us. Atlanta's swift race was checked by the attraction of the three golden apples. So in life's race have golden apples hindered many a Christian.

The cares of the world. These are often a great hindrance. It is our privilege to lay aside every weight, to cast our cares on God, to trust Him with ourselves and our cares, too, and run with patience the race set before us.

Secret sins. How many are hindered by them? We are not only to lay aside our rights, but also "the sin that doth so easily beset us."

Laxness of creed. Like these Galatians many have been hindered by first "perverting" and then "not obeying the truth." The very purpose of good doctrine is to lead to good living. Laxness of creed leads to laxness of life.

Satan. Satan takes positive measures to hinder us. Like an army cutting down forests in the path of invaders on purpose to hinder them, so does Satan lay plans to delay and defeat us.

What are some of the signs or indications of our thus being hindered Christians? The condition comes upon us quite unconsciously sometimes. It takes a little attention to know just where we are. How, then, are we to know when we are in this hindered state?

Some signs are, loss of relish for private devotions. Not that we have entirely given up prayer but that we do not enjoy it as we once did. Loss of interest in God's Word. Not that we have given up the reading of it, but we do not love to read it as we once did. Thinking lightly of sin. We may know sin as before but find ourselves inclined to palliate and excuse it. Loss of zeal in spiritual work.

Do you find in yourself any indications of being a hindered Christian?

How, then, are we to get a new start? The electric car with the trolley off must get back into touch with the source of power. So must the hindered Christian get back into touch with God. The Church at Ephesus was told what to do in such case. We must do the same.

"Remember." "Repent." "Do the first works." Ah, yes, back into communion with God; back to our Bibles; back to the "Christian's native air" by prayer; back to "first principles" and "first love" and "first works"; back to a renewed devotion to these; so, and only so, can a Christian get into the way again and go on unhindered.—Selected.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wisconsin District Bible Camp will soon begin its week at Lake Ripley, near Cambridge, Wisconsin. It is encouraging to note that already many have registered for the entire period. A group from our own congregations is planning to spend the week at camp again this summer.

As your pastor is chairman of the Bible Camp committee, and so must attend the entire session, there will not be services in either St. John's or Lazarus Churches on Sunday, August 1st. Sunday School and Bible Classes will, of course, be conducted as usual, but not divine worship.

As most of you know, our Camp begins on Saturday, July 31st. Sunday, August 1st, will be the opening day, and a full day's schedule of services has been arranged. Morning worship will be held at 11 a. m., with the Rev. Henry N. Hansen of Waupaca, delivering the sermon. In the afternoon, Rev. Aaron Christensen of Hartland will bring the message; and in the evening, beginning at 7 p. m., the Rev. L. Siersbeck of Milwaukee will preach. Inasmuch as we will not have services in our local churches that Sunday, we strongly urge all who can to spend the day at Lake Ripley at our own Camp. The drive of 95 miles to Cambridge can easily be made in time for the morning worship, and with the evening worship beginning at 7 p. m., one can even stay for that service and

still be home before "the wee hours." Bring your picnic dinners—lots of space on the grounds—or eat at the dining hall. Take the day off and enjoy an outing at Lake Ripley. You'll enjoy it and be profited, too.

On Sunday, August 29th, which is the fifth Sunday of the month, services will be held as follows:

Lazarus Church—Divine Worship at 9 a. m.; Sunday School and Bible Class at 10 a. m.; and Evening Worship at 8 p. m.

St. John's Church—Sunday School and Bible Class at 10 a. m.; Divine worship at 11 a. m.

The Wisconsin District Luther League convention will be held at Lutherland, near Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, August 8-9-10. We hope a good representation from our local league will be able to attend. The entire convention program is built around the theme of Christian Assurance.

The August meeting of the Poy Sippi Ladies' Aid will be postponed one week and will be held on August 11th instead of August 4th.

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Baptism

MORTON, D'Arlene Rae, born June 24th, was received into the Kingdom of God through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 11th. Sponsors were Lilah R. Johnson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and E. V. Morton of Chicago, Illinois.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lawrence Hansen has been taken to the Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, where he is seeking further medical aid in an attempt to heal and regain the use of his leg which was injured in March, 1936. May the Lord strengthen him in his adversity!

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It was a great pleasure to hear the sacred concert given by the choir of Lazarus church, Sunday, July 11th, and we know it was well received. Again, our gratitude to the members of the choir, the director and the accompanist. The collection taken that evening amounted to \$25.00.

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Word has been received by your pastor that one of your former pastors, the Rev. E. L. Erlander, of West Branch, Iowa, will pay a short visit to Poy Sippi and Saxeville, during the first week of August. The suggestion has been made and will be carried out to have a social "get-together" of both congregations with Rev. and Mrs. Erlander. This will be held Tuesday evening, August 3rd, and will be in charge of the two presidents of the congregations, as your pastor will be at our district Bible Camp that week. The place for the meeting, either Saxeville or Poy Sippi, has not been arranged definitely yet, pending word from Rev. Erlander. This will be announced in time, however. Bring some contribution for the "coffee."

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Whenever there is a change in our schedule of services, or any special meetings, etc., your editor

will try to have it printed in the Lutheran Tidings. So read carefully especially the column of Special Announcements, where all such changes are mentioned, if known far enough in advance to be printed.

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Remember the Wisconsin District's annual convention to be held at Oregon, Wisconsin, September 2nd to the 5th. We hope to see a number attend from our local congregations.

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Did you get your copy of our Synod's annual report, the Year Book? If not, see your pastor and get a copy. Price, 25 cents. A copy should be found in every home.

BIBLE RULES FOR GIVING

According to Income—

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee."

Without Ostentation—

"But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

Freely—

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give."

With Simplicity—

"Or he that exhorteth to his exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth with diligence: he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness."

Regularly, Every Week—

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Cheerfully—

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."—Selected.

THE MASTER IS COMING

They say the Master is coming to honor the town today,  
 And none can tell at whose house or home the Master will choose to stay;  
 And I thought, as my heart beat wildly, what if He should come to mine,  
 How I would strive to entertain and honor the Guest Divine!

And straight I turned to toiling to make my home more neat,  
 I swept and polished and garnished and decked it with blossoms sweet;  
 I was troubled for fear the Master might come ere my task was done,  
 I hastened and worked the faster and watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties a woman came to my door,  
 She had come to tell me her sorrows and my comfort and aid to implore,  
 And I said I cannot listen nor help you any today,  
 I have greater things to attend to—and the pleader turned away.

'But soon there came another—a cripple, thin, pale and gray—  
 And said: "Oh, let me stop and rest awhile in your home, I pray!  
 I have traveled far since morning, I am hungry, faint and weak,  
 My heart is full of misery, and comfort and help I seek."

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry, but cannot help you today;  
 I look for a great and noble Guest"—and the cripple turned away.  
 And the day wore onward swiftly and my task was nearly done,  
 And a prayer was ever in my heart that the Master might come.

And I thought I sprang to meet Him and serve Him with utmost care,  
 When a little child stood by me with a form so thin and spare,  
 Sweet, but the marks of teardrops, and his clothes were tattered and old,  
 And a finger was bruised and bleeding, and his little bare feet were cold.

And I said, "I'm sorry for you; you are sorely in need of care,  
 But I cannot stop to give it; you must hasten on elsewhere."  
 And at the words a shadow crept over his blue-veined brow—  
 "Some one will feed and clothe you, dear, but I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended and my toil was over and done;  
 My house was swept and garnished, and I watched in the dusk alone.  
 Watched, but no footsteps sounded; no one passed at my gate,  
 No one entered my cottage door, I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened and the Master had not come;  
 He has entered some other door, I cried, and gladdened some other home.  
 My labor had been for nothing, and I bowed my head and wept;  
 My heart was sore with longing; yet in spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me, and His face was grave but fair—  
 "Three times today I came to your door and craved pity and care;  
 Three times you sent Me onward, unhelped and un comforted,  
 And the blessing you might have had was lost and your chance to serve has fled."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me! How could I know it was Thee?"  
 My very soul was shamed and bowed in the depth of humility.  
 And He said: "The sin is pardoned, but the blessing is lost to thee;  
 For comforting not the least of mine ye have failed to comfort Me."

—Mrs. Emma A. Lent.