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## Peace On Earth Good Will Toward Men

*Church bells are ringing,*

*Church bells are calling:*

*Christmas morning with peace unending*

*Came to our world from God descending*

*Bethlehem's child to earth has brought*

*Peace among men and Peace with God.*

*Come, Christmas, with Peace!*

*Vilh. Malling.*

*Translated by S. D. Rodholm.*

# Christmas

**Christmas is God's Grace and Love Revealed in Jesus.** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." (John 3:16).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:4).

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned in the flesh." (Romans 8:3).

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**Christmas is Fulfillment of God's Promise.** Ever since the day that Adam and Eve left the garden of Eden God had proclaimed repeatedly to his people that some day the Messiah should come to re-establish the right relationship between God and man. It was even foretold how he should come and where he would be born. "But when the fullness of the time was come God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:4).

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12).

But God had to wait with patience for a long, long time until he found that virgin who was both willing and strong enough in faith to be the mother of Jesus.

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**Christmas is Salvation.**—Joseph was told in his dream to call the child's name Jesus "for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21).

And the angelic message on the night of the nativity centered upon the words: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 8:1).

**Christmas has Eternal Opportunities.**—"Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:15).

"He that hath the Son hath the life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (I John 5:12).

"And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28).

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**Christmas is an Angelic Message and a Chorus Song.**—"Glory be to God in the highest." But it is also determination of the human heart: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And then it is joy not only to the shepherds but to the world. "And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them." (Luke 2:20). This is Christmas on earth, it is for you, for me, for everyone on earth.

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**Christmas in Heaven is Adoration and Everlasting Jubilee.**—"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne and about the elders and the four beasts and fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God, saying Amen: Blessing and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto God forever and ever, Amen. (Revelation 7:9—12).

P. Rasmussen.

## Involved in Humanity

The above phrase is taken from the well known words of John Donne used by Hemingway in his introduction to his novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls." There is no doubt in my mind, but that the thought expressed by John Donne describes correctly the ideals and efforts on the part of all good men during these years. Isolationism of various kinds have been discarded and rejected. In its place has come a serious concern for the lives and well being of people and nations everywhere.

It takes no great stretch of the imagination to project such involvement in humanity from man to God, and especially at Christmas time. It would, however, be much more truthful to admit that whatever of responsibility for our fellowmen we may feel stirring in our consciences, it can be traced back to God, who

so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

In the midst of reports from various investigating committees, war criminal trials and war stories all depicting the depravity of man and man's inhumanity to man, all due to war and the causes of wars, may we not take heart that our Father in Heaven did not forget the troubles of His children, but sought to help them. As we feel inclined, perhaps, to despair at the sight of the world at this first warless Christmas for five years, let us remember, that Christmas is our assurance that God has involved Himself in humanity by giving us Jesus Christ, His Son. He will not and cannot forget us. His love is new each day.

Such assurance is not to lead us into any false



security leaving it to God to straighten out this sorry mess. If Christmas spells: Involved in Humanity, on the part of God, it also means that God is involved in each human heart. He is concerned on your behalf. His love works in you both to will and to do. There is thus no way of escape left. We are woven into the cloth of common mankind.

There is little doubt in my mind but what the human race is in existence today on account of Christmas, just as I am convinced that it will only keep from committing suicide because of Christmas. It may be a cause for sneering on the part of the cynical that humanity seems more human at Christmas than otherwise. But even so, it is a gain. We hope that more and more human beings may be convinced that the coming of Jesus Christ meant God-active in human hearts and lives and the involvement in the cause of humanity by all those who have opened themselves to God in Jesus Christ.

Stanley Jones improved, according to my understanding at least, on the Old Testament words: Am I

my brother's keeper? by suggesting that we substitute brother for keeper and answer in the affirmative. God answered in the affirmative when Christ was born, that He was truly our Father and Christ our brother. And for that very reason we are brothers of all mankind.

There are causes of so many kinds and names that urge you to be involved at this Christmas time that I need not name them. The joy and happiness at Christmas time comes only as the love of God involves us deeply in the welfare of others. "We love, because He first loved us." "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who existing in the form of God counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself taking on the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men."

A happy Christmas is my wish to all friends in the homes of the Danish Church. May we all give thanks to God in the true Christmas spirit for His wonderful Christmas gift.

Alfred Jensen.

## No Snow

Strange to know that when my friends and family are singing the old familiar hymns around fragrant and firs, I shall have had my Christmas Eve and be swimming among the reefs and sparkling creatures of the Lingayen Bay.

Four monkeys are chattering in the mangos and the tamarinds. Tame one, and it will act like a pampered infant.

My driver, lost in pleasant reveries, is contemplating the future without qualms. He has just re-enlisted for three years, has collected many pesos of discharge pay and savings, and will soon enjoy 45 days in the States. He is 19. — If we only could turn back the hands of time.

Native women are digging for clams, and a Filipino in an outrigger is spearing fish in the bay. Justina Diego is practicing on our field organ. She is learning. Our regular organist is a professor of music from California. The janitor comes in on jungle feet, dusts the desks, and vanishes without a sound.

An ambulance siren howls eerily, and the call for surgeons is sounded. A man is unconscious from native liquor, and his buddy has turned blue. His autopsy will be held tomorrow. Life is flickering dimly in a native girl with a terribly fractured skull. She sighs, —and her pulse goes dead forever. Two of the Japanese war prisoners are losing their last fight against malaria. Their armed guard shrugs his big shoulders. A colored soldier in the throes of the dreaded hepatitis won't make the grade. The rest of our 550 patients are doing well.

We arrange a Lutheran communion service in the Base Chapel and promise to conduct services in an organization which is temporarily without a Protestant chaplain. We schedule Thanksgiving prayers over the

public address system and in the patients' mess hall. Two men come in for consultation.

The hell of fox holes is now history or red scars, but loneliness and nostalgia and the loss of an objective are tough enemies. They eat men's hearts.

We, who listen to the voices of Asiatics and to the echoes from devastated Europe, know that the war is far from finished, no matter what the papers say. Many of us shall have to stay out here for years, and our greying temples will turn silvery before there is international and domestic peace—if we shall have it in our generation.

Yet, in a few weeks we shall be warmed by the hope of the homeless, the supplication of the persecuted, the dream of the ages: Peace on earth; good will toward men. Oh, may that hope and dream come true.

Atis, sineguelas and cao-cauati tree breathe in evening prayer. Graceful white herons glide in from rice fields and perch in the palms for the night.

A former luxury liner with 2300 high pointers slips into the vast blue spaces. We wave—and think of home.

Pigeons are calling their mates as the China Sea flames in crimson and purple.

Then the angels hang their lanterns in the sky.

Jens Christian Kjaer.

November, 1945

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## An Open Letter to Lutherans in America

Dear Brethren:

Can we interest each of you in saving a human life? It has come to that. At the beginning we talked in terms of saving souls through spiritual aid to Europe. Now it is a matter of medical supplies, vitamins, concentrated foods, clothing—all desperately needed by innocent children, frantic mothers, pastors and their families who remained true through years of suffering and now find that liberation of spirit cannot maintain life in weary and wasted bodies. "You can't give spiritual relief to dead people."

Is not this a job for UNRRA? Reading between the lines and not intending to be critical, we reply as follows: UNRRA's policies and program are necessarily cumbersome, its funds are low, it is bound to leave gaps (of great importance to us) in a situation so vast and complicated, and furthermore, it is prevented by law from helping children and others, however innocent or deserving, in Finland or Germany. The World Council of Churches has called upon Christendom to jump into the breach; it has asked our own Dr. S. C. Michelfelder to direct the work.

The story has been told and pictured so often that one's senses tend to become calloused. We are apt to ease our consciences by saying, "What can we hope to do? We can't achieve for 20,000,000 people what the United Nations are unable to do!" Yet should we not try because we may be able to rescue only, say, 200,000 victims who are our brethren?

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, INC.,

231 Madison Avenue,  
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Pastor:

We are now ready to receive clothing and bedding for our distressed brethren in Europe. Please note carefully the following directions:

You may ship by parcel post, express or freight; freight goods should be marked "Store-Door Delivery," Lehigh Valley Railroad. All shipments should be prepaid.

We will be sending you labels for your packages, but you need not wait for them. You can make your own as follows:

From \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: Lutheran World Relief, Inc.  
% Easton Processing & Storage Co.  
North 13th St. and Bushkill Drive  
Easton, Pennsylvania.

Pack securely. Wrap firmly. Remember we are counting upon you to send clothing and bedding which is clean and usable. Sorting will be done at the warehouse, but if you can pack overcoats, suits, women's clothing separately, please do so. Please refer to our former letter in the Pastors' Bulletin, which was sent you recently.

Churches near Easton can deliver goods directly to the warehouse, but do not send loose clothing and bedding.

Let's go all out on this project promptly.

Yours for the Cause,

C. E. Krumbholz,  
Chairman, Administration Committee.

Dr. Michelfelder assures us that through the International Red Cross and other channels, the supplies can be sent, if the funds are made available now.

Fellow Lutherans, consider these three facts:

1. The money from our forthcoming \$10 million appeal will come too late to help those who will die this winter without quick relief.
2. A five-man Lutheran Commission including Dr. Ralph Long, Dr. Franklin Fry and Dr. J. A. Aasgaard is now to visit Europe, including Germany. How cruel to force them to say to our brethren there, "We love you and will help if you can stay alive until next spring."
3. Since the minimum 1945 LWA goal has been passed including the cost of the appeal, every dollar in its entirety, given in the remainder of the year will go to assist our brethren in Europe.

If congregations have not raised 1945 goals, let them remember that excuses, even good ones, are a thin diet for dying people. They can't be that good! If goals have been raised—well, we repeat our opening question, "Can we interest you in saving a life?"

The important thing is that funds be mailed to synodical treasurers as soon as received with the request that they be rushed to LWA headquarters. Meanwhile, our brethren wait and hope.

Yours in Christ,

Paul C. Empie.

The Appeal to all Lutheran pastors printed above speaks for itself. I shall only add, that there are people in many countries in Europe who will need your old, cast off clothes this winter. We now know how happy and grateful our friends in Denmark were for the wonderful garments prepared for them through America-Denmark Relief, Inc. There has been drives to collect old clothing for Russia, etc. But there are this winter in many countries in North and Central Europe many millions in need of whatever clothing and bedding they can get in order not to perish in the cold winter.

It is therefore urgent that there is appointed in every congregation a committee to direct this ingathering of old and used clothing and bedding. The sooner the better. All the directions are given in the above. Please, act accordingly, even now in this happy and cozy Christmas time. Don't forget that shoes are also clothing. Naturally, you will not want to give worthless goods. But from all reports, reaching us from Poland, Germany, Holland, Norway, Finland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and other countries, whatever you have will be accepted gratefully.

Lutheran World Relief, Inc., is an arm of the National Lutheran Council, organized for the purpose of relief in North and Central Europe, licensed by the Department of State for that purpose. Dr. Krumbholz, the head of the organization, is the well known executive director of the National Lutheran Council's Division of Welfare. You may give with complete assurance that your gifts will be used for the purpose stated.

Alfred Jensen.



# Are We Christians -- Or Are We Murderers?

This bombastic title has been suggested by the reading of numerous reports which have come out of Europe. The reading which follows will seem like fanaticism, and yet, it is well based on quotations made by responsible statesmen and church people in high positions who are well acquainted with conditions in central Europe.

Here are some of the soul-stinging statements:

"Thousands of bodies are hanging from the trees in the woods around Berlin and nobody bothers to cut them down. Thousands of corpses are carried into the sea by the Oder and Elbe rivers—one doesn't notice it any longer. Thousands and thousands are starving on the highways . . . Children roam the highways alone, their parents shot, dead or lost."—**Bishop of Chichester.**

"Children by the millions are in imminent danger of starving and freezing as winter comes to Europe unless immediate help comes . . . Only by immediate and co-ordinated effort can a colossal catastrophe be avoided."—**Joint statement by the World Council of Churches, Int. Red Cross, World Jewish Congress and Catholic Charities.**

"Children of this city are dying like flies from under-nourishment. Typhoid is rampant . . . the shadow of approaching death . . . gaunt faces of starving adults . . . Worse is to come . . . Tens of thousands will freeze to death before Christmas . . . Bodies are carted off to a common grave . . . Coffins trundled on wheelbarrows . . . no lids . . . dead are tipped into graves and the coffins resold. Sewers seeping into drinking water."—**Donald MacKenzie, American Reporter.**

"As I watched, I felt,—my God,—that is the price of man's stupidity and war. It was the most awful sight you could possibly see."—**Ernest Bevin, British Foreign minister.**

"Under its (The Potsdam) provisions millions are being robbed, raped, turned out of their homes, forced into slavery, tortured, starved, driven to suicide, killed . . . as many as ten million (some estimate thirteen million) are likely to die this winter of malnutrition and disease . . . These will not be the Germans who disgraced the invasions . . . they will be the old, the women, especially the nursing mothers and the children."—**The Christian Century.**

"THE ALLIED PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES are ordering burgo-masters to take measures insuring the easy burial of the dead in the winter. Graves are to be dug now which men, debilitated by weeks of undernourishment, will not have the strength to dig a few months later."—**London News-Chronicle.**

There is no sentiment or protest in all this against the sternest punishment of the Nazi criminals. The worst of them are given a fair trial in a civilized court and will be put to a quick death; but the least guilty are just left to go down to their deaths through indescribable sufferings. Pity us if that is the spirit of the victorious democracies! We are simply making the

worst prophecy Hitler ever spoke come true, namely, that the Allied Nations would ruin Germany completely if they won the war.—Already now Germany is bled white.

It is fashionable to blame the Communist, the Poles and the French at the present for the great catastrophe; but history is certain to include America among the culprits. The welter of misery which has come upon central Europe is a direct outcome of the Potsdam Provisions. And they were conceived and pushed through and in a great measure put into effect by Americans. The provisions are one of the worst mistakes ever made by statesmen. We had been warned often enough that they would not work, but we have been too complacent to do anything about it. Much as I admired President Roosevelt, it makes my heart sink to know that he was instrumental in the shaping of these policies which are now piling horrors upon horrors.

We claim to be a peace-loving nation. What a peace we have sponsored! Who are we to sing "Peace on earth—Good will to men and Glory to God in the highest?" History will compare the peace we have brought forth to the worst vengeance any victorious nation ever wreaked upon a defeated enemy. The Nazis committed murder by brutality, we are doing it by indifference.

**Marius Krog.**

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# Our Women's Work

## Christmas Greetings From Members Of Our W. M. S. Board

Once again we are singing "Christmas is here with joy untold" and we feel the spirit of Christmas descending on the strains of this hymn. May we, as we gather to worship in homes and in churches, feel the power of that faith in Jesus Christ which alone can draw the peoples of the world into real fellowship.

May God bless our dear ones in lonely places, and the homes to which loved ones will not return. So,

"Like the star, that shines afar  
Without haste and without rest,  
Let each man wheel with steady sway  
Round the task that rules the day,  
And do his best."

Christmas greetings to friends of W. M. S.,  
Ida Egede.

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Christmas is here again with its marvelous message and charming customs to gladden our hearts. Among such customs, in our synod, are the sending of gifts by large and small groups to the treasury of the W. M. S. These funds are again sent on their way to spread cheer and comfort where needed. It has been a great pleasure to have a part in this good work and to keep in contact with old and new friends throughout the synod. May our work in the coming years continue to grow and prosper.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas-tide!

Agneta Jensen.

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We have been told so often that a woman's place is in the home and the underlying principle is still very true. Too often, however, has that place been confined too closely to the kitchen, laundry and mending basket. During the war, many women left their homes to work at that which no one had ever dreamed they could do. It is true that such work often meant some sacrifices of home comforts and in some sad cases, undue parental neglect. On the whole, however, the women of America as well as of other nations responded nobly to the demands of a war they did not want but which they had not worked hard enough to prevent.

Women, even though they have gone back to their homes, must keep on working to win the peace. I have confidence that the men have the ability and the will to rebuild the physical structure in the plan for a better world, but they need the help and the influence of the women in planning for a better moral and spiritual world. Here is where we women of the Christian church must make ourselves felt. Let us make Christmas Homecoming this year an unforgettable event by such touches as women know how to give. May we at the same time open our homes so that some of the light of brotherly love may find its way to those outside. There are still, oh, so many dark

spots! But "His Star shines on." May we help each other to be guided by that Star.

It was with some misgiving that I consented to serve on the board of the W. M. S. last June. So far, I have not been burdened with secretarial work; on the other hand, I have found it a joyful privilege to share in the fellowship with other women of our church, scattered though we be. I am happy to see an increase of interest in W. M. S. In closing I wish to express my Christmas greeting to all of you with this quotation:

"Hate cannot win; Love will prevail  
To heal the world of war's mad scar;  
Fear not, our God will send a dawn.  
See, all the while His Star shines on."

Greetings from

Yrsa Hansen.

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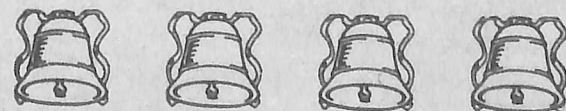
The three greetings above, I think, very aptly express that which fills the hearts of everyone as another Christmas draws near. There is thankfulness—a deep thankfulness for peace and for all the blessings we have received through the year. There is the sense of responsibility to our fellow-beings in the days ahead if we truly wish to live as Christian men and women. And there is joy in the hope given us under the light from the Bethlehem Star.

Oscar Geismar says in his "Andagtsbog" that childhood memories at Christmas time make the heart beat faster in the breast of even the driest old grouch or the most professed atheist. On Christmas Day, all over the country men and women, who otherwise never go to church, involuntarily fill the pews and sing tears into their own eyes for the wonderful Child which was born in Bethlehem. On Christmas Day these skeptics cannot resist the angels whom they **know** do not exist, "med dejlige Solskinsklæder paa i Jordens Skyggedale."

We have all felt it: "There is something inspiring and sweet in the air." Would that it might linger with us all through the year.

Thanks for all kind words and assistance in the past year. And a "Glædelig Jul" from us in our home to all of you!

F. S. P.



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## A "Trainquake"

Several times have I experienced an earthquake, and seen the destruction left by it. It always came unexpectedly and without warning. So also with the "trainquake" of which I am thinking, it also was of short duration, only a matter of seconds but it left ruins and wrecks behind and it made a never to be forgotten impression on the many who were in it.

I was on my way home from the "Home Mission Council" meeting at Des Moines on November 16, and at 1:30 in the afternoon I boarded one of the finest and best trains from Chicago to New York, "The Commodore Vanderbilt" an all pullman and fast train on the New York Central Railway. I had in my mind prepared myself for a restful and comfortable 900-mile ride. All went well for a little more than an hour and a half, they said we were traveling at a speed of 85 miles per hour near South Bend, Indiana, then all of a sudden we felt that the brakes were slammed on, then a thump and we realized that our car had jumped off the track, it was bump after bump over the ties until we plowing through the soft ground away from the track, then a final thump and all was quiet in our car half tipped over on its side. With some difficulty we got out and what a sight before our eyes: All the cars ahead of us and the brand new locomotive thrown about in a corn field like bowling pins struck in a bowling alley, most of them, seven in all, lying on their sides; fortunately we soon found out that only very few of the 214 passengers were hurt and none of them seriously. Nearly all of us escaped without a scratch. The train crew did not fare so well, especially the fireman and engineer on that giant locomotive, which had plowed itself down in the ground where it layed half buried in the soft earth of the field. I saw both of these men as they were taken out of the engine cab in an unconscious condition and later taken away in an ambulance. I thought they were dying but am told today, two weeks after the accident, that they are improving and on the way to recovery.

All this happened because a car from a freight train coming from opposite direction jumped off the track, one end of it landing on our track where it was hit by our locomotive. A few seconds later the fine luxurious train was a wreck, half of it a heap of junk, as was also more than a quarter mile of the heavy rails, bent and twisted in the most unbelievable way.

We passengers walked around looking at the debris for about an hour and a half when we were told that cars were ready to take us back to LaPorte, Ind., where we were met by a special relief train which took us to our destination over another track. I must say the railroad company certainly did everything possible for its passengers. First we were told that we would be supplied with sandwiches and coffee at Michigan City, Ind., but before we got there word was passed through the train that there would be no sandwiches, but that meals in the diner was "on the house." Instead of what I had expected I got a fine turkey dinner. The steward here treated us like guests, when we left it was with a kind "Good night, see you again in the morning." It took until two o'clock that night before all had been served, but they were ready for us when we came back for breakfast and again for luncheon at noon, all of these meals being "on the house." Not only that but the railway company received hundreds of telegrams and sent them for us without charge.

But what a change before and after the accident—in human nature. Before everyone was a stranger to everyone else, and strangers did not speak to others. After the "trainquake" it was as if we were all shaken together. We had all escaped practically unhurt from a most terrible experience and no matter who or where we met it was as if we felt an intimate fellowship with each other. I have never been on a train where so many introduced themselves to me or I to them, and then we would converse with each other as old friends; converse about the "trainquake" and the danger we had been in, the miraculous escape and many other things, not to forget religion. People opened up for others and revealed what were

in their hearts. Also this sequel to our experience is unforgettable. We were all thankful that we were spared from injury but I am sure none of us will wish ever to experience or see a train wreck again.

A. C. Kildegaard, Sr.

## To Friends Of The Porto Novo Mission

As it is still unlawful to send money out of Denmark, even in the support of foreign missions that have been maintained chiefly through annuities from Danish friends, let us be reminded that the Porto Novo Mission, as one of these, needs our interest and support now.

Miss Anne Marie Petersen's Christian girl's school, Seva Mandir, is not affiliated with any mission society, and is therefore not eligible for subsidies from Lutheran World Action, or other similar organizations. After more than 30 years of service in God's vineyard in India, Miss Petersen still has explicit faith in the Indian people and in their ability to govern and rule themselves, if left to work out their own destiny without outside interference.

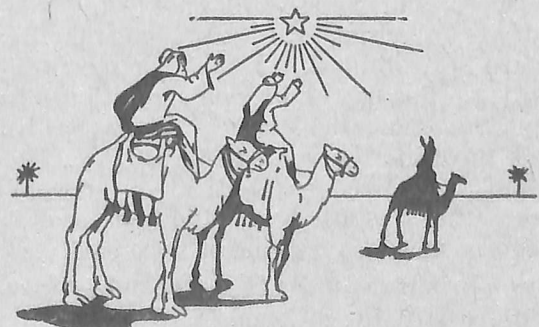
Let those of us who share her faith show it now by helping her carry on the work. She has given so many years of her life, let us now help her through the present crisis.

In a recent letter from Miss Petersen she writes that she hopes before long to get a much needed rest in Denmark. And while there it shall be her aim to find a person who is willing and able to take up a work with her when she returns to India and her beloved school.

Please send contributions for the Porto Novo Mission to Mrs. Caroline Jørgensen, Kimballton, Iowa.

Johannes Jepsen, 426—43 St., Brooklyn, N. Y., still collects used postage stamps for the benefit of same mission. (Please soak stamps in cold water to remove foreign matter from back before sending the stamps to him).

Nanna Goodhope.







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## TO OUR YOUTH

### A Peaceful Christmas

This Christmas will be a happy one in many homes; for the war is over, and many of our sons and daughters are home once more. For the returned veterans, it will be a joyous experience once again to share the warmth and intimacy of a Christmas at home, and to join the congregation in the singing of the familiar Christmas hymns and carols.

But—and how I hate to introduce this sombre note!—the title of this meditation is not altogether apt. The war may be over; but peace hasn't come yet! This may seem a contradictory statement, yet it is true.

Many of our servicemen have come home; but most of them are still in the service. We know that Christmas to you who are still away will seem even more difficult and empty than in former years; and we want you to know that we shall be thinking of you this Christmas more than ever.

The war is over, but peace is still far away. There have been riots in Egypt and civil war is raging in China. In Palestine—the land where the Prince of Peace was born—the Arabs and Jews are at odds with one another. And all the shrewd diplomacy of the British has failed to solve the intricate problem.

In Java and other Far East islands the war goes on. The Indonesians have somehow misunderstood Churchill and Roosevelt. They thought the freedom of the Atlantic Charter was freedom for them! But apparently it is not. And as I write this, the Indonesians are fighting for their independence, against the Dutch and British, supported by guns and ammunition supplied by us.

I am writing this not in criticism of you who have done, or are doing, the fighting. But it serves no good purpose to conceal the facts that once again the diplomat and the capitalist have betrayed the soldier. We know that you have done your duty. We acknowledge humbly that we civilians have failed. For you have fought and won a war; but somehow peace has failed to come.

A peaceful Christmas? No, not yet. Even in our country we are rising up against one another. The strikes are spreading and tension between the races is mounting. Frankly, I know no solution other than to accept the Prince of Peace wholeheartedly and to live the kind of life He would have us lead. Then, even in the midst of battle, we shall know and experience "the peace that passeth understanding" and usher in a new era, a new heaven and a new earth.

Merry Christmas, and a peaceful one—especially to you who are still in uniform.

Enok Mortensen.  
From "Danebod Hilsen."

### Christmas Rush In Denmark

It is the day before Christmas. The frosty fog is hanging over the roof and the slippery paving stones are powdered with snow. So it is necessary to step carefully. It is a dark and gloomy day making it even darker indoors where all corners seem hidden in darkness.

But in spite of darkness and the heavy air the whole atmosphere of the farm is filled with suspense, rush, and haste. We notice it from the girls rummaging behind the wash-house door, we notice it over by the pump where the men are washing the Sunday carriage and shining up the harness. We notice it in the conversation as when Thøger comes rushing over to the girls to borrow a pail and receives this answer from Karen, "No, how can you expect we have any to spare today, there are soapsuds in the one for the woodwork and in the other is everything that goes into the headcheese, so please leave us alone."

It is the day before Christmas and time flies so swiftly. At noon it has suddenly become much lighter. Every room is being dusted and the shining candlesticks are set in place. Gathered in front of the locked door to the large living room are the children. Now and then they peek through the keyhole as they eagerly wait, not quite knowing how to pass the time. They would like to be in on everything, but everywhere they seem to be in the way.

In the kitchen the goose stuffed with apples and prunes is already in the oven. They are cutting the red cabbage and peeling potatoes. The curved chopping knife hammers continuously chopping almonds, parsley, and kale. The room is filled with the delicious odor of pastry, the spiced, pressed "rullepølse," link sausages, and smoked leg of mutton. Clinking sounds from the mortar in which the cardemom is being crushed, egg whites are whipped into frosty peaks, and bread is being crumbled for the "Æblekage."

Suddenly Thøger appears in the doorway. He holds a couple of sacks sorely in need of mending as he shyly gazes about in the steaming kitchen. When no one pays any attention to him he hints to Karen that they really should be mended so that they can get all their corn sacked before Christmas. There is a sudden rustle of skirts as Karen swiftly runs toward him with the chopping knife in her hand, "Do you think we have time to mend holes in your old sacks? Don't you think we have enough to do? Shouldn't the cabbage be cooking? Shouldn't the rice be prepared? Shouldn't it?" She grits her teeth together and returns to her work with more vigor and ambition than before. Thøger slowly retreats concealing a smile. Whew! What a temper! But she was right.

It is the day before Christmas. Between three and



four in the afternoon the air is clear but the short day has already come to an end. The sun is down. It is almost Christmas eve.

In the dining room the housewife spreads a snow white cloth on the table, from the stove the incense adds a fragrant perfume to the room. Through the kitchen door you can see the large kettle with the "risengrød" on the stove. The youngest maid is already dressed for the festivities. Her hair is combed with water and her apron is starched and neat. She is busy taking care of the restless children. The men are getting cleaned up by the barn. You can see soap suds on their faces from the yellow glare of the lantern. Only Karen is still in full swing. Before she takes time for herself she wants to fill the large wood box. As she steps outside the sound of church bells reaches her ears. They are chiming for Christmas. She listens to the clear tones that seem to ring out "Peace" over the little village lying there in the twilight. Her hands drop the basket as she folds them in quiet meditation thankful that the Christmas rush is over, for now IT IS CHRISTMAS.

An abridged translation of a Danish  
Christmas Story by Ellen Nielsen, Ringsted, Iowa.

## Tidings Of Great Joy

### "UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR"

Christmas! What a wonderful word, what a glorious meaning for the children. Anxiously they look forward counting the hours that brings them nearer to the realization of their wishes. To them Christmas is the day of days.

But what of you young people? Have any of you become so calloused and cynical that Christmas has lost its meaning to you? Do any of you look back with deep regret to the time of your childhood, that season of innocent dreams, and sing with the poet:

"There was a time when meadow, hill and stream  
The earth and every common sight,  
To me did seem  
Appareled in celestial light;  
It is not now as it has been of yore,  
The things which once I saw I now can see no more."

If this be the case with any of you, I would like to say that you are not the only ones who have come to this stage. I believe it is rather a common experience in life. Like the Greek legend about Parmeniscus who in a certain cave lost his ability to laugh, so many of us have gone through a period in our youth when we could neither laugh nor cry as we could when we were children. We became skeptical and cynical. The world became ugly, and life dull and meaningless. Our spirit died within us.

But that is why God gave us Christmas. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish." He was born to be our Savior. He came to save us from spiritual death. He came to save the child within us which so desires to laugh and cry, and to live.

Shortly before Christmas many years ago, on a bitterly cold day, I was sitting in a little shack out on the prairies of Montana gazing through the window. As far as I could see, there was not a house, nor a living thing, nothing but a vast expanse of snow. I rather enjoyed my seclusion. Like a piece of driftwood which has floated out of the main stream and has become lodged in a pool by the shore, so had I drifted out of the stream of life to a secluded spot, and from a pinnacle of self-exaltation I watched "the race of man" go by. I was not far from saying with Shakespeare: "What fools these mortals be." I had not felt well on this particular day and while I sat there I was suddenly shaken by a heavy chill and I realized I was a sick young man. I hurriedly filled the stove with

coal, put a pail of water on a chair by the bed and gathered all the bedding available including coats and sweaters, and went to bed. By morning I could not lift my head from the pillow, and the room was getting colder so that by noon a layer of ice covered the water in the pail. I reached for a knife that lay on the chair and managed to chip the ice and while I stirred the water I had a mental picture of H. C. Andersen's Ugly Duckling swimming to prevent the water from closing in on him. I slept again, and when I again awakened I managed to get a few pieces of ice to quench my great thirst. I was not really afraid, but I felt trapped with no way of getting help. Having reached for a pencil, I wrote a few words on the wallpaper for my closest relatives and that was the last I remember. There seemed to be light and darkness at intervals, but as to the length of time I spent like that I have never known. When I awoke, the sun was shining into my room from the west. I was filled with great, quiet happiness. The sun's golden rays on the wall told me that it was evening but in my heart it was morning. The room seemed to be bursting with life.

Those who have seen death face to face, know how much it means to awaken to new life, and realize how much they love to live.

So it is when we have faced the spiritual death. Jesus once said: "I tell you, who are my friends, have no fear of those who kill the body, and after that can do no more. I will show you whom to fear: fear him who after killing you, has power to hurl you into the pit. Yes, fear him, I tell you."

We usually discover illness in our bodies, but we do not always realize when our souls are sick. The Prince of this world uses anesthetic in form of diversion and amusement. That is why he is called the serpent. His venom is at work. One day a youth will discover that his real happiness has "gone with the wind" and that life has become dark and dreary. "The things which once I saw I now can see no more." and he feels sick unto death, alone, trapped.

But there is a flickering light in the darkness—the memory of his childhood Christmas. And as the youth focuses his attention on this ray of hope, it becomes clearer. "Unto you is born this day a Savior." — "I am come that they might have new life, and that they might have it abundantly" — "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The word of life breaks through the darkness. It is the Dayspring from on high. "All things are become new" and again he can sing:

"This is my Father's world, O let me not forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king; let the heavens ring! God reigns!  
let earth be glad."

The Christmas he is now celebrating may not be as exciting as that of his childhood, but his new happiness has deepened and widened and he sees beyond the gifts and merriment to the great power that fills his heart, and the hearts of countless others with peace and good will.

Harald Ibsen.

## Attention, High School Students

Many of you take part in high school debates. It is a shame that much good work should be shared only with a limited few. Why don't you send your themes to me so that other young people can share in the things which you get off your chest in your debating contests? Likewise, you who have written a good English theme. There is no sense in just letting Miss Soenso read it to give you an A. If she can give it an A there are lots of us who will gladly give it an I (eye). And oh young poets, give us some of your poems—not those, of course, that are deeply personal or confidential, but some of those you write when inspired.

Editor.





# Home Mission Council Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 14-15, 1945.

The Home Mission Council of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church met in Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 14-15. The meeting was held in the parlors of the Luther Memorial church. The chairman, Rev. Alfred Jensen, opened the meeting at 9 a. m. Rev. Edwin Hansen, Racine, was elected secretary. After the reading and approving of the minutes of previous meetings, the roll call was taken.

The district presidents from all districts were in attendance. The synodical board was represented by the pastors only, the president and the secretary. It was felt that the lay men also should be present since Home Mission activity is not only the concern of the ministers.

The agenda for the meeting, prepared by the chairman, was presented and accepted. The following cardinal points were listed:

- I. Interpretation of the Home Mission Council Rules.
- II. Report on present activities, future possibilities and plans
- III. Lutheran World Action.
- IV. Synod Budget, Present and Future.
- V. Grand View College Jubilee Fund.
- VI. The Future.

Since the synod is now definitely committed to carry on a Home Mission program and rules have been drawn up and accepted to govern its activities, it was necessary for the Council to arrive at a common understanding in regard to the interpretation of the rules, in order that they might be applied in a practical manner to our Home Mission projects. Article VI, dealing with the duties, powers and functions of the Home Mission Council in particular was discussed.

There was general agreement on the following points:

1. That the H. M. Council's supervision of Home Mission projects refers particularly to such projects for which aid has been requested.
2. That the Home Mission account of the synodical budget will be based only on the estimated financial cost of promoting new Home Mission congregations or the assisting and rehabilitation of old ones in need. (Synodical papers is a separate item.)
3. Since the H. M. C. has the power to call pastors to serve in Home Mission congregations, the chairman expressed the desirability of larger authority being vested in the H. M. C. to include the right to counsel with a congregation, whose pastor it may have called for Home Mission work, in the matter of pastoral replacement, should such counsel be advisable and necessary.
4. That larger use should be made of the Church Extension Fund. (The present rules for this fund will need to be revised.)
5. That the Home Mission Educational program be promoted and encouraged as much as possible within each district.
6. The motion was made and passed that: The recommendations, made by the special committee, pertaining to the methods and materials for community canvasses and surveys, be accepted and adopted.

A survey of the Home Mission activities of the past year was next in order. Several attempts have been made to place pastors in Oakland, Calif., and in Hay Springs, Nebr. These attempts have not been successful to date.

Home Mission work has been carried on in San Fernando Valley and in Long Beach, Calif., under the leadership of Rev. Einer Farstrup of Los Angeles, assisted by Cand. Theol. Peter Thomsen. These men have also done some investigating and survey work to study more thoroughly the Home Mission possibilities in San Diego, Calif. The H. M. C. is very grateful to Rev. Farstrup and Mr. Thomsen for the fine report of their activities and the work they have done for us.

At Wilbur, Wash., the congregation is ready to call a pastor

of its own, with promised support from the H. M. C. The congregations at Watsonville, Calif., and at Newark, N. J. also are anxious to have pastors of their own. From the congregation in Seattle has come the request for Home Mission aid for an extended work in that area.

Rev. L. C. Bundgaard called attention to the possible development of a new Mission Church in St. Paul, Minn.

Before these respective projects were discussed individually, it was deemed wise to survey the available ministerial supply, as well as to list the congregations that now are or about to be vacant. Our chaplains in the U. S. service should soon be available for service in the synod. The graduating seminary students will be available for service in the synod soon after the first of the year. They have accepted calls from vacant congregations. Several pastors trained in other synods have applications for service in our church. These are being investigated and considered, but no special action was taken upon these by the H. M. C. as this was outside the province of the group.

With the information of available pastors and specific congregational pastoral needs, the Council again turned its attention upon the prospective Home Mission projects to weigh these separately.

**HAY SPRINGS, NEBRASKA:** In view of the fact that a government irrigation project is about to be opened in this area very soon and we already have a congregation started there, it was thought advisable to get a pastor stationed there by the coming spring or summer. Several pastors were listed as prospectives for this call and the H. M. C. has assured the congregation its support, for a five-year period if necessary.

**ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA:** In regard to this area, the following motion was made and passed: That the synodical president, the synodical secretary and the district president investigate the possibilities in the considered area. If the conditions are favorable, permission is to be secured from the Regional Council of the area to study this field.

**WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA:** The Council went on record to offer this congregation aid for a five-year period, provided the congregation and District VIII would assist with the promised amounts stipulated by each. It is assumed that the congregation in a five-year period can be self-sustaining.

**GRANLY, MISSISSIPPI:** Monthly services, conducted by pastors of the synod, have been offered this remotely located congregation through the assistance of the H. M. C. during the past year. The motion was made and passed: That the H. M. C. assist with such services for another year.

**LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** The motion was made and passed: That the Home Mission program started in San Fernando Valley, Long Beach and San Diego be continued for another year, supported by the H. M. C.

Discussion on the Wilbur, Wash., and Seattle projects were tabled until next day.

The session of the next day was a bit late in getting under way. In the meantime, the secretary, Rev. Edwin Hansen, had been called home, so Rev. Holger Jorgensen was appointed to take his place.

Discussion on the Home Mission projects continued. The expected letter of call from the Wilbur congregation had as yet not been received by the chairman, so it was necessary to deliberate without it.

**WILBUR, WASHINGTON:** Definite commitments for the support of a resident pastor made by the congregation and District IX were considered quite satisfactory and the H. M. C. has promised to render financial aid up to a five-year period and to send a pastor into this area within a year's time, as the government project in the Columbia basin will be opened by that time. This promises to be a very worthy Home Mission project. A qualified pastor now has the call under consideration. It was moved and seconded: That the executive



committee of the H. M. C., in extending calls to pastors for Home Mission fields, work out an explanation to the congregations which such pastors now serve. This was carried.

**NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:** The motion was made and seconded that the H. M. C. encourage Newark to seek its own pastor with the promise of reasonable support from the H. M. C. Carried.

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:** Regarding the proposed extension of Home Mission activity in this area, tabled from the previous day, it was decided that the H. M. C., together with St. John's congregation in Seattle, jointly support candidate Einer Anderson, senior student at the seminary, in this work, under the sponsorship and guidance of the congregation and pastor, for a period of a year beginning March 1, 1946. Quarterly reports of the work are to be sent to the district president, according to our rules.

**THE CALENDAR OF HOME MISSION PROJECTS** in order of importance was established as follows: Full time pastorates: Hay Springs, Nebr.; Watsonville, Calif.; St. Paul, Minn.; Newark, N. J.; Oakland, Calif. Part time: San Diego, Calif.; Granly, Miss.; Seattle, Wash.

Having completed this phase of the work of the HMC, time was given to other important matters.

**LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION:** Rev. Alfred Jensen gave a survey of the present drive in each district. He urged the district presidents to contact the various congregations, still below their quota, and urge them to send in all amounts before January 1st. Pastors Jorgensen, Bundgaard and Andersen gave reports of the meetings conducted by Executive Director Paul Empie, throughout the country. All were urged to do their utmost in meeting their respective quotas for the Lutheran World Action the coming year.

**THE SYNOD BUDGET:** The prospect of meeting our budget in full for the current year is good. It was decided mutually that no special lists for synod subscriptions would be necessary. The president will explain the details of the budget in Lutheran Tidings in December.

Rev. Alfred Jensen urged that we should find a fairer and more permanent division of the budget, so as not to have disagreement about it. There was no motions or decisions.

Regarding better participation at the annual conventions, its scope and cost, Rev. Jensen reviewed his presentation of this matter, as he had presented it at different district conventions this fall. It consists of having one delegate from each congregation of the outlying districts attend the convention with the synod assuming coach fare traveling expenses. This would add \$2500.00 to the synod's budget. Whatever method is used in solving this problem, we MUST solve it, if we are to keep our Danish Church intact. Different plans for the solution of the problem will be submitted by Alfred Jensen through our papers. **A MOTION WAS MADE:** That Rev. Alfred Jensen, Rev. Holger Nielsen and Rev. Erik Moller act as a committee to work out a plan concerning representation at the annual convention and to present it to the national convention. This was carried.

Rev. Alfred Jensen also spoke in favor of a possible 20% of membership contributions in the congregations going to

benevolences. The general average of church contributions to outside activities (causes other than local needs) amount to about 20%. This applies to our church also.

**FUTURE OF OUR SYNOD:** The president suggested that we make an earnest examination of our independent status. We are often asked why we should be an independent synod. There must be something characteristic of the objectives of our synod as compared to those of other synods which justifies our independence. An interesting discussion followed about a federation with the U. L. C. A. Are we now fighting for an existence to such an extent that we cannot make a contribution? Do we mingle with others so that we have influence and contact with the life of our nation? An interesting discussion followed on our position to the U. L. C. A. and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. (United Danish.)

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY:** Motion was made and seconded that Rev. Edwin H. Hansen be re-elected recording secretary for the H. M. C. for another year. Unanimously carried.

**GRAND VIEW COLLEGE JUBILEE FUND:** At this point Dr. Johannes Knudsen and Prof. Erling Jensen came in to present to the group the importance of this fund to the future of the church. Dr. Knudsen spoke on the academic future of our college. A Junior College now holds an important position in view of the change-over from the traditional four-year college. This gives us and our college a real advantage. We must therefore strengthen our Junior College and expand its curriculum. Science, biology, Danish and music teachers should be added. Another foreign language course should likewise be added. We were referred to Dr. Knudsen's pamphlet: "The Future of Grand View College."

Dr. Knudsen also spoke of non-academic courses to be offered to young people, who may not be especially interested in academic work. Such courses would have practical value to these young people in their home communities and in the church.

A third point was mentioned in connection with the improvement of the college plant. The new revised plans for improvement and expansion of the college were shown to the group at this time.

Prof. Jensen spoke of the Jubilee drive. As of November 1, \$60,000.00 cash value has been contributed and about \$2,000.00 in pledges. He reported that 11 congregations had contributed their quotas 100%, 5 congregations above 75%, and 9 above 50%. No district has contributed 100% as yet. Only about 25% of the church membership has contributed to the Jubilee Fund. We are not far from the end of the drive. Each district president was urged to assume the responsibility of prevailing upon the pastors and congregational presidents to do the necessary work to raise the balance of the \$100,000.00 from now on until June 1st. Prof. Jensen pleaded strongly for action.

This concluded the agenda for the meeting. All joined in the Lord's prayer and the meeting adjourned.

Edwin E. Hansen, Secretary.

Holger P. Jorgensen, Assisting Secretary.

## Peace On Earth - Good Will Toward Men

In 1914, when the world was plunged into the first World War, Sir Edward Grey of England stood one morning and looked out over the city of London at the dawn of day and spoke these words: "The lamps are going out all over Europe, and they will not be lit again in our life-time." History repeats itself. The lights were going out again in September, 1939, when Hitler marched into Poland, in April, 1940, when he marched into Denmark, Norway, Belgium and Holland, in December 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Guam, etc.

Reports coming from many parts of the world today

still tells about lights going out. The Allied Nations won a victory on the battlefield, but we are far from having won the Peace for which we have prayed, for which so many of our noble youth gave their lives.

As editor we receive reports nearly every day about the conditions that have developed in Europe during the months since the war ended. The coming of winter has brought misery, starvation and the resulting high death rate so appalling that one shudders at the very thought of same.—Here are some of the authentic reports received from the Lutheran World Action office in New York: "—Reports from Geneva tell us that



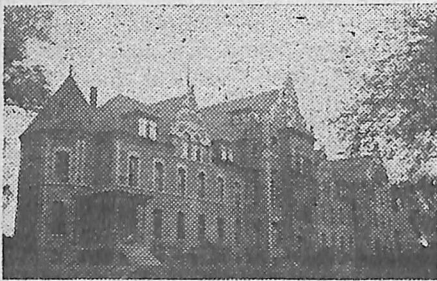
more people will die in the first year of peace than died in the last year of the war; that in Central Europe infant mortality is often 90%; that babies at birth average four pounds and many only live about 3 months; that every well-informed person over there knows it, but no one is willing to accept responsibility for it."—A Special House Committee returning from Europe to report to Congress bluntly concluded, "If a 'hard peace' requires the elimination of eight or ten millions of Germans, it would be much more humane to eliminate them at once."—"It is as yet impossible to estimate the number of children and mothers who are exposed to famine, disease and cold in eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia and the basin of the Danube. They certainly number many millions."—A Pastor Gruber speaks of the mortality among refugees just outside of Berlin: "I know what the Jews suffered. I

shared the tortures of concentration camps, but that which is now taking place before our eyes far exceeds all that hitherto has been known both in extent and kind."

When President George Washington was inaugurated as our first president, he spoke these prophetic words: "Heaven can never smile on a nation that disregards the rules of order and right." That has been and we believe is still a part of the essence of American Democracy. America faces today the greatest challenge of all times. We were victorious on the battlefield; we have the secrets to the Atomic Bomb; we are probably the greatest world power. But have we the spiritual strength of a Christian nation to do our part toward: Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

With sincere Christmas greetings to all our readers.

Editor.



## An Inner View of Grand View

The last few days of Des Moines weather have unconsciously brought to mind the lines of Vilhelm Gregersen's song as translated by Rev. Rodholm: Snow, snow, beautiful Christmas snow! Softly falling, light and airy, Swarming down like dancing fairies . . . Snow, snow, beautiful snow!

But now away from the window and thoughts of home to the more vital and concrete. In a series of chapel talks, Rev. V. S. Jensen has discussed the influence of the living Word in the early years of our church. He told of the constant struggle, both within the church and without, to keep together and to build for the future. The Grundtvigians were considered heretics by other church groups, and financial difficulties made the work of our church increasingly trying. But the early builders were men of faith, and when the future seemed dark, they turned to the Word, ably expressed in song by Grundtvig and others, and their faith was consequently strengthened so that they could face the future without fear.

Rev. S. D. Rodholm spoke of the significance of the words "In Jesus' name" as they are used in introducing the Lord's Prayer. "Through Him all things are possible." Without His help and guidance, none of us have power to do or say that which should be done and said, and only through Him may we experience true forgiveness to others and from others and forgiveness for that which we have failed to do or that

which we have done wrongly. As has been stated many times the last weeks, we have not found the necessary and therefore our lives seem useless and overburdened. We need, somehow, to gain, through Christ, "that" for which we long.

Alfred Nielsen has given some interesting talks on the life in the Scandinavian countries during the sixteenth century, based on a book by T. Lund. He spoke of the effect of the long winter nights and their resulting darkness on the life and thinking of the people, and of the table manners and eating habits of the early Norsemen.

Several of the students attended and enjoyed the first concert of the Drake Civic Symphony at Roosevelt High School on December 2. The soloist was the Russian violinist, Tossy Spivakovsky, who played on the famous MacMillan Stradivarius which was made in 1721. A few students also attended some of the meetings at the annual Pan-American conference held at Drake University on December 5 and 6.

Harald Knudsen, in chapel, gave an interesting comparison of the united and harmonious action of the parts of our body to the ideal operation of the world. Our body with its functioning is important for it houses the soul and life of man.

To aid in bringing the Christmas spirit and the Christmas message to our different congregations, Thorvald Hansen will serve the Alden congregation, Gudmund Petersen will preach at Davey, Nebr., Clayton Nielsen will go to Denmark, Kans., and Rev. V. S. Jensen will serve Oak Hill and Exira, Iowa.

The annual Christmas party will be held December 14, and the Christmas concert is scheduled for December 18. Several of the students have been unfortunate enough as to contact cases of "flu," but epidemic proportions have been prevented. On December 6, the Lutheran Memorial congregation held their annual bazaar in the church basement and in the G. V. C. gymnasium.

"Unge Kræfter" has just published,

principally for its own use, a booklet containing 43 previously unpublished song translations by Rev. S. D. Rodholm. It is called "A Sheaf of Songs" and contains both a Danish and an English index.

Several students have already enrolled for the Winter Course which will open on January 7. As announced and described in previous issues of Lutheran Tidings, this Winter Course will embody much of the folk-school ideal, and will provide an opportunity for students to be members of the Grand View family during the winter months. There is still time to enroll if anyone else is interested.

In concluding, we, the students of Grand View College, want to wish you, the readers, "Glædelig Jul."

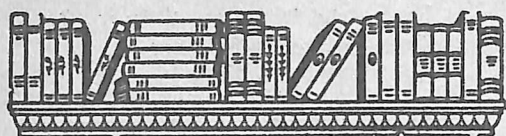
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## OUR CHURCH

**Withee, Wis.**—The Ladies Aid had a successful bazaar recently with a program in the evening. The Guild served the annual dinner on Sunday, Dec. 9. Both events were well attended. The Men's Club sponsored a Ladies' Night on Dec. 6. Many of the service men have returned. Fortunately the Withee Church Honor Roll only has one Gold Star.

**St. Stephen's, Chicago**—Rev. Marius Krog spent his vacation last summer in serving the Hetland-Badger, S. D., congregation. When he returned to Chicago after three weeks of work, several of the members of the congregation wrote to the St. Stephen's congregation in Chicago which Rev. Krog is serving. These letters made such an impression on the church council that it proposed to the congregation that Rev. Krog be given another leave of absence of three weeks some time during the winter in order that he again might serve the Hetland-Badger churches. The proposal carried unanimously. Rev. Ernest Nielsen will serve St. Stephen's in the pastor's absence.





## BOOKS

**THE GLORY OF GIVING**—by Grace Noll Crowell, 48 pages, cloth. Published by the Augsburg Publishing House, 425 South Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn. Price 75 cents.

Glory of Giving is a unique Christmas story of a little girl, Prudence Parker, by Grace Noll Crowell. It is written for children and dedicated "to all doers of simple, kindly deeds; to all who delight in burnishing every-day events until they glow with a new luster." The story is well illustrated by Lee Mero.

We enjoyed reading the book. But Grace Noll Crowell nevertheless is the greater master when she writes her challenging poems for which she is so well known.

H. S.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGES**—by George W. Truett, 80 pages, cloth. Published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Ill. Price \$1.00.

This book contains 15 Christmas messages by the late Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The 15 messages were written during the last 15 years of his life, the concluding message written from his sick bed in 1943.

Each one of these messages provides inspiration for keeping Christmas in the Christ-like way. They each reflect the challenging times in which we live and the reactions of a great heart to the crisis in which humanity finds itself.

H. S.

**Enumclaw, Wash.**—Rev. A. W. Andersen, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Tacoma, Wash., preached at a Danish service in Enumclaw on Sunday, Dec. 2, exchanging pulpit with Charles Terrell, who on the same day conducted the service in the Tacoma church.

**Detroit, Mich.**—Rev. Aaron Christiansen, who is in the service of the Lutheran Charities of Detroit, has consented to conduct the Adult Bible Class in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church. A reception for new members of the church was held on Sunday, October 28. The church choir conducted by Aage Sorensen with the assistance of a soloist, rendered a number of musical selections. A member, Rudolf C. Jensen, had donated a gift of \$50 to the church for the occasion.

**Racine, Wis.**—25 new Hymnals, music edition, have been donated to the church, most of them donated in memory of departed relatives.—"Home Visitation" by the members of the church board in all the homes of the congregation was made recently on a Sunday afternoon. The purpose of these calls was to invite subscriptions for the work of the church for the coming year.—Plans are under way for a Danish Radio broadcast from the Bethania Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, 8 to 9 o'clock.—Collection of clothing for the Lutheran World Relief has been planned and committees for same have been chosen.

**Hampton, Iowa**—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Rasmussen will observe their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 23. The congregation is arranging a "Fest" for the honored couple. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen have been faithful members of the St. John's Church during the 50 years.

**Cedar Falls, Iowa**—A "Christmas Home Coming" has been planned by the Junior and Senior Young People's Societies for Thursday, Dec. 27, at 8 o'clock which will especially be arranged to

welcome the service men and women who have returned from their respective fields of service.

**Manistee, Mich.**—The church choir gave a Song Service at the County Convalescent Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 11. The annual bazaar was held by the ladies of the church on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

**Dwight, Ill.**—An Adult Confirmation service was held on Sunday, Dec. 9, in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, thus accepting seven men and women into full membership of the church. Several others joined the church on the same day.—In the evening a Fellowship gathering was arranged in the church parlors where the new members accepted into the church during the past year were bid welcome, and at the same time all our returned service men and women were given a hearty "Welcome Home." The Dwight congregation gives to each one of their returned service men and women a one year membership with all privileges of a contributing member. A letter is sent out to that effect, and when the attached "Acceptance Coupon" is returned to the secretary of the congregation the name is entered on the roll of contributing members.

**Perth Amboy, N. J.**—The Luther League of St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church will go to Brooklyn on January 11 in the evening to present a program. The young people will be guests of the youth group of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, of which Dr. A. Th. Dorf is the pastor. In February the Brooklyn group will be guests of the Luther League in Perth Amboy, and at that time the Brooklyn people will present their program.

Pastor C. M. Videbeck of the Salem Lutheran Church in Brooklyn will be the guest speaker at the Danish evening in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Perth Amboy on January 2. He will give a historical lecture on the United

Evangelical Lutheran Church (the United Danish).

The Young People's Convention of the Atlantic District will be held in Perth Amboy, N. J., during the latter part of May. This will be the first District convention in this area for a period of three years.

Dr. Erling Ostergaard, returned missionary from India, recently spoke in Tyler and Hendricks, Minn.

## Acknowledgement Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

For the Month of November, 1945.  
Towards the Budget:

Previously acknowledged ----\$ 4,334.96

### General:

#### Congregation—

Port Chester, N. Y. ....	40.00
Muskegon, Mich. ....	18.16
Detroit, Mich. ....	250.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	55.80
Racine, Wis. ....	46.34
St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill. ....	137.60
Clinton, Iowa ....	40.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Withee, Wis. ....	62.20
Dagmar, Mont. ....	55.00
Omaha, Nebr. ....	30.00
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	32.45
Chpl. and Mrs. J. C. Kjaer, Lawton, Okla. ....	15.00

#### Pension Fund, (misc. contr.)

##### Congregation—

Danevang, Texas ....	100.00
Tacoma, Wash. ....	30.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	24.00
Grayling, Mich. ....	10.82
St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill. ....	60.00
Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebr. ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wogensen, St. Andrews, Wash. ....	5.00
Mrs. Axel M. Andersen, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00
Elna Larsen, Solvang, Calif. ....	5.00
Mrs. Kris Hansen, Waterloo, Iowa ....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill. ....	10.00

#### Pension Fund, (Pastors' contr.)

Rev. J. J. Lerager, Brush, Colo. .... 7.00

#### Home Mission:

Misc. subscriptions and gifts to Lutheran Tidings .....	19.75
Congregation, Hampton, Iowa, (Canada Mission) .....	8.55
Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill. ....	10.00
"In memory of Tinman Christiansen, Hetland-Badger, S. D.," Mr. and Mrs. Chris Steffensen, Belgrade, Minn. and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matson, New London, Minn. ....	2.00
"In memory of Tinman Christiansen, Hetland-Badger, S. D.," from grandchildren and great grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haugen and family, Cpl. and Mrs. Everett Smith, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Dalbal, Bremerton, Wash. ....	10.00



Congregation, Tyler, Minn. . . . .	25.00
<b>To President's Travel:</b>	
Congregation—	
Hay Springs, Nebr. . . . .	7.00
Hetland-Badger, S. D. . . . .	25.00
<b>Annual Reports:</b>	
Congregation—	
Bridgeport, Conn. . . . .	5.25
Hartford, Conn. . . . .	3.00
Grant, Mich. . . . .	1.00
Muskegon, Mich. . . . .	2.50
Minneapolis, Minn. . . . .	3.00
Alden, Minn. . . . .	2.50
Omaha, Nebr. . . . .	5.00
Brush, Colo. . . . .	2.00
Solvang, Calif. . . . .	3.00
Junction City, Ore. . . . .	3.00
Dalum, Alta. . . . .	2.00
Rev. Paul C. Nyholm, Blair, Nebr. . . . .	.60
<b>Chicago Children's Home:</b>	
"In memory of Grandfather Hans Hansen, Moorhead, Iowa," Duane and Doris Fredericksen, Leslie, Fay, Jerry, Robert, and Roger Hansen . . . . .	7.00
St. Stephan's Congregation, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Argo-White, S. D. . . . .	10.00

Total toward budget to date \$ 5,577.48  
Received for Items Outside Budget:

**G. V. C. Jubilee Fund,****Cash Contributions:**

Previously acknowledged ----\$37,145.74

<b>Congregation—</b>	
Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .	74.35
Withee, Wis. . . . .	79.80
Diamond Lake, Minn. . . . .	15.00
Granly, Miss. . . . .	30.30
Denmark, Kans. . . . .	35.00
Kimballton, Iowa . . . . .	10.00
Salinas, Calif. . . . .	34.20
Minneapolis, Minn. . . . .	81.35
Ludington, Mich. . . . .	26.00
Solvang, Calif. . . . .	23.85
Tacoma, Wash. . . . .	30.00
Racine, Wis. . . . .	84.26
Clinton, Iowa . . . . .	54.50
Dagmar, Mont. . . . .	70.00
Detroit, Mich. . . . .	46.00
Ruthton, Minn. . . . .	30.50
Hampton, Iowa . . . . .	10.00
Wilbur, Wash. . . . .	35.00
Rosenborg, Nebr. . . . .	67.00
Newell, Iowa . . . . .	88.25
Volmer, Mont. . . . .	16.00
Dalum, Alta. . . . .	93.00
Canwood, Sask. . . . .	93.00
Argo-White, S. D. . . . .	70.07
Gardner, Ill. . . . .	5.65
J. V. Andersen, Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .	5.00
Paul Christensen, Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .	100.00
N. P. Pors, Salinas, Calif. . . . .	25.00
Cpl. Ruth K. Christensen, Govan, Wash. . . . .	5.00
Mrs. Holger Jurgensen, Wilbur, Wash. . . . .	5.00
Th. Thygesen, Parlier, Calif. . . . .	2.00
Elaine Jorgensen, Parlier, Cal. . . . .	1.00
Irma Jorgensen, Parlier, Cal. . . . .	1.00
Mrs. A. C. Nielsen, Missoula, Mont. . . . .	5.00

Marie N. Sondergaard, Dwight, Ill. . . . .	25.00
Margaret Jensen, Bronx, N. Y. . . . .	1.00
Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Hald, Solvang, Calif. . . . .	25.00
Louis F. Nelson, Racine, Wis. . . . .	100.00
Anders P. Anholtt, Detroit, Mich. . . . .	20.00
Nanna R. Lothe, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	5.00
Axel M. Andersen, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson, Fredsville, Iowa . . . . .	5.00
Danebod Danish Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn. . . . .	50.00
Hans and Nanna Kock, Easton, Calif. . . . .	10.00
Mrs. N. J. Beck, Easton, Calif. . . . .	10.00
Annie Eskelsen, Easton, Calif. . . . .	10.00
Knud H. Hansen, Detroit, Mich. . . . .	2.00
"In memory of P. N. Linnett," Miss Dagmar Linnett and the Sigurd Kruse children, Tyler, Minn. . . . .	22.00
Kaern og Gine, Tyler, Minn. . . . .	1.00
H. Clausen, Verona, N. J. . . . .	1.00
"Anonymous" . . . . .	18.50
Alfred Jacobsen, Solvang, Cal. . . . .	25.00
Olga J. Petersen, Hampton, Nebr. . . . .	25.00
Rasmus Sorensen, Tyler, Minn. . . . .	20.00
Chpl. and Mrs. J. C. Kjaer, Lawton, Okla. . . . .	50.00

Total cash to date ----\$38,948.32

**G. V. C. Jubilee Fund,****Contr. in Bonds:**

(Maturity Values)

Previously acknowledged ----	\$29,400.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Boysen, Cedar Falls, Iowa . . . . .	25.00
The Willing Workers, Dwight, Ill. . . . .	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lund, Newell, Iowa . . . . .	25.00
G. V. C. Alumni Assoc., Chicago, Ill. . . . .	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris T. Jacobsen, Marquette, Nebr. . . . .	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Otto S. Larsen, Marquette, Nebr. . . . .	25.00

Total in bonds to date ----\$29,550.00

**To Lutheran World Action:**

Previously acknowledged (in 1945) ----\$ 8,982.11

<b>Congregation—</b>	
Granly, Miss. . . . .	23.00
Brush, Colo. . . . .	65.35
Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .	6.00
Tacoma, Wash. . . . .	60.00
Menominee, Mich. . . . .	24.50
St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	83.29
Tyler, Minn. . . . .	25.00
Ladies' Aid, Argo-White, S. D. . . . .	25.00
Chpl. and Mrs. J. C. Kjaer, Lawton, Okla. . . . .	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Hald, Solvang, Calif. . . . .	5.00

Total to date (1945) ----\$ 9,309.25

**To Eben-Ezer Mercy****Institute, Brush, Colo.:**

<b>Congregation—</b>	
Grayling, Mich. . . . .	10.00
Dalum, Alta. . . . .	25.50

St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	10.00
<b>To the Re-building of Danevang Church:</b>	
Previously acknowledged ----\$	434.55
From the Sunday School, Diamond Lake, Minn. . . . .	10.00
<b>Congregation—</b>	
Denmark, Kans. . . . .	64.00
Salinas, Calif. . . . .	200.00
Grant, Mich. . . . .	20.00
Perth Amboy, N. J. . . . .	95.50
Ruthton, Minn. . . . .	38.25
Diamond Lake, Minn. . . . .	54.50
Olav Pedersen, Lindsay, Nebr. . . . .	10.00
A. W. Petersen \$10, Agnes Brons \$5, Jens Simonsen \$10, Fred Petersen \$2, Ole Sorensen \$2, Christine Larsen \$2, Herman Mikkelsen \$5, Niels Jensen \$10, Knud Andersen \$5, B. N. Paulsen \$1, Mrs. Jacob Austul \$4, Niels Jorgen Nelsen \$5, Clara Hornsyld \$1, Alfred Jorgensen \$10, Emil Jensen \$5, Marius Larsen \$5, all from Solvang, Calif. . . . .	82.00
Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebr. . . . .	25.00
Ladies' Aid, Perth Amboy, N. J. . . . .	25.00
Junior Y. P. L., Perth Amboy, N. J. . . . .	15.00
Luther League, Perth Amboy, N. J. . . . .	12.00
Sunday School children, Perth Amboy, N. J. . . . .	12.50
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr. . . . .	75.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Solvang, Calif. . . . .	25.00
Bethania Ladies' Aid, Granly, Miss. . . . .	10.00
Oak Hill Ladies' Aid, Oak Hill, Iowa . . . . .	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen, Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .	50.00
Jorgen Juhl, Cambridge, Minn. . . . .	5.10
Sigurd Pedersen, Ruthton, Minn. . . . .	5.00
Paul J. Christiansen, Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .	25.00

Total to date ----\$ 1,298.40

With sincere thanks to all for these many gifts and contributions, I would like to extend to every one my best wishes for a "Blessed Yuletide." May the Prince of Peace strengthen us all in His Spirit, now and in the New Year which we soon enter.

Venlig Hilsen,

Olaf R. Juhl,

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**Santal Mission****General Budget:**

Hans Thomsen, Lausann, Alta. . . . .	\$ 2.00
Niels Brons Legacy, Solvang, Cal. . . . .	11.00
Diamond Congr., Lake Benton, Minn. . . . .	10.00
Hope Lutheran Church, Ruthton, Minn. . . . .	8.95
Carlston-Alden Church, Alden, Minn. . . . .	45.00
Mission Boxes, Diamond Lake, Lake Benton, Minn. . . . .	36.00



Nazareth Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wis. ....	25.00
Mission Study Group, Greenville Friends, Montcalm Co., Mich. ....	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Utoft, Tyler, Minn. ....	11.00
Dagmar Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Mont. ....	1.00
Louis Larsen, Sheffield, Ill. ....	25.00
St. John's Ladies' Aid mission meeting, Hampton, Iowa ....	10.35
Miss Susanne Sorensen, Des Moines, Iowa ....	9.10
St. Peter's Sunday school, Dwight, Ill. ....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Olsen, Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	100.00
St. Peder's Ladies' Aid, Mpls. ....	25.00
Lake Amelia, Mpls., Minn. ....	15.00
St. Peder's Guild, Mpls. ....	10.00
Mrs. Alf Utoft, Luck, Wis. ....	10.00
Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lindsay, Nebr. ....	4.00
St. John's Church, Clinton, Iowa	5.00
East Badger Ladies' Aid, Badger, S. D. ....	23.00
Friends of the work, Luck, Wis. ....	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Riber, Dwight, Ill. ....	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Thomsen, Marquette, Nebr. ....	100.00
Good Hope Ladies' Aid, Hetland, S. D. ....	2.50
Oak Hill Ladies' Aid, Exira, Ia. ....	20.00
Mrs. Minna Eskildsen, Easton, Calif. ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anders Henriksen, Askov, Minn. ....	15.00
Mrs. Jorgen Hansen, Gardner, Ill. ....	75.50
Bethania Luth. Church, Racine, Wis. ....	5.00
Nain Luth. Church, Newell, Iowa	38.33
St. John's S. S., Hampton, Iowa. ....	33.75
Mrs. Hoffman, Fredsville, Iowa. ....	10.43
Bethania Ladies' Aid, (Christmas gift) Racine, Wis. ....	1.00
In memory of Theodore Beyer, Dwight, Ill., Lilly Berntsen, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00
In memory of Mrs. Carl Jorgensen, Bone Lake People's Oil Ass'n, Bone Lake, Wis. ....	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Chr. Nielsen Balle, Tyler, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Anton Buhl, Tyler, Minn. ....	2.00
In memory of Ole Olsen, Mrs. Ole Olsen, Minneapolis ....	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Pastor Horslund, Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. John's Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa ....	1.00
For Children's Keep in School—Mrs. Ernest Render, St. Croix Falls ....	10.00
Women of Our Savior's Church, Omaha, Nebr. ....	2.00
	60.50

Total for November .....\$ 929.51  
Total since January 1st..... 6,446.30

Acknowledged with thanks,

Dagmar Miller.

P. S.—Reading the Santal Missionary we find that the following missionaries

are on their way to Norway and Denmark by cargo boat: Rev. Kampp, whose wife and seven children are in Denmark, Miss Nancy Diesen and Miss Edle Sigurdson going to Norway, as are also the Halvorsruds.—Miss Inger Malmström and Tilla Petersen are leaving by another route for Denmark.

D. M.

## CHURCH AND HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

"Are met in Thee tonight."

We are not there yet. A few more days. The advent season is still lingering. John is leveling the way before us; he goes with us to make sure that we get there, that we don't turn back and are delayed by obstacles in the road. It is his task to remove these, or to teach us how to remove them ourselves.

After advent comes Christmas. After—not before. "Hark; the herald angels sing." But first you must have heard the herald voice of John announcing the coming of the great event. There

is no exception to this. John is not an imposter; he is a necessity. Without him there can be no Christmas blessings. We could better dispense with Santa Claus than with John the Baptist.

"Make straight the way of the Lord."

Whether or not he deserves all the credit for making the way easier for us to travel, or we have done all that we could to make it straight is really unimportant when we have arrived and are at the journey's end. The joy shall be great then, no matter how difficult the journey has been. It is then that we have earned the right to hear the angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King." And it is only now that we can fully enjoy such singing.

But in the midst of the glorious enjoyment we shall not forget the effort of John to get us there—in time for the candles to be lit and for the singing of the Christmas oratorio. We realize now how easily we could have been delayed. There were so many kind advisers along the road: "Christmas will come in its own due time without much ado from your side," they say. Be that as it may, we are quite satisfied now

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that we did not wait for Christmas to come to us, but encouraged by the herald of Christ, made an effort on our own part to come all the way by ourselves. After all, this is the most sensible thing to do. If you want to be happy and see happy people around you, do not sit and wait for them. Do all you can to create the happiness you are longing for. John's advice is so plain and simple. Christmas means, "Peace on earth good will among men." How can we have it? It is evident that we are not getting closer to the realization of the Christmas ideal just by sitting idle entertaining some beautiful wishes about it.

What then? Well, here is John's idea of what should be done. Of course, it is just his idea, but it might not be such a bad one after all. He says: "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food, let him do likewise." To the publicans he said, "Extort no more than that which is appointed you." Soldiers were warned to be content with their wages. Herod, the king was reproved by him for all the evil things which he had done.

Our Christmas blessings are counted more so by giving and sharing than by getting and possessing. John counted his blessings behind prison walls; but he was happy for he had peace with God.

### Action—With A Capital "A"

Headed down the home stretch on the 1945 Greater Goal of \$2,500,000, Lutheran World Action shares some of the silent drama behind the envelopes that come "bearing gifts."

"Realizing the great need and suffering of the people of Europe," writes a woman from Oregon, "I enclose this check (\$1,000) sent from a thankful

heart for the many blessings God has sent me."

From a Bryant, Iowa, farmer came \$267—a Commodity Credit Corporation check for beef production signed over to Lutheran World Action.

And then, there's the \$10 bill enclosed in a letterhead from San Francisco's Lutheran Service Center and designated for LWA from "a sailor."

For one Ohio family, Christmas 1945 takes on a deeper meaning. Accompanying a check for \$50 was the explanation that the money represented what the family usually spent for their personal gifts. This year, they wanted it a family gift for others.

Then back to Iowa where one congregation on a recent Sunday morning heard their pastor preach Lutheran World Action needs. When asked for an "on the spot" free-will offering, they responded with a total of \$2,470.48 for European relief.

"Yet despite these many generous gifts," says LWA director Dr. Paul C. Empie, "\$400,000 is still needed to reach the 2½ million greater goal—and December 31 is the deadline."

## Kundgørelse

Ifølge dansk Lov af 22. Juli 1945 skal enhver, der den 23. s.M. i danske Banker, Sparekasser eller Andelskasser havde et kontant Indestaaende, incl. tilskrevne Renter, paa over 500 Kr., indgive en skriftlig Anmeldelse til Danmarks Nationalbank til Konstatering af rette Ejerforhold med Hensyn til Kontoen. Anmeldelsen, hvortil Blanket for Tiden kan faas udleveret hos Konsulatet, samt i nær Fremtid ogsaa hos de forskellige Vicekonsulater, skal være Danmarks Nationalbank i København i Hænde inden Udgangen af Aaret 1945.

Efter Udløbet af denne Frist kan Anmeldelsens Modtagelse gøres betinget af en Bod paa indtil 25% af Kontoens Indestaaende, og undlades Anmeldelse helt, vil Kontoen blive inddraget til Fordel for den danske Stat.

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