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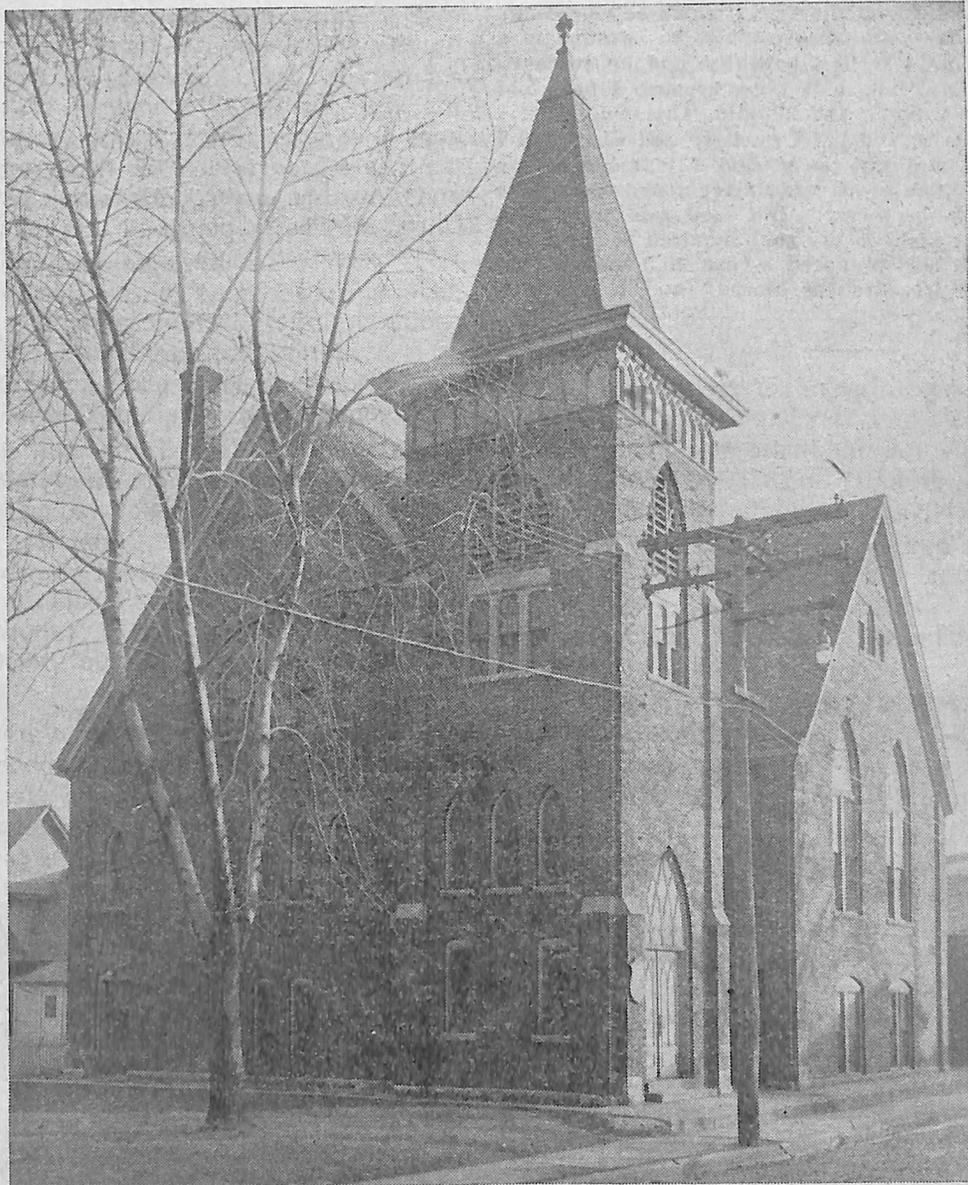
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Bethania Church is our host for the National Convention. Because facilities were considered inadequate, arrangements have been made to hold business sessions and to serve all meals at Holy Communion Church, "The Church on the Hill." This is the same church where the Convention of 1929 was held, and will be remembered by many of you.

Who Made Me Judge And Arbitrator Of Your Affairs?

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

By Harris A. Jespersen

Pastor of St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa

Luke 12:13-21: And one out of the multitude said unto him, Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me. But he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully; and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

This is the passage always referred to by the religious thinking which insists that the gospel of Jesus Christ is strictly an individualistic gospel: a relationship between the individual and God which has nothing to do with social and economic conditions.

If you take this sentence out of its context it might seem they were right. But read on. "Take care! You must be on guard against any form of greed, for a man's life does not belong to himself, no matter how rich he is."

Again we are referred by the same type of religious thinking to the statement made by Jesus, "My kingdom is not of this world." They would interpret this statement to mean that Christianity is not concerned with human society.

This, in my mind, is placing definite limitations upon the gospel of the master of men.

In a talk given at a recent occasion I made the statement, "We must realize that there is a difference between the spirit of God and the spirit of the world." I repeat that statement, there is a difference, because the world is always wrong in the light of a perfect God. It is true, we can never, must never, make the Kingdom of God of this world. But we must through the spirit, and by the grace of God make this world approach the Kingdom of God. That, I believe, is putting Christ's words in their proper sequence and giving them an interpretation meaningful to the lives which we must live.—And that, I take it, is what we are seeking in our churches. Isn't that the purpose of the church to help us, as Christ said, to more abundant life.

Now this rich man. You find him, as I read in a Danish commentary, in Denmark as well as in Palestine, and we may add, in America as well as in Palestine. You find him wherever you go.

Notice his self-sufficiency, his evident satisfaction with himself. Worldly secure. Can't you just see a picture of him in your mind's eye? Listen to his words, "My lands, my crop, my barns, my grain, my soul."

It is well that he said, "My soul." Who else would want his poor, miserable, warped soul? No wonder Christ said to him, "Thou fool." He had everything except the very things that count.

I presume someone could be found in every community who would fit this picture in almost the minutest detail. That, however, is not what we are here for this morning. We have no right to point our fingers at anyone. But we may point to ourselves, and we may ask ourselves: "Is there not something in each one of us that corresponds to the shortcomings to which Christ so clearly points in this man?"

If you will take note, you will find that Jesus never spoke in vague generalities easily evaded. He had people definitely in mind when he spoke, either groups or individuals. He was always trying to point out to someone the place where he had failed, but with encouragement to try again and to rectify the mistakes.

As I read the New Testament, especially the words of Christ, it becomes increasingly clear to me that what is being taught is a happy balance between the spiritual and the material. When the Master says to us, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word from the lips of God," he means to say just that. Man, you must find life in terms of both the material and the spiritual, but the spiritual **must** always be master of the material.

America has been and is a great country. (That sounds like a fourth of July aphorism). It is a fact, however, that these United States have afforded in the past three hundred years almost unlimited material opportunity. (I am not trying to compare our country with any other country. I am merely stating a fact). But isn't it a fact that we in the United States have let the relationship between the material and the spiritual be upset? I venture to say that the cause of much unhappiness in the minds of many Americans is their concern for more material things. Not that these same individuals possess great spiritual resources.—No, the tragedy is that they may lack both, but are aware only of the lack of the material.

We all fit into this picture more or less. Most of us in here are not very rich in material wealth. But I venture again,—we are far more aware of whatever material poverty there may be than of any spiritual poverty.

That is a mighty serious condition. That is the thing Christ was afraid of when he told this parable. It is a serious thing when people are materially poor. Some of us are thoroughly familiar with what this means. But we seldom lose much time before telling about it. But how many people are there not, who are spiritually destitute, and don't even know it. And what is worse they don't seem to care. There is little hope for an individual who has ceased to care.

I should say that as far as many of us are concerned,

we would be far happier, if we realized that we are not as materially poor as we think we are. It is spiritual poverty from which we are suffering. How spiritually poverty stricken this man was! How little he realized the value of life! He said of himself; "Soul you have great wealth stored up for yourself. Now be happy." As though the soul of man could be nourished upon material things.

Certainly this man had tried to make the Kingdom of God of this world, rather than trying to make this world confirm to the standards of the spirit of God. The challenge to us is to turn this picture around and live as though we really believe we are created in the image of God. Live as though the world of man can reach up toward the world of God. I believe it can. I hope the day never comes when I must give up the faith that man is created with some capacity to reach up toward higher things.

When Harry Emerson Fosdick speaks of the Towering Question, "Is Christianity possible?" This is what he is referring to: Can man reach up toward God? The answer is, "Of course he can."

If there is nothing man can do, why did Christ tell this parable? There would be no point to it. All there would be left would be to eat, drink and be merry,— maybe to-morrow we die. And we all know how strong is the temptation to do just that. I recall saying to a friend not so long ago, "I am tired. It is uphill work trying to preach grace and forgiveness and striving for goodness to a world bent upon the opposites. Why not 'chuck' it all, get into the game, get

what one can for himself, and let the devil take the hindmost." Plenty of people are doing just that. But what difference is there between that philosophy and that of the man in the parable? One is as cynical as the other.

Yes, I know there is a great temptation to give up. Yet one knows there could never be a happy moment after that. Life would become empty and useless, and it would be better if it were said: "This night your soul will be required of you."

But let us put these thoughts behind us. It is faith we need. Faith in God, ourselves and one another.

In closing, this little parable: Beethoven wrote music far beyond the capacity both of the instruments and the techniques of his day. We may read of how his wonderful masterpieces were played upon a miserable box that could produce little or no music. Still he kept right on creating master works which in themselves were prayers, prayers which seemed to say, "Give me instrument so that we can really be played." His music compelled the development of methods of expression.

Sometimes our church services and other mediums of expression seem sadly inadequate. So we improve a little here and a little there, having failed to realize that the trouble lies elsewhere. Let it be our prayer that our personal lives and our fellowships may become so vital, living and moving that they shall completely fill the old molds and demand and compel new ways of expression.

That They May All Be One

It is a haunting thought that there is so little Christian unity in the world today. If there ever was need for oneness, it is now, and yet there is so little. Unity has always been basic in Christianity, but we need to emphasize it today, because there is so great a need for helpfulness throughout the world, and because there is so great a threat of division, even of war.

Christ prayed that we might be one. It is one of the most profound expressions of the Christian spirit that we should be one. Everyone recognizes the value and the necessity of this. Yet we cannot get together. Even two churches of common Danish and Lutheran origin can not get together.

Christian unity is not man made. It is a creation by God. The Christian fellowship was created by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is not a far distant Utopian dream; it is a reality of God's creation here and now. Yet we see so little evidence of it. We are divided in a hundred different camps who will not recognize each other. We are standing in the way of the will of God.

That which stands in the way of Christian unity is doctrine. Each group recognizes only those who have the same doctrine as they. Doctrine is never unifying in the broadest and deepest sense of the word. But it is often divisive. It places a barrier between me and

my neighbor. It sets me apart from him and it elevates me above him.

Doctrine is necessary. It is a clarification of our thoughts about the faith and a justifying explanation of our practices. No one is without doctrine. It is one of our weaknesses in the Danish Church that we are not clear about thought and practice. But doctrine is also dangerous. First of all, because it tempts us to believe that thoughts about the faith can replace the faith, and secondly, because it separates us from those who think otherwise and practice otherwise.

Unity is an inevitable fruit of faith. Division is a dangerous fruit of doctrine.

Faith is more than a conviction; it is a commitment. Faith in God is the completeness of life. Without faith life is of little value; with faith life is full, rich, strong, complete. The goal of life is God; it is reached through faith in God.

For Christians faith in God is only real and possible through faith in Christ. Through Christ we know God and through Christ we have life from God. This is possible, because Christ is God himself; he is the Son of God.

Because unity is a fruit, there can be no Christian unity without faith in Christ, the Son of God. But faith in Christ is to be distinguished from doctrines about Christ. In the constitution of our Synod we

distinguish between the confession of faith and confessions of doctrine. This is right. We would not be without our historical confessions of doctrine, but we can not make doctrinal confessions the basis of Christian unity or oneness. There can be no church union without doctrinal agreement, but unity needs only faith. Union is organizational fellowship; unity is spiritual fellowship.

If unity is a fruit of faith, then the Bible cannot create unity. We can have faith in God and Christ, not in the Bible. But convictions about the Bible can separate us. When it is claimed that common convictions about the Bible are a necessary requirement for unity, that is a mistake. If I should turn away from a man whose convictions about the Bible are different from mine, my faith is void.

It is not necessary to do away with denominations, our historic and rational expressions of Christian faith

and practice. I am at home in our church and I want to keep it my home. I would be happy to broaden my home and join it with others who now keep a separate home, if this were possible. But I would not want that my denominational affiliation should prevent me from extending a hand of faith and fellowship to all who confess Christ. There is great need that we all join hands. God needs us.

Many Lutherans believe that there can be no faith fellowship without a preceding doctrinal fellowship. Such thinking not only places the cart before the horse; it destroys a unity created by God. It is my hope that the forthcoming Lutheran World Convention at Lund will strengthen Christian unity and not place hindrances in its way.

Johannes Knudsen.

Grand View College,
Pentecost Eve, 1947.

Training Course in Christian Education and Service

For several years now, there has been a great deal of discussion at our annual synodical meetings concerning the possibility of offering a course at our college, which in a more direct manner would equip our young people for active participation in the work of the local church. It is evident that our churches, or many of the members of our churches, want Grand View College to furnish training and leadership to this end. In accordance with this wish, and in the realization that the need is real, the Board of Education for the college has taken the necessary steps to set up a course aimed at meeting these more direct needs of our church.

Such leadership training as we have made use of in the past—Sunday School Institutes, Youth Conferences, Summer Camps, etc. though exceedingly worthwhile, are not, by the very nature of the case, able to offer more than a few broad outlines of the problems with which we are face to face, and to give moments of challenge and inspiration. As such they have played a great part in our work and will be more needed than ever as time passes. It is our hope that the projected course at Grand View College may carry on the good example but over a longer period and with more attention to the details of our program than has hitherto been possible. Inspiration and consecration must be the goal of all worthwhile Christian Education, but we trust that the student may also become acquainted with the content of our Christian heritage in such a manner that he, or she, may be equipped to lead others and to fill more effectively the teaching positions in our church schools or to take the leadership in the youth program of the church.

The Courses of study this coming year, 1947-48, will be divided into two semesters as follows:

First Semester.

Old Testament History	2 hours
General Church History	2 hours

Christian Education, Principles	2 hours
Principles of Leadership	1 hour

Second Semester.

New Testament History	2 hours
American Church History	2 hours
Christian Education, Curriculum and Method	2 hours
Principles of Leadership	1 hour

In addition to these courses we invite the students to enroll in many of the Junior College courses which will serve to develop his appreciation of history and cultural heritages. Such courses as English, History, Sociology, Literature, Psychology, Physical Education and Recreational Leadership will give the student a wide range from which to choose in the rounding out of his program. This, plus a year spent in the companionship and general atmosphere of our college should give a year of rich experience.

In planning the courses of study we are mindful also of the fact that many of our students will not return to their home communities, but will find themselves settling in communities where our Church is not found. It is our hope such training and influence as may be received from a period of study at G. V. C. may effectively equip these students to make a worthwhile contribution to the life of the church wherever they may be.

But to sit at the Church Conferences and Pastors Meetings and agree upon the need of leadership training is one thing. To carry out an effective program is another. To engage a director of such a course is one thing, to win the interest of our youth is still another. This is where we will need the help of all our Pastors and laymen. Grand View College has meant a great deal in the life of the Danish Lutheran Church. Its influence can become still greater if we can learn to support it not only with an occasional contribution but also by influencing our youth to spend one or two years under its guidance and leadership. **WILL YOU** speak to your young

people about G. V. C.'s academic courses? **WILL YOU** speak to them about the new Leadership Courses? Let them know that there is a great task before us as a church. Challenge them to take it up and to equip themselves for the work!

A. E. Farstrup.

Eye Hospital In The Jungle

(We are happy to bring this challenging story from one of the several Santal Mission stations, and written by Dr. Kristofer Hagen, who has been in India less than a year. Those who attended the church convention last year in Des Moines, Iowa, will remember that Dr. Hagan spoke to us the evening of the Santal Mission program.—Editor.)

In February I spent three weeks with a remarkable Scot, Dr. Ronald M. Macphail, at his eye hospital in Bamdah, Monghyr District, a jungly section bordering on the opposite (west) side of Santal Paranas. My main purpose in going was to find some peace and quiet, away from Benagaria's constant pressure of work, in which to study Santali. Under the expert guidance of the surgeon-preacher-linguist, my purpose was readily achieved, but I also acquired in the process some very interesting sidelights on medical mission work in India about which our Missionary friends may like to hear.

Bushy, greying eyebrows shield the twinkle of Doctor Macphail's blue eyes from the tropical sun. Under a broad, intelligent looking brow lies an unusual brain that has absorbed most of the wisdom of the hundreds of books in the crowded shelves filling his home and a good deal more from a first hand study of life. Both his parents were pioneer medical missionaries at Bamdah, starting itinerant doctoring and preaching in the 1880's and continuing later with the hospital for a full life time of work. Early the hospital developed eye surgery as a specialty so now in spite of its jungle location, poorly accessible from the railroad 17 miles away, people come from all over India for treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, trachoma, leucoma, keratomalacia, straphyloma and many other eye diseases. During the cool season the doctor now often does over 100 cases a day and the 1000 or more convalescing patients and relatives completely overflow the hospital rooms to cook, eat and sleep in huddles under the trees around the hospital. Conditions are ultra-primitive, but the cure-rate for cataracts is over 98 per cent, equal to the best.

Doctor Macphail's hands and eyes have much to do and they do it well. By charging "specialist's fees" of Rupees 5/- (about \$1.50) a visit from better class patients he has made the hospital more than self-supporting. A number of eye specialists from America have visited his hospital to learn from him. Fully as concerned about spiritual blindness as about the physical, the doctor preaches the Gospel daily in Hindi, twice weekly in Santali, and has charge of the local Presbyterian Church, ably assisted by a fine group of Santal elders. Gospel portions are distributed by the hundreds every week to those who can read.

The doctor's personal life has not been without some

sorrow. For nine years he has patiently waited for the best available psychiatric care to relax the hold a manic-depressive psychosis has on his wife's mind. Only very gradually has any progress been made and even that seems to have suffered a recent reversal. They have had no children. So there was a deep and quiet pathos in the loneliness of his life in that jungle bungalow. During my visit I felt that he rather enjoyed someone to share his frugal meals, consisting often of native vegetables, herbs, soups and fruits, with the occasional addition of some Indian sweets from a grateful patient. After supper we would read Weymouth's New Testament with that hunger which only the felt need of life as it is can produce and then we would kneel by the fireside for evening prayers. It is strange how near God can be when you kneel in a heathen jungle with a great and humble man.

After prayers, he would sometimes light up an Indian cheroot, his only indulgence, and we would read and talk. As a liberal American I was, of course, delighted to hear that he had no regrets over the passing of the (Churchillian!) British Empire, the coming of independent rule to India and the increasing self-assertion of the colored people of the world.

At his fireside I read some revealing documents, two of which I should like to mention here. One was a novel about Santals, called "Harma's Village" written by a former district commissioner of Santal Paraganas. It is a story about the Santal rebellion some 85 years ago, a bloody rebellion against Hindu money-lenders and extortioners, which was responsible for calling attention to the oppressed Santals as a tribe and thus indirectly led to the establishment of missionary work among them. Full of fascinating details about the daily life and temperament of these people, the book impressed me most with its description of the Santals as a placid, farming class that were hard to arouse, but once aroused became very violent. Their savage killings were very thorough, literally reducing enemies to a pulp. In India's present turmoil it was reassuring to hear from Dr. Macphail that the Santals are still generally very placid and that they are not involved in current Hindu-Moslem tensions.

A diary of camping trips for itinerant medical missionary work by Dr. Macphail's father in 1892 and 1893 formed another bit of interesting fireside reading. As it was printed only for private circulation, I was pleased that the doctor let me read it. His description of the poverty and need of India seems just as true today, alas, as it was when written over 50 years ago. By substituting the word "dime" for penny" in the following passage it can be taken as a true account of our present experiences:

"That people should be in a condition of chronic starvation where a penny a day per head would keep them in abundance may seem hard to believe but it is true . . . The great majority of the diseases treated have been those of poverty, due to insufficient or bad food, to dirt, and to exposure. It is easy to say that poverty does not excuse dirt but the poverty of India is a poverty unknown in Europe (or America!) . . . The entire clothing probably consists of one piece of cloth, to wear night and day, which never can be washed

because there is nothing to take its place; nor do I believe that one person in a thousand among my patients ever possessed a piece of soap for personal use. Perhaps a medical missionary is led to take a gloomier view than others would of the social conditions of the people, for wherever he goes, and all day long, he is brought into personal contact with the most wretched of them; but in many places the poor and miserable seemed to constitute almost the entire population. . . . The figures of many of my poor patients which remain fixed in my memory resemble the spectres of a night mare rather than human creatures made in the image of God."

Returning from Bamdah to Benagaria seemed like stepping back into relative civilization. After all we don't have bats actually **living** in our house, our hospital **does** have beds, we do eat American peanut butter, our bedrooms **are** screened, and we **do** have daily fellow-countrymen. But I shall never forget that noble Scot who stands alone in the jungle at Bamdah; holding in his steady hands the cataract knife and the Cross of Christ, both for the healing of India. Landour, April, 1947.

Kristofer Hagen, M.D.
Missionary to the Santals

Convention Program June 17-22, 1947

Racine, Wis.

Opening Service, 8 P. M., Tuesday, June 17 at Holy Communion Church, 2000 Carmel Ave. (All meetings and services as well as the serving of all meals including breakfast will take place at the Holy Communion Church or Parish Hall except when otherwise mentioned). Rev. Arthur E. Frost will be in charge of opening service. He is pastor of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Wednesday, June 18, 9 A. M.

Morning Bible Hour in charge of Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, pastor of Trinity Danish Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.

Business Session begins 9:45 A. M. in charge of Prof. Erling Jensen, convention chairman, Rev. Arthur E. Frost, asst. chairman, Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, convention secretary, and Miss Ellen Andersen, ass't secretary.

Wednesday, June 18, 8 P. M.

Grand View College evening in charge of Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College and Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa.

Danish Service 8 P. M. in the Bethania Lutheran Church, Silver St., in charge of Rev. Viggo M. Hansen, pastor of Trinitatis Lutheran Church, Marinette, Wis.

Thursday, June 19, 9 A. M.

Morning Bible Hour in charge of Rev. John Christensen, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Ludington, Mich.

Thursday, June 19, 1:30 P. M.

Address by Dr. Paul C. Empie, director of Lutheran World Action, New York, N.Y.

Thursday, June 19, 8 P. M.

Evening Program in charge of Rev. M. C. Dixen, ex. secretary of the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches. Rev. Kr. Tromborg, Norway, main speaker. Dagmar Miller also on program. Meeting or service at the Bethania Lutheran Church, Silver St., where Pastor Povl Hedemann Baagøe, Danish Seamen's Pastor in New York, will speak or preach.

Friday, June 20, 9 A. M.

Morning Bible Hour in charge of Rev. Svend Kjær, pastor of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Salinas, Calif.

Friday, June 20, 1:30 p.m.

Address by Dr. Clarence E. Krumbholz, ex. director of the Division of Welfare, Nat. Luth. Council, New York, N. Y.

Friday, June 20, 8 P. M.

Women's Mission Society meeting. Rev. Erik K. Moller, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Community Church, Hay Springs, Nebr. A woman speaker yet to be scheduled.

Saturday, June 21, 9 A. M.

Morning Bible Hour in charge of Rev. Marvin Nygaard, Fredsville Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Saturday, June 21, 1:30 P. M.

Address by Rev. Paul Bierstedt, Central Regional Secretary, Student Service Commission, Nat. Luth. Council.

Saturday, June 21, 8 P. M.

Youth Rally in charge of Rev. Richard H. Sorensen, president of the Danish American Young People's League and Rev. Howard Christensen, vice president of the Danish American Young People's League.

Sunday, June 22, 9 A. M.

Ordination Service at Bethania Lutheran Church, Silver St., in charge of Synod Ordinator to be elected at the convention. Liturgy and introductory sermon by Rev. F. O. Lund, pastor of Our Savior's Danish Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sunday, June 22, 10:30 A. M.

English worship service at Holy Communion Church in charge of Rev. Kenneth Hurst of Holy Communion Church, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, pastor of Central Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Mich., will deliver the sermon, Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen, pastor of St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., will have charge of communion service.

Sunday, June 22, 10:30 A. M.

Danish Service in charge of Rev. Alfred Jensen, Pres. of Danish Lutheran Church. Rev. John Pedersen, pastor of St. Angsgar Danish Lutheran Church, Portland, Me., in charge of communion service.

Sunday, June 22, 2:30 P. M.

Jubilee Meeting. Address by Rev. Enok Mortensen, pastor of Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minn., and Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, pastor of Bethlehem's Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and secretary of Danish Lutheran Church.

Sunday, June 22, 7:30 P. M.

Addresses by Rev. C. S. Hasle, pastor of Danish Lutheran Church, Junction City, Ore., and Rev. Marius Krog, Lake Norden, S. D., pastor of Pioneer's Central Lutheran Church, Badger, S. D., followed by greetings and farewells.

May I call to your attention, that any congregation, who has failed to select delegates and send their names to the convention headquarters at Racine before June 1, should not therefore neglect to send their delegates to the convention. For good and practical reasons, delegates and visitors should be enrolled early, but if for good reasons, they are still not enrolled, please, do so immediately.

The Bethania Church and their committees are working strenuously to make this a fine convention. They will do their utmost to arrange things so that it may be convenient to everybody. Let us cooperate to the fullest extent.

May we meet in Racine June 17 ready to share work, worship and fellowship in the name of our Lord and Savior.

ALFRED JENSEN

The Seventieth Annual Convention Of The Danish Lutheran Church

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will assemble for its 70th annual convention at Racine, Wis., June 17—22 upon invitation from Bethlehem Danish Lutheran Church.

Convention headquarters will be at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, W. Sixth St., & Kinzie Ave. The opening service will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 17, in the Holy Communion Church and all business sessions will take place there beginning at 9 a. m., Wednesday, June 18.

May I urge all congregations in the Danish Lutheran Church to send delegates to represent them at

the convention and also that all pastors attend if possible. Any congregation has the right to be represented by one delegate for each fifty voting members or fraction thereof. Congregations and pastors located in districts 1, 8 or 9 as well as the Dalum, Canwood, Danevang and Granly congregations are asked to examine the regulations concerning delegates' and pastors' traveling expenses passed by last year's convention and found on pages 104—105 in the Annual Report.

Any congregation or individual member of the synod may submit proposals to be brought before the annual convention. Such a proposal must be at my address before May 5 in order to be published in our papers the required six weeks before the convention opens.

In order that the convention may fully represent our synod it is my hope and prayer that its deliberations and decisions may be shared by as many of its members as possible. Reports from its various fields of activity will be presented, important policies will be determined, methods and means will be discussed, and the leadership chosen. A large number of messages will be heard and there will be opportunity to share in worship and singing and fellowship. May we meet at Racine ready and eager for consecrated efforts and cooperation.

March 30, 1947.

Alfred Jensen.

The Bethania Danish Lutheran Church of Racine herewith extends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates and friends to attend the annual, synodical convention to be held at the Holy Communion Lutheran Church, West Sixth St. and Kinzie Ave., June 17—22.

All pastors and delegates are requested to send their registrations to Mr. E. R. Fischer, 1435 Munroe Ave., Racine, Wisconsin, before June 1. The new convention rules require that we have a list of the voting membership of the convention to submit to the convention chairman by June 1. Visiting guests should also register at the earliest possible date to be certain of accommodations.

Einer R. Fischer, President.
Edwin E. Hansen, Pastor.

Proposals to the Annual Convention

I

Theological candidates from Grand View Theological Seminary, planning to serve as pastors or teachers in our Synod, upon the satisfactory completion of their work at the Seminary, shall be granted scholarships to attend school or schools in Denmark for one year that have been approved by Board of Examiners for Grand View Theological Seminary. The Board of Examiners shall determine their eligibility. This privilege may also be extended at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, to those men who have graduated from the Seminary since the instruction has been conducted primarily in the English language.

St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church
Perth Amboy, N. J.
Carl Gylling, President
Nina B. Mathiasen, Secretary

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We move that a Junior membership be established to promote a greater interest in the work of the church, the age limit for such membership to be from confirmation to 18 years of age and that such member be exempted from synodical dues.

Harald Ibsen, President,
District IV.

Convention Notes

The 70th Annual Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will be held June 17 to 22, 1947 in Racine, Wisconsin at the Holy Communion English Lutheran Church, 2000 Carmel Avenue where the opening service and all business meetings will be held. Registration is also to be made here.

Method of Travel

Chicago & North Western Railroad Company

For those who come to Racine on the Chicago & North Western Railroad, you can take a taxi-cab to the Holy Communion Church or take a GRAND-STATE bus downtown from the depot and transfer to a WEST SIXTH-GENEVA bus which will take you right to the church.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad Company

For those who come on the Chicago and North Shore Electric Railway, you can either take a taxi-cab or a WEST SIXTH-GENEVA bus. Get on the bus on the far side of the street in front of the station.

Greyhound Bus

For those who come by Greyhound Bus, take a west bound SIXTH-GENEVA bus from downtown.

Automobile—U.S. Highway 41

For those who come by automobile from the North or South on U.S. Highway which is eight miles west of Racine, turn East on State Highway 20. When entering the city on this route you will be on Washington Avenue. Stay on Washington Avenue until you cross the first railroad tracks, which is the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad. Then turn left on West Boulevard, which runs parallel with the North Shore tracks for two blocks. Then turn right on Kinzie Avenue for three blocks to Chicago Avenue northeasterly to the Church.

Automobile—State Highway 11

For those coming by automobile from the West on State Trunk Highway 11, turn left on U.S. Highway 41 to State Highway 20 and follow the route outlined above.

Automobile—State Highway 42

For those coming by automobile from the North or South on State Highway 42, which is known as the Lakeshore Route, turn west on West Sixth Street in downtown Racine and continue straight West on this street to the first turn which is just below the Church.

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Our Women's Work

Greetings From W. M. S. President

Before many weeks have gone the annual convention will be in session at Racine and another WMS year will have come to a close. As we look back upon the year's work there is much to be thankful for. Contributions have come in constantly and liberally. Our gifts, here and there where the board felt they could do good, have been acknowledged with sincere gratitude.

The fund for our special project to furnish the new G. V. C. dormitory is gradually growing as women's groups all through the synod send in their donations for this big undertaking. The hope is to receive \$200 from each women's organization of our congregations, or where there are two or more in our smaller churches, this sum from their united efforts. This hope has not faded, for according to our treasurer's report, Ladies' Aids and Mission Groups have not failed but have risen to the occasion, and, gradually, these \$200 are coming in, so that in the next year or two we may see a new dormitory at our school furnished through the efforts of the women of The Danish Church. Full well women realize that Christian education of our youth, also in college, is a very important part of Home Mission Work.

Friday evening at convention this year will be W. M. S. evening. At 6:30 we meet for a business session. All women are asked to attend and may we again remind you that all our women of the church have voting privilege. There will be election of officers and discussion of questions relevant to W. M. S. interests. Will you come to this meeting with your questions and suggestions regarding W. M. S. work?

As you know, we have a Program Committee, consisting of three members, ready and willing to give you help in getting material for your meetings and for planning your programs. Are you making use of them?

This year W. M. S. published a small pamphlet and we are thankful to our editor, Mrs. V. S. Petersen, for this publication. In it you have read the rules of W. M. S. Do you think they are adequate? Do they need revision? Are we too loosely organized? One woman writes she feels W. M. S. should have a membership fee of 25 cents at least from each member. Do you? The W. M. S. board is always happy to receive letters with all these questions and suggestions for they indicate that our women are thinking of the best interests of the church through its work in W. M. S.

Will you bring your questions and suggestions to our annual meeting or write to your District Representative and ask her to take them to this session?

At 8:00 P. M. Friday we meet for the regular meeting in open session and sponsored by W. M. S. We hope to hear directly from some of our fields of Home Mission Work and also Foreign Missions—and concerning other phases of church, home and school work in which W. M. S. takes an active part.

We have nothing "new" to offer; but that which is

alive is always new. May we always, also now when we meet at convention, feel the joy of Christian fellowship as we sing, work and worship together on the road toward that wonderful goal to find the way, experience the truth and possess life.

"O keep us building, Master; may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands
And all the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with Thee, O grant, enduring worth
Until the heavenly kingdom comes to earth."

Sincere greetings,
IDA EGEDE.

The New Dormitory At G. V. C.

While at "Studentfest" in Des Moines recently, Dr. Johs. Kundsén escorted me through the new dormitory on a personally conducted tour.

As we entered the south entrance and emerged into the lounge, I recalled that Mrs. Knudsen had told me: "We're going to splurge a bit in the lounge!" And I could see it in my mind's eye. French doors on the east and west walls leading to small balconies; a fireplace set in the south wall; over it a modern Danish painting by one of Denmark's famous modern artists. When shown the painting, one of the members of the furnishing committee said: "Wouldn't it be something, if we could carry out those same colors in draperies, upholstery and rug?" We agreed, that the idea would be charming as well as practical. So I could see the room with gay splashes of yellow brightening the warmer fuschia and blending into maroon-brown.

Off of the lounge is a kitchenette just large enough for a "spot of tea" or to warm a glass of milk for an overwrought matron!

We passed on down the hall to the matron's quarters which include an office, living room, bedroom and bath. Would one of you readers like to occupy this apartment?

Most of the other rooms are dormitory rooms. These are generous rooms compared to present quarters. Girls are already vieing for the rooms with the cute bays. The rooms are well lighted; the plaster will be tinted to give a bit of warmth; there is hot and cold running water.

The committee had just purchased furniture for these rooms. The order includes a double dresser, two study desks with built-in end shelves, two side chairs, one lounge chair with removable cushions and a floor lamp which will double as a study lamp. The dresser and desks are made-to-order according to a design worked out for dormitories by the University of Iowa. The pieces are simple, sturdy and goodlooking. They are light in color, as modern as can be. However, just this much has cost \$204 per room. The committee is considering drapes and bedspreads, but have placed no order yet.

The school recently bought some beds from government surplus. They were so very reasonable in price

and can always be used as extra beds. These beds are good sleeping beds, simple, solid, but of course, not designed for a lady's boudoir. For the time being, however, we may have to content ourselves with them, until it seems financially feasible to replace them. These beds are not particularly attractive but just wait until a few girls have vented their artistic talents upon them!

In the basement is a large recreation room, which I heard the students are considering furnishing. Then there is the archives room, which will serve as a reference library with study tables; a laundry, some store rooms and what have you.

So you see, we've really quite a ways to go before we have our dormitory furnished, but I still feel a thrill, when I think of all these mothers and women of our church furnishing this for the daughters of our church. It will be one way of showing that we care for them, that we are concerned about them. Every time a young girl enters the dormitory, she will be reminded that it was mother and father and mother's and father's friends that made these lovely living quarters possible, so that she might be strengthened to serve.

MARIETTA STRANDSKOV.

Contributions

To Women's Mission Society

Friendship Circle, Los Angeles, Calif., \$26.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Gayville, S. D., \$14.68; W. M. S. Mission Meeting, Pasadena, Calif., \$31.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Danevang, Texas, \$10.00; Mrs. W. Christiansen, Pasadena, Calif., \$1.00; Mrs. J. P. Christensen, Cedar Falls, Ia., \$1.00; Danish Ladies'

Aid, Clinton, Ia., \$10.00; W. M. S. Friends, Clinton, Ia., \$21.00; In memory of Mrs. Gregorius L. Smith, Danish Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill., \$5.00; Previously acknowledged, \$1,315.24. Total contributions to general fund May 5th, 1946 to May 1st, 1947, \$1,434.92.

To Grand View College Dormitory Furniture Fund

Danish Ladies' Aid, Gayville, S. D., \$36.00; Luth. Jr. Aid, Grayling, Mich., \$10.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Viborg, S. D., \$25.00; Mission Study Group, Brush, Colo., \$10.00; Joint W. M. S. Meeting, Ladies' Aids, Minneapolis, Minn., \$21.65; In memory of Mrs. M. S. Rasmussen, Mrs. Nels Andersen, Minneapolis, Minn., \$1.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Ia., \$60.00. Previously acknowledged, \$768.06. Total contributions to this fund to May 1st, \$932.31.

To Pamphlet Fund

District 3, by Mrs. Ernest Nielsen, \$9.65; District 4, by Mrs. Caroline Jørgensen, \$27.00; District 5, by Mrs. Ottar Jørgensen, \$12.90; District 7, by Mrs. J. J. Lerager, \$11.50; District 8, by Mrs. Svend Marckmann, \$12.75. Previously acknowledged, \$18.25. Total to May 1st, \$92.05.

Received Since Closing Books May 1st

GENERAL FUND: Bridgeport, Conn., Congregation, \$32.90; Ladies' Aid, Easton, Calif., \$8.00; Danish Ladies' Aid (Birthday Bank), Dwight, Ill., \$10.18. Total \$51.08.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE DORMITORY FURNITURE FUND: Sr. Luth. Aid., Grayling, Mich., \$25.00; Trinity Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill., \$100.00. Total to date, \$1,057.31.

Pamphlet Fund: District 4, by Mrs. Caroline Jørgensen, \$6.00. Total to date, \$98.05.

Acknowledged with sincere thanks,
AGNETA JENSEN, Treas. W. M. S.
1604 Washington St.,
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Will You Be At The Convention In Racine?

If so, do not miss the W. M. S. meetings — both the business and the lecture meeting. We are anxious that all women of our church join us in the work we are trying to do. An open heart and a willing hand makes you a member of W. M. S.

Eighth District Convention

Parlier, California

April 18, 19, 20, 1947

District Eight President Rev. S. Kjær opened the Convention with his sermon at the services Friday evening at the Parlier church. Theo. Cand. Einar Andersen held Bible hour prior to the business meeting on Saturday. Following the business meeting Rev. S. Markmann from Pasadena lectured to us in the afternoon, followed by a supper served by the ladies of the congregation. Saturday night a concert was held at the D. B. S. Hall where Carla Petersen sang and Gudrun Sorensen played some numbers on the piano. Church services were held Sunday morning where Rev. Aage Moller preached and Rev. N. Nielsen served at the communion table. Dinner was served at the Hall at 12:30 and at 3:00 P. M. Theo. Cand. Einar Andersen gave a piano recital followed by a lecture given by Rev. Johannes Mortensen. At 6:00 P. M. Sunday closing meeting was held and the customary words of thanks were extended by the guests.

The business meeting was opened Saturday morning at the D. B. S. Hall with Rev. S. Kjær presiding. The following pastors were present:

Theo. Cand. Einar Andersen ----- Los Angeles
Rev. S. Markmann ----- Pasadena
Rev. Aage Moller ----- Solvang

Rev. S. Kjær ----- Salinas-Watsonville
Rev. Niels Nielsen ----- Easton-Parlier
Rev. Johannes Mortensen ----- Easton

The congregations sent the following delegates:

Los Angeles ----- Mr. and Mrs. Axel Lindvang, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hansen, Aage Knudsen
Pasadena ----- Mrs. S. Markmann, Mrs. Anna Jacobsen
Solvang ----- Mrs. Hilda Johnson, Thorvald T. L. Rasmussen
Salinas ----- Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Pors, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Christiansen
Watsonville ----- Paul Holme
Easton ----- Annie Eskildsen, Minnie Beck
Parlier ----- Soren Paulsen, Niels Hansen

Following is the President's report:

District VIII—Svend Kjær, President

The District Convention 1946 was held in our church in Watsonville, May 3-5. The host congregation, small in number as it is, did a fine work entertaining the many guests.

Decisions

1. That District VIII encourage the congregation at Solvang to extend an invitation to our synodical convention to hold its annual convention in Solvang in 1947.
2. That District VIII through its president suggests

to our Synodical President, that a Denmark tour not later than 1948 be sponsored by our synod.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to study the matter of rules for District VIII and report to the next convention. The following Committee was appointed: Pastor A. E. Farstrup, Mr. Nis Pors and Mr. Axel V. Pedersen.

4. It was also decided to support the work of the Santal Mission with \$50.

Finances

The District treasurer reported the following status: Receipts: \$594.84, Disbursements: \$232.00, Balance: \$362.84.

Elections

The following were elected to serve as officers: Rev. Svend Kjær, President; Mr. Nis Pors, Salinas, Treasurer; Mr. Harold M. Johnson, Solvang, Secretary. Mrs. Svend Marckmann, Pasadena, was elected representative of the Women's Mission Society for the District.

The quota for District VIII to the Lutheran World Action in the two year drive, 1946-47, is \$3,788.00. The total contributions in 1946 amounts to \$1,805.48. We hope to have made the goal by the end of this year.

According to the 1946 annual report our district has yet to collect \$525 to the Grand View Jubilee Fund, in order to meet the quota. The prospects are that this will be forthcoming in the near future.

It is a pleasure to know that the District financially fulfilled its obligations to the Synod last year in so far as the annual budget is concerned. May it always be that way. It can be done when all work together and each congregation will give its share.

In the Emanuel Church at Los Angeles, Peter Thomson has served as Assistant to the pastor for some time. He left in August 1946, and is now at work as pastor in his own charge in Omaha, Nebr. Since October 1946, Mr. Einer Andersen has served as assistant to the pastor. We heartily welcome him into our District. His service will be even more appreciated now during the pastoral vacancy.

After many years of faithful services, Rev. A. E. Farstrup has resigned as pastor for this congregation. The church has called Pastor Halvdan Knudsen, Vejle, Denmark, who will assume his duties there as soon as possible. We extend our heartiest thanks to Pastor Peter Thomson and to Pastor A. E. Farstrup and their wives for faithful service in our District.

In San Diego and Long Beach, Pastor Farstrup has been able to call on the sick and to preach. Though congregations have not been organized there yet, it is our hope that this work may be continued and expanded under new leadership.

Pastor Aage Moller reports that besides the regular work in Solvang he is also conducting services in Santa Maria and in Santa Barbara.

Pastor Niels Nielsen and his wife intend to visit Denmark this summer. We wish them a happy journey and a safe return.

All the congregations in the District are to be commended for having increased the salaries of their pastors and thereby provided for them so that they may

labor without temporal anxiety in these times of high cost of living.

During the past week we have had a number of guest speakers from Denmark, visiting here in our District. They have been Mr. and Mrs. Frode Hasseris, Pastor M. F. Blichfeld and Pastor Evald Kristensen. In January Dr. Dagmar Pedersen from the Santal Mission visited all our congregations. Pastor Alfred Jensen, President of our Synod visited our District in March of this year.

Services in the English language are now being conducted every Sunday morning in the following congregations: Salinas, Solvang, and Los Angeles.

God who by his grace and in His infinite love, called us into His Kingdom, to Him we give thanks for His protection, also through this last year and to Him we pray:

"Let now the living waters of life unhindered flow
And all thy sons and daughters like trees by brooklets
grow;
Let Jesus' name increase till all in faith embrace Him
And find eternal peace."

It was voted to give Theo. Cand. Einar Andersen voting privileges.

The Treasurer's Report by N. P. Pors showed cash on hand, balance of \$296.86. Mrs. Hilda Johnson and Paul Holme were appointed to audit the books and found them in perfect order.

Rev. Niels Nielsen and Axel Lindvang were appointed to check over the President's Report.

The Delegates' Reports were as follows:

LOS ANGELES CHURCH—This last year has been a good year for our church in many ways; it has been a year of adjustment back to peace time as well as a year of importance in fellowship and devotion. We have also made several changes in our work. Peter Thomson, who was our assistant pastor and who is now in Omaha in his own church, has been replaced by Einar Andersen as the pastor's helper. Rev. Farstrup has ministered once a month to the Long Beach and San Diego groups; the attendance in both places has been very good. Another change is that we now have English services every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. and Danish service on the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 11:00 a. m. This change has proved to be a benefit to the congregation, and the attendance has increased about ten per cent.

The biggest change in our work is the departure of Rev. Farstrup, who has served our congregation for almost eight years, and who we all learned to love dearly. In Rev. Farstrup's place we have called Rev. Halvdan Knudsen from Denmark; we hope we have made the right decision. Rev. Knudsen will be in Los Angeles about August 1st.

Our monthly Fellowship meetings of the first Sunday evening of the month have been continued during the past year, with the exception of the summer months. We have heard some fine speakers during the year, both from our own church and from other churches. These meetings have served to get us better acquainted with each other.

At the April meeting of the congregation a Committee was appointed to study the needs and possibili-

ty of establishing a home for the aged here in Southern California. This Committee, together with similar Committees from the congregation of the two Danish Lutheran Synods, located in Los Angeles and surrounding territory, have made a study of the need of conducting a Home for the aged. Arrangements will be made to lease a suitable building for housing older Danish people of our community on a Boarding Home basis until it will be possible to set up an Old People's Home Foundation.

This last year our Parish Hall has been a place of great activity. In addition to the Sunday School, which has a present enrollment of 54 pupils, the Friendship Circle, the Luther League, and the Protestant Church Federation has made use of our facilities once a week for the Released Time Religious Education classes. A very fine work is done here. Two Girl Scout groups have used our hall also and have greatly appreciated it. In September of the past year a group of the older young people in our church, the young married couples, met and organized a Senior Young People's Group which conducts regular meetings.

In closing my report I wish to state that our congregation hopes and wishes that we may have the national church convention here in Southern California the next time.

Pastor Farstrup asked me to bring to you here today his best wishes and hope for a good convention.

PASADENA—In 1946 church services have been held every Sunday morning. The last Sunday the services are in English. The Young Peoples Society meets once a month for lectures, singing and social gatherings. The Ladies Aid meets once a month and is paying off the congregation's debt made when the new parsonage was built, which was dedicated last June. The Women's Missionary Society meets once a year in the parsonage. Open House at the parsonage the last Sunday in every month throughout the winter. We have had a number of guest speakers throughout the year; namely, Pastor Holt, Magister Northar (Oxford Group) from Denmark; Peter Thomson from Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Frode Hasseriis, Denmark; Cand. Einar Andersen; and Rev. Farstrup from Los Angeles; Rev. Blichfeld and Rev. Evald Kristensen, Denmark.

Silver Tea is held every summer in the gardens by the church.

Members of the Ladies Aid meet once a month to sew for the yearly Bazaar which is held in November, which has always been a success.

The congregation holds a monthly business meeting; the Danish songs are sung and coffee is served after meetings.

SOLVANG—There have been two regular services on Sundays during the year: one in the American and the other in the Danish language.

During the summer of 1946 Atterdag had summer school for children—6 weeks, over 100 children. Sunday school with Alfred Petersen, Mrs. Tarnow, Mrs. Iversen, Mrs. Hilda Johnson, Mrs. Christiansen and Agnes Brons as teacher—over 50 children. Released Time instruction has been given in 6 schools—about 250 children.

Thursday evening meetings have been held in

homes. Monthly meetings have been held in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. Lectures and social gatherings have taken place, also musical programs.

Plans for Atterdag have been discussed, but as yet nothing has been decided. Tentative plans are: 1. A Lutheran Youth Camp and Retreat; 2. A secondary school; 3. A club.

We have had 22 baptisms, 10 weddings, and 6 funerals.

The minister's salary has been raised to \$250 per month.

Ladies Aid meetings are held every month; and many relief packages have been sent to Lutheran World Action.

ST. ANSGAR'S CHURCH, SALINAS—Our congregation consists of 114 contributing members.

Sixty English and thirteen Danish services have been conducted during the year. Ten weddings, 14 funerals, 9 baptisms, 7 young folks and 2 adults have been confirmed in our church. Our Sunday school which has been on the increase both in number and attendance consists of 60 children. It is under the leadership of Mrs. Svend Kjær and 8 other teachers are assisting her. The young peoples Society has a membership of 45.

Our Church choir sings on holidays and at other festivities; it is very much appreciated by our congregation. The annual Christmas Cantata is something we are all looking forward to.

The Danish Ladies Aid has a membership of 21, and the Lutheran Guild has 46 members. Both Societies are meeting once a month. They are always ready to give a helping hand and forward the good work of our Church. The Lutheran Guild has just completed a drive for funds to be used for colored windows in our church, which will be installed in the very near future. We are all anxiously awaiting the installation as we know it will be a great improvement.

Our Board of Trustees together with Pastor Kjær meets once a month to discuss matters, which might be brought before the congregation at quarterly meetings.

We have through the year had good visiting speakers. As such we can mention Rev. Rishøjgaard from Sønderjylland who went through torture in German concentration camps during the war. Poul Hagerup from Hagerups Publishing Company in Copenhagen also paid us a visit and spoke on "5 Years of German Occupation" which will never be forgotten by the Danish people. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Hasseriis from Askov Folk-high-school in Denmark. Dr. Dagmar Petersen from the Santal Mission; Pastor M. F. Blichfeld, Denmark; and finally our Synodical President Rev. Alfred Jensen, who gave us a very informative talk on activities at Grand View college.

We are happy to announce that the quota to our synod is being met. The Lutheran World Action has not fully been taken care of as yet, but indications are that we shall meet our obligations.

Finally a word of thanks to Pastor Kjær and his family for their friendly, understanding and cooperating ways; and thanks to all who have helped to progress during the year, and helped to make our church work a pleasure.

EASTON—In Easton we had the great joy of getting our hall finished and taken into extensive use by Sunday School, Ladies Aid and congregation. Entertainments and educational movies are enjoyed at regular intervals. We also have pot-luck suppers and Bazaars there. We enjoy our own hall so much that we can't understand how we could be without it so long.

About 32 children are enrolled in the Sunday School and they enjoy the very unique instruction of Mrs. Lund-Thomsen. At times the whole group takes part in the church services; at Christmas time they carry candles to the altar and at Easter, flowers—marching in procession. Both children and adults enjoy this little ceremony and, especially at the seasonal holidays, it makes a lasting memory for the children.

At rummage sales a good amount is taken in. We have janitor service for both hall and church. We have ordered chairs for the hall, new stove, and tables.

Rev. Mortensen will have charge during Nielsen's absence.

PARLIER—The membership of our congregation for the last ten years has been around 30, so this report will not differ much from previous years. At present we have no Sunday School. In the Confirmation class, together with Easton, we had four. The attendance to our church service is good, with our young people well represented. Minor improvements in our Church are made, thanks to our active Ladies Aid.

WATSONVILLE—The church services are in the English language exclusively. The services are held every month—at 9:00 a. m. on the second and fourth Sundays. For many years Watsonville had one service a month at 11:00 a. m. and one evening service. In order to make it possible for St. Ansgar's Church in Salinas to have services every Sunday at 11:00 a. m. this change in time was made. This new arrangement apparently works for the good of all concerned.

The Ladies Aid meets once a month and is doing a fine work in support of the church.

To the 1946-47 Lutheran World Action \$108.50 has been collected. Watsonville's quota is \$120. The quota for the Synodical budget is \$58. Of this sum \$51 has been paid.

There have been 5 children baptized during the year, and three funeral services were conducted.

The congregation lost two of its members during the year. They were Chris P. Jensen and Mrs. L. P. Holgersen.

At last year's meeting a Committee was appointed to study the rules of District VIII. N. P. Pors, one of the Committee, read the rules and these were studied and revised by the delegates and pastors. Five hundred copies of the revised rules will be printed and distributed at a later date.

Since Sunday, April 20th, was the 40th wedding anniversary of Karl Moller, the Secretary was asked to send a telegram congratulating them.

Greetings from Rev. N. P. Hald were extended and a return greeting was requested.

Aage Knudsen from Los Angeles made an appeal for help to support a summer youth camp which is to

be held in August in the San Bernardino Mountains. Rev. E. Mortensen has been invited to assist at this camp, and it was moved that the District invite Rev. Mortensen to visit the congregations.

Rev. Aage Moller and Rev. Svend Kjær are entitled to go to the National Synodical Convention at Racine.

Mrs. Hilda Johnson offered an invitation to start a Sunday School teachers' institute—to be held in Solvang in the near future. Sunday School teachers from the entire District are all invited to attend.

Pasadena's invitation to hold the next year's convention there was accepted, and we all are looking forward to being there.

HAROLD JOHNSON, Secretary



BOOKS

GOD'S MEN AND WOMEN, FOLLOWING JESUS, A SAVIOR WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD; Edited by Fernanda Urberg Malmin. Published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. 28 cents each.

Three work books for Vacation Bible Schools edited by Fernanda Urberg Malmin have recently been issued by the Board of Parish Education of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. "God's Men and Women" for grades 1, 2 and 3; "Following Jesus" for grades 4, 5 and 6; "A Savior, Who is Christ the Lord" for grades 7 and 8. Each work book is so arranged that there are fifteen studies in catechism, Bible, Missions and Hymns. The studies are specifically for the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and while we could very well use some of the material, still it is definitely denominational. I only wish we had similar books to use in and about our church. The idea of having all the essential studies in one book is excellent. The studies are interesting and definitely centered.

A teacher's manual for each work book will be published soon.

MARIETTA STRANDSKOV

NIKOLINE'S CHOICE By Margaret Maw, Published by Oxford University Press, 114 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. 240 Pages; Price \$2.50

NIKOLINE'S CHOICE is a story of Lena's life on the greasewood prairie of Utah where her Danish father and mother had settled in the 1880's. It is a very human story which many rural children will appreciate, because various situations will be a recognized experience.

We wish the author had used more authentic Danish in the few phrases scattered here and there through the book.

MARIETTA STRANDSKOV

YOU AND THE UNITED NATIONS by Lois Fisher. Published by Children's Press, Chicago 7, Ill.—Price 60 cents.

This is a very unique book with numerous fascinating drawings and short paragraphs dealing with the principles and the organization of the United Nations. It will be a great help to children toward the understanding of the possibilities of the United Nations. And adults may very well profit by its contents. Permit me to quote a couple of the enthusiastic endorsements the book has received: "One of the most outstanding presentations of the United Nations that I have been privileged to see." Another: "Easily read book showing in graphic form the necessity and feasibility of world order."

We heartily recommend the book.

H. S.

Danebod Folk School

Greetings

Withee, Wisconsin,
May 16th, 1947

The Danebod Folk School Association has sent out a small folder describing in detail the activities for the coming summer and fall. The folders are sent to all ministers in our synod and to all associate members of Danebod. It is my hope that the ministers will assist in distributing them, especially to young people who may be interested in our two summer camps. Anyone who wishes a copy may get one by writing the undersigned.

Our first summer camp will be held July 6-13. District III is sponsoring this camp but all young people more than 15 years old are welcome. Room, board and tuition will cost \$14.00 for the full week. Register with the undersigned as soon as possible and enclose one dollar as registration fee.

The Junior camp begins Sunday evening, July 13 and this is for all young people 12-15 years old. Cost for this camp is \$13.00 a week plus a dollar registration fee. There is a small discount for two members of the same family.

We are busy getting ready for a community Fourth of July celebration. We invite visitors to come and share the festivities with us. The school will be open for guests—provided they bring bedding. The program includes band music, folk dancing by a group of children, a lecture by Chester A. Graham; and the main feature is a three-act operetta "Carmelita" which will be presented on the out-door stage in the evening of the Fourth. Guests may stay over Saturday, and young people who are campers for the first week may come Friday and stay over. But please let us know when and how you are coming.

I want to acknowledge with gratitude the many responses we have met to the pamphlets that were sent to all LT subscribers. I trust that all donors have been sent receipts. It has been encouraging to read the many letters from people who are interested in an American folk school. But I must confess that I am somewhat disappointed in the response from our own people. It is our hope that we can keep Danebod alive as a monument to one of the most important contributions of the Danish people. And I still refuse to believe that there aren't among us enough people who will help us. It is true that we haven't done much as yet; but we need additional support so that we can do still more. This summer we are conducting camps. Our aims are much higher. We visualize a place where the spirit and the living word may touch the hearts of our people. And I can think of no better motto than Grundtvig's words:

"All our endeavors are wasted unless man's natural inclination for human happiness and earthly joy is re-awakened. For what will eternal life in Heaven mean to us unless we know and enjoy a temporal life so rich that we want it to last forever?"

Danebod Parsonage

Tyler, Minn.

ENOK MORTENSEN

Dear Friends:

So many people have written to us since the death of our beloved son, Carl, in the plane crash in Panama on April 15th, that we find it impossible to write a personal letter to all of you.

Pardon this somewhat impersonal way of thanking you for your kind words and sympathy. We assure you it has meant a great deal to know that so many have thought about us during these days of sorrow. We know we have shared this experience with so many of you, and there has been comfort in that; it has deepened our own lives as well as putting more meaning into the greater fellowship we have with the many who, like us, have experienced a similar loss.

I am sure we have been affirmed in the faith of "the resurrection and the life," and that it shall be "only a little while" and we shall see Carl again, as so many of you shall see your loved ones again.

Three days ago we had a letter from the chaplain at Howard Field in Panama, and he stated that Carl had attended the Easter day service on the base chapel; so the last message he heard was a resurrection-to-life-message.

There is undoubtedly no message I have brought to people as often as the message of death and eternal life, and I am certain there is no message I have brought with greater conviction and often deep joy, and, God willing, I shall continue to do that until I no longer can serve the Christian church.

We will not probe the mystery of Carl's untimely death with any—why? It is enough for us to live in the faith that death is swallowed up in the victory of Jesus Christ and that all broken bodies shall again be restored to the glory in that mystery which arose again in splendor on that most unforgettable Easter morning.

Though we no longer shall hear the mellow cheery voice of Carl say, "Hello Mom" and "Hello Dad," we will live with him in the many memories of his kind and good deeds for us and many others. His presence, we are sure, will be real among us forever.

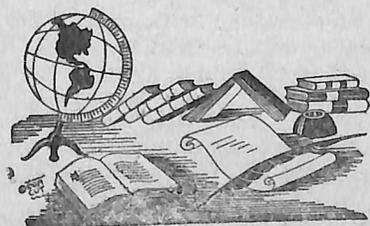
We were happy that his brother, Axel, together with his wife, Margareth and little daughter, Arne and Victor, and his sister, Agnes, and her little daughter could be with us over the week-end of the memorial service, April 27th. We sang these hymns on that day: "O Day Full of Grace," "How Firm a Foundation," "O Land of Our King," "Break Thou the Bread of Life Dear Lord to Me," and "Our Father Has Light in His Window."

In the strength of the faith which we confess with so many of you we shall live on and attempt to do our work to the glory of God and the service of our fellow men.

With sincere greetings,

Affectionately yours,

L. C. BUNDGAARD AND FAMILY



Across the Editor's Desk

A Very Good Radio Program is offered every Sunday evening sponsored by the American Broadcasting Company, under the title: "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD." The time 6:30 p. m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, 5:30 p. m. Central Daylight time. On Sunday, June 1st, the parable "THE FRUITLESS FIG TREE" was presented in the form of a Biblical drama. Each program centers on some episode from the life

of Christ and his disciples, or centers on a parable or other Biblical theme.

"THE WAY OF PEACE," a new tri-dimensional religious art film sponsored by the American Lutheran Church was given its world premiere recently in Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C., before an audience of 2700 people. A very elaborate program had been prepared for the evening. The National Lutheran Chorus, an inter-synodical a capella choir of 150 voices, sang Melius Christiansen's "Built on the Rock" and Matlotte's "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Robert Nicholson.

The Rev. J. Adrain Pfeiffer was chairman of the committee in charge of promotion and arrangements for the premiere showing.

A new art form, that of puppet animation with life-like results, makes the film unique. Miniature sets with minute perfection of detail are used as background for the puppets.

The most distinctive feature of the film is its forceful and timely message, and the broad sweep of its time and conception. Beginning with creation and closing with the possible annihilation of the world through atomic fission, it throws into clear relief the need for the application of Jesus' message of love and brotherhood. The whole film is a study in contrasts, and has a strong emotional appeal.

Conceived and supervised by the Rev. H. K. Rasbach of the American Lutheran Church, and sponsored by the Wartburg Press, the film was produced by the East-West Studios of Hollywood. It will be available for rental by churches and other groups through the Wartburg Press, 55-58 East Main St., Columbus, Ohio.

Greetings and Comments From Our Readers

So We Can't Cut Our Apron Strings!

So we still want our ministers trained in Denmark? There was a time when all our ministers came from Denmark, but they were trained to speak and work with a group of immigrants. Now the communities from which we draw our church people are almost without exception born in this country. It's about time to relinquish our antiquated methods and to realize that the future of the church depends on young people born and raised here.

A year's stay in Denmark might be a very pleasant experience, but a year's work in one of our universities would be more broadening and educational. This might be a very challenging experience following the rather sheltered and secluded life at G. V. C. It is so important for religious leaders to understand the young people, but how can they if all their dealings are with the minority group.

The Word of God has not changed the past 2000 years, but the presentation needs to be. The ministers of today are preaching to a well informed and politically minded congregation. There is a demand for religious leaders who not

only are trained in the fundamentals of the Bible, but of the fundamentals of Bible applicable to everyday living.

SARAH E. HEARST, Cedar Falls, Ia.

The above undoubtedly has reference to the Proposal which will come before the convention for possible scholarships to our young theological graduates for a year's study in Denmark.

We agree with Mrs. Hearst in her contention that our theological students would benefit from post-graduate work at one of our universities. We definitely believe that all future workers in our church should experience at least one year at a larger university, either before or after taking the theological course at G. V. C.

But we also believe that the Proposal from Perth Amboy merits consideration. — All well informed people know that a large number of University professors, leading surgeons in our large hospitals, students who later become our universally minded statesmen of America seek one or more years of study in Europe to broaden their education and their outlook on life. And a large number of European and Asiatic scholars come to this country each year to study. The leaders of tomorrow will be those who know that there is a world of culture, problems and possibilities also outside of their own little back-yard.

Your editor had the privilege of spending a year of study in Denmark and the privilege of making a tour through eight other European countries to absorb cultural impressions; he regards this a most profitable year in his preparation for his life work.

—EDITOR

Lines By A Layman

"You Can't Take It With You"

How often we hear that expression. Generally it is in connection with and in reference to some of our financial responsibilities. —But more often it is an excuse for an extravagance; for instance that new automobile you knew to be excessive in cost with all of its accessories attached. "But, Oh well, I can't take it with me, so let it go."

"It is true, we can't take it with us when our call comes. Naked we came, naked we leave, regardless of our worldly possessions.

What I have in mind is to here indorse that expression in respect to our church giving.—Most of us are miserably small when it comes to parting with a few dollars for the work of the Church; miserably small when it comes to giving our pastor the salary that would enable him to work without worry.

When this year's stewardship drive comes up in our respective groups, let us remember that we "can't take it with us," and double our annual, weekly or monthly pledge. Yes, double our giving all around. We can leave behind us the memory of a steadfast, true and faithful worker.

We can take with us the personal satisfaction of having served God and our fellow men to the best of our ability. Are you doing your best? For you "can't take it with you."

B. P. CHRISTENSEN, Marlette, Mich.

Salinas, Calif.—The Danish Gymnasts under the direction of Erik Flensted Jensen gave an exhibition in the Salinas Junior College on Friday evening, May 23rd.

New Art Glass windows have been installed in the Salinas church and said windows constitute a decided improvement.

Dalum, Canada—"Sommerfest" will be held in the Dalum congregation during the week-end July 6-7. Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, will be the guest speaker.

Dwight, Ill.—An adult confirmation service was held on Pentecost Sunday, where eight adults were accepted into full membership with the congregation.

Grand View College And Our Youth

The last week of school has come. Can it be possible that we are all soon to separate, not to see each others again for perhaps a long time. But such thought should not be lingered upon yet. There will be enough time for that.

Meanwhile, the minutes, hours, days, and weeks have been flying by. Nowhere does time pass so quickly as it does here. It seems Monday has only just started when Friday is already upon us.

Our last three lecturers this year were members of our faculty. On May 15, Rev. S. D. Rodholm spoke on "The Right Focus in Life." On May 22, Dean A. C. Nielsen gave personal evaluation of the things that should be most important in college, of what should be the educational goal of a student. The final lecturer was Rev. V. S. Jensen who outlined for his listeners the folk life of his generation in America. All three speakers drew heavily on personal experiences.

On May 24, the Spring Dance, the last dance of the year, was held. Alice Olsen and her committee decorated with multi colored crepe paper and balloons.

Memorial day was observed by a lengthened chapel period conducted by Dr. Knudsen.

The Speech II class entertained U. K. May 30, with readings of plays, poems, and short stories.

Rules for the new girls dormitory have been announced, for the benefit of those who are returning. Traditional Sunday visiting hours in the dormitory will not be continued.

But overwhelming all these events are the final exams. They will either make us or break us.

Closing meeting will be held Friday night, June 6. May that night be slow in coming.

Bodil Strandskov.

1947-48 ENROLLMENT STATISTICS May 30, 1947

FRESHMEN	77
I Semester	64
Des Moines	23
Synod	41
II Semester	13
Des Moines	9
Synod	4
SOPHOMORES	76
Des Moines	10
Synod	66
TOTAL	153
Des Moines	42
Synod	111
Enrollment From Synod	
Minnesota	29

(Tyler	19)
Illinois	19
(Chicago	17)
Iowa	15
(Des Moines	7)
South Dakota	7
(Viborg	6)
Nebraska	6
Michigan	6
Wisconsin	5
California	5
Connecticut	5
Mississippi	3
Washington	3
Montana	2
New York	2
Oregon	1
Virginia	1
New Jersey	1
Colorado	1

Already as many are enrolled now for next year, as there were enrolled at the beginning of this school year!

DIST. III D. A. Y. P. L. CONVENTION ASKOV, MINN., JUNE 27-29

The Young People's Society and the community of Askov invite the young people of Dist. III and young people and friends of our young people's work from near and far to share in the annual district convention to be held at Askov June 27 to 29. Opening meeting, Friday evening, June 27. Come and share with us messages of inspiration, fun, games, song and a planned outing on Saturday afternoon to beautiful St. Croix State Park. Please send in your registration on or before June 18. With the high food costs you can accommodate the host society very much by fulfilling this request. Send registrations to Lois Hermansen or Rev. Harold Petersen, both of Askov.

P.S. Bring your "World of Song."

Acknowledgement of Receipts from the Synod Treasury

For the Month of April, 1947 Received for Items Outside the Budget:

To Lutheran World Action:

(Continued from May 20)

"In Memory of Mary Sorensen, Kimballton, Ia.": Carl and Ane Carlsen, Lake Benton, Minn.	1.00
Alvine C. Jensen, San Mateo, Calif.	1.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Ia.	25.00
Young Peoples Society, Kimballton, Ia.	75.00
Mrs. Jens C. Kjaer, Seattle, Wash., "For Relief Work in Europe"	15.00
Elise Larsen, Santa Barbara, Calif.	5.00
"A Friend in South Dakota"- St. Peder's Ev. Luth. Sunday School, Dwight, Ill.	1,000.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Gardner, Ill.	97.37
	10.00

St. Stephan's Sunday School, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
"In Memory of Mrs. L. Henningsen," from Friends in Viborg, S. D.: Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holm, Mr. and Mrs. John Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andersen, Martin Lauritzen, Mrs. Stephen Jorgensen	8.00
"In Memory of Gregorius L. Smith", Mr. and Mrs. Ehms Eskildsen and Mr. and Mrs. Niels Eskildsen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Sunday School, Seattle, Wash.	30.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Seattle, Wash.	25.00
"In Memory of Erik Nissen", Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nissen, Marquette, Nebr.	6.00
"In Memory of Herman Andersen", Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sand, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Horsted, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Herriksen, Marie Ringgard, Lake Norden, S. D.	6.00

Total to date -----\$34,803.57

To American Bible Society:

Previously acknowledged	232.55
Miss Alice Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
Total to date	237.55

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

Previously acknowledged	\$67,583.13
Miss Esther Jensen, Des Moines, Ia.	5.00
"In Memory of Carl Henry Jorgensen", A Friend, Des Moines, Ia.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ingvar Stengaard, Perth Amboy, N. J., "In Memory of Mother, Mrs. P. M. Olsen"	50.00
Otto Hansen, Perth Amboy, N. J.	5.00
A. Thostensen, Perth Amboy, N. J.	3.00
Mrs. Dagmar Hede, Minneapolis, Minn.	25.00
Alvin C. Jensen, San Mateo, Calif.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Eklund, Muskegon, Mich.	75.00
Central Luth. Young Married Muskegon, Mich.	10.00
Central Luth. Altar Guild, Muskegon, Mich.	8.00
Central Luth Young Married Couples, Muskegon, Mich.	16.00
Central Luth. Ladies' Aid, Muskegon, Mich.	25.00

Total to date -----\$67,830.13

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Contr. in Bonds: (Maturity Value)

Contributions to date	\$31,800.00
Towards Room Furnishings of New Dormitory:	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 580.59

Hope Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn. -----	10.00
Fredsville Jr. Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Ia. -----	100.00
Fresville Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Ia. -----	100.00

Total to date -----\$ 790.59
Respectfully submitted,

Olaf R. Juhl, Treas.

4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn.

**SANTAL MISSION
General Budget**

St. John's Ladies' Aid Mission Meeting, Hampton, Ia. -----	\$ 6.12
Delores Jensen, Hope S. S., Ruthton, Minn. -----	1.57
Mrs. Dagmar P. Petersen, Portland, Me. -----	20.00
Mrs. Holden Hansen, Des Moines, Ia. -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bidstrup, Des Moines, Ia. -----	5.00
St. Peder's Church, Nysted, Nebr. -----	15.00
West Denmark Church, Luck, Wisc. -----	64.60
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Perth Amboy -----	4.65
Miolund Family-Lenten offering, Withee, Wisc. -----	6.00
Germania Sunday School, Marlette, Mich. -----	20.00
Bethany S. S. Lenten offering, Ludington, Mich. -----	55.00
Mrs. D. Ingemann, St. Paul, Minn. -----	2.00
Wm. Dues, Cordova, Neb. -----	10.00
St. John's Ladies' Aid mission box, Clinton, Ia. -----	11.20
Mrs. E. Johansen, Clinton, Ia. -----	5.00
St. Ansgar's S. S., Waterloo, Ia. -----	25.00
St. John's S. S., Cozad, Neb. -----	10.00
St. John's Ladies' Aid, Easton, Cal. -----	10.00
St. John's Joint Mission meet-	

ing, Hampton, Ia. -----	23.76
Betty, Alice and Carol Olsen, Boxes, Ruthton, Minn. -----	13.33
Alfred Olsen, Ruthton, Minn. -----	10.00
In Memory of Jacob Jacobsen, Salinas, Calif., Mrs. Jacob Jacobsen -----	25.00
In Memory of Mrs. Jes Andersen, Ringsted, Ia., Armand Madsens, I. E. Hansens, and grandchildren, the United Mission Circle, Ringsted, Ia. -----	21.00
In Memory of Mrs. Jens Frost, Portland, Ore., Peter Sorensens Withee, and Dagmar Miller -----	2.00
Wm. Fischers, T. Bergs, Norman Elliotts, and Helvine Mailand -----	10.00
In Memory of Mrs. Ejnar Mickelsen, Denmark, Kans., Rev. Clayton Nielsen -----	2.00
In Memory of Mrs. Jens Andersen, Kimballton, Ia., Hans Madsen, Solvang, Calif. -----	2.50
In Memory of Mrs. Mette Thuesen, Esbjerg, Denmark, Hans Madsen, Solvang, Calif. -----	2.50
In Memory of Niels Ostergaard, Tyler, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Van Armin, Greeley, Colo. -----	1.00
John Nielsens, Clarence Nielsens, Marius Madsens, Roy Koestermanns, Maritz Schnells -----	6.00
Arendt Jagts -----	1.00
Anders L. Johnsen, Joe Hallings, Melvin Marcellas, Mrs. Dorthea Johnsen, and Valerie Jeanne Allecksen, Dan Johnsen -----	4.00
In Memory of Hans Barslund by his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Foster, Sandusky, Mich. -----	5.00
In Memory of Marie Miller, Brooklyn, Rev. F. O. Lunds -----	5.00
In Memory of Mrs. L. Henningsen, Solvang, Calif., Peter Sorensens, Withee, Wis., and Dagmar Miller -----	5.00
In Memory of Mrs. Russel Burgwald, Dwight, St. Peter's Y. P. Society, Dwight, Ill. -----	3.00
In Memory of Niels Ostergaard, Tyler, Minn., Lauritz Mullers, Minneapolis, Minn. -----	1.00
In Memory of Ole Ibsen, Volmer Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Mont. -----	5.00
In Memory of Mrs. Gregorius Smith, Dwight, Ill., Clarence Petersens, Chicago, Ill., and Victor and Mrs. Sondergaard, Dwight, Ill. -----	9.00
In Memory of Uffe Henningsen, Los Angeles, Immanuel Church, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	5.00
In Memory of J. M. Klitsgaard, Los Angeles, Calif., Immanuel Church, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	5.00
In Memory of M. P. Christen-	

sen, Los Angeles, Calif., Immanuel Church, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	5.00
In Memory of Gust Petersen, Withee, Wis., Nels Dahlstroms, Ladysmith, Wis.	2.50
E. Sperbers, G. Gundersons, C. Hansens, and D. Sheas, Eau Claire, Wis. -----	2.00
In Memory of "Our Pastor", A. W. Andersen, St. Paul's Church, Tacoma, Wash.	25.00
In Memory of Carl Holm Petersen, Oakland, Calif., Mrs. James Boysen, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	2.00
In Memory of Mrs. L. Henningsen, Solvang, Calif., Holger Lauritzens, Mrs. E. Knudsen, Peder Andersen, C. J. Gloods, Chr. Goodhopes, Niels Hansens, Dan Danielsens, Viborg, S. D.	8.00
In Memory of Mrs. Albert Johansen, W. Denmark, Wisc., Magnus Jepsens, Alvin Jepsens, Chr. Warthoes, Vern Petersens, Laurits Petersens, and Herman Skows.	3.00
In Memory of parents, Kirsten and Christen P. Madsen, by Hans Madsen, Solvang, Calif. -----	25.00
In Memory of Carl Bundgaard, Panama, Peter Sorensens, Withee, Wis. -----	2.00
Toward Hospital Pressure cooker, Mads Strandskovs, Dagmar, Mont. -----	10.00
Toward Dr. Dagmar Peder-sen's work (medical), Mrs. J. C. Kjaer, Seattle -----	10.00

Total for April -----\$ 533.73

Total since January 1 -----\$ 2,377.24

Correction on March list:

Memory gift for Mrs. Louise Johnsen, Alden, Minn., Louis Johnsons -----	5.00
Anton Christensens, Enoch Petersens, Axel Skovs, Svend Andersen, Anna and Andrew Johnsen -----	5.00

Dagmar Miller,
Tyler, Minn.

(All money orders payable to **Hamp-ton, Iowa**, please.—D. M.)

OUR CHURCH

Seattle, Wash.—Rev. Jens C. Kjaer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, has been given a ten week summer vacation during the period May 26—August 10th. During this period he will continue his post-graduate work at the University of Oklahoma which was terminated when he accepted the call from the Seattle church.

The literary society of the Seattle church, "Maagen" will sponsor a Danish "Grundlovsfest" on June 5th. Dr. L. Flund will be the guest speaker.

NEW ADDRESS—If you move, then write your name and new address in the space provided. Be sure to state what congregation you belong to. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Askov, Minn.

June 5, 1947

I am a member of the congregation at -----

Name -----
New Address -----
City -----
State -----

JENSEN, JENS M.
TYLER, MINN.

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