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## Christmas

It is Christmas, the loveliest time of the year!  
To the hearts of the children the angels are near;  
And we shut out all sorrows, all fear and unrest,  
That sweet Christmas may come with the heavenly guest.

It is Christmas with comfort for body and soul!  
O'er the prairie the blizzard blows stinging and cold;  
In the forest the winter-gales murmur and moan,  
Let us share with the homeless, the poor and alone!

It is Christmas, and Christmas means peace and good-will!  
Tumble down, every rampart dividing us still!  
To the wounded and weak give a warm, helping hand!  
In a world full of sorrow, bring light where you can!

It is Christmas! Child Jesus, be with us we pray,  
Where our bright-eyed and rosy-cheeked little ones play,  
And receive Thou our homes in Thy loving embrace,  
Fill our Christmas with happiness, sweetness and grace!

—Adam Dan—

Translated by S. D. Rodholm.



## Christmas Spirit

Eastern star from heaven shining,  
Sending gleams both far and near,  
Ever you are us reminding  
That our home it is not here.  
Tears are blending with our song  
As we stumbling tread along;  
But our star is still us guiding,  
Though a cloud it may be hiding.

Little candle, how you're beaming  
Like the beacon on the strand  
Always warming, always gleaming,  
Pointing to the far-off land.  
Light of heaven, come to me—  
Let my torch still brighter be;  
Never let Thy smile divine  
Cease upon my soul to shine.

Christmas bells now tolling, ringing,  
Soothing as a mother dear,  
Memories sweet you back are bringing,  
Thoughts of loved ones who were here.  
Ring out evil thoughts and hate  
Upon which we meditate,  
And ring in joy and salvation,  
Which was meant for every nation.

Angel bright, with peace descending,  
Sing your song once more on earth.  
Myriad voices now are blending  
In the song of Jesus' birth.  
Fill us all with love's sweet lay,  
As we journey on our way,  
Till in everlasting glory  
Jesus tells His own sweet story.

Mrs. C. C. Nielsen.

## In The Fulness Of Time

While passing through a city recently as a passenger on a Bus the following slogan in large letters carried in the rear window of a passing car caught my eye: Let us put Christ back into Christmas.

My first reaction was one of agreement. Far too little attention is paid to the actual cause of Christmas, the birth of Christ, and a great many people do not worship in churches at Christmas, or believe in Christ, although they busy themselves with profiting from the swollen Christmas trade, gaily decorate their homes with Christmas symbols and contribute liberally to community Christmas affairs.

I further reflected on the idolizing of Santa Claus, the worldly character of most of the entertainment in many homes, which count themselves Christian, and the questionable amusements being offered the public at Christmas. I recalled that some churches fill the last weeks before Christmas with programs, parties and concerts, but have no worship service on Christmas day. Firmly I resolved I would do all in my power to put Christ back into Christmas.

My weakness lasted only for a moment. For into my memory came the words of a Danish Christmas hymn, a favorite since childhood, sung at a meeting I had attended a couple of evenings before:

Be welcome again God's angels bright  
From mansions of light and glory  
To publish anew this wintry night  
The news of your joyful story.

Even though the cheerful beauty of the original has been partly lost in translation, the meaning still is maintained: Christmas is not produced by human resolution and neither can Christ be lost out of Christmas as little as put back into it. It is therefore not necessary for me or anyone else to worry about Christmas and how to save it. It is not Christmas which needs to be saved, but I and all others worrying about saving Christmas by putting Christ back into it.

God put Christ into Christmas and He will keep him there without our help. His angels, visible to the shepherds, brought this good tidings to people the first Christmas night. They still come invisibly, and silently into our midst, our homes, churches, communities to reassure us that God loves us even as He did Joseph, Mary and shepherds. It is still His purpose to save His people from the power of darkness and the slavery of sin. Christmas was not a skillfully staged drama, but the coming in human form of the living Word of God, by and through whom all things have been created. It was the building of the bridge across the abyss separating man from God. God, not man, was the architect, designer and builder.

"It came to pass" is the significant way Luke describes the hallowed events Christmas night in Bethlehem. But it is not past history only. It is current history as well. "When the fulness of time came, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law that He might redeem them that are under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." This is Paul's witness.

Through God's loving act of providing Christmas for us we are being redeemed from the condemnation of sin and judgment, from the power of evil and death. "Beloved, now are we children of God, and

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it is not yet made manifest what we should be." This is John's witness.

Therefore we will take heart realizing that although "celebrating" Christmas may be subject to varying interpretations and traditions and even the whims and vagaries of crafty and designing people Christmas itself is beyond their reach. Its message and force is not in the remotest sense related to how much money the Chamber of Commerce votes to spend on decorating Main Street or on the date on which Santa and his reindeer arrive in town.

Christmas is kept in the land of God's making: His fellowship of believers. There it remains a constant recurring source of light and love, of happiness and rejoicing, of peace and good will among men.

Thou patriarch's joy, Thou prophet's song,  
Thou heavenly dayspring looked for long,  
Thou Son of man, incarnate Word,  
Great David's Son, great David's Lord.

Come, Jesus, glorious, heavenly guest,  
Keep Thine own Christmas in our breast;  
Then David's harp string, hushed so long,  
Shall swell our jubilee of song.

May God grant that we celebrate Christmas in deep gratitude and humble acknowledgment of His Christmas Gift: Jesus Christ, His Son, our Saviour.

Happy Christmas to all friends and members of the Danish Lutheran Church, and whoever else may read this paper.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, December 14, 1951

## A Christmas Song Before Christmas

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he hath visited and redeemed his people and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the House of his servant David . . . . That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us. . . .

That he would grant unto us that being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life—to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:67-78.

Several things are pointed out here in these words concerning Christmas; we are told what a great and valuable gift it is to mankind. Many other things could be mentioned from Holy Writ.

It is a heavenly blessing from God. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he hath visited and redeemed his people. To redeem is to set free and what a blessing it is to be free from slavery of any kind. Just think of concentration camps. Paul also points to the heavenly blessing in the letter to Ephesus. "Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

Christmas is a performance of the mercy promised to our fathers throughout the many hundred years from the time Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden. It shows clearly that God's promises can be depended on.

Christmas is also a deliverance from our enemies,

## Chime Bells

Chime, bells, yea, chime now  
Ere dawn brings the daylight from yonder.  
Brighten, ye stars,  
Like the eyes of the angels with wonder.  
For with His birth  
Peace came from heaven upon earth.  
Glory to God in the highest!

Yuletide has come now;  
Around us the angels are singing.  
Solstice is here  
As the Christ child salvation is bringing.  
Lo, with his birth  
Peace came from heaven upon earth  
Glory to God in the highest.

Sing, all ye children,  
And dance, altogether rejoicing.  
Wonder, as angels  
The good news to all men are voicing.  
For with His birth  
Peace came from heaven upon earth.  
Glory to God in the highest.

N. S. F. Grundtvig.  
(tr. by Marius Krog).

the devil, sin and death. We have through Christ been delivered from the power of darkness and transferred into the Kingdom of Jesus in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin.

Christmas is a great opportunity to live a fruitful life. We might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

Christmas is an assurance of a better world to live in than the one in which we live. When angels descended from heaven to earth a door was opened to the most beautiful land "the land of our King" in heaven above.

Christmas is light upon the way from our earthly places to the heavenly home.

"Our Father has light in his window  
It shows us the way across  
The valley of death's grim shadow  
Which Jesus has built for us."

Zacharias spoke about dayspring from on high and light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadows of death. The picture he has in mind is probably a caravan that has been in the desert during the dark night.

Finally Christmas is joy and praise. Zacharias sang that day when filled with the Holy Ghost he looked upward to God and his mercy and forward to the new day when Jesus should be born. And the air was filled with angelic song on Bethlehem's field. And we parents of today do not only ask our children, "Come children let us raise our voices singing songs of praise" but, we tune in as best as we can, even grandparents become children again, for Christmas has come once more.

P. Rasmussen.



## Home For Christmas

Christmas is the great home-coming festival. It began that way. In the Gospel of Luke we are told that Joseph went to his home town, Bethlehem, in order to register. It is true that he was compelled to go; but millions of people ever since have gone home for Christmas under compulsions more powerful even than imperial decrees.

Christmas, somehow, is the festival of the home. When we think of the little Jesus child, we instinctively think of Mary and Joseph also. The Son of God was born into a home, and it is significant that He lived there nearly all the years of his incarnation. It was a humble place, but it was home. So it is our experience, especially at Christmas, that "be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." Christmas is the festival of fathers and mothers and children. At Christmas we become children again, no matter how old we are. We may have been cynical and selfish throughout the year, but at Christmas our souls are touched and, like Scrooge, we become child-like and warm-hearted again.

And that's why our churches are filled at Christmas. We may not have been there since Easter. We are almost strangers there, but at Christmas we are drawn home. For, like the Prodigal Son, we may go to a far country and waste our substance, but we keep on being children. And God welcomes even "the homesick stranger."

This Christmas there are thousands of people who will not be able to come home. We are mindful especially of our young men who are in the armed forces. We pray for them and hope that they will suffer no harm, and we ask "the Prince of Peace" to still the roar of the cannon and bring peace on earth.

But in a deeper sense we are all strangers and sojourners. That is what Chesterton meant when he sang:

"For men are homesick in their homes,  
And strangers under the sun,  
And they lay their heads in a foreign land  
Whenever the day is done.  
Here we have battle and blazing eyes,  
And chance and honor and high surprise,  
But our homes are under miraculous skies  
Where the Yule-tide was begun . . . . ."

In simple words, the incarnation of Christ means that God sent His Son to earth for the purpose of bringing men home. Just as our young men in Korea are homesick, we all secretly long for the rest and peace found only in God, who, as Wordsworth says "is our home." And how profound is Augustine's confession: "God, our hearts are restless within us until we find rest in Thee." We have strayed far from home; but thank God for the memory and the challenge of a life so rich and beautiful that we can never be satisfied with anything less than what God gives us.

So let us come home for Christmas! And if the ocean and the mountains and the miles make it impossible, physically speaking, to spend Christmas in our home town and among our loved ones, we can

always—all of us—come home to God; for he "welcomes each homesick stranger."

Wherever we are, may God be near us and give us a blessed Christmas!

**Enok Mortensen.**

"Danebod Hilsen"

## Negative Religion

I started to write about negative Christianity, but suddenly realized that an enemy of Christianity cannot be Christian, while one religion can be an enemy to another religion.

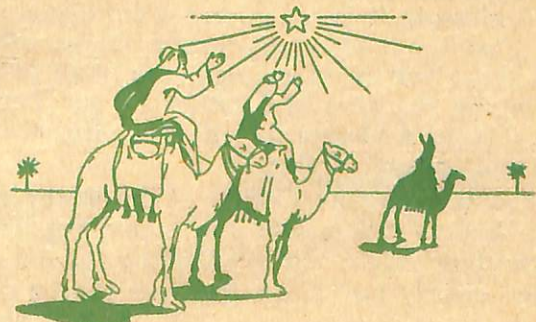
Negative religion teaches that Christians can do nothing towards the salvation of themselves or the world. "Vi kan slet intet gøre." I suppose this doctrine is based on the words of Jesus in John 15:5, the last four words "—ye can do nothing." But if we read the whole verse, we learn something very different. "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."

Readers of Lutheran Tidings know more about apple trees than grape vines. We know that our trees must be pruned to be productive and we also know that if we saw off a limb and separate it from the tree, it will die and bear no fruit. That is what Jesus means when he says, "for without me ye can do nothing."

If the union between the limb and the tree is strong and healthy the limb cannot help bearing fruit; but if borers eat away at the joint, or if the wind has torn it half apart, there will be no fruit.

So it is with us, if our union with Jesus is strong and healthy, we can say with the Apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." But if we let sin weaken this union and tear us loose from the true vine, it is perfectly true that "ye can do nothing."

**B. Skow.**





## Kristen Kold

The Little Schoolmaster Who Helped Revive A Nation

By Nanna Goodhope

### VI

#### His Work With The Young People At Faarballum

While at Faarballum, Kold did not concern himself much about the spiritual well-being of the people. They were, generally speaking, a devout Christian folk, who said their prayers daily, observed the rites of the church, and regarded the Ten Commandments as their supreme law and guide. But he was much concerned about the people's utter lack of national consciousness. Their close proximity to the German border, where nationalism was ever a controversial problem, made the peace-loving Danes cautious lest political difficulties should arise.

Kold thought it was terrible that his countrymen were afraid to be what they really were. It grieved him deeply; for he had long had visions of a reawakened Danish nation. The words of Ingemann, in one of his recent historical novels, were as if spoken from Kold's own heart, where it read:

"What Denmark once was  
It can be again.  
For the ancestral spirit  
Still lives in its men."

But what if the ancestral spirit did not live in the people; if they took no pride in their national heritage—what was there then to revive?

He talked this weighty matter over with his friend Jens Lassen Knudsen, a younger brother of his former host. Jens had come to Faarballum from his home in Ribe to look after some sheep he had grazing there, shortly after Kold's arrival. And after meeting the young schoolmaster, whose devoted friend and willing disciple he soon became, he had no desire to return to the home of his parents or his father's occupation, that of horse and cattle trader. Jens was then only nineteen years of age. He had made several trips with his father into Holstein and Germany to buy cattle which were fattened on the marshes and later sold on the Danish markets. It was a rough and rugged life which, as Jens soon discovered, was out of harmony with the ideals taught and practiced by his new-found friend. For almost two years the two young men lived together. Jens, in order to be near Kold, gave service to his brother on the big farm. He was always eager to learn from Kold. And he soon came to share with him his hopes and fears for the future of Denmark and its people. Like Kold, he also believed that determined efforts were necessary to bring Denmark back to its former high rank as a nation among nations.

Kold placed much emphasis on the teaching of Danish history in the school room, with what seemed to be gratifying results. Now it occurred to him that much more might be accomplished toward reviving the national spirit in the locality if he could get in contact with the young people of the community. Jens fully shared Kold's views, and it was not long until he had gathered fifteen young men from the best homes, who were willing and eager to meet with

Kold each Wednesday evening for studies of a cultural and national nature.

The meetings opened with the singing of old and new national and folk songs. Some of Grundtvig's and Ingemann's songs were first introduced here. Jens, who had a good voice, was the song leader. After the song period, Kold usually began by reciting a historic or an epic poem, sometimes of his own making. Then he read for an hour or more from one of Ingemann's recent historical novels, hoping to awaken in his hearers the spirit of pride and patriotism which the author had evoked in him. At times he would supplement his reading with a talk in which he gave his own version of a new bird Phoenix arising out of the ashes of the past to usher in a new and brighter future for their beloved country. But there must, he emphasized, first be fostered in the hearts and the minds of the people a national spirit and a willingness and determination to make the sacrifices needed to safeguard it.

Scoffers said that "national spirit" was so much in evidence at Kold's young people's gatherings, that it might actually be seen hovering over the place where they congregated. Kold's work with the young people at Faarballum was in reality the beginning of his adult School for Life. But many years were still to elapse before it was fully realized.

Kold was also much concerned because of the limited interest the older generation manifested in matters that were outside their own little world. He said that all the marsh farmers talked about when they came together was "the steers they had, the steers they had had, and the steers they hoped to have in the future." He would like to give them something to talk about besides steers. And he did. For it was not long till he was called upon to provide entertainment for many of their social gatherings. And he always gave his listeners something worthwhile to think about, which left them little time or inclination for card playing or talk about steers—their usual diversions at such times. Kold also deplored to Jens the fact that folks would sit up to a festive board and partake of the food without thanking God, the giver, for His bountiful gifts. Jens passed the word on to others with the hoped-for result.

Kold thought it would be good for the people of Faarballum to hold a national festival. It occurred to him that May 28th was an appropriate day for a celebration. For on that day in 1831, the Danish King, Frederik VI, (absolute ruler) had of his own good will granted to his subjects advisory representation in the Danish Parliament. It was a step toward democracy, which Kold thought was worthy of commemoration. There was on the Niels Andersen estate a grove or small park, that would be an appropriate setting for the occasion.

As Kold's idea won the support of his young people and of most of their parents, preparations were soon under way for the holiday. The young people deco-



rated the park with flags and garlands. They improvised tables, benches and a speaker's stand. And Kold had the school children make 200 colored lanterns which were to provide light for the evening. Each lantern bore a fitting adage written by Kold, and could be read when the lanterns were lit.

The principal speaker for the occasion was L. C. Muller, assistant pastor at the Ribe Cathedral, who was a disciple of Grundtvig. His historic-patriotic address was an inspiration to those who heard him. The young people led the singing, and Kold was the master of ceremonies. It was a celebration long to be remembered by the people of Faarballum and its surrounding area. From that time on, a May 28th festival became an annual event in the community.

Kold's work with the adult population of Faarballum was something new in that part of the country. People there had heard of the so-called Godly gatherings with hymn-singing and preaching, but this was different. And they were beginning to like it. It encouraged reading in the homes to acquire some knowledge of the world about them. With the assistance of the Pastor Gabriel Hass of a neighboring parish—also a disciple of Grundtvig—Kold was able to provide good books for the young people to read. And he encouraged them in subscribing to good current literature.

But despite his other interests, Kold's work was as yet principally with the children. He had now taught for a goodly number of years and was praised for his ability and skill as a teacher, yet he had not been able to get an appointment in the public schools where his prestige might be more widely felt. And a recent attempt at obtaining a position had only made it clear to him that unless he complied with the existing rules in regard to teaching Balle's Book of Instruction by rote, no position would be available to him in the state schools.

It now occurred to Kold that he would apply for a position south of the national border, in Schleswig—which was then an independent province under the protection of the Danish Crown. Here the rules were much less stringent in regard to the teaching of religion in the schools, and the population was principally Danish.

Kold went to Aabenraa to see the Pastor Reehof, who was the district school supervisor. Kold explained to him his idea about teaching religion. The pastor listened attentively until he had finished. This made Kold very happy, for he believed that he had won at least half of the battle.

"And what else do you propose to teach the children?" the pastor now asked Kold. "I would first of all teach them Danish history and related subjects, in such a way as to awaken in them the national spirit; for I believe that is very needful here, Hr. Pastor." But that was exactly what Kold should not have said, for, as he learned later, the pastor favored the secession of the provinces of Schleswig and Holstein to Germany.

"National spirit," said the pastor in a stern, cold

voice; "Just what do you mean? We have no national spirit here."

"Oh yes, you have," said Kold, "The people have a heart and when that is awakened that national spirit will manifest itself."

But the pastor persisted that the people there were not nationally interested, and they had no intention of having their children inculcated with such ideas.

"This is terrible," said Kold. "I have come this far in life unscathed despite my many faults and few advantages. But now it seems that I am utterly disqualified, if I am deprived of teaching the only two things that are worth mentioning about me: my love for God and for my country." At this the pastor was somewhat abashed. But Kold left without saying another word.

Kold felt very low in spirit. It seemed to him that he must now leave his native land. He could no longer endure living in a place where all that mattered most to him was spurned and rejected. He might go to America, he thought, and find a place in the wilderness to live out the rest of his days.

The pastor, Ludvig Daniel Hass, who had throughout Kold's stay in South Jutland been his friend and supporter in the fight for more freedom in the schools, had at this time resigned his pastorate near Faarballum to become a missionary in Smyrna, Asia Minor. But it was required of him to take first a year of specialized training in Copenhagen, to better qualify him for service in the mission field. In talking over his plans with Kold, the pastor mentioned that he was looking for a capable and reliable person to accompany him and his family to Smyrna, who was willing to serve as both housemaid and as tutor to his two children. This seemed to Kold the opportunity he was looking for. It would give him a chance to escape for a while from himself and from those who persistently refused to understand him. He volunteered for the post. And he decided also to spend the intervening time in the Capitol City, where he would learn the trade of book-binding, an avocation in which he had long been interested.

It was difficult for Kold to leave his friends at Faarballum. And it was his sincere hope that the work he had begun in the awakening of the national spirit, would not have been in vain. His good friend Jens Lassen Knudsen, who had for more than two years been his faithful co-worker, had already left the area. For, one day as he was riding his horse out across the marshes, it suddenly was revealed to him that he should become a minister of the Gospel. He heeded the call and was now away at school studying, with that purpose in mind. Kold's dynamic personality had made of Jens a new man. During their stay together, they often lay awake till late hours, talking about matters that were closest to their hearts. Kold told Jens about the laymen's movement, and the ridicule he and his friends had been subjected to while he was at Mors. Jens thought they were real martyrs and hoped secretly that some day he too would be

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# Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehoj, Kimballton, Iowa  
Editor

## Christmas

I hear the bells on Christmas Day  
The old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet,  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.  
Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the south;  
And with that sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.  
And in despair I bowed my head  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."  
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men."  
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

## A Christmas Greeting

I am wishing you all a very happy Yuletide. May the glad message of that first Christmas recreate in us a stronger love for our Saviour.

And I would like to add a New Year's greeting, written by our pastor in our local church bulletin for the Sunday we had our annual meeting.

"Today, as we hold our annual business meeting, we stand at the threshold of a new year of work. We look back over the old year with gratitude to God for His guidance. We face the tasks and opportunities of the new year with the assurance that His love will never fail. There is so much that needs to be done! First of all in our own hearts,—to create more of faith in God, more of love for our fellow men. This is the work of the Spirit of God through the Word and Sacraments. A church dies spiritually,—and an individual dies,—unless faith and love are kept alive in our hearts. "Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;—keep yourselves in the love of God." (Epistle of Jude). We, too, need that scriptural admonition. Without that we cannot be true witnesses for Him. And THAT is our main business as church members: To bear witness, by our life and our words, about Him who by His death on the cross has redeemed us from our sins."

When I read it,—not once, but several times,—it seemed to me it ought to be read by many more, so I pass it on, hoping it will help all of us to have a very happy New Year.

Mary Seeley Knudstrup.

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As the Christmas season draws near and we again sing our Christmas songs and hymns, our thoughts go out to the many places the world over, where men are on duty in foxholes and in camps, fighting, training and working that all the world may sing.

It has never been easy to rejoice when there was war and violence and bitter misunderstanding, but we have the fullest assurance that Christmas Joy comes everywhere and to all, if we will but open our hearts to the real Christmas message. The joy and happiness comes only as the love of God involves us sincerely in the welfare of others so that we may feel the full power of this greeting, "Glory be to God in the Highest, Peace on earth and Good Will toward men."

A new year is before us. May we find light to tread safely into the unknown, but most of all may we learn to put our hand in the hand of God.

In our work of the Women's Mission Society we are thankful to be a link in the chain that binds us together in that great Fellowship of the Church which is Faith and Hope and Love.

May we in the year ahead be strengthened in our faith as the work of the church prospers. And may peace come to our fair land.

"Church bells are ringing,  
Church bells are calling:  
Christmas morn with peace unending,  
Come to our world from God descending,  
Bethlehem's child to earth has brought  
Peace among men and peace with God.  
Come, Christmas, with Peace!

Vilhelm Malling.  
by S. D. Rodholm.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas-tide.

Ida Egede.

## Christmas Greetings To The Readers Of Our "Page"

It may seem strange that year after year we keep saying, "Peace on earth, good will to men", even though war and other evil forces are at work all round us. But there is a peace that we can keep intact, and that is our "peace of mind," which to me means the same as the old Danish expression, "Guds Fred," the most precious pearl of all. But like everything else which has real value, it takes work and patience and prayer to keep our peace of mind intact, but still alive. A dead or stagnant peace is not what we desire.

With this little thought I send my best wishes for a very happy Christmas to all.

Johanne Lillehoj.



# Paging Youth

ESPECIALLY OF OUR D. A. Y. P. L.

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## The Obscured Reality

" . . . . And so this hearing has been called to consider a proposal, now before the Congress, which would prohibit the observance of Christmas in America. You may now state your opinions in this matter." The chairman of the joint congressional committee sat down and waited for someone to speak.

A large, fat-faced man rose from his seat and spoke up. "Mr. Chairman, you can't do this sort of thing. Christmas means too much to us. I represent a nation-wide chain of department stores. Christmas is a godsend to our business. Why, without Christmas our profits would be . . . well . . . er . . . well, they wouldn't be as good. We have a real interest in Christmas . . . and, besides, it's a traditional holiday. It would be un-American to abolish Christmas. Yes, that's it . . . it would be un-American."

The speaker sat down and began to wipe his brow. From a corner of the room a little man advanced nervously toward the front. It was L. A. Enopac. He was a well known former bootlegger who had turned "legitimate" and had become a "big wheel" in the liquor industry. "Mr. Chairman," he said, "I agree wid Mr. Welloff one hunnert per cent. If youse guys stops Christmas youse is gonna hoit our business too. Christmas and New Years is our big times. An what about da suck . . . aah, I mean da people who buys da stuff? Wer else is dey gonna get da Christmas spirit? No sir, gents, Christmas is important. We wanna keep it." There was applause and cheering as he returned to his seat. The chairman rapped for order.

When quiet was restored a rather rotund woman rose, beamed a fatty smile, and said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm sure I speak for all the parents of America when I say it would be an injustice to the children to abolish Christmas. In my club work—as you may know I'm the national president of the G. A. B.—I've had many opportunities to hear about children and I know they just adore Christmas. Just think of all it means to them: toys, Santa Claus, Rudolph, parties, pageants, and, oh, ever so many nice things. I appeal to you gentlemen not to deprive the children of these wonderful things. Let them keep Christmas like good Americans."

Shouts of "bravo" filled the room, and again the chairman rapped sharply for order. Then a solemn-faced man rose and came before the group. "Gentlemen," he said, "I represent a large segment of American consumers and working people. We enjoy Christmas but sometimes it does get pretty hard on the budget. I honestly don't know what to say but some-

times I do wonder if we wouldn't be better off without it."

Again the air rang with shouts—this time angry shouts of disapproval.

After several others had expressed themselves the chairman rose and said, "We will hear one more speaker and then we must bring this hearing to a close. Will the gentleman in the back row who asked to speak, please come forward."

The group turned to see an elderly, dignified looking man rise from his seat and come down the aisle toward the front. There was something different about him; something that held their attention. In this room where there was so much anger and bitterness and where every face reflected the tense atmosphere, he appeared calm and at peace with all. There was a trace of a smile on his face as he began to speak.

"I like Christmas," he said, "I would like to keep it, but not for any of the reasons I have heard here today. But, whether we keep the festival or not is really not so important. The important thing is the event that gave rise to it. The important thing is that the idea became alive . . . . . and no man having seen that Life full of grace and truth can fail to catch the idea. As for those who have not seen that Life, well . . . . ."

Carl awoke with a start and reached for the clanging alarm clock. "What a strange dream that was," he thought, as he rubbed the sleep from his eyes. "Imagine anything so fantastic as trying to abolish Christmas." One could surely dream strange things. Well, it was six o'clock and he had to get started early today. This was the day before Christmas and he hadn't been able to start a sermon yet. Oh, there had been some time for it but somehow he seemed to have nothing to say.

But, strange about that dream though. The more he thought about it the more he realized how many of his own thoughts were reflected in it. Christmas had been commercialized; it was a burden on the budget; it was a time of revelry. And in the church, yes, even his own church, there was feverish activity, much of it centering around the forthcoming pageant featuring the usual gunny-sack shepherds and bathrobe wisemen. Yes, what had Christmas become other than a boon to business and a shot in the arm to an otherwise bored public—and yet he was expected to preach on the glory of Christmas tomorrow. The church would be filled to capacity—that, too, was part of the tradition—and he must give his best no matter how poor that might be.

Carl went to his study and sat down wearily at his desk. He opened his New Testament to John's first chapter and read the text again. It was such a marvelous passage but still it seemed to make no real impression. " . . . . and the word became flesh . . . ." As Carl read these words he thought again of the dream and the dignified looking man. How was it he had put it? Slowly it all came back to him again, " . . . the idea became alive . . . the idea was made flesh and dwelt among us . . . no man has seen God at any time, but no man having once seen that Life full of grace and truth can fail



to catch the idea." That was what really mattered, the man had said.

"Yes, of course," thought Carl, "that's what really counts." It was too bad if so many missed the central fact of Christmas; that it meant so many different things to so many different people. It was too bad that so many failed to catch the "idea" but that could not change the reality of it for "the idea was made flesh." The Christmas festival, whatever form it might take, could never alter the fact behind it. Then too, perhaps that man in the dream was a symbol for all those who have caught the "idea" and have retained it in their hearts in spite of the bedlam that men call Christmas.

Carl rose, and, led by the aroma of coffee, strode into the kitchen. His wife, who was preparing breakfast, looked at him quizzically. "How's the sermon coming? Do you have an outline yet?" she asked.

"What?" asked Carl, as he began to sip his coffee, "oh, the sermon,—an outline—no, not yet; but I don't think it will be much of a problem now. Say, this is really good coffee."

Thorvald Hansen.

Atlantic, Iowa.

## The Annual Folk Meeting At Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minn.

Through several years Danebod Folk School has opened its doors each fall to the so-called Folk Meeting. Most of these have been held in early October; this year it was held the last week of September. Several of us who were present again this year, have attended each year.

The trip through Wisconsin and Minnesota at this time of the year was a real treat in itself; the ever-changing autumn colors were evident everywhere.

Tuesday, September 25th, toward evening guests were arriving regularly at Danebod. Some came by train, others via bus and others in their own automobile. And as we met, one could hear the hearty greetings from the various members of the "family of friends" that had gathered again; yes, there were also new faces, but soon they were introduced and accepted into the family group. Christian and Gudrun Nielsen, housefather and matron of the Folk school, as well as Pastor Enok Mortensen and his wife, Nanna, and all the other helpers, each gives his or her contribution toward the making of the home-like atmosphere. One is reminded of the words of Simon Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration: "Lord, it is well to be here."

The supper-bell called us together for our first meal. Enok Mortensen spoke a few words of welcome, and we all felt that our week of fellowship had begun. Later we gathered in the Folk School auditorium. Many of the local Tyler people had now arrived and the auditorium was filled. Enok Mortensen gave the opening address, the first of a series of lectures given daily throughout the week on the early history of our synod, and especially giving us a picture of some of

the early pioneer pastors, Niels Thomsen, Rasmus Andersen and others.

Pastor Holger Strandskov gave a series of lectures on "Aands-dannelse" (a word difficult to translate literally.) Pastor P. Rasmussen gave the morning Bible Hour each day centered on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, and two or three afternoon or evening lectures. Johannes Knudsen arrived on Friday and spoke to us Friday evening, again on Saturday and Sunday. In one of his lectures he mentioned some of his father's letters which he had been reading lately. In one of these his father wrote to his mother: "Thank you for the news item, I hope it will be a girl." With a smile our speaker told us, that this was evidently "the first report about my existence." From the audience was heard a voice (could it have been P. Rasmussen?) asking: "Was it then a girl?" The honorable speaker reached for a vase of flowers standing on the lectern, saying: "Shall I throw these at you?" A roar of laughter came from the audience. Thus we shared in the humorous as well as the more serious moments of a lecture period.

Several of us present had attended the Danebod Folk School while Pastor Thorvald Knudsen was the director of same. Now as we listened to his son, Johannes, we felt a very close resemblance between father and son. And undoubtedly Johannes, as he wanders about at Danebod, often recalls his boyhood days as he spent them at Tyler with his parents and his several brothers.

Each morning at sunrise we were awakened by the tolling church bell. We did not need an alarm clock, and this seemed so much more peaceful. We then prepared for the breakfast, the usual morning duties of cleaning our rooms, etc. The first hour of the day in the auditorium was spent in singing the many well known Danish songs. Thyra Nussle of Chicago directed this period and accompanied on the piano, knowing all the melodies and being able to play them without one single sheet of music before her.

During the last afternoon hour each day we listened to dramatic readings. These were given by Enok Mortensen and Gudrun Nielsen, and the last days by Johannes Knudsen.

Many of the local Tyler people attended regularly; some of them had moved to the school for the entire week. Especially in the evening the auditorium was filled to capacity. A letter was read the first evening from Pastor H. Helweg of Copenhagen. It was evident from his greeting that he would have liked to be with us again. Twice he had been with us for the Folk Meeting.

One evening Mrs. Marietta Strandskov projected on the screen kodochrome pictures of various churches throughout our synod. Later Jens Børresen added a number of interesting pictures from a trip to Canada.

Many interesting conversations were shared in the recess periods, and often late into the night as we congregated in the various dormitory rooms. Toward the last part of the week we began to sense the feeling of preparations for parting. We then sort of clung closer to one another as if in a measure protesting against the last hour of parting. However, when the



moment of bidding farewell came, we could do it with a spirit of joy, knowing that rich spiritual values had been shared, and hoping that at least some of us might meet again next year.

Winter has set in here in Wisconsin. We send our greetings to all friends far and near, wishing all a "Glædelig Jull!"

Frederikke.

## News From The Porto Novo Mission

It is now a long time since these columns have carried news about the work that is being carried on and steadily progressing at the Porto Novo Mission in South India. Miss Chakko, the native leader of "Seva Mandir" since the death of its founder, Anne Marie Petersen, writes that there are now about 150 persons living at the school home; and 20 children from the surrounding villages attend classes and get their noon meal there.

Of those who live at the school, 78 young girls are in the Basic Training Teacher's Seminary—38 are second year students and 40 are first year students. Last year there were 30 out of a class of 32 who passed successfully the requirements set by the state for teachers in the public schools of free India.

The final test given the seminary students before graduation reminds us that India is today to a large extent following the pattern of Kristen Kold, the Danish folk school teacher of a hundred years ago. The children and adults of India today are being trained for life rather than crammed full of useless knowledge. Gandhi, who set the pattern for the Basic Training School, stressed that equal importance must be given to the training of the heart, the head and the hand of the pupils. He called his program a "School for Living." Here are some of the questions the students of the graduating class at Seva Mandir were required to answer promptly and intelligently before they received their diplomas:

1) Tell how your pupils have given helpful service in a village, a) in agriculture, b) provision of water supply, c) hygiene. Suggest other improvements.

2) List a program you would recommend for village hygiene.

3) Explain how you can instruct children by aid of practical work in a) arithmetic, b) language, c) social studies.

4) Give examples of how a child's interest in school may be enhanced through self help.

5) What can a Basic Training teacher do to promote tolerance and understanding among diverse groups in the village?

6) Explain how you can help a child use his innate curiosity to his best advantage.

7) List a program you would recommend for an Independence Day celebration in your school district. What does your country's independence mean to you and your associates?

There is also in every school a rest period and a period for devotion. And every child is taught, among other hand crafts, to card, spin and weave his own clothing. A new building has just been completed for the latter craft, and more buildings are needed

for class rooms. The government has offered to pay 75% of the cost of the expansion program, and most of the teacher's wages. The rest must be borne by the Mission, as well as most of the cost of maintaining the orphaned and homeless children's home.

Miss Chakko writes that the progress being achieved at the school today is entirely the fruit of the many years of untiring and consecrated service Anne Marie Petersen gave there to God and her fellowmen. If she were there now, she would be very happy to know that Seva Mandir is not only fully accredited as a teacher's training school, but it is being referred to as a model school for others to pattern after. The many children adopted by the home, and those who come in from the villages provide pupils for practice teaching and child care.

But the primary aim of the Porto Novo Mission has always been to expand the work of bringing the Christian Gospel to the villagers round about Seva Mandir. There is, we are told, evidence of an ever increasing urge among these people to learn about Jesus as their Savior and Master. Classes have long been conducted in certain villages, from which parents have in turn sent their daughters to the school to be trained in Christian stewardship. But more trained teachers and social workers are needed before permanent congregations can be established there. Though many ask for Christian baptism, says Miss Chakka, they do not desire to baptise them until they have been taught in the way of the Master, which is usually very different from the life they have all their life been accustomed to.

It was Miss Petersen's constant hope and prayer that a capable and spiritually awakened Danish woman would feel the call to serve at Seva Mandir when she herself was no longer able to. This woman has now been found in the person of Sister Vibeke Lange-Muller. She has previously served in South India as substitute missionary to relieve others while on furlough. It is hoped that she, with the aid of several native workers, can give full time to bringing the Gospel to the villagers, so that many permanent congregations can be established. Her acceptance into the Mission will, of course, entail added expenses that must be borne solely by the men and women who support the Mission. But, as the Good Lord has hitherto moved the hearts and minds of many to compassion for their less privileged brethren, even in far-away places, he will not fail to do so now. Let us send our gifts for the Porto Novo Mission to Johannes Jepsen, Route 1, Pulaski, New York, before we forget it. He will send them out without delay. He will also turn your used postage stamps into cash for the Mission.

Sincere greetings to all Porto Novo friends!

Nanna Goodhope, Viborg, S. D.





## Here and There

By Sigurd Pedersen

I have been waiting for nearly two months for "Dannevirke" to appear, as I had a greeting to bring. But now I have practically given up. I am still hoping that "Julegranen" will appear and also a "Dannevirke" for Christmas. My greeting is from Andrew Bennedsen, Luck, Wis. We attended the District meeting of District V, the first week in October. I wanted to visit a brother-in-law, who has been ill for some time. I also had for some time longed for one more trip to West Denmark where I had not been for about 35 years. My first visit there I think was in 1903 for the Church Convention, the second time for a D. S. U. Convention, the third time was our honeymoon trip. It was a wonderful trip. There were so many former Danebod students and so many from Tyler that had married people from West Denmark, that one could not help but feel much of the Danebod atmosphere. It was like a little Danebod colony, through Danebod students, etc.

Saturday morning before the meeting time I visited with old A. Bennedsen who lived near Mrs. Marie (Sandager) Hansen, where we stayed. Andrew was somewhat weakened from a partial stroke, but was wide awake, though he could not remember me. But we had "met" through "Dannevirke." He was a faithful correspondent for many years, but said: "Now I am through." He did not expect to come back, as his hand was weak, and could not control the pen. He wanted me to greet all his old friends. And let me also say: Please write him a few words, he will appreciate it. He is well taken care of by his daughter Anne (Sorensen).

We visited at a few of the homes, though time was short between meetings. But we took time for a coffee trip to the Ansgar Johansen home; most of you know his wife, as she was a very good writer in "Dannevirke" for years; you all remember the many good articles by Frederikke.

We also stopped in at the Holger Koch home after a meeting Saturday evening. It was wonderful to visit with his old parents, both approximately ninety years old. It was my good fortune to sit next to his mother in the sofa.

We had an interesting conversation reminiscing about olden days in Ashland, Mich. She lived in the Folk School while Rev. Kjems was pastor and leader of the school. Of course my days at Ashland were back in the eighties. But there was a connecting link. She is a beautiful old lady with a heavy head of snow white hair over her shoulders, and mentally awake. As bright and as keen an intellect as I have ever met at that age. Next day she was in church. Later I had a pleasant conversation with Holger Koch, and we enjoyed the visit very much. But I must not forget to mention also that we called on Mr. and Mrs. Nels Petersen. Nels, as you will remember was mentioned in my write up of the Stone House at Danebod, in Lutheran Tidings lately. We had grown old since that day, but I knew him at first glance. The old features from 1889 were still in evidence. He was then a young man. He did not recognize me, but I could forgive him, as I was but a boy of ten then, and had changed a great deal more than he had. The Petersen's are cozily located in a comfortable house near the church, so they can still attend many of the meetings. This too should be a greeting to the many Danebod friends who remember the building of the Stone House.

Many former Danebod students could be mentioned from West Denmark, Askov, Alden, Minneapolis, etc.—West Denmark woods were dressed in beautiful colors, and the people really appreciated the beauty. St. Croix River Bridge revealed the most beautiful scene of nature that I had ever seen. The farmers were very busy filling silos, but meetings were well attended, especially the evening services. Meals were promptly and well served in the roomy dining hall, and the appetites gave proof of the well cooked and flavored meals. Going to West Denmark we were fortunate to have as companions Mrs. Marie S. Hansen who had attended the Danebod Fall Meeting, and also Rev. Ove Nielsen, and we

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worthy to suffer injustice for the sake of his faith. He would sometimes be moved to tears and sometimes be amused when Kold told what the scoffers had said about him and his friends—as when Kold told about his visit to Vilsund on a preaching mission: He was waiting at the Ferry Inn for a boat to take him across the Limfjord, when he overheard the innkeeper entertaining his guests with fantastic tales about the "Godly people," and especially about their leader whom he said was a crackpot schoolmaster. Kold at this point approached the innkeeper and asked:

"Do you know this strange man of whom you are speaking?"

"Oh, yes, I know him," said the innkeeper, "he's been preaching around here. He tries to imitate Jesus by having the disciples wash his feet."

"But it was Jesus who washed the disciple's feet," said Kold, "and not the other way around. Is this man a tall, dark person?"

"Yes, that's right; he is tall and dark," was the innkeeper's reply.

"But I am the schoolmaster Kristen Kold," now replied the slight, fair-haired youth, to the innkeeper's great surprise and embarrassment.

Kold had also told Jens about Else, for whom it was evident that his heart was still yearning.



## BOOKS

**JUL I VESTERHEIMEN**—Edited by H. E. Jorgensen. Published by Augsburg Publishing Co., 425 So. Fourth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minn. Price \$1.25.

This annual Christmas magazine resembles its half-sister, CHRISTMAS, very much, inasmuch as the cover and other full-page multi-colored illustrations are very similar. The magazine is written in the Norwegian language with several Christmas meditations, stories and poems.

We heartily recommend it to those who prefer to get a magazine in the Scandinavian language.

H. S.

**CHILD'S CHRISTMAS CHIMES**—Edited by Helena Gebuhr Ludvigsen; Published by Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska; 64 pages, Price 35 cents; \$3.50 per Dozen.

The theme throughout this children's magazine is ANGELS. Throughout the many fine illustrations, the Christmas stories, poems, etc., this theme has been woven into the entire magazine in a most artistic manner. Buy it and enjoy it with your child.

H. S.

"old folks" really had a fine trip. Thanks for good companionship.

On memory's film is recorded another beautiful picture of West Denmark and in our hearts the friendship circle was renewed and enlarged.



## A Call to Christian Stewardship

### God's Universal Ownership

What is stewardship? Ever since the Synodical Stewardship Committee requested that each congregation appoint a local stewardship committee, this question has been on the lips of many. Perhaps pastors, as well as people, would like to have Christian Stewardship defined. Basically, there are at least four factors. First among them is the fact that God is the Owner of ALL things. This the Psalmist (24:1) declares, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." God claims, "Every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." (Psalm 50:10) And, "Behold all souls are Mine." (Ezekiel 18:4) "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine." (Haggai 2:8) Paul teaches that all things were created by God and for God. (Colossians 1:16-17) This fundamental fact of God's Universal Ownership can be traced through the Bible from cover to cover.

A Lutheran pastor, Paul J. Hoh, writes, "In the Christian conception of things . . . God is the universal Owner. All things are His. Whether spiritual or temporal, whether eternal or transitory, all belongs to Him. They are His by the right of creation, or the right of redemption, or both."

Jesus told a story about the rich farmer. (Luke 12:16-21) His acres yielded such large crops that the farmer had to give more than a moment of consideration as to what he would do with his wealth. His decision was to tear down the old barns and build bigger ones in which to store his grain. Then the farmer intended to spend the rest of his days in pleasure and self-indulgence. Jesus called this farmer a fool. Why? Not because he was rich! But because he considered the results of his labors as his own possessions. He was a fool because he failed to recognize God as the Owner of all things.

All around us are people who like to brag about their accomplishments. They like to tell how hard work brought them all they have now. They like to boast that once they were penniless but now possess a fortune. They want to be recognized as self-made men. Such people, along with the foolish farmer, fail to recognize God as the Owner of all things.

To realize the truth of divine ownership in all things many will have to make a complete change in their attitudes. Seldom does a person think, "This car, this house, these bonds, are not actually mine. They belong to God." Yet, the Christian must come to as simple a conclusion as that. He no longer takes priority for himself. He consecrates everything to the One Who is the real Owner.

Let your life be so ordered as to recognize God as the Owner of all that has been acquired by you.



## Across the Editor's Desk

The Evangelism Conference of the National Lutheran Council Congregations has been given a special announcement in this issue of our paper through a four page insert. We urge all our readers to study the program, and that as many as possible, pastors and lay-people, especially from our mid-western churches, endeavor to attend this meeting.

Plans are being made by the various committees to accommodate several thousand Lutherans from all parts of the nation, and from Canada.

The Publicity Committee asks for your cooperation in the following manner: 1) Plan to attend the conference yourself, if at all possible. 2) Remember the Conference in your prayers, both private and public. 3) Publicize the Conference in your parish. 4) Try to send delegations from your parish, men, women and young people.

"Dannevirke"—according to a News story in the Des Moines Register of Friday, December 7th—has printed its last issue. The paper has been absorbed by the Decorah Posten, published by Amundsen Publishing Co. in Decorah, Iowa. "Dannevirke" has served the Danish immigrants through many years with good reading material; news items from Denmark and America; articles from the cultural and spiritual life of Denmark and the Danish immigrant, etc. It was founded in 1879 by Martin Holst and was owned and edited by him until his death in the 1930's. In 1939 August Bang became the editor, and in 1947 he bought the paper from the Holst Printing Co., after the Holst family had edited it as a Danish weekly through 69 years.

"Decorah Posten" has purchased the subscription list and will continue to service paid subscribers. August Bang has also been the editor since 1947 of "Julegranen," the annual Danish Christmas magazine which has been read in many homes in America annually through more than 50 years. For several reasons August Bang was not able to publish "Julegranen" this year, but he plans to continue its publication in years to come. He will also continue a Book Store of Danish books and will operate the Bang Travel Bureau, featuring steamship and airplane tickets to the Scandinavian countries.

Many have received the news of the discontinuation of "Dannevirke" with regret. The Committee on Publications of our synod met this past week in Des Moines, also to consider the possibility of the publication of a church publication in the Danish language to serve the large number of elderly people who still prefer to read a paper in the Danish language. A report on such a possibility will undoubtedly be announced soon. We urge those of our readers who would like to support such a plan to consider the matter with friends and if a plan is made feasible to give it whole-hearted support.



## Grand View College And Our Youth

### Happy Christmas!

Bright and clever decorations have added cheer and festivity to lobbies and living rooms, students are busy with preparations for this and that, Christmas carols are being sung everywhere, and the weather-man cooperated by covering Des Moines with a six inch layer of fluffy snow. Christmas is in the air and soon the full season will burst upon us.

The program has been very crowded the last two weeks. Upon invitation from the Des Moines Women's Club, Mrs. Noyes prepared a Christmas program, and with the cooperation of Thorvald Lund and the choir she did a wonderful job. The play was a dramatization of Ruth Sawyer's "The Christmas Anna Angel," a Hungarian Christmas story, and it was done with fine skill and appreciation. Mrs. Harald Petersen had painted beautiful decorations and Mrs. Rasmussen was responsible for the excellent costumes. The play was presented to the college family at the Christmas assembly program, and it was one of the best programs we have had for a long time.

The choir has been busy preparing for the annual Christmas concert which will be given in the church December 18. It will repeat most of the program over Station KWDM December 20, but unfortunately this station cannot be heard very far outside Des Moines. The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday evening December 15, and during the last week there will be the traditional hour of caroling and Christmas story in the afternoon from five to six. Vacation starts Friday evening, December 21, and it will last until Monday morning, January 7.

The basketball team has also been active and quite successfully so. It didn't win at Dana, but it put up a very good fight and lost by a score of 32-49. We are now looking forward to the return game January 9. The team came roaring back to defeat a strong Graceland College team on the Grand View floor. This game was not quite as close as the 65-58 score would indicate, for Grand View led at one time by as much as 17 points. Duane Nielsen continues to be the high scorer, closely followed by Arne Stovring, and Kenneth Hansen stars with his floor game. The Vikings play Webster City December 19 after which they take a vacation until the Dana game. So far they are undefeated in conference play, and Coach Mortensen should have all good reason to enjoy his Christmas.

Reporter.

Grand View College, December 15.

### A Christmas Greeting

For the students, the faculty and the personnel, and also for myself and my wife, I would like to send to all our friends the very best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas. We have not undertaken the task of sending individual greetings to all of you, but we want you to know that we appreciate your wonderful friendship and support. Grand View has many friends, and it is our hope that the warmth of their friendship is kindled by the light and the warmth of the Christmas spirit. For our message at Grand View to the youth of the church is essentially the message of Christmas. God bless you, one and all, and thank you for all goodness in the year that is passing away.

Johannes Knudsen.

### OUR CHURCH

**Greenville, Mich.**—Rev. Peter Thomsen has recently concluded an Adult Instruction class where thirty-three were enrolled. On Sunday, December 9th, sixteen of this class were admitted into membership of the First Lutheran church of Montcalm county.

**Rev. Alfred Jensen**, synodical president, preached the sermon at the morning worship service in the Portland, Maine, church on Sunday, December 9th. He visited several other congregations in the Eastern District during the early part of December returning to Des Moines on Dec. 12th.

**Juhl-Germania, Mich.**—Carlo Petersen, student of theology, served the Juhl-Germania churches on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Sunday, Dec. 9th, the young people of the church were in charge of the worship service.

**Omaha, Nebr.**—A "Julesangsfest" sponsored by the Ladies' Aid was held in Our Savior's Church on Sunday afternoon, December 16th.

The combined choirs of "Our Savior's church and the Pella Lutheran church are scheduled to sing at a Christmas festival in the Joslyn Museum on Sunday afternoon, December 23rd.

**St. Stephen's, Chicago**—Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Sorensen will hold a Christmas party for all the women of the church on Friday afternoon, December 28th.

**Ringsted, Iowa**—The interior of the St. John's Lutheran church is being renewed; floors are being sanded; new carpet being laid, and new pews are being considered.

**Hartford, Conn.**—The occasional Danish worship services have been discontinued by a vote of the congregation; instead Sunday afternoon or evening fellowship gatherings will be held now and then with Danish programs.

**Askov, Minn.**—The Bethlehem Lutheran church observed its 45th anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. The Rev.

Harold Petersen preached the morning sermon; a turkey dinner was served by the English Ladies' Aid, and in the evening a program was given in the church parlors. Talks were given by a number of members refreshing old memories from the early days of the church.

**Waterloo, Iowa**—"Family Nights" have been inaugurated where young and old meet one evening a month in the church parlors for a social program. A "Stewardship Drive" has just been completed thus contacting all members in regard to their responsibility in stewardship toward the congregation.

**Tyler, Minn.**—A Finance committee of thirty members is in the process of planning an increase of the congregations income adequate to meet all obligations through the year.

Rev. and Mrs. Enok Mortensen have inaugurated a new plan in "Fellowship Meetings" held in the parsonage two or three times a month to which all members of the congregation will be invited. However, only a certain number are invited for each evening. The gatherings are held "for the purpose of getting better acquainted with one another, and in order to arouse more interest in our church work." Three such gatherings will be held during the month of December.

**Gayville, So. Dak.**—New church pews have recently been installed in the Gayville church. A member writes: "they are beautiful, made in light oak."

"Missing in Action" is the report that comes now and then to some home in our synod. Harry Andersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andersen, Viborg, So. Dak., is reported "Missing in Action," as is also Lt. Arnold Howard, a member of the St. Peder's Lutheran church in Minneapolis.

"Killed in Action in Korea" was the report that came to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jessen of the Kimballton, Ia., church. Their son, Marvin, was fatally wounded one of the early days of October and died a day later. A Memorial Service was held with the regular worship service in the Kimballton church on Sunday, November 4th.

From Grayling, Mich., we have the following report:

James Wesley Kumpula, born November 6th, 1931, at L'Anse, Upper Michigan; who had enlisted in the American army died at sea enroute to Japan from accidental shot-gun wound, August 4th 1951.

His body was brought back and buried at Calumet, Upper Michigan, September 16th, 1951, in the family lot.

Sunday, October 14th, at 3 p. m., a memorial service was held in the Grayling Lutheran church, well attended by his many friends and his grandmother, father and mother.

James Kumpula was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kumpula, both members of our church. Mr. Kumpula is teaching at Grayling high school. James went to our Sunday school and



was confirmed by Rev. Svend Holm. He was a high school graduate and had started in college a little before he enlisted.

The sympathy of our congregation and our whole community goes out to the parents of this young man only 19 years old.

J. E.

### Greeting From "Valborgsminde"

From the Old People's Home, "Valborgsminde," Des Moines, Iowa, we extend our most cordial Christmas greetings to all the friends of the Home. We also want to express our thanks to the many friends who have so generously remembered us in the past with gifts. We solicit your continued support and good will in the future.

When the children of Israel were on their way out of Egypt to the Promised Land, they found from time to time, by the wayside, quiet resting places. One of these was Elim where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the waters. We are also on the way. Our goal is the heavenly land. We shall always endeavor to make "Valborgsminde" such an Elim, where the traveler, on the rough and dusty road, may find by the wayside a quiet resting place, from which he may look back on the way he has come, and also forward to the end of his journey.

"Elim! sweet foretaste of rest and of blessing,  
Soon must be left for the lengthening way;  
But it is well that Thy pilgrims should gather  
Courage and strength for the wearisome day."

—Svend Kjaer.

### Greetings From, Ruthton, Minn.

It has been a long time since Ruthton has been vibrating in the pages of Lutheran Tidings. We may have some small vibrations here now and then, but not powerful enough to reach the editor in Kimballton, Iowa.

Of course, Hope Luth. Church had a round of celebrations in welcoming a new pastor, as did Diamond Lake. The installation of our new pastor, Walter Brown, was very well done by Rev. Ibsen, the District President. In warm and sincere words he reminded the pastor and the congregation of the blessings of mutual growth through mutual cooperation.

We had a welcome party for Rev. and Mrs. Brown, shortly after their wedding in Chicago. Rev. Brown had spent a couple of months here in "single bliss"; but soon discovered that Ruthton would be a good enough place for their mutual enjoyment and bliss. The old saying

is that two can live as cheaply as one, which Rev. Brown had undoubtedly heard. But he soon found out that the rumor was false. But he also heard that Hope Congregation had a habit of giving a kitchen shower for the pastor's birthday, so he immediately announced his birthday, and a very large crowd attended and supplied the kitchen for some time to come. A general program was given by various members.

The other two pastors of Ruthton were invited to the welcome party. Rev. Clark however was called away that night, but Rev. Anderson and family came, and he added much to the program with humorous remarks, but concluded with many serious and kind thoughts. He said, "How fortunate we both are that we both married Swedish girls." (I can rejoice with them on that score). Both Rev. Brown and Mrs. Brown responded in well chosen words. We hope that the good cooperation among the churches may continue.

The Ladies' Aid and also the Young People put on two grand suppers, very well attended, in the last two months. (But don't think that we are eating only at all these meetings.)

"Family Night" meetings have also been started once a month, and the choir furnished the first entertainment, mostly singing.

Sigurd Pedersen.

### Greetings From Grant, Mich.

On Nov. 1st about forty people met on the Marius Nelsen farm, south of Grant, Michigan, where Mr. and Mrs. M. Nelsen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelsen were hosts for the celebration of of the 50th anniversary of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Grant Lutheran Church. The membership of the group is not large, but for this occasion some former members as well as all the husbands were invited. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Hansen from Muskegon also were in attendance and the pastor gave a talk, appropriate for the occasion basing his remarks on Gen. 12:2. Several humorous readings on "The Ladies' Aid" were read.

Though several of the charter members of the group still are alive, only one resides in the community now. She is Mrs. Elizabeth Carlsen, now in her 83rd year, but still quite well and active both in church attendance and at "The Aid." Through the years her interest in the Kedron Lutheran Church at Grant has been keen. For the anniversary event, it was necessary to rely considerably upon her memory to establish the historical facts of the early years. She was the first secretary of the group. Despite her advanced years, she still writes with a steady and beautiful hand. She also has a flair for poetry and has written many poems commemorating special events, including this occasion too. The new president of "The Aid," Miss Anna Christensen, presented Mrs. Carlsen, the honor-

ary member of the group, with a beautiful corsage.

The historical sketch of the organization, drawn up by Mrs. Carlsen and several assistants, was read by Mrs. Marius Nelsen, the secretary. Like so many others of its kind, this organization was organized in a private home, that of Mrs. Stine Nelsen where fifteen women met for that purpose on Nov. 5th, 1901. Through the years the group has met on the first Thursday monthly. The purpose was to help the congregation, support missions, and give aid to needy in times of disaster, etc., local and elsewhere. It also financed the upkeep of the cemetery for many years.

"The Aid" still gives valuable support to the congregation. Within the past several years it has purchased new carpeting and new light fixtures for the chancel. During the past summer, it sponsored the interior decorating of the church. The pulpit has been lowered to conform to modern trends.

Church services are held semi-monthly in the afternoon at the Grant Church. Once a month an evening meeting, consisting of a lighter program and social fellowship is held in the parish hall, (the former Ashland School Gym Hall). The pastor and wife usually are in attendance at the monthly meeting of "The Aid" also.

Correspondent.

### New Organ Compositions

Of special interest to organists of our Synod are two recent compositions by Joseph H. Greener, organist at University Christian Church, Seattle, and published by Edward Schuberth and Co., Inc., of New York.

**Choral Meditation on Ostergaard** is a beautifully written, soul warming meditation on the Hymn Tune known as Ostergaard, and to which the Aaberg translation of "Den Sag er Aldrig i Verden Tabt" appears in the **Christian Hymnal**. Organists using Hammonds will be delighted to find registrations indicated for them, as well as for pipe organs. Technically there should be no difficulties for even the modest organist. The **Meditation on Ostergaard** is dedicated to Maria Kjaer.

**Choral Prelude on "Purer in Heart, O God,"** while not difficult does call for a little more pedal and manual dexterity. The melody appears in pedal as well as in the manuals and again registrations are indicated for Hammond as well as pipe organs.

### Convention Minutes

Anyone having extra copies of the Tyler Convention Minutes are asked to return same to the secretary of the synod.

Holger O. Nielsen,

1410 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.



## From Askov, Minn.

Folk school week in Askov was a great success this year, not only in attendance, but in participation and interest shown. The afternoons were mostly devoted to crafts and a large group became interested in figurine painting under the able leadership of Mrs. Anna Christensen of Minneapolis. Mrs. Gudrun Hansen had a class in textile painting and there was also a class in wood craft. But the highlights of the week, were the lectures we heard in the evenings. A neighboring pastor, Rev. McLean from Markville talked to us on two occasions. He has been a rural pastor for nearly thirty years, in the poor cut-over lands of eastern Pine county. He understands the country people, and knows their problems, and he explained the part a rural church should have, in the lives of its people.

Dr. Marshall from the Department of Sociology at the University of Minnesota spent one day and evening with us. It was interesting to hear of his work; that of gathering data and information on the different nationalities settled in Minnesota, and what effect their culture and habits have on American living.

Dr. Nordstad of the Lutheran Welfare gave two excellent lectures, one dealing with his work among the mentally ill in our institutions, and another lecture on youth and the problems they are facing. These lectures gave much food for thought, and we were all the better for having heard them.

But the evening that stood out above all others, was the one devoted to family hobbies. Families were asked to come and share the things they enjoyed doing together, with the group as a whole. The result was most interesting and we had a wonderful evening together. We had a family quartette, a mother-daughter piano duet, a father-daughter duet, violin and piano duet, mouth-harp music and the reading of well-loved poems. Everybody went home with the happy feeling that family life here in Askov is still very much the solid foundation of our community.

Mrs. John Meier.

## The Old People's Home

Tyler, Minn.

The annual pound party was held Sunday afternoon, December 2nd. As usual, there were many gifts for the Home. We sang songs and were entertained by Mrs. Roland Johansen and Pastor Enok Mortensen. The Danish Ladies' Aid served coffee. The English Ladies' Aid has offered to purchase new light fixtures for the dining room and living room.

Monday, November 5, the old people at the Home gathered to hear the Danish service recorded on our new tape recorder.

The "family" at the Old People's Home now number fifteen people, and we have full house with several applicants on the waiting list.

## For the S. D. Rodholm

### Anthology

Previously acknowledged ----- \$546.98  
Mrs. Thyra Nussle, Chicago, Ill. 5.00  
L. P. Lund, Newell, Iowa ----- 2.00  
Ladies' Aid, West Denmark, Wis. 15.00  
Surplus from gifts covering mortgage on S. D. Rodholm's home (more than 200 friends contributed through Mrs. Axel Kildegaard). ----- 265.00

Total ----- \$833.98

Enok Mortensen,  
Tyler, Minn.

## Acknowledgement Of Receipts From the Synod

### Treasurer

For The Month Of November, 1951

#### Toward the Budget:

##### Congregations:

Bridgeport, Conn. -----	\$ 50.00
Fredsville, Iowa -----	400.00
Bone Lake, Wis. -----	122.80
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----	82.82
Clinton, Iowa -----	50.00
Juhl, Mich. -----	185.00
Askov, Minn. -----	57.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	200.00
Wayne Alberta, Can. -----	202.20
Byram, Conn. -----	52.00
Kimballton, Iowa -----	510.00
Waterloo, Iowa -----	198.25
Omaha, Nebr. -----	51.50
Rosenborg, Nebr. -----	154.00
Bridgeport, Conn. -----	30.00
Cordova, Nebr. -----	413.75
Fredsville, Iowa -----	200.00
Minneapolis, Minn. -----	121.55
Newell, Iowa -----	394.00
Alden, Minn. -----	129.10
Manistee, Mich. -----	125.00
Kimballton, Iowa -----	500.00
Tyler, Minn. -----	184.95
Diamond Lake, Minn. -----	239.24

#### Pension Fund:

##### Congregation:

St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----	22.00
Canwood, Canada -----	15.00
Solvang Calif. -----	24.40
Parlier, Calif. -----	22.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----	52.33
Manistee, Mich. -----	2.00
Kimballton, Iowa -----	87.00
Grayling, Mich. -----	16.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr. -----	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebraska -----	10.00
Walter Friis, Brooklyn, N. Y. -----	30.00
St. Ansgar Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa -----	15.00

#### Pastors Dues:

Rev. Harold Petersen -----	28.70
Rev. V. Larsen -----	15.00

#### Home Mission:

In memory of Mrs. Hans Christoffersen, Viborg, S. D., Fred and Esther Madsen, Auburn Wash. -----	5.00
Ladies' Aid, White, S. D. -----	30.00
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa -----	25.00
In memory of Mrs. Clifford Twenstrup, James Nelson and Hans J. Christensen, -----	

Kimballton, Iowa -----	2.00
Congregations:	
Tyler, Minn. -----	72.65
Diamond Lake, Minn. -----	26.75

#### Annual Reports:

Synod Secretary -----	.50
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#### Congregations:

Bone Lake, Wis. -----	2.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----	12.00
Waterloo, Iowa -----	4.00
Parlier, Calif. -----	3.75
Omaha, Nebr. -----	1.00
Newark, N. J. -----	5.00
Nysted, Nebr. -----	6.00
Grant, Mich. -----	3.50
Manistee, Mich. -----	2.00
Tyler Minn. -----	2.50
Fredsville, Iowa -----	11.75

#### Lutheran Tidings:

Circulation Manager, subscriptions -----	29.40
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#### Chicago Children's Home:

##### Congregation:

Ruthton, Minn. -----	11.20
Danish Laides' Aid, Sheffield, Ill., for Christmas -----	5.00
In memory of Arthur Jepsen, Ladies' Aid, Moorhead, Iowa -----	5.00
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr. -----	10.00
Women's Circle, Omaha, Nebr. -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebr. -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00

#### Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.:

##### Congregation:

Ruthton, Minn. -----	11.20
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr. -----	5.00
Women's Circle, Omaha, Nebr. -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00

#### Seamen's Mission:

##### Congregation:

Ruthton, Minn. -----	11.20
Ladies' Aid Society, Bridgeport, Conn. -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr. -----	15.00
Women's Circle, Omaha, Nebr. -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebr. -----	10.00
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Illinois -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00

#### President's Travel:

##### Congregation:

Moorhead, Iowa -----	30.00
Previously acknowledged -----	25,776.68

Total to date ----- \$31,243.17

#### Received for Items Outside of Budget:

##### For Kansas Flood Relief

Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebr. -----	\$ 25.00
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#### For Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa:

Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Rosenborg, Nebr. -----	10.00
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Illinois -----	10.00

#### For American Bible Society:

A Friend, Ludington, Mich. -----	25.00
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#### For American Bible Institute:

##### Congregation:

Waterloo, Iowa -----	23.45
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#### Lutheran World Action and Relief:

##### In memory of loved ones, Mrs.

Hans J. Nissen, Marquette, Nebr. -----	10.00
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##### In memory of Harold Petersen,

Tyler, Minn., from Tyler friends -----	13.00
Mr. and Mrs. U. Long -----	2.00



Myrtle Holmes	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Dubledee	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Ives	1.00
Mrs. E. Fredericksen and Arlie, Ruthton, Minn.	1.00
District VI Convention, Gayville, S. D.	30.53
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Illinois	10.00
In memory of Mrs. Lena Hansen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Linberg, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nielsen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Niels Skarup, Miss Valborg Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Cryberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fogdahl, Cedar Falls, Iowa	6.00
St. Peder's Guild, Minneapolis, Minn.	10.00
St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa	50.00
Congregations:	
Wayne, Canada	94.80
Byram, Conn.	5.00
Kimballton, Iowa	290.00
Omaha, Nebr.	11.00
Bone Lake, Wis.	56.80
Rosenborg, Nebr.	44.40
Cordova, Nebr.	75.80
Fredsville, Iowa	95.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago Ill.	5.00
Manistee, Mich.	68.21
Kimballton, Iowa	100.00
Tyler, Minn.	862.00
Fredsville, Iowa	69.25
Diamond Lake, Minn.	335.00
Enumclaw, Wash.	6.00
Withee, Wis.	50.00
Previously acknowledged	9,359.49

Total to date \$11,664.28

### Eben Ezer:

For Bell Tower, Rev. H. Strandkov, Kimballton, Ia.	3.00
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight,	

Ill.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa	10.00
Congregations:	
Ruthton, Minn.	11.20
Cedar Falls, Iowa	64.58
Enumclaw, Wash.	18.30
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	10.00

127.08

Peace of mind and a happy outlook in life is good for your health. Being generous with your contributions to God's work brings many blessings to you and is good for the soul.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

## Santal Mission

November, 1951.

### General Budget:

Sigrid Ostergaard, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Andersen, Des Moines, Iowa	50.00
Mrs. Marvin Nygaard, Dwight, Ill.	10.00
Mrs. Jorgen Nielsen, Tyler, Minn.	2.00
Danebod Danish L. Aid, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Diamond Lake L. Aid Mission Boxes, Lake Benton, Minn.	26.20
Rosenborg S. S., Lindsay, Neb.	25.00
District 2 Convention	61.58
Hope Luth. Church, Ruthton, Minn.	11.20
Alden Church,	25.60
Mrs. Lars Therkildsen, Tyler, Minn.	2.00
Laura and Harold Andersen, Westbrook, Me.	20.00
Our Savior's Luth. L. Aid, Bridgeport, Conn.	25.00
St. John's Dan. L. Aid Mission meeting, Hampton, Iowa	7.90
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa	45.00
Rev. and Mrs. Garred, Hartford, Conn.	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nielsen, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
Dannevang Luth. Church, Our Savior's Danish L. Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y.	54.00
St. Peter's Church, Dwight, Ill.	25.00
Gardner Dan. L. Aid,	58.05
Dan. L. Aid of Volmer, Dagmar, Mont.	25.00
Dan. L. Aid of Our Savior's, Omaha, Nebr.	10.00
St. John's Thanksgiving Collection, Ringsted, Iowa	52.60
St. Ansgar's L. Aid, Waterloo, Iowa	25.00
Bethany Luth. Y. P. Society, Ludington, Mich.	23.71
In memory of "Our daughter" by Oscar Mitchells, Ruthton, Minn.	15.00
In memory of Mrs. Hans Christoffersen, Viborg, S. D., by Hans Owens	3.00
In memory of Serviceman Harold Petersen, Ruthton, Minn., Clarence Nelsons, Jens Nielsens, Daniel Johansen, Jo-	

hanna Madsen and Karla, Marie and Alfred Olsen, Ida and Alfred Larsen, Erling Utofts, Rudolph Utofts, Chester Holmquists, Lauris Tifields and Carlos Hansens—Community Friends	20.00
In memory of Mrs. Oluf Madsen, Cedar Falls Iowa, by Antione and Benj. Miller, Karen Jorgensen, Ida and Hans Egede, and Agna and Ezra Miller, Hampton, Iowa	3.50
Alma Jensen, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
In memory of Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Axelsen by Mrs. Eva Nygaard, Dwight, Ill.	25.00
In memory of Mrs. Thorvald Ammentorp, Withee, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Miller, Withee, Wis.	2.00
In memory of Wilhelm Schmidt, Marinette, Wis., by Astrid Jurgens Brenner, Milwaukee, and Mrs. A. H. Jurgens	5.00
In memory of J. P. Sorensen, Askov, Minn., by neighbors and friends at Askov and Sandstone, Minn.	11.00
J. Albert Johnson's and Arthur Olesens, Askov, Minn.	6.00
In memory of "Amanda," Mrs. Thos. Hermansen, Nysted, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Skov and Mr. and Mrs. John Witzel, Des Moines, Iowa	6.00
In memory of Theo. Smith, Waterloo, Iowa, Mrs. Smith and children	5.00
In memory of Frederik Jorgensen, Askov, Minn., by Mrs. Jorgensen and children, and Mrs. Anna Dixen, and Dagmar Miller	12.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pearson, all of Askov, Minn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Feekes, Audubon, Iowa	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlsson of Lake Benton, and Jorgen Juhl, Minneapolis, Minn.	3.00
In memory of Walter Poulsen, Chicago, by Hans Jorgensens, Chicago Ill.	2.00
<b>For the Jeep:</b>	
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa	25.00
<b>For Children:</b>	
Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Nazareth Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wis.	25.00
Luther Memorial Sunday School, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
D. Evangeline Mac Rae, Claire, Mich.	5.00
Total for November	843.84

Total since January 1st. \$7,809.86

In behalf of the Santal Mission, a hearty thank you.

Dagmar Miller,

1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, 16, Iowa.

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.

December 20, 1951

I am a member of the congregation at \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

JENSEN, JENS M. RTE. 2, TYLER, MINN.



# Share Christ TODAY



## TITUS 2

Regeneration  
gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity, purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous of good deeds.  
15 Declare these things; exhort and reprove with authority. Let no one disregard you.

3 Remind them to be submissive to rulers, as to the Lord, to be obedient, to be ready for any work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to show perfect courtesy toward all men, as those who were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in envy, hatred by men and hating one another; but, because of the kindness of God our Father and his loving kindness, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he has poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire you to insist on these things, have believed in God may be careful to do good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to you. But avoid stupid controversies, quarrels over the law, for they are futile. As for a man who is factious, him once or twice, have nothing to do with him, knowing that such a person is self-condemned.

12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Ni-cop-o-lis.

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## PHILEMON

Paul's Appeal for Onesimus  
spend the winter there. "Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Ap'ol'os on their way; see that they lack nothing." And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

15 All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.  
Grace be with you all.

## THE LETTER OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Phi-le'mon our beloved fellow worker<sup>1</sup> and Ap'phi-a our sister and Ar-chip'pus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

8 Accordingly, though I could enough in Christ to command you to do as I require, I set for love's sake

<sup>1</sup> (He enters honorable acquiescence.)

# Evangelism Conference

NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL CHURCHES OF THE U. S. A. AND CANADA

JANUARY 23-27, 1952 MINNEAPOLIS ARMORY



THEME: "SHARE CHRIST TODAY"  
TEXT: PHILEMON, verse 6 (R.S.V.)

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

JANUARY 23-27, 1952  
MINNEAPOLIS ARMORY



Pastor  
E. C. Reinertson  
ELC Chairman



Pastor  
Royal Lesh  
ULCA Secretary



Pastor  
William E. Berg  
Aug.



Pastor  
Henry Hoesman  
ALC



Pastor  
Edward J. Isaac  
Suomi



Pastor  
H. O. Nielsen  
DEL



Pastor  
John T. Quanbeck  
LFC



Pastor  
Karl J. Wilhelmsen  
UEL

Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 9:25	Opening Service Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, New York, N.Y.	Prayer Session	8:00 — The Holy Communion Central Lutheran Church	Prayer Session	Conference Leaders in Twin City Area Pulpits
9:35 10:10		BIBLE STUDY ON THE LETTER TO PHILEMON Pastor Karl J. Wilhelmsen, Racine, Wis. Dr. Samuel Miller, Pierson, Fla.		Pastor Chester R. Heikkinen, Seattle, Wash.	
10:15 10:45	He Convicts of Sin Dr. Oscar C. Hanson, Minneapolis, Minn.	GOD SHARES CHRIST WITH US TODAY He Offers Grace Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, Baltimore, Md. He Makes Life New Dr. Bernhard M. Christensen, Minneapolis, Minn.		He Empowers Believers Pastor Evald J. Conrad, Minneapolis, Minn.	
11:00 11:45	Develop	FELLOW-WORKERS WITH GOD — EVANGELISM IN THE CONGREGATION, led by Evangelism Directors Decide Determine Direct			
NOON RECESS					
1:30 1:50	PRAYER SESSION				
2:00 2:40	In the Home Ruth Youngdahl Nelson, Washington, D. C. Pastor Fredric M. Norstad, Minneapolis	In the Vocation Governor Sigurd Anderson, Pierre, S. D.	In the Church Dr. J. A. Dell, Columbus, Ohio	As Youth Dr. Donald R. Heiges, Chicago, Ill.	3:30 P.M. Sharing Christ Around the World Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz New York, New York  Demonstration Committee: Dr. Herman Gilbert New York, New York Pastor N. Eugene Larson Dorchester, Massachusetts  Dr. H. W. Siefkes in charge Waterloo, Iowa
2:45 3:45	1. In the Home Ruth Youngdahl Nelson Washington, D. C. Mrs. Bernhard M. Christensen Minneapolis, Minn.  2. As Lay People Pastor Fredric M. Norstad Minneapolis, Minn.	DISCUSSION GROUPS — HOW CAN WE BETTER SHARE CHRIST 1. As Professional Men a. Doctors, Dentists Dr. R. O. Quello, Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. E. L. Brown, Northfield, Minn. b. Lawyers 2. As Business Men 3. As Industrial Workers 4. As Social Workers Pastor Luthard O. Gjerd, Milwaukee, Wis. 5. As Farmers Pastor O. E. Engebretson, Decorah, Ia. 6. As Women-Homemakers As Business Women  Dr. E. S. Hjortland in charge Minneapolis, Minnesota	1. As Men of the Church Attorney Lloyd Schwiebert, Moline, Ill. 2. As Women of the Church Miss Carla Holtermann, Minneapolis, Minn. 3. As Pastors and Seminarians Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker, Decorah, Iowa Pastor Arndt Halvorson, Minneapolis, Minn. 4. As District, Conference, Synodical Presidents, etc. Pastor E. C. Reinertson, Minneapolis, Minn.  Pastor W. E. Berg in charge Minneapolis, Minnesota	Youth Panel Discussions "Sharing Christ With Other Youth"  Committee: Pastor Oscar Anderson Dr. Wilton E. Bergstrand Pastor Merton Strommen  Pastor Oscar Anderson in charge Minneapolis, Minnesota	
5:45 7:30	Preaching Evangelism Possibilities 1. Pastor Walter P. Schmidt, Warren, Ohio Pastor A. L. Abrahamson, Yankton, S. D. 2. Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, Ottumwa, Iowa Pastor Eugene R. Harrison, Council Bluffs, Iowa 3. Pastor Lawrence Siersbeck, Council Bluffs, Iowa Evangelist Allen Lee, Hayfield, Minn.	EVANGELISM DEMONSTRATION PERIOD — Fellowship Suppers The Evangelism Vision 1. Pastor Gaylerd Falde, Los Angeles, Calif. Pastor O. V. Anderson, LaGrange, Ill. 2. Pastor Paul L. Graf, Minneapolis, Minn. Pastor J. W. Girtz, Albert Lea, Minn. 3. Pastor H. T. Rasmussen, Minneapolis, Minn. Pastor H. H. Landdeck, Davenport, Iowa  The Congregation—A Force for God 1. Pastor Maurice E. Lesh, Clinton, Iowa Pastor Arthur L. Anderson, Duluth, Minn. 2. Pastor E. W. Philippi, Seattle, Wash. Pastor Frederick R. Ludwig, Postville, Ia. 3. Pastor Conrad M. Thompson, Minneapolis Pastor C. Vernon Swenson, Minneapolis		Youth Directors in Charge	
8:00	He Sets Men Free Dr. George Aus, St. Paul, Minn.  Massed Chorus St. Paul and Wisconsin Area	EVANGELISTIC SERVICES — TOPIC: CLAIM CHRIST TODAY He Gives Victory Dr. Ralph W. Loew, Buffalo, N. Y.  Massed Chorus North Minneapolis, Northern Minnesota, North and South Dakota Area		YOUTH NIGHT SESSION He Makes Life Count Dr. Marcus Rieke, Columbus, Ohio  All Student Chorus Luther College Concert Band, Decorah, Ia. Consecration Service	He Reigns in Glory Pastor Agnar S. Tanner, Eau Claire, Wis. Massed Chorus from all areas 9:30 P.M.—Lutheran Vespers Network Broadcast from Conference Dr. Franklin C. Fry, New York, N. Y.

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# Share Christ Today



With a hopeful heart the church meditates these days on Philemon, verse 6 (R.S.V.), "I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ."

This hope finds expression in a two-fold prayer. First, that the precious treasures of the Gospel may be shared more fully with those who are of the household of faith. A church which realizes that it must first receive before it can give waits expectantly upon the Lord who always supplies its every need. It pauses in repentance and faith to meditate upon that which God shares with believers in Christ. It earnestly prays that in the fellowship of this conference hearts may be warmed because they have been touched by coals from the altar of God, inflamed with a new love, a passionate desire to serve a God so wonderfully good. The church looks for great blessing through the interchange of inspiration, insights, emphases and ideas which this fellowship of believers makes possible.

But this hope has wider horizons. The church prays that it may, because of this conference, share more effectively the marvelous treasures of the faith with the impoverished millions who are trying vainly to satisfy their gnawing spiritual hunger on the husks of materialism. That believers, their hearts aglow, may share with the multitudes who look toward the church as though to say, "Does it have what I need?" That Christians may point in the very radiance of their faith to the matchless Christ who is the absolutely adequate answer in any age to all the problems and questions of men. That they may go, driven by a Divinely inspired urge, to low and high, to poor and rich, to ignorant and educated, to impart the soul-satisfying treasures of forgiveness, peace, love and joy through a living and personal faith in Christ Jesus, the Savior and the Lord.

With these prayers for the Evangelism Conference of 1952 the church looks to her Lord, expecting that these hopes shall be realized.

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