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Denmark possesses many beautiful and varied churches, monumental and famous ones in the towns and picturesque, more humble ones in the country. Many of both kinds are several centuries old. Foreign tourists often have a special affection for the typical Danish village churches like the one seen in the picture. They always seem to be surrounded by an atmosphere of peace.

To Thine Own Self Be True

Delivered over Station KING-TV By Dr. Jens C. Kjaer

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, Polonius advises young Laertes who is about to start out on a long journey: "This above all: To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day thou canst not then be false to any man."

On our journey through life, we seek to satisfy our deepest needs. We endeavor to develop our talents and skills, to gain a measure of security, to have a family, and to win recognition.

But even when we have achieved our goals, when we have interesting and worthwhile work, when we enjoy the affection of dear ones and are recognized for what we are and what we do, there may remain within us the need for an adequate explanation of life and of the universe, and the need for the assurance that man is more than the whim of a capricious and impersonal force.

There remains within the soul a deep longing for communion with the source and sustainer of all life. That deep longing for God breaks through again and again. On your way home from work, in a quiet hour at your own fireside, or during anxious nights when you hold your fevered child's hand in yours. Your longing for God and for peace of soul may burst forth with frightening strength as you stand in awe before the ice-crusted splendor of Mt. Rainier—or when you scan the gaunt faces of American soldiers returning from captivity in North Korea. In such moments — and many more—you may exclaim with the ancient psalmist: "My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God!"

At first you ignore the cry of your soul. After all, you may reason, the gnawing unrest within me is but the echo of ages of fear and superstition. You refuse to consult a competent clergyman, for have you not read in recent books that ministers and priests are but modern versions of the Druids and the witch doctors?

But your need for God persists.

And you open the Bible and ponder the words of God: "You shall seek me and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13)

You turn the pages and come to the words of Christ: "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Mt. 7:7)

The next Sunday you are in church, in a church — perhaps — where Thorvaldsen's statue of Christ stands with open arms as if saying: "Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

After the service you take a closer look at that statue, a replica of the original in the Cathedral of Copenhagen, but you cannot see the face clearly. You cannot see it until you kneel before it. Then you kneel.

And as you day after day kneel before the Living Christ, in prayer and meditation, the Truth, and the Way, and the Life are opened up unto you.

When at last you surrender, yield your whole self to Him and worship Him in the beauty of holiness, His peace becomes yours, for then you have been true to "Thine own self," to the immortal image of God within you. And you will hear the Master say: "My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, give I unto you." (John 14:27)

Ordination Service in Luther Memorial Church

Des Moines, Iowa, June 21, 1953

Vita

I, Calvin Rossman, was born January 3, 1927 in Bucyrus, Ohio, the oldest child of Emma and Gilbert Rossman. My mother died in 1932 and my father remarried in 1934. I have a brother and sister, 23 years old, and a half sister, 14 years old.

On December 24, 1950, I was married to Esther Jensen. We now have two sons, Lawrence, born December 26, 1951, and Glen, born February 12, 1953.

I attended Holmes-Liberty High School and after graduation in 1944 attended Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, for one year. The next sixteen months I spent in the Navy as a



Calvin Rossman

Radio Technician. Again in the autumn of 1946 I attended Heidelberg College for one more year, and then transferred to Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, where I received an Electrical Engineering degree in March 1950. During the summer of 1950 I worked for WLW-D, Dayton, Ohio, as a television engineer. Finally, I received the degree of Candidate of Theology after attending Grand View Seminary three years.

I was baptized in Good Hope Lutheran Church (ALC), and confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ULCA), both located in Bucyrus, Ohio. At Heidelberg College some of my associates were pre-ministerial students and together we attended the various churches in town, whereby I received a better view of the other denominations and began to appreciate the Lutheran viewpoint. During my time in the Navy I participated in the Luther League activities at First Lutheran Church (ALC), Corpus Christi, Texas. Today at least four other men from this group are in the ministry. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to participate in the fellowship and spiritual development of this young people's group. The pastor, many members of the First Lutheran congregation, and the Navy men participating in the congregational activities had a great influence on my deciding to enter the ministry.

The Lutheran Student Association also deserves much credit for this decision. At Iowa State College we had religious discussion groups, Bible studies, weekend retreats, and fellowship meetings with Lutheran students of other colleges. The total program of the LSA, the local meetings, the district and national Ashrams, and the fellowship, guided, developed, and broadened my life to where I included the church in it. All this finally led me to the ministry.

There were many other influences, many of which unconsciously affected my decision. Included, I am sure, were

my wife and her family, the pastors I have met, and other friends from the church.

Three years of study in the Seminary have strengthened my conviction that the ministry is my calling. I have done considerable practical work while in the Seminary. During the summer of 1951 I served the congregation at Newark, New Jersey, and during the summer of 1952 I served the congregation in Flaxton, North Dakota, and did a survey of the surrounding area. I also taught in the Vacation Bible Camp at Dagmar, Montana. From September until February (1952-53) Robert Fallgatter and I preached and did contact work in the Cedarloo Mission area at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

I have received and accepted a call to St. Peter's Evangelical Community Lutheran Church, Hay Springs, Nebr. My work begins there June 28, 1953.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God as a pastor. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and guide us all in our work together as children of God.

Ordination Hymn

Today in the apostles' way
Our hands on servants new we lay,
Thy Word to preach, Thy help to give,
And to Thy glory ever live.

Receive the men we offer Thee
And by Thy truth make Thou them free
A witness to Thy Word to be,
Thy faith, Thy hope, Thy charity.

Give them the fire from heav'n above,
Let shine their light with heavenly love.
Give them to speak with Thine own voice,
That in Thy peace we may rejoice.

Give strength to fight the noble fight,
To battle for the good and right
Against all wisdom of this world
Whose flag 'gainst Thine is e'er unfurled.

Be Thou their preacher, Lord, and bless
Them as their sins they do confess,
And help them with Thy church to share
Thy table's humble, heavenly fare.

If they Thy faithful servants be,
Let in Thy house them dwell with Thee.
Bless Thou, that they the prize may win,
Their going out, their coming in.

N. F. S. Grundtvig.

Translation by J. Knudsen.

Presentation Of The Candidate For Ordination

June 21, 1953

By J. Knudsen

"Today in the apostles' way
Our hands on servants new we lay."

The way of the apostles! What was it? "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said: Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off." Acts 13:2-3.

This was done by the church at Antioch. It is done by the church today. It is done by you, members of the church. This is not a special show of ministers. No one who functions here today does so upon any other mandate than that given by the

church. God help us, if we ministers believe that we are set apart by any other mandate than that of functioning for the church.

It is my task to present to you the man you are to set apart and on whom hands are to be laid. I do not speak to him or concerning his future task; others do that. My task is a happy one. I only wish I could multiply the number. The only sad note today is caused by the empty places beside him. There is room for many more before the altar, and there is room for many more in the pulpits of our churches. May God forgive us that we have no more candidates today.

I present this man, because three things have happened. They happened to St. Paul. 1. He met Christ on the Damascus road. 2. He was prepared for his task by the church. 3. He was called by the church ("So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul." Acts 11:25). We shall not embarrass our friend by comparing him otherwise to Paul, but some time, somehow—and perhaps this is a secret between him and God—he has met Christ in such a way that he has committed himself to the service in His church. He has also diligently prepared himself by pursuing the studies which are required. Acts tells us that Paul preached after a few days; we need years of training. Finally, he has been sought out by those whom he is to serve. We rejoice with him, and we ask the church to receive him, help him, and protect him.

The ministry has become a highly specialized function today for which an increasingly technical training is required. The requirement comes from the churches which want special services, and this is a good thing. Unfortunately the same churches do not always reward a man for the services he renders, and it is my sad conviction that our shortage of ministers to a considerable extent is caused by the way in which our churches reward their ministers.

In all the talk of practical and technical training and service, let us not forget, however, that the church has one requirement beyond all others. This is that the minister be a servant of the Word of God and that he lends himself to the Word, especially in his preaching. Too often we hear fancy notions and manmade philosophies from the pulpit. It is the church's task and obligation to require of the minister that he preach the gospel. Therefore it must also pray for him that God may help him do this.

"Be Thou their preacher, Lord, and bless
Them as their sins they do confess,
And help them with Thy church to share
Thy table's humble, heavenly fare."

So! Receive a brother who comes to serve you. Lay your hands upon him and send him out to serve God by serving people. Pray for him and ask that God may bless and guide him. Amen!

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76th Annual Convention Of The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Of America

Des Moines, Iowa, August 11-16, 1953

Luther Memorial Congregation, Des Moines, Iowa, has extended an invitation to the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to hold its 76th annual convention at Des Moines and has asked to be host to the convention. As authorized by the Omaha convention, the synodical Board has accepted this invitation and herewith announces said convention to open with a service to be conducted at Luther Memorial Church August 11 at 8 p. m. The convention business sessions will commence at 9 a. m. August 12 and will be held at Grand View Lutheran Church Auditorium, which is located less than one block from the campus of Grand View College. All business sessions of the convention will take place at this church as well as some of the services including those on Sunday, August 16. It is also planned to serve the noon and evening meals in the dining hall of the church, while breakfast will be served at the College dining room. Grand View Lutheran Church belongs to the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.

All pastors are expected to attend the convention as voting members and all congregations are expected to be represented at the convention with one delegate for each fifty voting members or fraction thereof. The congregations in district one, eight and nine as well as the congregations in Dalum, Canwood, Danevang and Granly, may elect delegates according to the provision in Synod By-laws Art. VI 7 a-c, page 13. The names of delegates must be submitted in writing by the congregations to the credentials committee of the convention by July 25. They must be certified to in writing by the secretaries of the respective congregations before they can be accepted as delegates by the credentials committee. (See name and address of credentials committee chairman below.)

It is expected that many friends and members of the Danish Lutheran Church will avail themselves of the opportunity to share in the meetings and services of the convention. They are welcome to attend any or all of these including the business sessions. There will be forty-five minutes of devotional service each morning during the week. The evenings will be devoted mainly to the presentation of the causes of missions, benevolences, and education of the Danish Lutheran Church. There will be services and meetings forenoon, afternoon and evening on Sunday, August 16.

Attention is called to the following provision in the Synod constitution: "Every member shall be privileged to submit topics for discussion to the convention. These topics shall be sent to the president of the synod, who shall publish them at least six weeks prior to the convention." Such topics must be at my address by July 1st in order to be published in the July 5th issue of Lutheran Tidings.

It is expected that all the reports from the institutions, missions, committees and auxiliaries of the Synod that are to be presented to the convention will be at my address by May 20 or soon thereafter. These reports will be published and forwarded to all ministers and to all congregations of the Synod for distribution.

May God bless us as we prepare for the convention this summer. Important issues await the attention and decision of the convention. These will only find their right solution as we submit them to the Word and Spirit of God.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 1, 1953.

Luther Memorial Congregation, Des Moines, Iowa, hereby extends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates and members and friends of our Synod to be its guests during the synodical convention August 11-16, 1953.

The members of our congregation are busy preparing for the convention and will be ready to make your stay with us pleasant and enriching in Christian fellowship.

All delegates and pastors, according to synodical ruling

(see above paragraphs in Alfred Jensen's notice) must send in their registration and credentials to the chairman of our registration and credentials committee, Mrs. Anton Berg, Jr., 2808 John Patterson Rd., before July 25.

The committee further requests that all other registrations be sent in to Mrs. Berg before **July 25 and not August 5** as in last issue. The committee feels that two dates and the two types of registration may be confusing. It wishes therefore that ALL registrations be in by July 25. Also tell the day you expect to arrive. Unless you send us your registration we will assume that you are taking care of your own lodging.

Playroom facilities and cots will be provided in the girls' dormitory recreation room for guests with children. However, no supervision will be furnished. Our regular nursery during the Sunday morning church service will be open to convention guests.

May we ask that all who plan to attend the convention register. This should also include those who plan to stay with friends and relatives in the congregation.

With sincere greetings,

George Madsen,
President of the Congregation.
Holger P. Jorgensen, Pastor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

I

Reference is made to Article IX of the Synodical Constitution named "Synod Officers", paragraph 2, which reads as follows: Quote:

All officers shall be elected by ballot by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, the term of office to begin December 1st following election. The term of election of the board shall be for two years in rotation so that the term of the president and two board members shall expire the first year and the term of the vice-president-secretary, the treasurer, and two board members the next year, Unquote:

Shall the above Article be amended by having the following sentence added: With exception of Office of President, no person shall be elected to hold the same Office more than 4 (four) consecutive terms of 2 (two) years each.

B. P. Christensen.
Solvang, California.

II

The Constitution of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America:

1. That Art. VI, Par. 5, be deleted.
2. That at the time of the next vacancy in the office of Ordainer Art. X, Par. 1*, shall be considered amended to include a new section to read, "He shall act as Ordainer for the Synod."
3. That at the time of the next vacancy in the office of Ordainer the constitution shall be considered amended as follows:
 - a. The words "an Ordainer" shall be deleted from Art. IX, Par. 1.
 - b. Par. 3 of Art. IX shall be deleted.
 - c. That Sec. a. and b. of Art. X, Par. 6, shall be deleted and Sec. c. shall become Par. 7 of Art. VI.

III

That at the time of the next vacancy in the office of Ordainer the rules of the Board of Admission, Ordination and Ministerial Jurisdiction shall be considered amended as follows:

- a. Par. 1, Sec. a., shall read "The Ordainer and the Dean of the Seminary."
- b. Par. 1, Sec. b., shall read, "And five others elected by the synod convention. These five members shall be two laymen and three pastors. At least two of the pastors shall be in the active ministry. No pastor shall

be eligible for election unless he has served at least five years as such in the synod."

- c. Par. 2 shall read "The term of office of the elected members shall be five years and shall be so arranged that one person is elected each year."
- d. That the word "Four" in Par. 3 be changed to "Five."

Eilert C. Nielsen, Clinton, Iowa
Edwin E. Hansen, Muskegon, Mich.
Paul Wikman, Ringsted, Iowa
Halvdan Knudsen, Los Angeles, Calif.
A. E. Farstrup, Solvang, Calif.
C. A. Stub, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

IV

"What can be done to help the South Slesvigians with their Refugee Problem and their Right of Self-determination."

Julius M. Nielsen.

A PROPOSAL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND VIEW COLLEGE AND GRAND VIEW SEMINARY.

That the words, "The election of the President and the Dean shall be approved by the annual meeting of the corporation.", be reinserted at the end of Section 5, of Article II of the By-Laws of said corporation.

Article II, Section 5 of the By-Laws will then read as follows: "The Board of Directors shall elect the President of Grand View College and the Dean of Grand View Seminary and, upon their recommendations, the members of the respective faculties. The election of the President and the Dean shall be approved by the annual meeting of the corporation."

Thorvald Hansen.

Oak Hill Parsonage
March 17, 1953.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION

Our convention committee is busy perfecting plans for the convention. It wishes to announce the following in regard to meals and lodging.

To guests arriving before 6 p. m., Tuesday, August 11, supper will be served. But breakfast Monday, August 17 will not be served.

The price for the convention will be \$12.00 for the full time with an equitable sliding scale of reduction for later registrants. Pastors and wives will be charged half rate; children 5 to 12 inclusive half rate. The 50 cents synodical registration fee is in addition to the above rates, and is required from every registrant.

Guests will be housed in the dormitories of Grand View College and in the homes of members of Luther Memorial. The housing committee will assign the guests in the dormitories well in advance and will notify the registrants to that effect who will then be asked to bring their own sheets, blankets and towels.

For such who may wish motel or hotel accommodations, the committee advances this information submitted by the motels and hotels listed. When you register you may indicate what accommodations you would like and the committee will try to make such reservations, but cannot guarantee them. We recommend that you do this well in advance. Since Des Moines is a convention city, hotel and motel accommodations are usually hard to get.

HOTELS: The **Randolph**, Fourth St. and Court. Rooms with 1/2 bath, Single \$3.50; Double \$5.00. With bath, single, \$4.50; double, \$6.00.

Savery, Fourth and Locust. Single (inside room) \$5.00; (outside) \$6.25; Double (inside) \$7.00; (outside) \$8.25. Twin beds, \$8.50 (outside).

Kirkwood, Fourth and Walnut. Single, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Double, \$7.25 to \$8.00. (All reservations are for type of accommodations. They do not guarantee a rate, but if you indicate your preference it will aid the hotel in setting up your reservation).

MOTELS: Both are at Euclid and E. 14th St. Junction of Hwys. 6, 64, 65, 69 and about 8 blocks from G. V. C.

Bruin Motel: One person \$4.00; \$5.00. Two people \$5.00

* Article X embodies "The Duties of the Synodical President."
Editor.

A Look At The U. L. C. A.

III

Formally, the ULC confesses her allegiance to the "canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged."

This may sound formidable and legalistic to us whose constitution merely says that "the Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3,5). I confess that I prefer our own statement, but both of them have this in common that they need to be expanded by interpretation as indeed they constantly are.

It is possible that the ULC would hesitate, or refuse, to accept us on the basis of the confessional statement in regard to the Bible which I have just quoted; but if we examine and compare the two confessions and if we read carefully the generally accepted interpretations, we soon discover basic agreements and identical views although they may be couched in varying terminology.

Martin J. Weineken—professor of systematic theology at the ULC seminary at Philadelphia, well-known to many of us from his lectures at the last Pastor's Institute in Des Moines—writes in his *Basic Christian Teachings* (pp. 121-123): "—Luther speaks of the Word, not as an 'it', or a book, but as the living Christ who is actually with us in our battle. Yet we are accustomed to speak of the Bible as God's Word, and rightly so. This must be correctly understood, and the Bible must not be made into a 'paper Pope.'"

Dr. Heikenen mentions the first witnesses as having been the spoken word and goes on to assert that "it is perfectly conceivable that nothing might ever have been written down and that the oral witness should have continued—but as time passed and the original eyewitnesses began to die it was natural that their witness should be recorded in writing—."

According to my understanding there is nothing here which most of us cannot gladly accept.

Joseph Sittler, Jr.—another ULC professor, at Maywood seminary also known among us, writes in his book *"The Doctrine of the Word"*: "—for if we equate the Word of God with the Scriptures, we are confusing things heavenly with things historical—" (p. 11); "—and the book (the Bible) is called the Word of God because God's action is there recorded, there attested, there available for man's need and ready for the Spirit's working." (p. 35); "—for the Bible does not claim to be the Word of God in such a sense as

to blind us to the Word which has been forever, which addressed man before there was any Bible, which is so complete a communication of God with us that only an incarnate Christ can express it, and to which the Bible is a unique witness." (p. 67).

The ULC also accepts the three ecumenical creeds: The Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, as well as the Augsburg Confession. And keeping in mind the need for clarification by interpretation, it is my belief that there is nothing basically different which clashes with our concepts of the creeds or of the Word of God.

Paul H. Krauss in *"The Goodly Fellowship"* (p. 53) sums up and interprets what he considers the truths for which the ULC stands. The statements are not exhaustive and exact theological tenets, but I am sure that the following simple statements express what the ULC means to the common layman:

1. We believe in God the Father Almighty, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, through which God's message is revealed to mankind.

3. We believe that man, originally created pure and sinless, by deliberate choice fell into sin, in which sinful estate all mankind thereafter has followed.

4. We define sin as the violation of God's will—a rebellion against God.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of deliverance for sinful men, through Jesus Christ, who redeemed us—.

6. We believe that man is justified by God's free grace—.

7. We believe that the means of grace are the Word, and baptism and Holy Communion.

8. We believe that the church is the corporate fellowship of those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God and God's perfect and only saving revelation to mankind.

9. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Triune God—.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come—.

11. We believe in the separation of church and state—.

I have quoted extensively from the writings of some of the leaders who train pastors in the ULC. The quotations do not tell the whole story but they do give a glimpse of the fundamental beliefs of our fellow Lutherans. We have a slightly different background. There are areas of thought where we would employ other phrases and emphases; there are of course also areas of disagreement; but on the whole we share a common heritage and I am convinced that we should benefit by seeking out similarities rather than point out differences. All of us can at least sing in unison:

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.

Enok Moriensen

and \$6.00. Three people \$7.00 in one room; Four adults in one room \$8.00.

Holiday Motel: Single (one double bed for two people) \$5.00. Double (2 beds for three or four people) \$7.50. Twin beds \$6.00.

There are, of course, many other hotels and motels. These are given as samples of rates.

Further information will be published later.

Convention Committee.

Lutheran Church Relations And Our Synod

The emergencies which developed during the early days of World War I were very urgent, both as regards to the preparations of the Nation and also the churches to meet the needs which were apparent.

The problem in terms of world war meant cooperation of nations; the problem in the terms of serving the service personnel, so rapidly being called to the colors, revealed that no one church body could hope to serve adequately the needs of these many men. Cooperation in Councils seemed to be the solution. In the case of the Lutheran Churches, The National Lutheran Council has proved to be a splendid idea and entirely adequate for the work of serving armed forces personnel, wherever they may be stationed.

The Christian spirit when applied in cooperative enterprises solves many difficulties. The National Lutheran Council has thus served to inspire to greater efforts the grouping or merging of talents, abilities, and means with the idea of more efficient work.

In a smaller, though equally consistent, manner the two Danish Synods, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church began to practice a cooperative work. The Presidents of these two Synods realized that where congregations were too small to carry the burden of full congregational activity with a resident pastor, it would be practical and also Christian to attempt a solution whereby one Pastor could serve where formerly two congregations were struggling to support work that one could accomplish. It is true that a common heritage was theirs, yet difficulties in the past had brought about misunderstandings; these were now disregarded and several parishes were formed under a plan and regulations which were agreed upon by the two Synod Presidents and the parishes concerned.

This pioneer effort was observed by many lay people which ultimately brought about the thought that if cooperation could be developed on the parish level, why not consider the same procedure on a national or synodical level.

In certain western parishes, membership in congregations was composed of people from both synods, and relationships were fully enjoyable.

The present Synodical Church Relations Committee came into being as the result of a motion or proposal submitted to the Synodical Convention in session at Dwight, Illinois, in June, 1942 by the St. John's Danish Lutheran Church of Seattle, Washington. This proposal suggested the election of a committee to work for a closer cooperation between the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church and The United Ev. Lutheran Church; a second paragraph developed the idea of working for a complete union between the two synods.

Committees were elected by both Synods and conference sessions were conducted in an attempt to explore all possibilities of coordinating our efforts with

the hope of merging the Synods. The first of these committee sessions was held at Grand View College January 14th, 1944.

It was evident that both groups desired to reach conclusions that would result in better understanding and therefore suggestions were made directing each district to seek to invite pastors from neighboring churches to preach; that Sunday Schools conduct joint sessions; also that exchange of teachers from Seminaries be considered as elementary steps in attaining the closer cooperation suggested in the proposal.

In 1945 a second session was held at Blair, Nebraska, Dana College, where further discussion centered on the Biblical views as expressed in the Constitutions of the two Synods. The same heritage from the past which gave recognition to the historical creeds and books accepted by the Mother Church in Denmark, were considered, as well as the change that had come about after 50 years of separation. The emphasis which had been made by one group was different from the other and yet the fellowship in worship was still maintained by a common hymnal, altar book, ritual and spirit of Christian understanding.

The presentation of the youth work revealed some difference, yet each group of representatives gave expression to the fact that each could contribute a very enriching influence to a united youth work.

This session concluded like the former meeting with the anticipation of a renewal of the discussions pending the approval of the reports by the synodical conventions.

The Committee Report submitted to the convention in Des Moines, Iowa, June 1946 became the subject of much discussion with the result that new proposals were suggested which led the trend of cooperation toward another possibility, at least one which had not been expressed publicly previously or given any consideration. A motion was passed which gave recognition to the fact that our Constitution and constitutions of other Lutheran Synods had been accepted by the National Lutheran Council, thus placing all synods on a level, which should be acceptable to one and all.

From this time on no material consideration was given to the idea of merging with the United Danish Ev. Luth. Synod.

The presentation of the Federation type of merger, such as the United Lutheran Church of America, represented, revealed the fact that our Synod could remain as a Synod with the right to operate within the federation, retaining such privileges as form of worship, hymnal, and traditional relationships.

The original proposal from St. John's Congregation in Seattle had given direction to affiliation with the United Danish Ev. Lutheran Church. This had been altered in a motion made at the convention in Minneapolis, June 1943 giving the committee the right to explore other avenues of affiliation; on this basis the Committee sought to council with the board of the United Lutheran Church of America.

Several meetings have been held in Chicago, Illinois between representatives of both Synods; these

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Our Women's Work

Editor

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, 907 Morton St., Des Moines 16, Iowa

Mrs. S. D. Rodholm Reminisces

Editor's Note—The following are the notes from a talk Mrs. S. D. Rodholm gave at a meeting of Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid. Soon we will gather in Des Moines for the synodical convention and some of our young people and some who have joined our ranks from other nationalities may not understand the emphasis put on G. V. College and G. V. Seminary by the elders. I hope this bit of history and evidence of devotion may give understanding.

My first recollections of Des Moines date back to 1885. We lived in Sheffield, Ill., then and my oldest brother was born Jan. 24, 1885. On this date my father was in Des Moines to preach. Des Moines must at that time have been a missionfield. I do not know whether father served it from time to time, but at least he was there on that date. Then in 1894, when the synodical convention was held at Carlston, Minn., I sat with interest through a number of sessions. The building of a seminary in Des Moines was the big issue. Because of strife the one in West Denmark had been discontinued a couple of years earlier. At a convention in Racine it had been decided to build a seminary in Des Moines. There was already a contract with the Grand View Land Co. and some lots had been bought. I know my father bought one. But shortly after the Racine convention eighteen ministers and one-third of our congregations left our synod. Diminished in numbers, and with the sadness of the strife hovering over us, it seemed too large an undertaking to build a seminary. But there were courageous men in our midst, and I remember the President of West Denmark Seminary, Pastor Th. Helweg, speaking eloquently and strongly for building, at the convention in Carlston. The convention voted to build. After that Des Moines became the center of our synodical interests. It was then a city of 50,000, centrally located and with good rail connections.

The first wing of the school was built 1895 and "dedicated September" 27, 1896. It was a festive day although the first student did not arrive until in the afternoon. There were 35 enrolled that winter. It was hard to find a man for the presidency so Rev. N. P. Gravengaard, who was serving the congregation at Brayton, Iowa, was acting president and came in during the week. Rev. Anders Bobjerg and Professor Hornsyld were the teachers, and Mrs. A. Bobjerg was house mother and cook.

As my father was the synodical president it was natural for me to go to G. V. C., and I arrived in September 1897. Father and I took the E. 6th and 9th streetcar as far as it went, which was to the south end of Union Park. From there we walked on board sidewalk to the college. There was hardly a house all this distance and we saw the college in the open country with Cattell school behind it and the "President's house" on the corner of E. 9th and Grand View St. The Children's Home had recently been built;

I know because we girls went there to fill our embroidery pillows with fine sand. The campus was newly graded and my roommate and I had the sad experience that our first washing fell into the dirt.

We girls lived on second floor of the east wing; there were even some boys on the north side on our floor. The following year all the boys moved up on the third floor, but Professor Hornsyld stayed down with us. The class rooms were on the first floor. At the end of the corridor there was a big class room with a partition of folding doors. Here church services were held for the students and the Danes in Des Moines.

In the hall on each floor was a sink where we could wash, or as most of us preferred to do, fill our tin wash basins and take it to our rooms. The water came from a tank on the third floor which the boys kept filled by hand-pumping the water up there. There was one bath tub which was down near the kitchen. Needless to say, tub baths were a luxury. The stairway corner on our floor was called "the kerosene corner." Here on a table was a can of kerosene and here we brought our lamps to be filled. We bought a wire frame and some crepe paper and made wonderful shades. Our rooms were equipped with a double bed, an iron kitchen table, and two kitchen chairs. To this we added our two trunks and thus we were comfortable.

We walked to everything. If you had to walk to the south end of Union Park you might as well walk all the way down town. On Saturday evenings we played games in the dining room (the present physics lab.).

Our music teacher was Valborg Larsen, the daughter of the Larsen who gave the money for the Old People's Home. The home was called "Valborgsminde" in memory of her.

Our new president came in October, 1897. He was Rev. Vestergaard who came from Denmark with his wife and two children. They moved into the corner house and it was given the name of "the President's house."

After Rev. Vestergaard's first school year, when he and P. Hornsyld were making plans for the following year, he noted that all American schools sent out catalogues. He decided to do this too. The school had thus far been called The Danish School and by some the Danish University. But this last title seemed a bit too big to the two men so they decided to put Grand View College on the catalogue. This name was chosen because the college was built on what was called Grand View addition. The name brought some severe criticisms, especially from Grundtvig in Clinton, but the name remained.

In 1898 I came back to G. V. C. It was with interest and a great deal of pride that we witnessed the building of the west wing that year. We girls moved into

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Odin Hall—Early Place of Worship

Your Home Mission Program:

Wilbur, Washington



Rev. H. M. Andersen



Trinity Lutheran Church Today

Trinity Lutheran Church of Wilbur, Wash., observed its 50th anniversary June 28th. This is, in a sense, an amazing fact, for in those fifty years the congregation was without a resident pastor for thirty-one years. It was never a very large congregation, and survived largely through the efforts of the pastors serving other churches in the Pacific Northwest—and the help of the Ladies' Aid. In the fall of 1949, it became a Home Mission field of the Synod.

Today, four years and 3,000 Home Mission dollars later, Trinity Lutheran Church is making a comeback as an active and growing congregation. It will be independent of Home Mission help at the end of this year.

Statistically speaking, the progress of this congregation can be graphically presented:

JULY	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Baptized Members	58	82	88	110	146
Confirmed Members	26	52	58	71	89
Contributing Members	18	21	24	34	48
Sunday School Enrollment	0	27	30	58	60
Choir Members	0	8	12	14	13
Ladies' Aid Members	35	39	38	35	31
Property Valuation	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$38,000*

*\$5,000 Mortgage,—Church Extension Fund.

At the same time that it observed its fiftieth anniversary, it also celebrated the dedication of its recently completed remodeling and expansion program.

This improvement greatly facilitates its effectiveness as a mission church. It now has a seating capacity of 225, a social hall with a modern, efficient kitchen for the social activities of the various organizations within the church; it has a full basement which is divided into classrooms for the educational program. The pastor's study will be in the tower.

While we feel that much has been accomplished and that the past four years of progress are a worthy achievement, we look forward to the coming years when we anticipate our largest increase and growth. We hope soon to take our place along with long established churches in the program of the synod and of the Christian church at large.

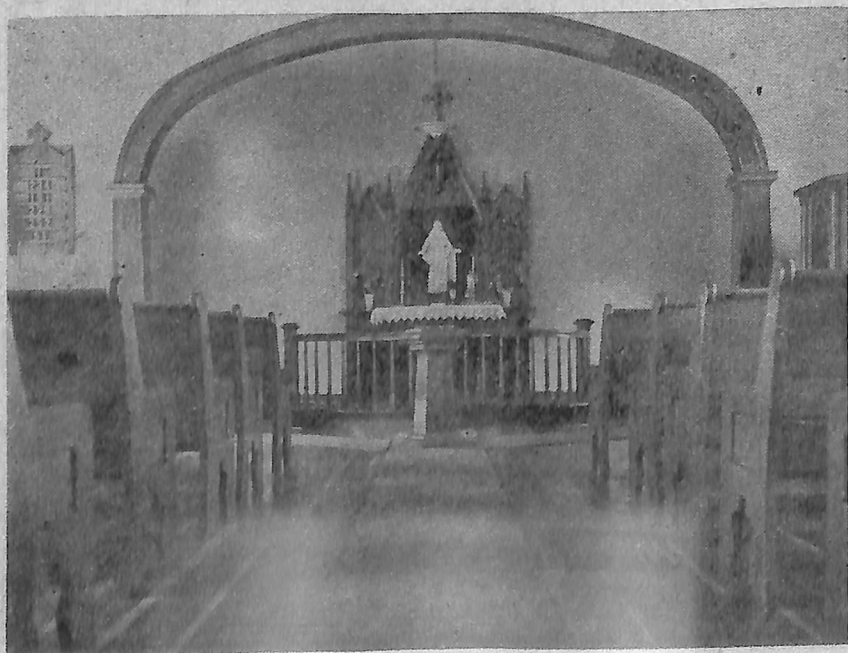
The work in Wilbur, as in some of our other Home Mission fields, is a proving ground. It demonstrates, in the words of a song written for the dedication, that though:

"Discouraged and burdened and hopeless its plight;
Unable to fulfill its mission;
The deeper the darkness, the brighter the light,
Revealing the time for decision:
To open its doors, keep His banner unfurled;
To give to all men His salvation.
By bringing the Kingdom of God to our world,
The Church best is serving the nation."

And it is a foregone conclusion, that the work which best serves the Kingdom of God and the nation, — also best serves the fellowship of the church itself, and its Lord.



Trinity Lutheran Church—1916-1952



Old Church, Interior



Remodeled Interior



The Parsonage



Trinity Choir

Paging Youth

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

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Estherville, Iowa

Northern Lights District Camp And Convention

ON WOOD LAKE, GRANTSBURG, WIS.
June 21-27, 1953

Luther Point Camp is situated on a peninsula on Big Wood lake in beautiful Wisconsin vacation land. Its facilities are ideal for a young people's camp. Our camp opened on the afternoon of Sunday, June 21. The total enrollment was 47 campers, seven pastors, one pastor's assistant, five pastor's wives, six pastor's children, and two top-notch cooks.

Two campers from each cabin who were chosen as counsellors met with the staff each morning to discuss camp problems, rules and the day's program. We had two discussion periods each day, one in the morning on the Bible, and one in the afternoon on everyday problems of Christian living. Our recreation consisted of volleyball, softball, badminton, ping-pong, horseshoe, swimming and boating. We also had an interesting craft class in our camp, not merely to loaf away an hour or two, but in order to share experiences, interests and skills. A good camp should bring out the very best in all of us and should develop our natural abilities sometimes hidden even to ourselves.

One feature of our camp is that we have "convention" for an hour each day during the week. Most of the business was routine, but educational. Everett Nielsen, Sylvia Larsen and Ardyce Henriksen were re-elected president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. Arnold Skov became vice-president, Pastor Vagn Duus, advisor and Pastor Gordon Miller, assistant to the advisor.

One of the high lights of our camp was the communion service on Thursday evening, which was written about in our camp paper as follows: "With rough-hewn rafters and an improvised altar made with a curtain as a back drop, faced by a white cross, in front of which were a table with cloth and candles all the young people of the camp went to the Lord's Supper. With beautiful Wood lake to be seen out of the windows, our old familiar hymns, and the word of God, peace and rest settled over our worship. The Spirit of God which rested over the water came and dwelt among us, His little children. The word of God through the message proclaimed urged us to re-dedicating and reconsecrating our lives to Him who gives us purpose and being. In the light of the word and the message, before the Lord we confessed our sins, and in unity blending shared our Lord's body and blood, through which he has made full satisfac-

tion for all our lives. May the peace of our sharing in the Lord's Supper at Young People's Camp 1953 follow us all the days of our lives. In truth God was present."

Our evening program usually consisted of a half-hour of group singing, followed by an original program by the campers. Then, after folk-dancing and lunch, we had our campfire. Different members of the faculty took turns in giving us talks on Christian living. Each pastor or faculty member that participated was assisted by a group of young people from his or her own church.

When we left in the rain Saturday morning, even the downpour could not dim our spirits. We're all hoping to be back at Wood lake for a bigger and better camp next June.

Sonja Nielsen,
Withee, Wisconsin.

Convention At Cedar Falls

"We are building for tomorrow" in our Iowa district DAYPL! This was the theme which was carried through our 1953 convention. The Cedar Falls' young people hosts to a large group of guests, planned a well-integrated program for the week-end of June 12-14. Those of us attending felt fortunate in sharing the fine fellowship of those few days.

The opening service in Bethlehem Lutheran Church Friday evening included hymn singing and an inspiring talk on "Friendship" by the Rev. Richard Sorensen of Waterloo. This was followed by an hour of recreation in the parish hall. Here we quickly "got acquainted." 'Twas a warm night, and the delicious lemonade served us was a welcome thirst quencher, before we retired to the individual homes of our hosts.

Saturday morning devotions were led by the Rev. Holger Jorgensen of Des Moines. At nine-thirty A. M. the business meeting was opened by our district president, Jim Jorgensen. He read a report and greeting from the Rev. Clayton Nielsen, national DAYPL president. The delegates from each Iowa society then told of their individual activities during the past year; we shared ideas for novel and interesting projects. Much of the discussion during the morning centered around the problems and promises of future district workshops and summer camps. The enthusiasm shown for these get-togethers is only the beginning. It takes you and me and our friends to make these experiences rich and rewarding. What is a camp—good program and fine leaders—without the campers?

By noontime we were all hungry; discussion and voting is a good way to work up an appetite. The Cedar Falls' ladies again proved their culinary capacities by serving us a delicious dinner. Then we were back in the church to finish some unfinished business and have election of officers. Our new district board is now composed of: president, Jim Jorgensen (Hampton); vice-president, Halvor Strand-

skov (Kimballton); secretary, Marion Swanson (Newell); treasurer, Dick Jessen (Des Moines); and youth advisor, Rev. Ronald Jespersen (Newell). These likeable leaders deserve our support and cooperation.

Business came first, then pleasure. By this time we needed a bit of recreating. We enjoyed our softball and volleyball games in the wide open spaces, despite showers. The rain dampened the playing field, but not our spirits. It was then "snacktime," which was followed by an interesting movie of a psychological nature, shown by the Rev. Holger Nielsen of Cedar Falls.

The Saturday evening program, sponsored by the local DAYPL, was an entertaining talent show. And the Cedar Falls' youth were talented! From acrobatic dancing to accordion playing, we applauded loud and long. We then had another "hot time" playing folk games and square dancing, with Howie and Ronnie enthusiastically leading. It could almost be said that this was a Grand View reunion night. Our church college alumni numbered many, and the younger friends assured us that they were counting the days until Junior Camp at G. V. C. (July 26-August 2).

On the following morning a special Sunday School hour had been planned for us. The church worship and communion services were conducted in Bethlehem Lutheran by the visiting pastors Ronald Jespersen (Newell) and Paul Wikman (Ringsted). Our morning offering was dedicated to the national DAYPL service project, that of bringing a Santal boy to Grand View College for a year of study. It is a worthy plan, and we eagerly look forward to his coming in the near future.

Sunday dinner, served again in the church dining room, gave us an opportunity to meet some of the parents of our friends. And we could sincerely join hands and say "Tak for mad!" The only disturbing incident to report is that a few DAYPL'ers (and their pastors) were clever enough to inveigle a second helping of strawberry shortcake from the unsuspecting waitresses. Those of us not-so-clever objected loudly, in mouth-watering voices, when they started in on the third piece. They were forced to "divy up."

Because we weren't permitted to wash the dishes (!), the majority of us decided to participate in the next best plan to work off countless calories. We joined in outdoor recreation in the city park. Pastor Howard Christensen, director of religious education at Grand View College, spoke to us later in the afternoon. His inspiring talk was on the relationship of man and machine in the modern age.

"Each campfire lights anew the flame of friendship true; the joy I've had in knowing you will last my whole life through." Around the blazing campfire Sunday night we had a "singspiration" and said fond farewell. Convention 1953 now remains a pleasant memory. We continue to build for tomorrow. So-long; see you at district camp in Hampton, August 18-23!

Monita Haahr.

Newell, Iowa.

A Call to Christian Stewardship

From Korea our son, Ernest, writes home, saying, "America is a great, generous nation." The spirit of benevolence is a very real part of our national character. Yes, planned giving for many diverse things always has held an important place in our whole economy. It has never been limited to great individual philanthropists or their modern successors, the great foundations. On the contrary, planned giving has been the privilege of the many, many individuals who have given unselfishly of their means in order to help to build and maintain those agencies, services, and institutions that contribute to the needs of man and society. Indeed, Christian stewardship covers many areas. In our own Church it means many different things to many different people. To some it means the support of the homes for the care of the aged or dependent children, to others it means the support of missions at home or abroad, to still others it means other worthy causes of one kind or another. The important thing to keep in mind, however, is to realize that the Christian stewardship is first and foremost an expression of concern; it challenges our conscience, spirit, venture, and faith. Second, it offers an outlet for service through the mobilization of the individual's time, talents, and money. The Church that practices good stewardship recognizes the various interests of its constituency while it keeps constantly before the same constituency the needs of the whole church.

Today's changing conditions are greatly effecting the life of the church-related colleges. Whereas many have looked to the great foundations for various types of support, the fact remains that the funds of the foundations are not unlimited. Grand View College rightly looks to the Church and its total constituency for its basic support. From time to time the readers of Lutheran Tidings will be informed about those specific needs which may be met through the practical application of stewardship to Christian higher education. We have proven, as a people, that we are willing to contribute of our talents, time, and means to the things and causes in which we believe.

As I returned from the State University of Iowa last week, I came back to Grand View College with my faith in the college's fundamental, educational purposes confirmed. We are taking our place in American education. Grand View College is definitely contributing to the advancement of education through its program of liberal education. Part of our stewardship in the church is to encourage and enable a constantly increasing number of our young people to attend Grand View College. There are about as many bright students in the upper one-third of the senior class in the country's high schools who do not go to college as do. The dollar mark pretty much determines whether or not they will attend college. True, there are other factors, too, that play

a part, such as the character of the home, the influence of teachers and friends. Nevertheless, we have pointed to a condition which ought to be remedied. There are many reasons, which we cannot touch upon here, why we should concern ourselves, as members of the Church, about the bright young students who cannot attend college unless some way is devised to offer assistance. They constitute a real potential man power for eventual greater service. Here lies a real challenge for the practical application of stewardship to enable Christian higher education to open the door to "every able student to the best education from which he is capable of profiting."

Will you help? Speak to high school students about Grand View College. Encourage them to write to us for full information. The first semester begins Monday, September 14.

Ernest D. Nielsen, President

June 24, 1953
Grand View College
Des Moines 16, Iowa

Concerning Alfred Jensen

A Tribute

We Danes are not too forward in acknowledging merit. It seems that we mostly leave this till after a person is dead.

I do not remember having seen any public acknowledgment of Alfred Jensen's work among us, although he has now been at special work in our Synod since 1936. Maybe I am the one to speak out on this subject, since I am at odds with Alfred Jensen on definite points—so much that there have been times when I have asked if it were not possible to get someone else for the position he holds. I am therefore, hurrying to write this before Jensen's next annual report is out, when I may have to oppose him again.

I was in the hospital a few years ago. Alfred Jensen came home from a trip. Was it an hour and a half or was it two hours he had before he had to leave again on the train? But he managed to come over and see me during the interval. And then he apologized for not being able to stay long. I mention this to indicate what Jensen is able to accomplish in whatever time is allotted. I believe it was during that year, or was it during another year that he accomplished the feat of visiting every congregation in the Synod.

Nor is it merely to make a visit that Alfred Jensen comes. From several sources I have learned that when and where he comes he brings a real message. On a Saturday afternoon he spoke at the 75th anniversary of the church at Hampton. I got there the next day, and people said to me, "You should have been here yesterday and heard Alfred Jensen."

I do not know of any other man in our synod who works as hard as Alfred Jensen. I know of those who would, but do not have the physical stamina. Now Jensen is away serving a congregation that has

no minister; now he is at home writing a lengthy annual report. All the time he is arranging so that the churches that are without ministers, may have, at least temporary service. He does too much. I must criticize him for not leaving to others what others could and should do—for instance finances. But they say that he is good at that also.

There are other things for which I criticize Alfred Jensen; but these I will leave till next time I am at him. Here I want to say, I do not believe that the thought ever can have come to anyone that Alfred Jensen is for Alfred Jensen. He is just too busy looking at the cause to ever catch sight of Alfred Jensen.

Valdemar S. Jensen.

Des Moines, June 30th, 1953.

Lutheran Tidings Gets New Editor

Beginning with the next issue of Lutheran Tidings we shall have a new editor.

Rev. Holger Strandskov has edited the paper since 1940. He is pastor of a large congregation and he has had many duties in addition to being editor of Lutheran Tidings. Repeatedly, he has asked to be relieved, but the Committee on Publications has been unwilling to let him resign. Lutheran Tidings was started in 1934 and has gradually grown not only in size but also in influence. As our official publication it reaches all the homes of our church, and it is impossible to measure the importance of this means of communication and expression.

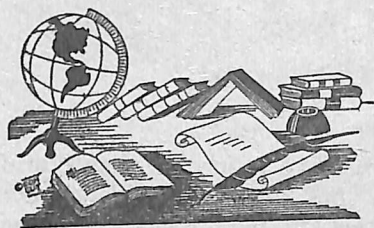
Pastor Strandskov is largely responsible for the important place that the paper has come to occupy in our church, and we wish to thank him for his untiring efforts, his never-failing efficiency, and his deep devotion to the cause of this publication and its mission among us.

The new editor is Rev. Verner Hansen who has recently returned from a chaplaincy with the U. S. army in Korea. Pastor Hansen was born September 2, 1919 at Portland, Maine as the son of Rev. and Mrs. Viggo Hansen. He attended Grand View College 1938-40 and our Seminary there 1940-43. He was student pastor at Dagmar, Montana during the summer of 1942. Ordained into the ministry June 27, 1943 he served the congregation at Ludington, Michigan 1943-45. He served as chaplain during 1945-47 and then attended the University of Chicago for a year. In 1948 he accepted a call from our congregation at Newark, New Jersey, but in 1950 he was again called back into the service of the chaplaincy. His present residence is Des Moines, Iowa, where he will attend Drake University.

Pastor Hansen is well equipped to become our new editor and we confidently expect the paper to grow in importance and influence under his leadership.

The Committee on Publications

Enok Mortensen, Chairman.



Across the Editor's Desk

Change of Name of Synod which was voted on at last year's convention, must be voted on again this year. The motion passed last year reads as follows: "The name of the synod shall be 'American Evangelical Lutheran Church'."

We had expected that there would have been some discussion on this proposed move in the columns of L. T. during the year. It was evident at the convention that some were quite hesitant about making such a change of name. Personally we would have liked a name that in some manner had linked our synod to our background or the characteristics of our synod. We at one time suggested the name "The Lutheran Church, Grand View Synod" and we feel that this name or similar would give us our rightful place in and with the other Lutheran bodies.

We agree with our synodical president, when he writes in his report: "If it (the change of name) is to be finally passed at this convention, it will be passed by persons who accept a change demanded for the good of the future of our Synod, not because they personally like to dismiss the present name."—And also as he states later in his report: "It should not be looked upon as a sacrifice that we change the Synod's name but as a declaration of our intentions to share fully the American church life and its opportunities with those of other Lutheran churches. These have passed through the same process as we have, and I believe it can safely be said that they have gained by dropping the nationalistic tag."

The Report on the G. V. Seminary will give considerable concern to the convention. The Secretary of the Board of G. V. College and Seminary in reporting on the Seminary quotes at length from the Report given by Dean Johannes Knudsen at two consecutive meetings of the Board, February 23 and June 9th. Dr. Knudsen points out the lack of facilities and staff in order that the Seminary might be accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools, and thereby meet the minimum requirements that have been laid down for an adequate theological seminary and which are necessary for the granting of an acknowledged B. D. Degree.

Dr. Knudsen concludes in his report to the Board on February 23:

"We are faced, it seems to me, with three alternatives:

"1. Continuation as of the present with prospects of the same average enrollment and with a total instruction that does not meet the minimum requirements of the AATS.

"2. An increase and improvement of faculty and facilities with the hope of an increased enrollment. This would mean an increased budget, enlarged facilities, and the engagement of at least one additional full-time professor.

"3. The merger or federation of Grand View Seminary with another seminary."

At the June 9th meeting Dr. Knudsen again pre-

sented his report, and it appears that in order to bring the entire matter to a definite head, he offered his resignation from the Seminary as of May 31, 1954.

This matter will challenge the full consideration of our forthcoming convention; it will demand our prayers, our wholehearted cooperation.

The Report to the 76th Annual Convention is now out and available to all our readers. It contains a wealth of information about our synodical work during the past year, and at the same time plans for the coming year. Dr. Alfred Jensen concludes his well-written and challenging report with these words: "We all share the consciousness of many failings and shortcomings. It is the grace of God that makes it possible for us to carry on knowing that He will make good use even of our feeble and misdirected efforts. May we during the year ahead find ourselves increasingly guided by God's purpose and may His Word live with us and His Holy Spirit take command. May we remember what Paul says to the Corinthians in the first chapter, ninth verse: 'God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord'."

The president in his report makes a number of "Recommendations" to the convention. We shall not endeavor to present any of these here. Our readers should immediately secure a copy of the "Report" and become familiar with all the various reports to the convention.

L. T. Editor Signs Off

Having had the privilege and responsibility of being the editor of LUTHERAN TIDINGS through thirteen years, it is naturally with mingled feelings of regret and relief that your editor is completing the make-up of this his last issue.

The convention in Des Moines in 1934 voted to begin a monthly publication in the English language. Rev. C. A. Stub became the first editor of LUTHERAN TIDINGS and he served well until 1940. During the year 1936-37 it became a semi-monthly publication of 8 pages in each issue.

Taking over the editorship in 1940, your present editor soon found that the eight pages allowed rather limited space for the various sections of the paper. And after one year's time, the paper was increased to 16 pages.

The convention in Minneapolis in 1943 voted to make LUTHERAN TIDINGS a synodical membership paper and the cost of same has since been paid out of the synod treasury.

It has been a privilege to serve in the capacity of editor during these years. We wish to express our sincere Thanks to everyone who has assisted in the task of making LUTHERAN TIDINGS a medium of expression of the spiritual life, the work and future planning of our synodical fellowship.

Well do we realize that there have been many shortcomings. When an editor has as his first responsibility a pastorate of a large congregation, then the work as editor must of necessity be that of a

side-line, and the work can only be done if and when there is extra time for same.

We greet the new editor, Rev. Verner Hansen, with a hearty welcome. We know that he assumes his new task well qualified. We ask our readers to give him all the support possible in order that L. T. may continue to serve and grow in its influence on the life and the work of our little branch of the Kingdom of God.

Holger Strandskov.

Kimballton, Iowa
July 15, 1953.

Mrs. S. D. Rodholm Reminisces

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it early in 1899 and it was dedicated in February of that year. There was a lovely big assembly room, a large dining room and a kitchen (the same kitchen and dining room now in use).

That winter we young people decided we needed a gym hall so we started a subscription list and elected three men to be responsible for the project. These three who all have passed away were: S. D. Rodholm, P. J. Falkenberg, and Rasmus Jensen. The convention held in June of that year gave us a severe scolding for what we had done without getting permission from higher authorities. But the money was there and the gym hall was built in the fall of 1899. Our gym teacher that winter was J. L. Jensen.

The big class room or assembly room in the new wing was used for our church services. Only when there was communion did we go to a church down town—a Methodist in my time. St. Johannes Congregation (now Luther Memorial) was formally organized that year and was for many years served by pastors and seminary teachers from G. V. C. The congregation, only a year and a half old, had its first convention in 1900. During the school year of 1898-99 we were fifty students during the winter term. The Danes of Des Moines were good to us and many an evening would we march singing along to a coffee invitation in one of the homes.

In 1904 the middle building was put up. The "Red Castle" was finished. Rev. Ostergaard wrote the G. V. C. song for the dedication. The auditorium was now our church. A green curtain was hung in front of the colored window and an altar with a railing was set up on Sundays. Three of my children were baptized here and my oldest daughter was confirmed here.

The college was steadily growing and a wind mill, a cow, and some chickens were added to the property.

My husband, S. D. Rodholm, was the first graduate of G. V. C. Seminary (1901) and in 1910 we moved to Des Moines, as Rodholm had been added to the seminary teaching staff. The two faculty homes had been built in 1908 and 1909. We moved into the north one. Shortly after we came the gym hall which the young people had built in 1899 was rolled down Boyd St. to its present location. It is now part of Union Park Christian Church on E. 9th St. across from the campus.

Lutheran Church Relations And Our Synod

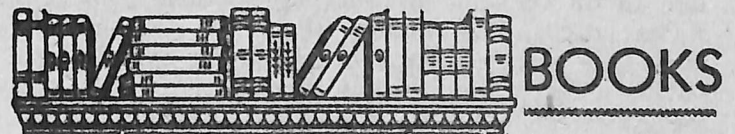
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sessions have given conclusive evidence that our synod could affiliate with this larger Synod and retain the essential characteristics and teachings of the synod.

Boards of the Synod have also met and considered the operation of the U. L. C. A. boards in corresponding fields and reported same. There are still further exploratory sessions required, but at this writing the trend has been to recognize the U. L. C. A. as the only possible affiliation where The Danish Lutheran Church could still remain intact, with its institutions and its objectives, plus the idea that the youth of the coming years would be related to a growing and active American Church, whose outreach is not considered only in the terms of statistics but also that the spiritual growth should be given primary concern.

The Committee on Church Relations is only to report its findings. It has no right to make commitments and has not done so; but it will, in a spirit of trust, continue to seriously evaluate each suggestion which might be for the future progress and welfare of our Christian life.

Alfred E. Sorensen.



Regin Prenter: Spiritus Creator.

Translated by John M. Jensen

Muhlenberg Press.

The leading systematic theologian of Denmark today, and one of the leading Lutheran scholars, is Professor Regin Prenter from the University of Aarhus. He was the head of the theological section at Hannover, and he is the chairman of the newly formed department of theology of the Lutheran World Federation.

Professor Prenter has written several books and numerous articles, but his major contribution is still his study of Luther's concept of the Holy Spirit, called "Spiritus Creator." It has long been a need in American theology to have this book translated, and the translation has finally been performed by the Reverend John M. Jensen of the UELC. A distinct service has thus been performed.

The book is not easy to read, although many of the learned references have been eliminated in the translation, and it is hardly to be recommended to lay readers. For ministers, however, it is not only a good discipline, but it is a rewarding study. The reader is taken into the very core of Reformation research and is given a vital and dynamic understanding of the basic problems which were involved.

The book is divided into two parts. In the first part it is shown how Luther gives the traditional concept of the Holy Spirit a new content and relates this to the organs of the spirit, the Word and the sacraments. In the second part the battle against the enthusiasts is described and it is shown how this consolidates and deepens Luther's understanding. Furthermore, it shows "the opposition of this conception to every toning down of this realism in scholasticism, orthodoxy, pietism, and modern Protestantism."

J. Knudsen.

Grand View College And Our Youth

Grand View Camp

The Grand View Camp is located on the beautiful campus of Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa. It is a unique and different adventure in camping in that it gives the young camper the thrill and delightful experience of living in a college dormitory and participating to a degree in "college life". They live in the dormitory, eat in the dining hall, study in the classrooms, and worship in the chapel. The camper experiences the solemnity of worship, the faith of his church, and the study of the Bible along with wholesome recreation, such as sports, dramatics, singing and work.

In addition to the program on the campus, the camper can enjoy a refreshing swim each afternoon at the modern Birdland Pool, site of many National swimming meets; and specially conducted tours to points of interest in Des Moines.

Come and enjoy the week with us, and make new and lasting friends.

A Typical Day

- 7:30—Day Begins—"Up and at 'em."
- 8:00—Breakfast—"Come and get it."
- 8:30—Labor details — "Sweep and Sweat."
- 9:00-10:00—Devotions and Bible Study.
- 10:00-12:00—Recreation and Craft.
- 12:00—Dinner—"Plenty for all."
- 12:30-1:30—Relax—"You'll live longer."
- 1:30-2:30—Suit yourself. . . free time.
- 2:30-4:00—Swimming — "You're all wet."
- 4:30—Singing—"Sound off."
- 6:00—Supper—"Eat again."
- 7:00—Singing games — "Fun and Frolic."
- 8:00—Evening Program—(Discussions, talks, skits, movies.)
- 9:00—Refreshments—"What, again?"
- 9:15—Campfire.
- 10:15—Day Ends—"Goodnight to all."

Sunday, August 2nd

On this day the parents of the campers are invited for dinner. Please make reservations in advance if possible. Price—\$1.00.

PROGRAM — 10:45—Church service.
12:15—Dinner.

Rules

1. The camp is open to boys and girls 12 to 15 years of age. A camper may not have reached his sixteenth birthday.
2. Campers may not leave the grounds without permission.
3. Campers who wish to swim, must present a written permit from parents.

4. All campers clean their own rooms, and in their proper turn take part in policing the grounds, and working in the dining hall and kitchen.

5. Campers must attend all sessions, unless excused.

6. The leaders reserve the right to dismiss any camper who fails to conform to the rules and regulations of the camp.

7. Campers must pay for property damage or destroyed.

General Information

Meals will be served to campers beginning with supper Sunday, July 26, and ending with dinner, Sunday, August 2.

Be sure to bring towels, soap, swimming suits, tennis shoes and gym suits. If you play tennis bring your racket. **Do not fail to bring sheets, pillow case and one blanket for your bed.**

Bring your New Testament, Hymnal and "World of Song."

Expenses

Registration	\$ 4.00
Room and Board	10.00
Room and Board, per day, for shorter stay	2.50
Price for one meal75
Sunday, August 2nd	\$1.00
Insurance50

Enroll early. Be sure to give your age. We cannot guarantee to accommodate young people who are not enrolled.

To enroll, write to

JUNIOR CAMP,
Grand View College,
Des Moines, Iowa.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. Richard Sorensen and family of Waterloo, Iowa, spent a week of their summer vacation in the Juhl and Germania, Mich. community, the parish formerly served by Pastor Sorensen.

Mrs. Harold Riber submitted to surgery in Des Moines on July 1st. She is now convalescing in her home at 905 Hull Avenue, Des Moines.

Rev. Paul Wikman and family, Ringsted, Iowa, are vacationing in the Black Hills, S. D.

Hampton, Iowa—St. John's congregation observed its 75th anniversary during the week-end, June 19-21. A report of the Anniversary services will likely appear in one of the forthcoming issues of L. T.

Rev. Harold Ibsen and family are at present on a vacation tour in California. Rev. Ibsen was scheduled to speak in the Los Angeles church on Thursday evening, July 16th.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stub are vacationing in Colorado. Pastor Stub served as chaplain in the "Eben-Ezer in the Pines" camp during the week July 13-19. Rev. Thorvald Hansen of

Estherville, Iowa, preached in the Fredsville church on Sunday, July 12th, in the absence of Pastor Stub.

Rev. Vincent Ligouri and family have now moved into the Immanuel parsonage, address 100 Glenwood Avenue, Portland, Maine. We mentioned in the last issue of L. T. that the St. Ansgar's and the Immanuel congregations had entered into an Inter-Church Fellowship and the two congregations will be served by Pastor Ligouri.

The Danebod Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn., observed its 50th anniversary on July 15th. A program was arranged for the afternoon and evening and a display of many items, including old photographs of historical interest.

A Religious Drama Work Shop will be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, during the week, August 15-22, sponsored by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ in U. S. A. Further information may be had from Division of Christian Education, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3.

The Rev. Hans Christian Jersild, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, was recently awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from St. Olaf College. Mr. Jersild graduated cum laude from St. Olaf College in 1918 and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1930. He later taught Greek and Mathematics at Dana College and has served various churches until he in 1950 upon the death of Dr. N. C. Carlsen was elected President of the UELCA.

Rev. C. M. Videbeck, until recently Pastor of the Danish Salem Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been decorated by King Frederik IX of Denmark with the Knight Cross of the Order of Dannebrog. He recently moved to Atlantic, Iowa, where he now serves the St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Pastor Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn., was the guest speaker at the Annual meeting of the Danebo Old People's Home in Minneapolis on Sunday, June 21. Attending the Youth Camp of the Minnesota-Wisconsin District during that week following, he spoke June 24th in Askov, Minn.

Ludington, Mich.—The Bethany Lutheran Church observed its 75th anniversary on Sunday, June 21st. Rev. John Christensen is the pastor.

Rev. J. C. Aaberg is serving the St. Stephen's Church in Chicago during the vacancy. Pastor Aaberg served the St. Stephen's congregation part time in the previous vacancy, before Pastor Alfred Sorensen moved in from Seattle, Wash.

Chaplain Verner Hansen was the guest speaker at the annual July 4th celebration at West Denmark, Wis. He regularly serves the Oak Hill and St. John's Lutheran churches near Exira, Iowa.

The 41st Annual "Midsommerfest" was held in the Dagmar and Volmer,

Montana, churches during the week-end, July 10-12. Dr. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, and Rev. Enok Mortensen of Tyler, Minnesota, were the guest speakers.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Sorensen are now on full time schedule in the new Cedarloo Home Mission field. Services are conducted temporarily at the Cedar Heights Public School, and we note on the Sunday bulletin for Sunday, July 12th, that Marie Sorensen is the organist. She is the youngest in the family, and thus giving her contribution toward this new Mission project.

Rev. and Mrs. Sorensen attended the National Lutheran Home Mission Council Conference in St. Peter, Minnesota, during the week, July 6-11. Rev. Sorensen reports that it was a challenging meeting and there were about 200 in attendance.

Rev. Sorensen's temporary residence and address is: 1006 West 9th Street Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"Eben-Ezer In The Pines"

Once again we invite you to spend part of your vacation in the beautiful mountain rest-home at Evergreen, 35 miles from Denver, Colorado. In between trips to various beauty spots in the mountains you will enjoy the fellowship with Christian friends from our churches.

The daily devotions will be conducted by the following pastors:

July 20-26 Pastor Verner Carlsen, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

July 27-August 2 Pastor Holger Strandkov, Kimballton, Iowa.

August 3-9 Dr. Paul Nyholm, Blair, Nebraska.

August 10-16 Pastor Einer Olsen, Neola, Iowa.

August 17-23 Pastor Gordon Miller, Lake Norden, South Dakota.

August 24-30 Pastor Stephen Mogensen, Brush, Colorado.

August 31-Sept. 6 Prof. Th. J. Jensen, Blair, Nebraska.

For all particulars kindly write to

Victor E. Bagger, Pastor.
Superintendent,
Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colo.

New Editor

Rev. Verner Hansen, 1336 Morton Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa, will be the new editor of LUTHERAN TIDINGS beginning August 1st.

Pastors are asked to make the change on the mailing address on church bulletins for the editor.

All articles, news items and announcements for LUTHERAN TIDINGS are to be sent to the above address.

Editor.

Acknowledgement Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

For the month of June, 1953

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Menominee, Mich.	\$ 34.24
Askov, Minn.	57.00
Seattle, Wash.	104.15
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	400.00
Bronx, New York	42.88
Waterloo, Iowa	100.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	220.50
Oak Hill, Iowa	200.00
Hartford, Conn.	250.00
Manistee, Mich.	35.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa	481.30
Juhl, Mich.	151.00
Clinton, Iowa	300.00
Tacoma, Wash.	32.00
Byram, Conn.	52.95
Omaha, Neb.	100.00
Portland, Maine	154.17
Bridgeport, Conn.	60.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	217.94

Pension Fund:

Congregations:	
Cedar Falls, Iowa	182.84
Askov, Minn.	85.37
Oak Hill, Iowa	68.90
Omaha, Neb.	10.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	190.44
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reimer, Dwight, Ill.	2.50

Pastor's Dues:

Rev. C. A. Stub	48.95
Rev. Marvin A. Nygaard	58.88
Rev. Alfred Jensen	58.40

Grand View College:

Mrs. Sophie Nyholm, St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	2.00
Paul E. Sloth, St. Stehen's, Chicago, Ill.	2.00

Seamen's Mission:

Congregation: Oak Hill, Iowa	32.50
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President's Travel:

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Beck,	
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Withee, Wis.	10.00
Previously acknowledged	18,184.66

Total to date\$21,930.57

Received for Items Outside of Budget:

Stewardship Film Fund	\$ 12.50
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Church Extension Fund:

Congregation: Askov, Minn.	46.02
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Lutheran World Action and Relief:

Sunday School, Dwight, Ill.	176.61
Sunday School, Des Moines, Ia.	37.00

Nathanael Sunday School,	
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Dagmar, Mont.	38.00
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Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
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In memory of E. T. Petersen,	
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Cordova, Neb., Rev. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Congregations:

Salinas, Calif.	320.00
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Fredsville, Iowa	68.25
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Menominee, Mich.	8.92
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Seattle, Wash.	37.00
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St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	54.00
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Bronx, New York	27.00
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Grant, Mich.	31.50
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Hartford, Conn.	75.00
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Manistee, Mich.	15.00
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Volmer, Mont.	52.00
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Juhl, Mich.	34.00
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Ruthton, Minn.	3.00
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Byram, Conn.	22.00
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Grant, Mich.	4.50
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Minneapolis, Minn.	95.85
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Previously acknowledged ..	3,691.91
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Total to date\$ 4,806.54

Respectfully submitted,

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran
Church of America.

Charles Lauritzen, Treasurer.

NEWS BRIEFS

MARTIN LUTHER FILM TO BE SHOWN AT TRONDHEIM

Trondheim, Norway — (NLC) — The dramatic film on Martin Luther's life will have a special showing here on the occasion of the Lutheran World Federation's executive committee meeting and the 800th anniversary celebration of the Church of Norway, July 28-29.

Sponsored jointly by the Norwegian National Committee and the Executive Committee of the LWF, the show will be open not only to participants in the meeting and the church anniversary celebrations, but also to all clergymen of the Nidaros (Trondheim) Diocese, civil authorities, teachers, newspapermen and movie people of the city and its surroundings.

The film has had several successful runs in various cities in the United States, but the special showing here is believed to be the first in Europe to which people not directly concerned with production and distribution have been invited.

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.

I am a member of the congregation at _____ July 20, 1953

Name _____

City _____ State _____

New Address _____

REV. CLAYTON NIELSEN 5-1
WITHEE, WIS.