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## A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, 1954 - 1955

One of the major phases of our Synod work is Grand View College, which opened a new school year last week. Special emphasis is given in this issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS to take note of this event. From the Chaplain of the College comes this article about

### Christian Education Week

**I**F one was to add all the weeks that are designated as something special the calendar year would be more than the now designated fifty two weeks. However, we feel that Christian Education Week is worthy of support. This is the week your church thinks about and emphasizes its educational program. The dates: September 26 through October 3.

There are two basic reasons for doing this: one, to help the Church School to get off to a good start; two, and perhaps more basic, to make the whole congregation aware of its educational program. That is to say, it is not the pastor, church school superintendent, and teachers alone who are concerned about the church's educational program. It becomes the responsibility of all members of the congregation regardless of whether or not they have children in the church school.

The theme this year is "The Bible In The Home." For a number of years emphasis upon the home has been increasing in all phases of Christian Education.

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# Message from the World Council

**This is the declaration from the Second Assembly of the WCC in Evanston, adopted Monday evening, August 30, and edited by the drafting committee.**

**T**O all our fellow Christians, and to our fellow men everywhere, we send greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ as the hope of the world, and desire to share that faith with all men. May God forgive us that by our sin we have often hidden this hope from the world.

In the ferment of our time there are both hopes and fears. It is indeed good to hope for freedom, justice and peace, and it is God's will that we should have these things. But He has made us for a higher end. He has made us for Himself, that we might know and love Him, worship and serve him. Nothing other than God can ever satisfy the heart of man.

Forgetting this, man becomes his own enemy. He seeks justice but creates oppression. He wants peace but drifts toward war. His very mastery of nature threatens him with ruin. Whether he acknowledges it or not, he stands under the judgment of God and under the shadow of death.

**HERE WHERE WE STAND,** Jesus Christ stood with us. He came to us true God and true man, to seek and to save. Though we were the enemies of God, Christ died for us. We crucified Him, but God raised Him from the dead. He is risen. He has overcome the powers of sin and death. A new life has begun. And in His risen and ascended power He has sent forth into the world a new community bound together by His Spirit, sharing His divine life, and commissioned to make Him known throughout the world.

He will come again as Judge and King to bring all things to their consummation. Then we shall see Him as He is and know as we are known. Together with the whole creation we wait for this with eager hope, knowing that God is faithful and even now He holds all things in His hand.

This is the hope of God's people in every age, and we commend it afresh today to all who will listen. To accept it is to turn from our ways to God's way. It is to live as forgiven sinners, as children growing in his love. It is to have our citizenship in that Kingdom which all man's sin is impotent to destroy, that realm of love and joy and peace which lies about all men, though unseen. It is to enter with Christ into the suffering and despair of men, sharing with them the great secret of that Kingdom which they do not expect. It is to know that whatever men may do, Jesus reigns and shall reign.

**WITH THIS ASSURANCE** we can face the powers of evil and the threat of death with a good courage. Delivered from fear we are made free to love. For beyond the judgment of men and the judgment of history lies the judgment of the King who died for all men, and who will judge us at the last according to what we have done to the least of his brethren. Thus our Christian hope directs us towards our neighbor. It constrains us to pray daily. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and to act as we pray in every area of life. It begets a life of believing prayer and expectant action, looking to Jesus and pressing forward to the day of His return in glory.

Now we would speak through our member churches directly to each congregation. Six years ago our churches entered into a covenant to form this council, and affirmed their intention to stay together. We thank God for His blessing on our work and fellowship during these six years.

**WE ENTER NOW** upon a second stage. To stay together is not enough. We must go forward. As we learn more of our unity in Christ, it becomes the more intolerable that we should be divided. We therefore ask you: Is your church seriously considering its relation to other churches in the light of our Lord's prayer that we may be sanctified in the truth

and that we may all be one? Is your congregation, in fellowship with sister congregations around you, doing all it can do to insure that your neighbors shall hear the voice of the one Shepherd calling all men into the one flock?

The forces that separate men from one another are strong. At our meeting here we have missed the presence of Chinese churches which were with us at Amsterdam. There are other lands and churches unrepresented in our council, and we long ardently for their fellowship. But we are thankful that, separated as we are by the deepest political divisions of our time, here at Evanston we are united in Christ. And we rejoice also that, in the bond of prayer and a common hope, we maintain communion with our Christian brethren everywhere.

It is from within this communion that we have to speak about the fear and distrust which at present divide our world. Only at the Cross of Christ, where men know themselves as forgiven sinners can they be made one. It is there that Christians must pray daily for their enemies. It is there that we must seek deliverance from self-righteousness, impatience and fear. And those who know that Christ is risen should have the courage to expect new power to break through every human barrier.

It is not enough that Christians should seek peace for themselves. They must seek justice for others. Great masses of people in many parts of the world are hungry for bread, and are compelled to live in conditions which mock their human worth. Does your church speak and act against such injustice? Millions of men and women are suffering segregation and discrimination on the ground of race.

Is your church willing to declare, as this assembly has declared, that this is contrary to the will of God and to act on that declaration? Do you pray regularly for those who suffer unjust discrimination on grounds of race, religion, or political conviction?

## World Fellowship

The church of Christ is today a worldwide fellowship, yet there are countless people to whom He is unknown. How much do you care about this? Does your congregation live for itself, or for the world around it and beyond it? Does its common life, and does the daily work of its members in the world, affirm the Lordship of Christ or deny it?

God does not leave any of us to stand alone. In every place He has gathered us together to be His family, in which His gifts and His forgiveness are received. Do you forgive one another as Christ forgave you? Is your congregation a true family of God, where every man can find a home and know that God loves him without limit?

We are not sufficient for these things. But Christ is sufficient. We do not know what is coming to us. But we know Who is coming. It is He who meets us every day and Who will meet us at the end — Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we say to you: Rejoice in hope.

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## Annual Convention of District VIII

Editor's Note: This report was held out of past issues due to lack of space.

Our churches in Easton and Parlier, located in the beautiful and prosperous valley around Fresno, Calif., were hosts to the convention held April 30-May 1, 2. As the church bells tolled through the quiet evening, we gathered in an almost full church for the opening service. We were bid welcome by Rev. Niels Nielsen, local pastor, and during Mrs. Ellen Nielsen's beautiful selection at the organ our hearts filled with prayers of thanks that we by the grace of God were able to assemble to praise his holy name.

The opening sermon by Pastor E. Farstrup, Solvang, (District President) gave us further thoughts for meditation and practical help to grow as individuals as well as a congregation, and workers in our heavenly Father's vineyard. After the service we gathered for the traditional evening coffee and "get acquainted."

Saturday morning devotions were conducted by Pastor Svend Markman in the Danish language. Pastor Markman spoke of our need to look back over life's way and recount how God's ever ready hand guides and helps us in difficult as well as happy situations. After devotions, the regular business meeting of the convention opened with re-electing Pastor Farstrup as District President, Pastor E. Nielsen, Vice President, Mr. Anton Nielsen, Los Angeles, as Secretary and Mr. Nis Pors, Salinas, Treasurer. The committee on the President's Report brought a number of motions up:

That the district concurred in the Home Mission Board's suggestion that our Synodical President together with the District President call a meeting with the Pasadena congregation to study progressive ways and means to further the growth of the Pasadena Church.

The District commented favorably on the Watsonville congregation in their forward stride and it was voted to give \$150.00 to help towards the moving expenses of their new resident pastor, and the convention expressed willingness to stand by to help Watsonville congregation in the future if necessary.

It was decided to have a Home Mission Committee with a member from each congregation, with the District President as chairman, (another sign of the district's earnest concern to help forward the Kingdom of God).

It was decided again this year to sponsor South Camp July 29 to August 5, with Pastor Farstrup as leader — with thanks for his fine work along this line in the past.

The annual Fall Meeting will be held in Solvang again this year and the District Board was asked to secure speakers; if possible also someone representing Denmark in the World Council of Churches Assembly.

The Synodical budget and Lutheran World Action quotas were accepted, and it was decided to make it a rule either to pay monthly or quarterly to the Synod Treasurer.

It was also decided to support the Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern and Southern California and the Lutheran Student Foundation in Berkeley and Los Angeles.

The Rev. Otto Bremer of the Lutheran Student Center at Berkeley spoke, and gave us a very clear picture of the work at the U. of California, as well as the new work at San Jose.

The convention voted thanks to Pastor Halvdan Knudsen for his work in District VIII as well for the Solvang Home; also thanks to the Board of the Solvang Home for their work for the Home, a financial help of \$200 was given to the Solvang Home.

Pastor Farstrup raised the question of the Loyalty

Oath, in view of it as a threat to the U. S. Constitution. It was decided each congregation must make its own decision in this matter.

It was decided to recommend to the Synod Convention that the East and West Coast each be represented by one member on the Synod Board.

Mr. Phillip Larsen of Solvang presented "Tractor for India" and we listened gratefully to the sincerity and God-given spirit with which this plan was put before the assembly. It had the whole-hearted support of the convention.

As the business meeting came to a close, Mr. Nis Pors extended the Salinas congregation's invitation for the 1955 District Convention.

The Salinas invitation was accepted with thanks.

Dr. Alfred Jensen then spoke on the topic "Our Seminary and its Future." Dr. Jensen gave us a clear picture of the situation confronting our Synod, the advantage and disadvantage of affiliation. Many questions and remarks were then heard after his talk.

Saturday evening we were entertained with an excellent recital by Miss Ruth Farstrup and the showing of a very fine travel picture.

The Sunday morning sermon was preached to a full church by Pastor Aage Moller, Solvang. After dinner, Dr. Alfred Jensen and Pastor Arthur Frost spoke. Pastor Frost ended his stirring talk with the words that "we so let God live in our hearts and souls that we here on life's way may start our life eternal!" And with an expression of thanks for fruitful days at our convention, we went home with a renewed desire and hope that we in our daily life might be witnesses for God, in home, church and community.

**E. Vendelboe Nielsen.**

## Christian Education Week

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Reasons for this are many. Family failure is conspicuous in the rising delinquency and divorce rates. Christian education, as the Church engages in it, is dependent for any lasting success upon the cooperation of the home.

The church school particularly has become aware of the importance of the home and of the significance of parents as co-laborers with the church school staff in the religious education of the young.

It is an established fact that what happens in the family has more effect on the life of a person than what happens in the Church. Some authorities say therefor that the home is the place for religion, and that the role of the church is to support the home. This reverses the idea that the church is the place for religion and the role of the family is to support the church. It is possible to build a good case for the home as the place of religious education. However it would be too much to assume at this junction in religious education that the home will undertake the greatest share of Christian teaching. Too many parents are lacking in the skill and the time to get the job done.

It is in the direction of the church and family in partnership that we need to move. While the church may take the initiative, success or failure depends largely on the home.

**Howard Christensen.**



## A Daily Challenge to Our Receptivity and Response

Within a very short time after their arrival at Grand View, the students learn that their fellow-students come from many different parts of the country. This opportunity to attend college with students from various places is one of the rich assets of a residential college. It gives to the collegiate way of life some valuable intangibles which must be experienced in order to be fully appreciated. The great majority of the students come from homes in which church membership is the normal pattern. Although it is an almost insuperable task to ascertain correctly the degree of loyalty to the Church, it is a reasonable assumption that the students' participation in church life, prior to attending college, has included church attendance, Sunday school, catechetical instruction, and membership in youth activities.

As a Lutheran Church college, Grand View College is vitally concerned about the religious life of the students. The college urges the students to be faithful toward their respective denomination. They are advised to attend their own Church. We are fortunate in having fine congregations of all the major denominations within walking distance of the college. The students may consult the ordained men on the faculty, or any faculty member, for information about nearby churches. Beginning this fall, Luther Memorial Church will grant student membership to resident Lutheran students while attending Grand View College.

Believing that meditation, prayer and worship are needed daily for the deepening and strengthening of the spiritual life of all within the college community, devotions are held both morning and evening. The hour of the morning devotion has been changed to enable all who desire to attend. Moreover, in order to provide a place large enough, and, also, conducive to the moods of Christian fellowship and worship, the morning devotion will be held in the Lecture Hall.

Attendance at either morning or evening devotions is entirely voluntary. The importance which we attach to a morning and evening offering of prayer is two-fold: first, the recognition of our relationship to God and the willing and obedient acceptance of our daily life as the sphere in which God has placed us, regardless of our particular task and responsibility within the

**This challenge was issued in printed form directly to all Grand View students at registration time.**

college community; second, to help today's college students, whether away from home or living in the city, to become alive to the creative role of worship in the common life. Without being sectarian or coercive, but fully respecting the conscience of all students, the college does invite all of the students to avail themselves of the opportunity for daily, corporate worship. We all know something of the heavy demand upon the student's time. Ordway Tead, former Chairman, Board of Higher Education of New York City, speaks not only for us, but to us, when he says, "The difficult resolve to look within to discover one's deeper self, to be open to the influence of the Other, to 'be still and know that I am God,'—all this takes place not usually by chance or accident, but by high and deliberate intent. **And who is now helping this intent into being?**" To this question the church college does not answer boastfully, "We do!" Grand View College answers, "We do this, because we stand in daily need of being renewed by the Spirit through the living fellowship of faith."

The students in our American colleges are not indifferent to the claim of Christianity. Voluntary chapel attendance at many colleges has more than doubled during the last few years. As Dr. Alan Walker observes: "Young university students are not resentful of a sane and direct challenge."

**Ernest D. Nielsen,**

President.



**President Ernest D. Nielsen**  
Grand View College

## The Bible

"I want to know one thing—the way to heaven. God Himself has condescended to teach the way . . . He hath written it down in a Book! O give me that Book At any price, give me that Book of God!"—John Wesley.

"The English Bible in a secular aspect is the first of national treasures, and in its spiritual significance the most valuable thing that this world affords."—King George V.

"God's Word of itself is pure, clean, bright and clear."—Martin Luther.

"It is the best gift which God has given to man."—Lincoln.

"It is not possible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."—Washington.





### Who Goes to Grand View ?

**I**T is interesting to look over the enrollment list of the college. Of late years, a majority of students have come from the local city of Des Moines, but this year we note an increase in the number of dormitory students. It is significant to see that every freshman male student who lived in the dorm last year is back again this year. Only two or three girls failed to return, mostly because of the specialized nature of their educational program which took them elsewhere.

From the corners of the earth they come. This year's student body has a student from India (see page 8), a student from Panama, from Denmark, and many from the coasts. Five students are Californians, and the great Northwest is represented as well. The East Coast is not far behind, with scholars from New York, Maryland, New Jersey and Maine.

In numbers the enrollment is about equal with last year, almost 200 including the 45 student nurses, (who attend science courses and other subjects, from their training at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.)

Most students come from the Midwest, of course. But the midwestern states include such widely separated points as Montana and Michigan. Huge cities and small towns and completely rural townships are represented; the student body is an interesting cross-section of American life, and the college fellowship is enriched by diversities of environment which show through the personalities of the young people.

### Herluf Jensen to Head USCC

New York—(NLC)—A Lutheran has been named to succeed a Lutheran as executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council, composed of 14 denominational and church-related student organizations.

**Herluf M. Jensen**, son of Dr. Alfred Jensen, president of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been elected to a three-year term in the fulltime post that has been held for the past two years by Dr. Ruth C. Wick, who this fall joined the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute (Methodist) at Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Jensen, who has been prominent in student work for several years, has been studying for his B. D.,

at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in Maywood, Ill., but this work will be interrupted while he fills out his term with the USCC.

Mr. Jensen studied at Grand View College and Seminary in Des Moines, headquarters of the AELC. In 1952-53 he left school for a year to serve as the first fulltime president of the Lutheran Student Association of America. During that period he was a delegate to the third World Conference of Christian Youth, held at Travancore, India, in December of 1953 and was elected to the executive committee of the World Student Christian Federation, of which the USCC is the U. S. member. He has an M. A. degree from Minnesota.

Dr. Wick a member of the United Lutheran Church, was vice president of Carthage (Ill.) College for two years before joining the USCC as executive secretary. Previously, for four years, she had been assistant to the executive secretary of the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council. She has been a member of the faculty of Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minn., and of the University of Wisconsin. A graduate of Upsala College at East Orange, N. J., she obtained her M. A. degree from Columbia University and her Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin.

The United Student Christian Council, which is related to the National Council of Churches, represents the National Student Councils of the YMCA and YWCA, the Student Volunteer Movement, the Interseminary Movement and the Lutheran Student Association of America, as well as the student work departments and student movements of several denominations.

Blessed are the mothers of the earth, for they have combined the practical and the spiritual into one workable way of human life. They have darned little stockings, mended little dresses, washed little faces, and have pointed little eyes to the stars, and little souls to eternal things.

**William L. Stidger.**

The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of governmental power — A concentration of governmental power is what always precedes the death of human freedom.

**Woodrow Wilson.**

### Danish Folk Meeting At Danebod

The annual Danish Folk Meeting at Danebod, Tyler, Minnesota, will be held October 5-10. The speakers this year are Mr. Hans Haarder, principal of Rinkenaes Folk School, Denmark; Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum, Canada; Rev. Christian Nissen, also from Denmark; and the undersigned. Those wishing to live at the school are asked to register immediately. The last few years the school has been filled to capacity and latecomers have had to be housed in private homes. Bring your own bedding! Write to —

**Enok Mortensen,**  
Tyler, Minnesota.



## Faculty Changes

Last spring, Prof. Alfred C. Nielsen submitted his resignation as Dean of Grand View. He is now devoting his full time to teaching, after serving in the administrative capacity for twelve years. Before becoming Dean he served as President of the school for five years, and has been with the college almost twenty years in all. In recognition of this long, faithful service, the Board of Directors has designated him as Dean Emeritus.

The new Dean, and Registrar, of the college is Prof.

Peter Jorgensen, who began teaching there in 1924. Dean Jorgensen is well-known to our Synod and comes from a family whose combined work in our denominational life spans centuries. He and his wife, Jean, and their four children are familiar to many alumni.

Mr. Arne Nielsen, instructor in languages, has returned to his native Denmark. James Cook, instructor in chemistry, has resigned to do graduate work. Two new professors have arrived at Grand View in their place. Robert Leslie Graham, a graduate student and assistant in chemistry at Minnesota University, has an active background of work in the Lutheran Student group in Minneapolis, and has a degree from State Teachers' College in Mankato, plus two and one-half years experience in the navy.

John Sirevaag will be foreign language instructor. His M. A. dissertation was in the field of Ibsen and Hauptmann. He is working on a doctorate from Iowa University. As a research fellow at the S. U. I., he has assisted in assembling data on efforts in international understanding on the campus.

### Borrow to Go to College?

(The following article is reprinted from "Changing Times — The Kiplinger Magazine," February, 1954.)

"It is considered quite proper to borrow money to buy a house, a car or a television set, or to pay a hospital bill. But borrow to get an education: That's a different story. Too risky—a proposition all around, say many students and their parents. Just not a practical thing to do.

"What are the facts here? Does it make sense for students to borrow? Is a college education worth the gamble?

"Each family will, of course, have to decide for itself. As a general principle, however, there probably isn't another investment that will pay off more

handsomely than a college student's investment in himself.

"Just playing the averages, any able young man who gets a college education will do better financially than a young man whose schooling ends upon graduation from high school — enough better to make up for the money he spends to get that education, and then some. On the average, the college graduate earns more than twice as much as the person who has not graduated from college. What's more, college training usually adds assets and advantages that can't be measured in dollars, but which are important just the same.

"And experience with college loan programs makes it clear that the college student who is willing to go into debt to get educated is an awfully good risk. He does manage to pay off his debt. Defaults on college loans run to minor percentages; at some schools losses amount to less than one-tenth of one per cent.

"If more bright young people realized that borrowing for college makes sense, it would be a good thing

not only for them but also for the country. Every year there are some 150,000 high school graduates who want to go to college and have the ability to do well there, but don't go because they think they can't swing it. Thus a lot of valuable brain power is wasted because it is not fully developed.

"Very few of these deserving high school graduates can finance a college education through scholarships.

"Student loan funds are different. The student who is willing to borrow can seek them out, no matter what his background or where he comes from. It is up to him to decide whether or not to take the risk — just as in later life he will decide whether or not he will borrow money to buy a house or a car."

Grand View College has a student loan fund for students who desire a college education but are in need of funds to cover such expenses as board, room, tuition and fees. As Mr. Huit of the State University of Iowa says, a student loan is as valuable and as respectable as a scholarship in helping the serious student obtain his college education.

The maximum amount of money which a student may borrow in any college year is \$300. For full particulars write to Mr. Harry C. Jensen, Business Manager, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but I have always noticed that the passages that bother me are those I do understand.

Mark Twain.



Dean Emeritus A. C. Nielsen



Dean Peter Jorgensen



## They Still Need Our Help

By Dr. Hermann W. Siefkes

First Vice President, ALC

**A**GAIN we are being asked to share some of our blessings with those who are unfortunate victims of war devastations and to give to an All-Lutheran Food Appeal.

"Why?" some of us ask. "Isn't the urgency of the appeal exaggerated and overdrawn? Can it be that our help is still so much needed—nine years after the guns of World War II were silenced?"

I was one of eight Lutheran church workers sent to Europe last January and February to interview refugees, and I am sure that the eight of us who saw conditions there at first hand would declare in united chorus: "No, a thousand times, no! The appeal is not exaggerated!"

### Still 3,000 Refugee Camps

What has been written and said about the great strides made by the West German economy is true. But the common run of people there is not our problem. Our problem is to help the refugees. And there are still three thousand refugee camps in West Germany today.

Seventy-three of these are located in Berlin where my wife and I were stationed for nearly four weeks. In Berlin alone 300 to 500 refugees cross the border to freedom every day. Sometimes the number swells to a thousand daily. And these people come with nothing in their hands. They have fled from house and home, leaving all behind.

The German church and the German people have heroically attempted to solve the problem on their doorstep. But the German soil cannot produce enough to feed these hungry ones coming to them in a never-ending stream.

Emigration to other countries has been going on at a steady pace. The United States Congress has voted to allow over two hundred thousand to enter the U.S. in the next three years.

All of this is wonderful help. But when we consider that 300,000 crossed the Berlin border alone last year we can easily see how difficult it is to make progress.

Berlin has thousands of fleeing refugees who for reasons of background and former connections are not acceptable in Western Germany and are, therefore, not eligible for a job or housing. Yet they are not forced to return to the fearful land they deserted but are given refuge in camps and fed.

The accomplishments of the German Hilfswerk are simply gigantic. Yet they could not have carried out their great Christian enterprise without the aid from America and other countries. Nor could they possibly cope with the situation alone now. If our hand of love would wax feeble and weak at

this point, suffering would increase immeasurably.

### Prayer Answered Before Uttered

Last year, when the influx of refugees to Berlin was particularly great, Mrs. Julius Bodensieck, then representing Lutheran World Relief in Berlin, called for help. They simply had to have fats. At that time it was our good fortune in Iowa that our Lutheran people had just shipped a large carload of lard to Berlin. The prayer was answered before it was uttered.

All of these facts lead me to declare here:

1. We need a strong Food Appeal because without it we should be depriving hungry mouths of daily bread. If you have never stood in a refugee camp where children stand in long soup lines to receive only the barest necessities you can hardly visualize what it means to supply the minimum needs at every meal. We saw one camp where 400 hungry children were playing the best they could in dark, damp, cold halls or passageways and falling in line for their plate of soup.

2. We need a strong Food Appeal because what we give keeps the hearts of these pitiable people susceptible to the Christian message. Let us not minimize this point.

An uprooted people, torn away from the anchorage of a home church, an ordered church life, and the regular practice of religion, has a tremendous problem in maintaining daily communion with God. Besides, the faith in the providence of a just and righteous God has been severely shaken. The fact that most of this help comes from the Christians in America, the country of their former enemy who defeated them, simply overwhelms them. This convincing hand must not grow cold.

### Most of Them are Lutherans

3. We need a strong Lutheran Food Appeal because most of the refugees are Lutherans. Eighty-eight per cent of Russian-occupied Eastern Germany is Lutheran. "Do good unto all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith," says St. Paul. What a calamity it would be to let them down!

4. We need a Lutheran Food Appeal because it helps to sustain a valiant ministry in the East Zone.

Do you know that, if a Lutheran pastor flees from the East Zone, he loses his standing as a pastor? This is done to demonstrate to the Communists that there is a higher loyalty than the terrorizing loyalty of Communism, namely, the loyalty of love to Christ which voluntarily reaches beyond death if need be. And do you know that these pastors receive a salary amounting to \$20 a month in our money? Without relief aid they would be incapable of carrying on. We are

helping these saints of God in the fierce war of the Spirit:

5. We need a strong Lutheran Food Appeal because we have enough to share. Our tremendous responsibility as Americans makes me shudder when I think that, while we have only five per cent of the world's population in America, we are in possession of fifty per cent of the world's food supply. We all live like rich men, in luxury and without want.

The statement of Christ in the final judgment is aimed at the possessors in relation to the dispossessed or "have-nots": "I was hungry, and ye gave Me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink, naked and ye clothed Me not."

6. We need a Food Appeal to encourage the spirit of freedom. The flood of refugees flows to the free world, away from the circumstances of fear and slavery, not in the other direction. Christians have a bond of fellowship and mutual help which must never be broken. Every morsel of food given in Christ's name encourages the heart to believe in Him with whom alone there is true freedom.

The churches of America have done magnificently. Lutheran World Relief has shipped more than thirty million dollars worth of supplies across the water. It is a wonderful record. Who can count the blessings which have come and do come to the world through this mighty action? Let us not now grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we will reap if we faint not.

## Fall Meeting at Solvang

The annual Fall Meeting of the California district of the A. E. L. C. will be held at Solvang, Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The meeting will begin the evening of Sept. 30, with a service in the church at which Pastor Owen K. Gramps will preach. The annual meeting of the Solvang Lutheran Home will be held on Friday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 a. m., and the new unit of the Home will be dedicated on the 3rd. Our main speaker this year will be Bishop Skatt-Hoffmeyer of Aarhus, Denmark, who will speak twice in the English language and preach a Danish sermon. Other speakers will be the Pastors of the district. Meals will be served in the Atterdag Gym Hall. Lodging can be had either at the college or in private homes. When enrolling please indicate which you prefer. Enroll to Mrs. Arne Iversen, Atterdag College, Solvang, Calif. We invite members and friends of our church to spend these days with us.

A. E. Farstrup, Dist. Pres.



# Paging Youth

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## Anil Jha

**Editor's Note:** For the past two or three years young people throughout AELYFland have been planning toward the day when they would be able to bring one or more Santal students to Grand View College. Those plans have now become more than a dream. The first of two students, sponsored by AELYF, is now enrolled at G.V.C. **Anil Jha** arrived in New York on August 19 and, following a few days visit in Minneapolis and a stop-over at the Iowa District convention, arrived in Des Moines on August 29.

It is to be hoped that during the months ahead many throughout AELYFland will have an opportunity to become acquainted with Anil. Meanwhile, through the following autobiographical sketch we give you a first opportunity to meet Anil Jha.

As far as I know the members of my family were among the first Bengali Christians of the Santal Mission. I don't remember very well, but I believe my great-grandfather was the first convert. He lived in a small village near Kaerabani.



Anil Jha

My grandfather was a good Christian. He was so regular in church attendance that even in his old age he did not forget to attend. At that time, since Kaerabani was the only church, he used to come from a distance of five miles. He was a preacher at Kaerabani for some time. A tree planted by him in front of the church at Kaerabani is still standing. He did a lot of work for the welfare of the mission. He died at a very old age.

My father, Rev. Daniel Jha, was qualified in the Kaerabani mission school. He later got some training in theology and is at the present time working as a pastor.

Regarding my own birth, I am not certain as to the exact date. But, as far as I know, I was born in the Dumka mission on January 18, 1932. My mother died when I was only six months old. It was very difficult for my father to look after us. At that time my older brother was also very small. My father married another woman and I was brought up under her care. One missionary helped me very much. He gave me a big cow so that I would have milk. I shall never forget him for this act of kindness.

At the age of six I was admitted to the Dumka

## Hear Ye ! Hear Ye !

It's time now to begin thinking about the forthcoming National Convention and Workshop of AELYF. This year's meeting will be held at Grand View College in Des Moines and the dates are November 5, 6, 7.

Delegates, Friends of Youth committee members, district officers and guests are urged to plan early to attend this important meeting.

Registrations should be sent to Pastor Harry Andersen, Marlette, Michigan, by October 15.

mission Lower Primary school. I passed my first two classes in that small school. Then I was sent to Kaerabani for class III. Spending one one year there I came back again to Dumka. Fortunately, my father was transferred to another mission station that same year and I could get a good chance to study the courses of classes IV and V there. I passed my final examinations successfully.

In 1943 I was back at Kaerabani again to study in the high school. As I was a good scholar I was given a scholarship in the high school. In addition to that I received a stipend from the mission for which I am thankful. I completed my work in the high school and passed my examinations at Kaerabani in 1950.

Three months later I came to Grahampur, Assam, at the request of Rev. Harold Riber and Rev. S. Johansen. After further studies and examinations I was approved as an assistant teacher in the Grahampur high school where I taught for two years. I taught mathematics, science and Hindi. My mother tongue is Bengali but I also speak Hindi, Santali, Assamese and English.

Now that I am in America for further study I am really very happy and grateful to those who have made this possible. I am very eager to equip myself further in the fields of science and theology.

Above all, I give thanks to God for what he has done for me.

## Good News About a Good Camp

To have a ring with twenty-nine diamonds in it would be to own quite a treasure, wouldn't it? Well, the Iowa AELYF camp had something much more valuable; twenty-nine campers, every one of them a gem. No appraiser could ever evaluate in words or figures the camp spirit which prevailed.

Because it was time well spent, I want to tell you about the camp which was held at Ingham Lake from August 22 to 27. I will try to tell you briefly about the various phases of our day of work, worship and play.

At the clanging of the 7:30 bell, all the people who didn't wake up in time to take a 7 o'clock swim were pulled or pushed out of bed so they could get to the "feast hall" in time for breakfast. But, before the mad rush for something to eat started, morning devotions, led by the boys and girls in their respective cabins, were held. I might add that this practice turned out to be very successful.

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**O**THERS will write about Evanston, and will write better than

I can, they having been nearer to what happened

than I was. The acoustics in the big hall were bad, especially for non-delegates, but what I did get, directly and indirectly, gripped my imagination; therefore the following.

Knowing the underlying thought and motivation of Evanston, most people would say that the theme of the gathering was unity but was it? No! The leaders had been wiser than to set forth as theme that to which Christians hope to attain some day. They had set forth as theme that which must lead to unity, if taken seriously: "Christ, the Hope of the World." If there is One and only One who is the hope of the world, then we will all become one when we gather around him.

Indeed, the underlying thought and hope of those who gathered at Evanston, must have been unity. I am sure it was. I am just as certain that there is a fundamental hindrance to that unity. Let me try to explain.

Unity requires expression in words. Christ on earth requires expression in words. We cannot gather around Christ on earth unless he is expressed in words. We cannot unite even in temporal organizations unless the unity is expressed in words. The more perfectly the words express the fundamental concept, the more perfect can the union be. Example: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, (than was formed under the Articles of Confederation) do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

All Christians are united in accepting Jesus Christ as Savior; but they are not united on the question as to what words will express their "perfect union." We find that we have not attained anywhere near to the unity for which Christ prayed the last evening. There was not one church gathered at Evanston; there were representatives from 163 denominations. We did not all gather at the Lord's Table in one place; we gathered in different places according to the different concepts of Jesus' words: "This is my body; this is my blood." We have not attained to the unity that will enable all children of God to get together at the one and same Table of the Lord. The very fact that we enumerate 163 denominations gathered by representatives at Evanston, shows that we stand in need of "a more perfect union." What hinders us?

Would laymen who take the words from the mouth of Jesus just as he said them, be hindered in getting together at the one and same Table of the Lord? It is not likely that they would. What hinders them now? The different explanations of Jesus' words given by theologians.

The explanations, then, are the hindrance. The explanations are the "Articles of Confederation," so to speak; but man-made "Articles of Confederation" do not furnish the foundation for "a more perfect union" of Christians. Only Jesus' own words, taken as he has given them to us, can be that foundation.

Now, we are all agreed upon "Our Father." We

## The Theme at Evanston

Valdemar S. Jensen

take that as a prayer that has come to us from the mouth of the Lord. Furthermore, all Christians are agreed upon the Three Great

Names in baptism. All baptize into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All Christians have, as far back as anyone knows, had the Apostles' Creed; some have, from this day and as far back as anyone knows, used that creed as the covenant Word in baptism. Irenæus (202) tells us that in his day it was the Faith of Christians everywhere.

Now, to believe, to hope, and to love are the three functions of the human soul. If we can find the perfect expression for our faith, the perfect expression for our hope, the perfect expression for our love, then there is a possibility for that "more perfect union" of Christians for which Jesus prayed. But may we not expect that he who "knows our frame" (Psalm 103:14) because we "all were made through him" (John 1:3) with our craving to believe, to hope, and to love, will have given us the perfect expression in which the innermost craving of our hearts can find release, can find its fulfillment? If he wants unity among his believers, and he knows that perfect unity must find expression in perfect words, will he have left the task to imperfect man to find those words?

As far as I know, no one at Evanston mentioned the Word of Faith in baptism as the perfect expression for our possible oneness in faith. No one mentioned the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father" as the perfect expression for the hope of all Christians that the Father's kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. No one mentioned Jesus' words: "This is my body; this is my blood," as the perfect expression for the perfect love among all believers. But is not this what we must come to if we are to be one, if we are to be "perfectly one," "even as the Father is in the Son and the Son in the Father."

## The Sanctuary of Solitude

By Robert B. Pattison

"I am not alone, but I and the Father." —John 8:16.

Christ's was a life of loneliness:  
The desert places felt his tread;  
Others their households might possess,  
He had no place to lay his head.  
Amidst Gethsemane's distress  
His friends forsook him, and they fled.  
But, "I am not alone," said he,  
For God possessed him perfectly.  
Christ speaks thus to my lonesome hour.  
And joys of life are all renewed;  
My solitude is filled with power  
When with God's love it is endued.  
Then blossoms life's serenest flowers  
The ecstasy of solitude!



## News Briefs

### MORE THAN 500 AT 1954 LUTHERAN STUDENT ASHRAM

Interlochen, Mich. — (NLC) — More than 500 Lutheran students from all parts of the United States and Canada participated in the 1954 Ashram of the Lutheran Student Association of America at the National Music Camp here, Aug. 28-Sept. 3.

Also 32 overseas students representing 14 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Near East were present.

The participants contributed more than \$1,500 in a special offering devoted to Lutheran Student Action, the fund through the Lutheran Student Association of America supports student work and special projects around the world.

As the week-long conference ended, it was announced that the 1955 Ashram will be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts in Alberta, Canada. This conference in the heart of Canadian Rockies will be the first in LSAA's history to be held outside the United States.

The closing session of the Ashram here was keynoted by Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, newly elected president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who echoed words of the Report of the Advisory Commission on the Main Theme of the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

"The Church on earth is made up of frail, ignorant, and sinful men," and "this is the Church's despair," Dr. Schiotz told the students. "But the Lord Jesus Christ is its hope."

Other featured speakers at the Ashram included Dr. Stewart W. Herman, director of the Lutheran World Federation's Committee on Latin America and executive of the National Lutheran Council's work in Latin America; Dr. Ruth Wick, former executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council and now a member of the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute; and Dr. George Forell, professor in the School of Religion at the State University of Iowa.

More than fifty other pastors, professors and other church leaders were present to guide the students in seminars and discussion groups.

### LWR SHIPS WHEAT RAISED IN LUTHERAN FOOD APPEAL

New York — (NLC) — Lutheran World Relief sent 489,463 pounds of relief supplies valued at \$185,870 for distribution in Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Korea and the Holy Land during the months of August, it was announced here by Bernard A. Confer, the agency's executive secretary.

Included in the shipments were 312,492 pounds of food valued at \$13,035, all gathered in the All-Lutheran Food Appeal, jointly sponsored by the National Lutheran Council's material aid arm and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Mr. Confer said.

The farm commodities gathered in this appeal included one carload of wheat for distribution in Austria, another car of wheat for Germany, and a car of milo

sent to Jordan, he explained. The wheat was gathered in Kansas and Nebraska, the milo came from gifts of Texas farmers.

Also included in August shipments were 42,563 pounds of corn syrup sent to Korea, the report said, and 162,804 pounds of clothing valued at \$154,894.

Furthermore, LWR shipped 14,167 pounds of miscellaneous supplies valued at \$17,941, including medicines, toys, surgical supplies, and two automobiles which were purchased and shipped to Tanganyika in behalf of the NLC Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions.

### MISSOURI SYNOD FILM WINS TOP POLL RATING

Cincinnati, Ohio — A Lutheran television film, "This Is The Life," has been voted best of its category in a nationwide poll of stations, sponsors, advertising agencies and film producers and distributors in the TV field although it was not included on the ballot.

The movie was omitted from the ballot listing because it is not handled by any of the regular commercial distributors. Produced by Family Films TV, Inc. of Hollywood, for Lutheran Television Productions of St. Louis, Mo., an agency of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is being shown on 230 television stations across the country.

Results of the poll were announced in The Billboard, entertainment industry weekly published here, which conducted the survey — the Second Annual TV Film Program and Talent Awards Poll.

Enough participants in the industry-wide poll wrote in the name of "This Is The Life" to give it a total score of 233 points, compared to 96 for its closest competitor, and thus designate it the "Best Non-Network Religious Film Series."

### MODERN NONSENSE

A great deal of nonsense has been written about missionaries. It seems to be forgotten that Christianity is an Eastern religion, to which Western pagans have been quite successfully converted. Yet if one believes in Christianity at all, one must believe in its universal validity. A Christian cannot believe in one God for Europe and another God for Africa; the importance of Semitic religion was that it did not recognize one God for the West and another for the East.

The new Paganism of the West, which prides itself on being scientific, is often peculiarly neurotic. Only a neurosis explains its sentimental lack of consistency, its acceptance of the historic duty of the Mohammedan to spread his faith by the sword, and its failure to accept the duty of a Christian to spread his faith by teaching.

**Evelyn Waugh, Journey Without Maps.**



## LWA Receipts at \$1,532,982, 59 Per Cent of Goal in Eight Months

New York—(NLC)—Nearly 59 per cent of this year's Lutheran World Action goal of \$2,600,000 was raised during the first eight months of the appeal, it was announced here by the Rev. Rollin G. Shaffer, promotion secretary of LWA.

Cash receipts for Lutheran World Action through August 31, reported from the eight church bodies participating in the appeal, amounted to \$1,532,982 or 58.96 per cent of the goal for the year, he said.

This was slightly less than in 1953 when 63.8 per cent of the total for the year had been received, but more than in 1952 when contributions received by the end of August amounted to 52.7 per cent of the goal of \$2,900,000.

However, Mr. Shaffer stressed that the budget needs in 1954 exceed the goal by about \$340,000 and the cooperating church bodies are urged to raise at least 10 per cent more than the announced goal.

He added that last year, when the church bodies raised a total of \$2,791,000, the goal was exceeded by seven per cent.

The bulk of current needs abroad center on assistance to refugees, including physical aid and spiritual care as well as efforts to aid them to emigrate; aid to churches carrying the refugee burden, particularly in Germany and Austria; and aid to minority churches and diaspora groups. Included in the 1954 LWA goal are also sums for a Lutheran resettlement program in the United States.

Of the 1954 goal, \$865,000 has been earmarked for support of refugees and other needy peoples in war-ravaged countries and behind the Iron Curtain, where they can be reached, as in East Germany, Mr. Shaffer said.

Also, according to the 1954 program \$290,000 of the LWA goal will be spent for spiritual services to men and women in the armed forces, and \$650,000 has been allocated for the support of younger churches and

missions cut off from their supporting societies in Europe.

In addition, LWA money has been earmarked for cooperation with other Protestant denominations, to support the American Bible Society, for Lutheran ministry to European immigrants in Latin America and for a number of other projects, Mr. Shaffer said.

The report on the eight-month receipts showed that four of the eight cooperating church bodies had passed the halfway mark of their goals, and the United Lutheran Church in America, alone responsible for nearly half of the total LWA goal, was near the two-thirds mark in its effort.

Leading all other participating church bodies, the ULCA had raised \$786,761 or 64.21 per cent of its goal by the end of August. This was about four per cent less than the ULCA had reached at the same time in 1953.

The American Lutheran Church had raised \$275,116 or 60.63 per cent of its total goal or about five per cent more than at the same time during the previous year. On a per cent basis, the ALC was closely trailed by the 59.66 per cent achievement of the Augustana Lutheran Church, which had raised \$175,621. In 1953 Augustana had raised 88 per cent of its goal in the same period.

The fourth church body past the half-way mark in contributions to LWA was the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, which raised an even \$15,000 or 53.54 per cent of its goal; compared to 41.3 in the first eight months of last year.

The second largest contributor to the LWA, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, lagged slightly behind the half-way mark with \$252,144 or 47.67 per cent raised. Last year the ELC had raised 47.1 per cent at the same time.

The complete financial report, as of August 31, follows:

Church Body	Goal	Cash Received	% Goal 8-31-54	% Goal 8-31-53
United Lutheran Church -----	\$1,225,106.00	\$ 786,761.50	64.21	68.1
Evangelical Lutheran Church -----	528,868.00	252,144.12	47.67	47.1
American Lutheran Church -----	453,709.00	275,116.60	60.63	55.5
Augustana Lutheran Church -----	294,354.00	175,621.35	59.66	88.0
Lutheran Free Church -----	37,470.00	11,400.00	30.42	46.7
United Evangelical Lutheran Church -----	28,012.00	15,000.00	53.54	41.3
Suomi Synod -----	19,557.00	4,559.48	23.31	39.6
American Evangelical Lutheran Church -----	12,924.00	4,847.41	37.50	42.9
Undesignated -----		7,531.74		
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$2,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,532,982.20</b>	<b>58.96</b>	<b>63.8</b>



## In Memory

### Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krogh

Here in Omaha we have recently lost two of our beloved members of Central Lutheran Church. A fine elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krogh, passed away this summer, Mr. Krogh preceding his wife in death by about ten weeks.

Peter Krogh was very active in church work and had served as president of the congregational board for several years. He was also a member of the board of Danskfolkesamfund for many years. He was keenly interested in economic and political conditions of our country and was always ready for a lively discussion.

Mrs. Peter Krogh passed from this life on Saturday, August 28. She was not bedridden but had been ailing for some time. She suffered a stroke and died a few hours later.

Mrs. Krogh was a fine personality. She loved everything that was good and beautiful. Her home was immaculate and always adorned with flowers from her lovely garden. She was generous and good to the poor and suffering, and she could always think of some way to cheer and help them in their sorrow. It is said, "The only tragic thing about love is that it can never do enough." That was the way Mrs. Krogh must have felt. Both she and Mr. Krogh gave generously to their church and to other charitable institutions. But they took the Master's advice, "never to let the right hand know what the left one does." She loved the Danish hymns and always had her hymnal and other good books lying beside her. She often said: "Praying is my refuge."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Krogh had keen minds. They often wrote articles and items of interest on timely subjects. Just a few months ago, Mrs. Krogh wrote an article entitled, "My School Days on the Prairies," which was published in LUTHERAN TIDINGS. It told of the many hardships she and others had endured in earlier years.

As I sat visiting with her the day before she died, Mrs. Krogh said to me, "I long to go Home, for I have lost my counselor and wish to join him as soon as possible." Her prayer was answered.

When I looked at her sweet face for the last time, I thought of this little poem:

#### THERE IS NO DEATH

by John Luckey McCreery

There is no death! the stars go down  
To rise upon some fairer shore,  
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! the leaves may fall,  
The flowers may fade and pass away —  
They only wait through wintry hours,  
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form  
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;  
He bears our best loved things away,  
And then we call them "dead."

And where he sees a smile too bright,  
Or heart too pure for taint and vice,



### Fred A. Beck

On Sunday, August 22, after an illness of almost a year, Mr. Fred A. Beck passed away at his home in Troy, New York. Before his long illness, Mr. Beck had been one of the most faithful and active members of the Immanuel congregation in Troy, New York.

He had served in various capacities on the church board for several decades and was well known in our eastern district as frequent delegate to its annual conventions.

In addition to his work in Immanuel church, Mr. Beck through the years had become a prominent figure in the community life of his city, a member of many organizations and active in anything involving civic progress and the general welfare. From 1950 to 1953 he was chairman of the Rensselaer County Board of Supervisors. His place in the life of the city was shown by the large numbers who came to pay their last respects and by the following editorial which appeared in the Troy Times-Record for August 24:

#### FRED A. BECK

There is no element in the human constitution of Troy which has proved itself more completely than the substantial group of citizens of Danish blood. The Danish-Americans of Troy have been industrious, ingenious and successful. They have made a place for themselves in the community — and they have had much to do with making the community.

No one of them has been a stronger power during the last quarter century than Fred A. Beck who died Sunday. As a printer he contributed his share to the labors of his trade. As a civic worker he proved his capacity in city affairs and in politics. As a churchman he was loyal and ardent. As a fraternal official he had multifarious activities and carried them all gallantly.

Fred Beck will be missed in many places in the days ahead. He accepted many a duty from which others shied away. He kept an even temper even when politics led others to excesses. He was a kind of citizen that any community needs. We hope his example will bring others up to his standard.

Fred Beck will be missed most of all in the congregation of which he was so faithful and active a member for many years.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." — Rev. 14:13

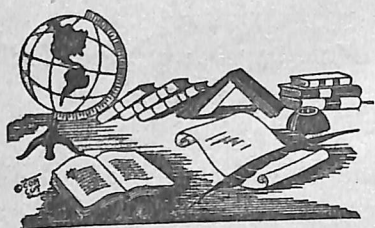
Pastor Einar Anderson.

He bears it to that world of light,  
To dwell in Paradise.

And ever near us, though unseen  
The dear, immortal spirits tread —  
For all the boundless universe,  
Is Life — there are no dead!

Mrs. C. C. Nielsen.





## OPINION AND COMMENT

**OUR SEMINARY** has had much publicity lately, but in connection with all the news about the College in this issue it should be noted that the new school year or the training of our ministers has also begun. The Dean is assisted by Dr. Ernest Nielsen and Prof. Howard Christensen of the College, and proceedings are under way to engage instructors for next year, when an enlarged staff will be necessary. It is interesting that three young men in the freshmen class of the College have registered for the pre-seminary course — three unexpected new prospective ministers:

**WE LEARNED** in the newspapers the other day that the average cost for a year's college in this country is \$1,056. Contrast this sizable sum with the average cost at Grand View College of \$765, including board and room and tuition and fees, for a whole year. Synod members are entitled to a \$50 scholarship, which lowers the comparative cost still further to \$715. Few young people live at home more cheaply than that.

**IT WAS ALSO** casual reading and not research that revealed to us recently the astonishing information that the renowned Captain Kidd was really no pirate, but a faithful churchman! We wonder how many of history's maligned and besmirched characters have never deserved their black names. As far as our relation to posterity is concerned, we are unfortunately at the mercy of capricious historians, some of whom may be carrying a grudge. Of course, the reverse may also be true. Many of history's great names may well belong to scoundrels. People often are not what they seem. Some weeks ago a whited sepulchre was uncovered in Scotland, where an official of the Scottish Bible Society was indicted for embezzling \$16,000! Yes, people do not always mean what they seem to mean. It has been expensive, but we have finally learned the lesson that when the merchant invites us in neon to "Drive In and Save," what he really means is "Drive In and Spend."

**EVERYWHERE** we go people have begun to ask, "What did the WC of C meeting in Evanston accomplish?" It is a valid question; likewise it is valid to have difficulty in finding a ready answer. Here are a few things which might qualify as accomplishments. First, the strong declarations by the international affairs commission, asking for disarmament "with safeguards" and nations "living together and talking to each other," and prohibiting atomic weapons by inspection. Second, the work on the chief obstacle to unity, "faith and order," which involves the myriad denominational doctrinal differences. "At Amsterdam we said we intend to stay together. Emboldened by this hope, we dedicate ourselves to God anew, that he may enable us to grow together." Thirdly, the 51-page report on the main theme, which will surely

stimulate discussion all over the world. (We need not be in a hurry about getting these reports and declarations. A few weeks will mature our view of them; our delegate and leaders will report in due time.) Also, the message on evangelism calling on church people to "break out as apostles" to bring Christ to mankind — one of the most stirring efforts of the Assembly. Fifthly, the actual activity of the laity, sharing world responsibility for the church. And the report on inter-group relations, saying unequivocally that separation on the grounds of race "is abhorrent in the eyes of God." The statement denouncing Communism was a real accomplishment, too. Churches realize, it said, that they have a duty to society. They must help safeguard the family, workers, and the economic life of the state. This "social gospel" recognized that though we denounce Communism, we see enemies of essential human freedom "on both the political right and the political left." The forces of freedom on **both** fronts must be strengthened. Still other things could be mentioned, such as the formation of the new "committee" or organization to define the Council's program for the next six years, and the election of new presidents and leaders from all over the world — America, Greece, Scotland, Argentina, Germany and South India. Furthermore, was not the spirit of the Assembly itself a real accomplishment? A meeting of the minds of men and women of widely diversified viewpoints and faiths, with serious dispute and disagreement but not a trace of dissolution — that was an important achievement. We did not witness the great Festival of Faith in Soldier Field, but all who did hailed it as an outstanding event. One of the finest descriptions we have read of this service appeared in *THE LUTHERAN STANDARD (ALC)* and we are taking the liberty of reprinting some of the most interesting paragraphs:

The women readers of this page may be interested in learning that the 175 members of this action chorus were clad in lavender, blue, gold, olive green, terra cotta, and beige costumes. By the simple device of reversing their flowing robes—under cover of darkness—they were clad in light-gray, which showed white under blue and white lights. (I am not a lighting engineer and hence shall not attempt to describe the marvelous lighting effects, produced by 500 spots and special lights and requiring 7,000 feet of cable.) This action chorus, especially 24 special performers from among it, enacted the Biblical stories of creation, the fall, the coming of Christ, His crucifixion, and His resurrection. To dramatize the crucifixion, the field was darkened, with blue light glowing up through colonnades in the four corner "temples." Gradually a dark-red light mixed with a green light showed dimly the movements of the action chorus as it formed a huge cross covering a large area of the field. The chorus also depicted the carrying out of the Great Commission, the disruption of the church that attends its disobedience, and the glory of the church that results from its obedience to its divine Lord. The service ended impressively with an intimation of the consummation of all things, when the narrator intoned the Scriptural prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus!" First the speech choir and then all the choirs responded, "Come, Lord Jesus." This was followed by the New Testament benediction.

Even though I have used considerable space to describe this unusual service, two more features of it deserve mention. The first is the music. There was instrumental music of a high order—played by trumpeters, by two organists, and by a carillonneur. The carillonic numbers were "piped in" by telephone wires from First

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## District III Convention

The St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dwight, Illinois, hereby extends a cordial invitation to the Congregations of District III to the annual District Convention to be held in Dwight, Sept. 24-26.

Will pastors, delegates and visitors please send in your reservations by Sept. 15th to Mr. Harry L. Hansen, R. No. 1, Gardner, Illinois. The opening meeting is Friday at 8 p. m.

**Ehms Eskildsen**, President.

**Marvin E. Nygaard**, Pastor.

## District VII Convention

### October 8-10, 1954

The annual convention of District VII of the A. E. L. C. will be held at Omaha, Nebraska, (22nd St. and Leavenworth) October 8-10, 1954. The congregations of the District are urged to send their full quota of delegates to the convention. Please remember to submit a written report of the year's life and work in the congregation.

The invitation includes all the members of the congregations as well as friends of the churches. All registrations should be sent to Mrs. Melvin Herman, 1117 Park Ave., Omaha, Neb., or to Pastor Marius Krog, 730 So. 50th St., Omaha 6, Neb., before September 20. Please designate who are the delegates. The meeting begins on Friday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, with discussion of various phases of our church work.

**Folmer Farstrup**, President.

Central Lutheran Church,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

**Harris A. Jespersen**, President.

A. E. L. C. District VII  
Marquette, Nebraska.

## Nysted Folk School

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Because there appears to be little interest in or use for the old Folk School property at Nysted, Nebraska, for its original purpose . . .

And, because there seems to be a possibility that the property may come to serve, under proper administration, as a camp site for various types of groups . . .

The present Folk School Board therefore, proposes that the title to the property be transferred to District VII of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church for the consideration of one dollar.

If no objection to this transaction is registered by any stockholder within ninety days, the transaction will be carried out.

**Pastor Arnold Knudsen**,

Dannebrog, Nebraska.

## District V Convention

### October 1-3, 1954

The annual convention of the churches of District V of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Dagmar, Mont., Oct. 1-3. The first meeting will begin at 2 p. m., Oct. 1. Each congregation is urged to send as many delegates as possible (1 for every 25 voting members is permitted). Congregation reports should be sent to the undersigned at least ten days before the convention.

**Harold Petersen**, Dist. Pres.  
Askov, Minnesota.

Nathanael Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dagmar, Montana, herewith extends an invitation to all pastors and members of congregations in District V to attend the annual convention.

Please send your registration well in advance of the convention date to Mr. N. Elmer Johnson, Antelope, Montana.

**Virgil Andreasen**, President.

### Program

#### Friday, October 1:

2:00 p. m. Opening devotions, Rev. Harold Petersen, Askov.

2:30 p. m. Reports from congregations and discussion of the work within our district.

8:00 p. m. Message from Rev. Vagn Duus, Alden.

#### Saturday, October 2:

9:00 a. m. Devotions and message from Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum.

10:00 a. m. Discussion of our work continued.

2:00 p. m. Election of officers and clearing of unfinished business.

3:00 p. m. Group discussion introduced by Niels Miller of Dagmar. Topic: "Identifying the positive worth of rural life in a Christian community for ourselves and our children."

7:00 p. m. Women's Mission Meeting led by Mrs. Gerda Duus.

8:00 p. m. Message from Rev. Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis.

#### Sunday, October 3:

9:30 a. m. Danish service. Message from Rev. P. Rasmussen.

11:00 a. m. English service. Message from Rev. Clayton Nielsen, Withee. Rev. Ottar Jorgensen will be in charge of the communion service.

2:30 p. m. Message from Dr. Alfred Jensen, President of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Message from Rev. Harald Petersen, West Denmark, and closing remarks from Rev. Harold Petersen, Askov.

## District I

### American Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

District I will hold its annual convention at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Troy, N. Y., Friday, October 8, through Sunday, October 10. Opening service Friday evening. Pastors' meeting Friday afternoon. Congregations are asked to send representatives, and guests are also welcome.

**Viggo M. Hansen**,  
District President.

### INVITATION

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Troy, New York, herewith extends an invitation not only to the pastors and delegates of the congregations of District I but also to any members of these congregations who would like to attend, to be present with us at our annual District convention, to be held this year at Troy, New York, Friday through Sunday, October 8-10.

Will everyone who plans to attend, pastors, delegates and guests, please send in their reservations as soon as possible to Rev. Einar Anderson, 508 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York.

The convention will open with a service on Friday evening, 8 p. m. In the afternoon, the pastors of the district will meet for a discussion period at 2:30 p. m.

**Warren E. Beck**, Pres.  
**Einar Anderson**, Pastor.

### Announcement

The Second National Church School institute for church school teachers and workers will be held at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. The dates are November 12, 13, and 14. It is hoped that a goodly number of churches will help send their teachers to this institute. The complete program will be announced in a later issue of Lutheran Tidings.

### A Sign for Your Church

Does your church have a sign that passers-by can read? If it has none, then some group within the church should supply it.

Some signs merely state the name of the church; others add the name and address of the pastor; others add the time of worship, of Sunday School, young people's meetings, etc. That is all very well and a help to get strangers, non-church-goers, and others inside the church.

Haven't you often wondered as you drove into another town, or into another section of your city, or across our country, whether the church you see in the offing or at the corner



is Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, or Baptist? The sign outside our Seattle Church has gained us more than one member from other sections of our city. And now, when we move early in 1955 to our new church home, I am sure we will have a larger and better sign. Has your church a sign? Is it good enough?

Recently I have been particularly impressed by the signs that bear a message to the passer-by as well as the necessary data about the church. I always like to see a word of welcome to "come within." But I have also seen such worthwhile thoughts and messages as: "Between the humble and contrite heart and the majesty of heaven there are no barriers. The only password is prayer." — Another time, just across from a Seattle hospital a Methodist Church had this very uplifting message: "Keep your face towards the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind." That was my sermon for that week-day. Had it been Sunday I would have been tempted to go inside. Each successive time I've gone by that church, I have looked to see what the new message is.

Let's get more sign conscious! I am sure the words on these signs will bring results.

Gertrude H. Mortensen.

## Good News About a Good Camp

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After breakfast, k. p. and cabin clean-up, a worship hour was held in the chapel. Throughout the week the staff took turns in leading our morning worship. This was followed by a Bible study period under the leadership of Professor Axel Kildegaard. During the week we discussed such topics as the joy, the indignation and the magnanimous spirit of Jesus Christ.

After Bible study we had a period for exercising the muscles instead of the mind. The campers were divided into four teams for competitive sports. Team names were: Skunks, Tigers, Wolves and Great Danes. Points were accumulated for winning various games and the final scores for each team were — well, being loyal to my fellow team members, I just can't tell you the final outcome of the week's sports program. I can list for you the various games played, however. They were: Softball, volleyball, ping pong, relays, row boat races and swimming contests. We always managed to work up a good appetite for dinner during this hour.

The discussion hour which followed the rest period after dinner was led by Pastor Clayton Nielsen. His general topic for the week was, "The Lord Has Need of You." We discussed the need for service in local youth fellowships, foreign missions, and full-time Christian service. The campers gave serious consideration to how we, as Christians, can best serve our Master.

Of course, everyone looked forward

to the afternoon swim. The swimming and boating races were held at this time. Some of our pastors proved to us that they were good oarsmen.

When everyone had dried off and eaten something at the snack-bar the craft period was begun. Crafts were under the supervision of Pastor Gudmund Petersen. Some made wooden trays, while others carved in wood or worked with leather.

The evening program was varied from day to day. One consistent feature was the personal problem clinic conducted by Pastor Thorvald Hansen. Topics, some of which were raised by the members of the group, and which caused some enlightening discussion were dates, white lies, cars, and what can be expected of a pastor's children. These were, as you might guess, topics about which we all had some definite ideas. Several nights during the week we had folk-dancing at the parish hall in Ringsted. An evening hike around the lake and a talent show were featured other nights.

Our day together ended with devotions and singing around the campfire. Each day we had many worthwhile experiences to look back upon. Each night we thanked God for the wonderful day He had given us.

But now, perhaps you would like to hear what others thought about the camp. Here are two campers' opinions: Ardis Overgaard (Kimballton) said, "It was one of the most wonderful experiences I have had for a long time. See you next year." Harold Olsen, (Des Moines) said, "It's the best camp that I have been to. I've enjoyed a lot more fellowship at this camp than at any other camp I've attended." Two of the leaders also expressed their opinions about the 1954 camp. Pastor Gudmund Petersen said, "I think it was a very good camp. The camps during the previous years have had a hard time getting established. During the last five years each camp has been an improvement and this camp was the best of all." When asked what he thought about the camp, Pastor Clayton Nielsen replied, "With excellent food, direction, facilities and YOUNG PEOPLE we had a wonderful time."

As campers we are all grateful to the many people who helped in some way with our camp. Of course, I can't thank all here but I would like to say that we owe a special thanks to Pastor Richard Sorensen who served as camp director and to Pastor George Mellby for the work he did as camp manager.

Perhaps the best thing we can say about this camp is that now we are home and find ourselves in situations which are not always pleasant we have, because of our experiences at camp, a stronger and firmer faith with which to meet and solve these problems.

The Iowa district convention of AELYF was held at Ringsted following

the camp. When district president, Jim Jorgensen, called the meeting to order, eighteen delegates and four pastors answered the roll call.

Among the actions taken were the changing of the district name to AELYF to conform to the name of the national organization, the selection of a camp committee, changing of the time for convention to early June (thus separating camp and convention) and the acceptance of an invitation from Waterloo for next year's convention.

Pastor Gudmund Petersen was chosen district adviser; Halvor Strandskov, vice president; and Janet Johnson, secretary.

One highlight of the convention was the arrival of Anil Jha, the student from India, who will be at Grand View this fall. We were happy he could spend these days with us.

Ringsted young people presented a fine program on Saturday evening. This was followed by folk-dancing.

Pastor Gudmund Petersen delivered the sermon at the Sunday morning service and Pastor Alfred Sorensen spoke to us at the closing meeting in the afternoon.

Thank you Ringsted for being such good hosts.

Janet Johnson,  
Dike, Iowa.

## OUR CHURCH

**Editor's Note:** Only about thirty per cent of our churches regularly send us their church bulletins and messengers. Surely more of our churches publish printed or mimeographed papers of some kind. If monthly bulletins are not used, someone in the church could assume the responsibility of sending each Sunday bulletin, either monthly or oftener . . . Some readers have written complaining that their TIDINGS has been delayed, lately. We apologize for this. Our presence in Cedar Falls and in Evanston caused an unavoidable delay in preparing the materials, and this has thrown the print shop off schedule. Complaints should be addressed to Des Moines and not to Askov, since the editor will have to assume the blame. (On the other hand, important announcements for TIDINGS should not be delayed until the very last issue before the date of the event, so contributors would be wise to write a month early if possible.)

**Cozad, Nebraska.** Installation of Pastor Thorvald Hansen is scheduled for September 26, in connection with the annual Harvest Festival. Pastor Hansen has resigned from his position as social worker for the state of Iowa in order to return to service as a pastor in our Synod. Formerly, he served



our churches in Alden, Minnesota, and in Brayton and Exira, Iowa. He is our "Paging Youth" editor.

**Cedar Heights, Iowa.** Sunday, Sept. 19, the new parsonage in our "Cedarloo" home mission project was dedicated, with Synod ordainor, Pastor V. S. Jensen, officiating. Pastor Alfred Sorensen and his family will be able to occupy the newly constructed three-bedroom house in a very few weeks. The dedication ceremony was held in connection with the District IV convention in Fredsville.

**Copenhagen, Denmark.** The death, on July 26, of Ruth Bryan Owen (lately Ruth Bryan Rohde) may have escaped the notice of our readers. Mrs. Rohde was the first woman envoy of the United States to a foreign nation. She was appointed in 1933 to be Minister to Denmark by President Roosevelt, an action which stirred up a furor. The New York Herald Tribune said in an editorial, "If the presence of women in diplomacy is taken for granted nowadays, part of this acceptance is due to her success." Mrs. Rohde was the daughter of William Jennings Bryan, who ran for the Presidency three times. She was in Denmark this summer to thank King Frederik for a medal which he had bestowed upon her in recognition of her services.

**Bridgeport, Connecticut.** The 60th anniversary of the congregation will be observed here Sept. 26th. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Pastor Carlo Petersen, of Newark, New Jersey.

**Mirage Flats, Nebraska.** A "Lord's Acre" Sale is planned for this fall. The bulletin from Pastor Calvin Rossman announces: "It is important that we consider this sale as an opportunity

for us to return to God a fair share of the crops He has allowed us to reap from His good earth."

**Newell, Iowa.** A pantry shower was held by the congregation for the newly arrived pastor and family, the Charles Terrells, earlier this month.

**Ringsted, Iowa.** Prof. Alfred Nielsen will speak at the Annual Harvest Festival on October 10. A new oil furnace has recently been installed in the parsonage here for Pastor George Mellby and family.

**Chicago, Illinois.** The first formal meeting of the United Church Women of Trinity Church will be held Sept. 21, with District President Eilert C. Nielsen as guest speaker. Officers had been elected at a previous organizational meeting, with Mrs. Herman Madsen as president.

**Chicago, Illinois.** The Children's Home here will observe its 70th Anniversary on Oct. 10. The Home will be open from two to five for visitors. A supper will be served at Dania Society Hall (Kedzie and Wabansia) from 4 to 8 o'clock.

**Seattle, Washington.** Bids have been received for the building of a new church here, with the basic bid being \$140,000. Construction will take about 6 months on the new St. John's church.

**Racine, Wisconsin.** Bethania Church here is uniting with other NLC churches in the Milwaukee area for a great evangelistic effort to be made in January.

**Grayling, Michigan.** Pastor Emerson Jury of Grand Haven, a Home Mission "specialist" of the ULCA, will address the District Convention here Sept. 17.

**Greenville, Mich.** Christian Education Week will be observed by Trinity Church here on Oct. 3, (which is also World Communion Sunday). Sunday School teachers will be installed at the morning service, with children participating.

## Acknowledgement of Receipts for the Synod Treasurer

For the month of August, 1954

### Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	100.00
Trufant, Mich.	62.00
Menominee, Mich.	77.46
Ringsted, Iowa	631.50
Grayling, Mich.	145.72
Askov, Minn.	109.30
Tacoma, Wash.	27.50
Bone Lake, Wis.	213.00
Rosecrannon, Mich.	185.12
Omaha, Neb.	100.00
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	210.00

### Home Mission:

Congregation:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	2.00
<b>Annual Reports</b>	29.00

### Lutheran Tidings:

Congregation:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	8.50

### Pension Fund:

Congregation:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	19.00

### Pastor's Dues:

Rev. K. Kirkegaard Jensen	64.00
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### Chicago Children's Home:

Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	2.00
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### President's Travel:

Congregations:	
Dalum, Canada	20.00
Canwood, Canada	40.00
Previously acknowledged	26,934.66

Total to date	\$28,990.76
Convention Registration	\$ 159.00
Convention Offering	311.52

### Received for Items Outside of Budget:

#### Lutheran World Action and Relief:

Congregations:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	36.00
Trufant, Mich.	11.21
Menominee, Mich.	18.68
Ludington, Mich.	137.00
Bone Lake, Wis.	58.00
L. W. A. Rally at Annual Convention \$501.65 less expense of \$58.25	443.40
Previously acknowledged	4,847.41

Total to date	\$ 5,551.70
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Respectfully submitted,  
American Evangelical Lutheran Church

Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

## Opinion and Comment

(Continued from page 14)

Methodist church in Evanston to the amplifiers at Soldier Field. There was a 2,200-voice festival chorus, directed by a Lutheran, Prof. Henry Veld, of Augustana College, Rock Island. Music lovers will be interested in knowing that this chorus sang Bach's "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"; Bortnianski's "Cherubim Song"; and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." When, with the vast throng of worshippers standing, the chorus sang the last number antiphonally, a lump came into my throat, and I thought of the hosts of heaven singing the songs of the Lamb recorded in the Book of Revelations. There were also four "temple choirs" of 75-voices each that sang from the rim of the great stadium, and a special 250-voice speaking and singing choir.

—Dr. E. W. Schramm.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

September 20, 1954

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

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