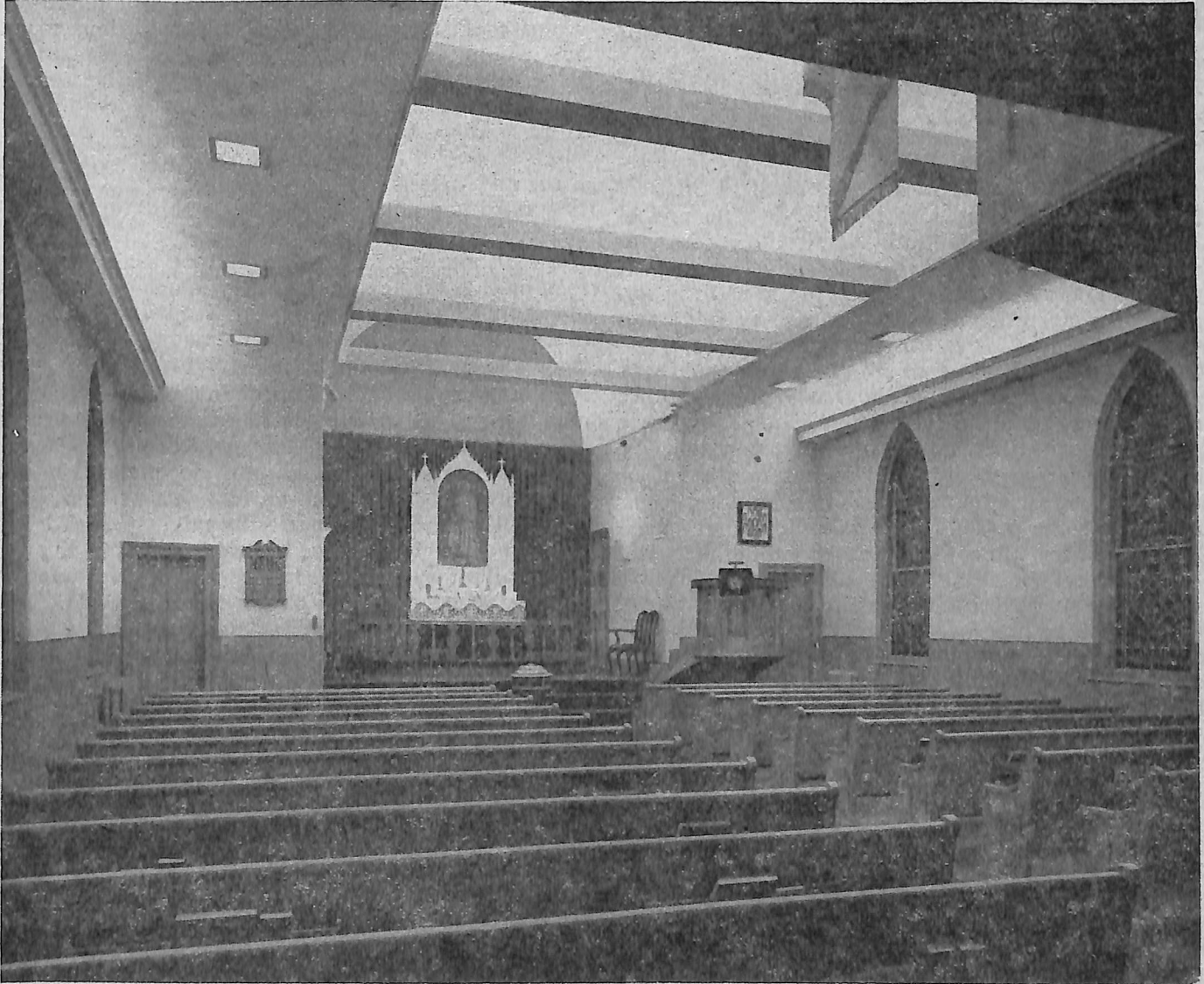


# Lutheran Tidings

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The newly-redecorated interior of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hartford, Connecticut

## Spirit-Filled Life

**T**HE difference between the Spirit-filled life, and the life that is not filled with the Spirit is the difference between life abandoned wholly to the will of God, and a life that wants to have its own way and please God too. Abandonment is that of which it is most easy to speak, and yet it is the one thing from which all men shrink. Men are quite prepared to sign pledges, to do any amount of work, even to sign cheques or give money, if only God will let them have their own way somewhere in their life. If He will not press this business of abandonment, if He will not bring them to the Cross, they will do anything; but they draw back from the place of death.

Yet it is only in that place that the Holy Spirit is able to flow out into every part of the life and energize it, until in all conduct Jesus is crowned Lord, and the fruit of the Spirit is manifest in character. Nothing can take the place of abandonment. Some there are who attempt to put prayer where God has put abandonment. Others profess to be waiting until God is willing to fill them. Both are wrong! While they think they are waiting for God, the fact is God is waiting for them. At any moment, if they yield to the Spirit, He will sweep through every gate and avenue and into every corner of the life.

G. Campbell Morgan,  
in THE SPIRIT OF GOD (Fleming H. Revell Company.)

# Jesus Christ Our Lord

by

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

The radio preacher of the National  
Radio Pulpit is at his inspiring best  
in this message preached Jan. 20, 1952

**T**HE question which I would ask this morning is one which a Christian counts the most basic of all questions. Here it is: "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?"

As you doubtless know, Matthew's gospel records those words as put, not by a Christian, but by Pontius Pilate. And we know what Pilate did with Jesus. But Pilate is now dead. Why then dig up the question, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

Because Jesus Christ does not die, and no one of us can evade doing something about him. Perhaps someone asks, why do I have to do something about Jesus Christ any more than about other historic figures, such as Socrates, or Julius Caesar or Benjamin Franklin?

Of course, the answer might be made that each one of us does do something about any great historic character every time we consider him. When we look at a figure like Napoleon or Washington, we register an impression either of assent or dissent or neutrality. And that impression does something to us.

Moreover some persons and some things have been so long tested by time that their standing does not depend on what we think or do about them, but we ourselves are judged by our attitude toward them. A tourist once turned away from viewing the Sistine Madonna and said audibly, "I don't care for that picture." A person standing beside him said: "My friend, that picture is no longer on trial. It is judging you."

Yes, there are paintings which are established by the centuries as masterpieces of art. They do not depend on the passing tourist's estimate. Rather, they are passing judgment on him. So it is with Jesus the Christ. The centuries have established his right to be called Master. And when we stand before him, we register a judgment on ourselves by the attitude we take toward him.

Consider for a moment Jesus as a **masterpiece of manhood**. He was master of himself under complete control. He was tempted in all points even as we are, yet without sin. When the crowd flattered, he did not lose his head. When the crowd jeered and cursed, he did not lose his nerve. He never gave way to bitterness under the bludgeoning of his critics, nor to revenge when the opposition weakened. He was always master of himself.

He was master of physical circumstances. He was poor, yet he never gave the impression of being poverty stricken. He was one of those persons whose sources of satisfaction seemed so independent of money. Instead of struggling, as most men do, to make himself independent with wealth, Jesus made himself indepen-

dent of wealth. He never seemed pinched or restricted by the limitations of his environment although he lived under conditions which we in our luxurious machine age would call intolerable. He had that secret of large free living which Patrick Henry recognized when he put a closing paragraph in his will, reading thus: "I have disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more which I wish I could give them and that is the Christian religion. If they had this and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich; and if they had not that and I had given them all the world, they would be poor." We rate men by their income, asking "How much do they make." We do not know how much the Carpenter of Nazareth made, but we know what he made, namely, a life that was master of physical circumstances.

Moreover, Jesus was master of pain. As a physician, he sought to banish from men all needless suffering. But when inevitable pain came, he stood up to it. He never allowed pain to make his words petulant nor frustration to fray his temper. Jesus prayed that the cup of suffering might pass from him. Nevertheless, he drank it, drank it with the smile of a gallant sportsman, saying to his comrades: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Jesus endured the indescribable pain of the cross without hatred for those who inflicted it, praying: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And in all his suffering, he retained faith in the goodness of God, crying with confidence at the end: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

And the supreme test of Jesus as a masterpiece of living was his **mastery over death**. I refer not at the moment to the victorious way he emerged from the grave, but to the serene way he walked toward it. Jesus knew he was about to die. He had an incurable disease, that of love, which he knew for months would lead to his death. I have often wondered what I would do if I knew I had but six months to live. Would I try to forget the fact in excessive and nerve-deadening indulgence? Or would I grow morbid about my approaching death, either talking too much about it, or assuming a mock heroism toward it? Jesus did none of these things. He walked toward his death with such seeming unconcern for his own safety that his closest friends could not believe that he was going to die. And when at last his body had been broken and he was hanging in agony on the cruel nails, there was still something so majestic about him that a dying thief beside him turned to him and cried: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." Jesus was still kingly even on the cross.



Dr. Sockman



## The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the N. C. C. C.

One of the organizations of which our Synod is a member is the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Last week LUTHERAN TIDINGS wrote to the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the NCCC and asked for information about its current program. From the material we received, we can report the following:

The objective of the Commission is to strengthen the local church. Its radio, TV and film projects are never designed to substitute for home and church worship.

The Commission sponsors leadership training in radio and TV with one-day and one-week workshops and institutes, and already in this year have reached over 1,400 Christian leaders, and have answered requests for 26,000 pieces of training literature dealing with better use of radio and television. About 60 per cent of U. S. homes now have television and 95 per cent have radio. As the Commission points out, one good sermon "will reach more people than the Apostle Paul spoke to in his entire ministry — It's frightening, but it's a challenge!" A pastor who appears on his local TV screen is assured of an audience larger than he will have in his church during a whole year's time. Many would be people who would never otherwise hear and see him. Undoubtedly, then, the Commission's work is important. The evangelistic potential of TV is unlimited.

In answer to this challenge, here is what the Commission offers to American and international audiences:

**THIS IS THE LIFE** — The top commercial program (Groucho Marx) reaches 137 stations. **THIS IS THE LIFE**, is carried by 237. (Bishop Fulton Sheen, foremost Catholic program, is carried on 68 stations, for only 26 weeks.)

**WHAT'S YOUR TROUBLE?** — This program is carried every week on 139 stations.

**FRONTIERS OF FAITH** — Carried for one-half year on 95 stations.

That is the story as far as television is concerned. In radio the record is no less impressive. Two hundred and eighty stations regularly carry **LET THERE BE LIGHT**. Fifty-eight stations now carry **PILGRIMAGE** (formerly "National Vespers").

Perhaps the foremost preacher of our time, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, of Christ Church (Methodist) in New York is heard each Sunday on 118 stations, on the program **NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT**. (LUTHERAN TIDINGS is privileged to present one of Dr. Sockman's radio messages elsewhere in this issue.)

In the field of motion pictures, two new films have recently been released. **CITY STORY** was impressively premiered in the Academy Award Theatre in Hollywood (see October 5 issue of TIDINGS for picture story) and the latest, called **THE BEGINNING**, one of the stewardship series, was recently applauded at the International Workshop in Green Lake, Wisconsin, especially for its effective use of humor.

On the West Coast, the local office of the Commission is making progress in having the sensibilities and interests of Protestant and Orthodox churches respected in the scripting, casting and production of commercial films, and is even making headway in tempering the excesses of film advertising.

In the face of this record, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church is supporting a worthwhile cause.

When we want to see human life in perfect fullness, there is one place to look, Jesus of Nazareth. He is the universal and eternal man. And when we confront Jesus the Man, each one of us does something with him, either consciously or unconsciously. Either we register assent to his kind of character and become stronger thereby, or we resist his appeal and become duller in conscience, more hardened in heart.

But we cannot leave the matter here. Jesus is more than history's greatest man. Pilate's question was: "What shall I do then with Jesus **who is called Christ?**" Even by the time of his trial, people were beginning to call Jesus the Christ. By that title they meant "the Anointed, the sent of God." When he first spoke in the synagogue, his Nazarene neighbors marveled at his words. They asked, "Whence hath he this knowledge?" The common people heard him

eagerly for they said, "He speaketh as one having authority." There was the ring of rightness in his words. He struck chords of assent singing in the back of their minds. The plain people did not know how to explain it, but Nicodemus, the Pharisee scholar, guessed the truth when he came to Jesus by night and began by saying, "We know thou art a teacher come from God for no man can do the signs which thou doest unless God be with him."

A little later a Samaritan came to the same conclusion that God was speaking through Jesus, for after he had opened up to her a new glimpse into the depths of her own life, she ran to tell her neighbors crying, "Come see a man who told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ?"

Also, those who worked and lived with him most closely began to be convinced that Jesus was voicing



the very mind of God. Recall that day at Caesarea Phillipi when the Master asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" Simon Peter, the spokesman, gave the current reports that some said he was Elijah come to life again, some said he was John the Baptist or one of the prophets. Then Jesus looked straight at them and asked, "But who say ye that I am?" And Peter came forth with his great confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Thus the conviction was growing that Jesus was Christ, the anointed of God.

Then there was the Roman officer who was stationed at the cross to supervise the crucifixion. After he watched the spirit with which Jesus endured the indignities and exposure, the indescribable thirst and throbbing pain, the record is that this seasoned soldier cried, "Surely this was the Son of God."

After the crucifixion the evidence of Christ's deity kept on mounting. The voice heard in Galilee was not silenced by the cross. The sorrowing Mary was convinced that she caught the words of the risen Christ in the garden outside the tomb. The same evening two disciples became sure that they had Christ as companion on the Emmaus road. A week passed and Thomas, the most skeptical of the disciples, was so certain he felt the presence of the living Christ that he cried, "My Lord and my God."

In describing this appearance of Christ to Thomas, the Fourth Gospel makes an arresting statement: "Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in their midst." Ah, that is one of the most significant things about Jesus Christ. Closed doors do not keep him out. The principles revealed in Christ are as inescapable as the principles revealed by the stars in their courses. The doors of a situation can no more be locked against his laws than the doors of a house can be locked against the force of gravity.

Consider the situation of the home. A young husband and wife bind themselves together to build a home. They are strong, capable, self-sufficient. They desire children and they rear a family. They have enough money to give their children healthy bodies, good times, excellent schooling. The family circle seems a completed whole. They feel no need of church connections. The doors are shut against the intrusions of religion. They are sufficient unto themselves.

Some years ago Edith Wharton deftly drew the picture of one of these smugly comfortable families which felt able to get along without God or Christ, until tragedy invaded that home and an innocent daughter was hit by a bullet aimed at another. Oh, the doors of a home may not often be burst open by the divine intrusion in such tragic fashion. But the Holy Spirit, whom Christ prayed God to send, does come to "convict the world in respect of sin and righteousness and judgment." Those intrusions of the spirit may come in various ways. Sometimes dramatically in the derelictions of an untaught daughter or son. Sometimes beautifully in the questions which come bubbling to the surface of a little child's mind. Sometimes dismally through the invasion of death, when unprepared minds face the facts of the grave and panic-

stricken try to read its meaning through tear-dimmed eyes.

Close the doors of your home, if you desire. Pay no attention to Christ and his church. But those questions which Christ raised, those principles which he revealed, will come in. "Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst."

Or consider the situation of business. So often we hear it said: "Business is business. It's a battle of wits and the principle of success is to take all the traffic will bear. We want no sentimental preachers discussing the principles which should govern in business. What do ministers know about handling money, anyhow?" Well, granted that preachers' salaries do not give them much experience in handling big money! Granted that the church is not designed or equipped to be expert in economics, and the pulpit should not pose as such.

Nevertheless, when business tries to run itself without regard to the principles taught by Christ, what happens? Its greed is likely to lead to inflation and then into depression. When God is left out of business, graft and corruption soon come in. When men keep their eyes only on the "almighty dollar" they discover that the dollar is not so almighty after all. The dollar does not seem able to save itself right now. It is losing its value every day. Sooner or later business comes to see that it

can be saved only by men of character, with principles of honesty and service like those of Christ; "Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stands in the midst" of the marketplace.

Or consider the social circle. Our days and nights are crowded with engagements. Into such surfeited society, religion finds entrance increasingly difficult. Whereas in old and simpler times, going to church seemed rather an exciting break in the monotony of the week, now religious services seem to many like monotonous breaks in the excitement of the week. The quiet aisles of a church do not seem very alluring after the gaiety of the dance floor. Hence week may pass without taking time to cultivate our spirits. A few years ago I called on an old college friend in Chicago. He told me with a sly twinkle in his eye that he was very regular in his church attendance. He said, "I haven't missed an Easter Sunday service in the last six years." The life of that successful lawyer may probably flow along quite smoothly as long as health, happiness and prosperity continue. But life does not go on indefinitely without bringing us face to face with spiritual concerns. Even, though no dire trouble may intrude, our natures get fed up with the artificial and the sensual, just as one's physical system becomes surfeited with cloying sweets. After a time we crave the tonic and vitamins of simplicity and spirituality.

Do you recall the case of Francis Thompson, the young medical student of London, who tried all sorts of social stimulants and opiates to get the thrills of life. He did not want his sunny joys to be shadowed by the sombre reflections of religion. So he sought to escape Christ in worldly pleasures. Then he wrote the "Hound of Heaven" to describe his experience. He said:

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If you confer a benefit  
never remember it: if you  
receive one, never forget it.

—Chilon.

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"I fled him down the nights and down the days;  
I fled him down the arches of the years:  
I hid from him, and under running laughter."

But always the presence of the Christ pursued, and a voice over his shoulder said: "All things betray thee who betrayest me."

And so they do. When we play false to Christ's principles, life plays false to us. When we forget Christ and go "all out" for pleasure we come to feel "all in" without finding happiness. When we are out simply to get all that we can take in, we become fed up. When we only do what pleases us, after a while we cease to be pleased with what we do. When we seek only our own success, we find our honors empty, with no one to care much whether we succeed or not. In short, when we live only for ourselves, we find it tiresome to live with ourselves. Yes, all things betray us when we betray Christ.

"What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" When Pontius Pilate asked that question, Jesus seemed to be at the mercy of the Roman politician. But Jesus Christ is no longer on trial. The centuries have rendered their verdict. Jesus has been adjudged the supreme masterpiece of the Divine Creator's art, human nature at its highest. And those who have most thoroughly tested him as man have become convinced also that he is the Christ, Our Divine Lord. He is more than a masterpiece of manhood hanging on the wall of history to be admired. Jesus Christ is the Lord of Life, whose ruling principles we must either accept or reject.

We can try to do what Pilate did. He rendered a verdict against Christ. And then tried to exonerate himself by washing his hands, saying, "See ye to it that I am innocent of the blood of this man." But we cannot be rid of Christ by washing our hands of him. We shall meet him and the things he stood for tomorrow and tomorrow until tomorrow becomes eternity.

We can deny the lordship of Christ and defy his laws, as did the apostate Emperor Julian's awakening. He pictures Julian saying something like this: "Last night I had a dream and I saw a world of vaster curve than this. And in it I saw a man carrying a cross. Could it be that the Galilean's crucifixion was not a thing done in a corner but for all worlds?" Yes, that is what it could be. Aye, that is what the Christian is convinced it is.

In Christ we see the key to the riddle of the universe. Our world wears an enigmatic face, a face sometimes ugly as sin, sometimes beautiful as angels, a world as cruel as a sea in storm and as tender as a mother with her babe, a world of snakes and stars, of bribery and bravery, of laughter and tears. But this medley of events has behind it a Creator with a purpose and a program. And these are revealed in the life and love and laws of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" Go against him and defeat myself? Or go with him and, live "the life that is life indeed."

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## Rev. Kenneth Hoffmann is Lutheran Hour Speaker

The Rev. Kenneth R. Hoffmann, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, since May 9, 1954, will be guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour from October 24 to December 26.

A summer guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour from 1950 to 1952, Pastor Hoffmann began his ministry



Rev. Kenneth Hoffmann

at Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Louis in 1940. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1939, and did graduate study in Greek and Latin at the University of Minnesota the following year.

From 1945 to 1949, Pastor Hoffmann was associated with Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Mo. In 1949 he was named the first chaplain of Lutheran Hospital in Vicksburg, Miss.

While at Vicksburg, he also served as contact pastor for the United States Air Force Base at Greenville, Miss. From 1952 to 1954 he was pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Rainier-Hyattsville, Md.

Since 1947, the Rev. Mr. Hoffmann has served as secretary of the board of directors of Concordia Publishing House, the publishing firm of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Pastor and Mrs. Hoffmann have three children: Jean Kathryn, 11; Deborah Jane, 8; and Mark Stephen, 3.

The following are sermon topics the Rev. Kenneth R. Hoffmann will use on The Lutheran Hour from October 24 to December 26:

- Oct. 24—"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"
- Oct. 31—"The Message of the Reformation."
- Nov. 7—"Our Christianity, a Gift from Above."
- Nov. 14—"A Forgiving Spirit."
- Nov. 21—"Thanksgiving for Material and Spiritual Blessings."
- Nov. 28—"Christ's Coming in the Means of Grace."
- Dec. 5—"The Final Crash of the Universe."
- Dec. 12—"Getting Our Hearts Ready for the Christ Child."
- Dec. 19—"The Most Blessed Mystery of the Incarnation."
- Dec. 26—"The Attitude of the Believer at the Close of the Year"



## The Danish Folk Meeting at Tyler

The ninth annual Danish Folkemøde held at Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minn., from October 5 to 9, has now come and gone. More than a hundred persons registered this year, some from as far away as Pennsylvania, Oregon, Texas, Canada and Denmark. And, as always, many of the local people attended the meetings, so there was usually a capacity house.

To those of us who have been quite regular at these convocations, each year has seemed the best. It is truly a gratifying experience to meet and live throughout the week with old, and some new, friends of the same national and cultural background as our own; to sing together the beloved Danish hymns and folk songs from which we have been nurtured from our early childhood, and to listen to speakers who have important messages to bring.

This year it was our good fortune to have as main speakers two outstanding men from Denmark. They were Mr. Hans Haarder, principal of Rinkenaes Folk School in South Jutland and Rev. Chr. Nissen of Højbjerg.

The former delivered a series of historical lectures on Denmark from the early Viking times and down through the ages. He endeavored to show where Denmark had been great in the past, as well as where she had failed miserably as a leader and example among nations. He emphasized the influence of Kold and Grundtvig throughout the past century, in the awakening of the Danish people culturally, socially, and spiritually to the responsibility to God and fellowmen. Denmark's greatness today, he said, lies in laying more stress on spiritual strength than on military power, and in insisting that the same rights be given others that she demands for herself. The latter is being demonstrated in her attitude toward the German minority population in parts of South Jutland, as well as in Greenland and elsewhere.

Mr. Haarder's fine personality, and friendly, easy manner, won him everyone's respect and admiration.



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Hartford, Conn., as it appeared before extensive lighting changes and other alterations had been made. (Photos courtesy of the Hartford Electric Light Company.)

The pastor, Chr. Nissen, who is an accomplished musician, as well as a poet, contributed two piano concerts of Danish music. He also lectured on the poet, Anton Berntsen, and on Kaj Munk, the pastor, poet, dramatist and Danish patriot, who became a martyr at the hands of the German invaders during the Second World War. He read selections from their works, which included a mixture of humor and pathos.

Mrs. Nanna Mortensen, the Tyler pastor's wife, gave an excellent and well organized lecture on the various organizations within the United Nations that give aid and comfort to the needy in foreign lands. By the help of maps and statistics she showed where and how these function, as well as the dire need for same. It is this writer's hope that many within a limited perimeter of Tyler will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing this lecture, by inviting Nanna Mortensen to speak before a group or organization in your locality. Most of us need more clarification on the functions of the United Nations.

Rev. Hakon Jorgensen of Cordova, Nebr., who with Mrs. Jorgensen was present the first few days of the meeting, also delivered a thought provoking lecture. And the local pastor spoke well on several occasions.

At the evening coffee session, it is the custom at Danebod to have some light entertainment. This year, among other things, the old gentleman, Petersen of West Denmark, told very interestingly of some of his experiences at the new colony around Danebod while helping to build the Stone Hall, which was used for church services and as a gymnasium, when the assembly hall in the Folk School became too small. He was prompted occasionally by Mrs. Marie Strandkov, who was at that time (about sixty-five years ago) a student at the school.

Our 88-years-young friend, Pastor Peter Rasmussen of Canada, each day after a half hour singing period led the morning devotion, followed by a period of Bible study. He and Thyra Nussle, the pianist and song leader, are charter members, having served the group at Danebod each session for nine consecutive years.

The last evening of the session is always looked forward to with much anticipation. For on that evening many homes in the community hold open house to the guests at Danebod.

And need I say that the annual Folkemøde at Danebod has already become a favorite retreat for many. It offers much food for thought, as well as ample time for rest and relaxation for elderly people. The fellowship at the school, as well as with the local people, is deep and of lasting quality. The food is well prepared, nutritious and plentiful. And the cost of the session is surprisingly low.

We who were present this year think with grateful hearts of all of you who in one way or another contributed toward making the 1954 Folkemøde at Danebod a success, and a happy occasion for many.

Thank you all heartily!

Nanna Goodhope.  
Viborg, S. D.



## District Meeting at Omaha

Following the morning worship period the Saturday business session was called to order by the District president, Oct. 8, 1954.

The president of Central Lutheran Church extended a very hearty welcome to delegates and guests.

Roll call divulged the presence of 52 delegates and 7 pastors.

The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$1,172.55, expenditures \$592.52, and a cash balance Oct. 1, 1954, \$580.03. A motion to accept this report which had previously been audited and found correct was carried.

Rev. and Mrs. Thorvald Hansen and family who recently moved into District VII to serve the Cozad church were extended a cordial welcome into our fellowship by the district president who had the hearty approval of the convention in expressing sincere concern and asking that the blessing of God may be a mutual enjoyment in the sharing of the work with the members of the church.

Rev. Alvin Petersen, Student Service pastor from Lincoln presented at this time a brief report on the work at the Student Center. This work deserves perhaps a little more and better support than we have been able to give. It appears that some years ago the district pledged itself to the amount of one dollar per confirmed member, but this promise has been only partially met. The general sentiment, however, seemed to be in favor of discharging this obligation as soon as it would be convenient for the congregations to do so. A motion to increase our annual district contribution to the Center from 7 to 8 cents per confirmed member was seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports by delegates of the local work was actually a new venture and proved to be very interesting.** With the exception of 2 or 3, they were all written reports presenting a very comprehensive picture of the district at work on home base. All congregations except Granly, Miss., and Davey, Nebr., are fortunate to have the service of resident pastors. Reports reveal that Sunday School is a very vital part of congregational activities, and attendance has increased in most places. This is a very encouraging sign pointing to a new and greater future in our church work.

M. Mikkelsen accepted appointment to serve as manager for one year of the district reading circle and invites new members to join the circle. For a very small fee (last year \$1.75) it is possible to enjoy the reading of more than 25 new books chosen to meet the literary appetite of our class of readers.

The Junior Camp report was given by Harris Jespersen. Twenty boys and 20 girls attended the camp held at Nysted during the second full week in July. A motion to continue the camp (1955) under the present management and leadership was seconded and carried.

Leaders were voted a well deserved Thank You for their fine work.

In regard to the Y. P. work in our district, Harris Jespersen said that it is perhaps about as weak right now as it has been for a long time. The importance of our youth work, however, does not decrease merely because the membership is low; it calls for continued faithfulness on the part of all whether the group is

large or small. That was emphasized by Pastor Terrell's report submitted to our meeting and read by Arnold Knudsen.

The Nysted Camp Property. Complying with a decision made at the 1953 convention, rules for the management and use of the property had been drawn up and mimeographed for distribution. The district president reported that approximately \$800 had been received in rentals during the last 16 months; that after expenses for repairs, etc., had been subtracted there is a cash balance on hand at this date of \$100.

It was stated that we have reason to expect that the contemplated irrigation project may increase the value of the property as a camp site.

A motion to add to paragraph one, point three, of these rules, that the members of the administration board shall organize itself as chairman, treasurer, etc., was seconded and carried.

Motion to include in the minutes of this meeting the following memorandum to whom it may concern, that "half interest in the ownership of the water supply system on the premises belong to the Nysted Congregation." Motion was seconded and carried.

The Lutheran Social Service of Nebraska was voted a contribution of \$50.00.

The lone Seminary Student from our district attending G. V. S. was voted a gift of \$100.00.

Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colorado, celebrating its Golden Jubilee was remembered with a greeting and a gift of \$50.00.

Greetings were also sent to the Danish Children's Home, Chicago, in congratulation of its Diamond Jubilee.

The District Board was authorized to arrange and make plans for possible future "Folk Meetings" at Nysted.

A motion was submitted by the Omaha Congregation that "District dues shall be assessed on a per capita basis, and that the district board shall determine the amount to be assessed." Motion seconded and carried.

It was further moved and seconded that the district dues for 1955 be assessed at 50 cents per confirmed member. Carried.

The Vice President-Secretary, and the Treasurer were both re-elected for another term of office.

The 1955 convention on dates to be determined by district president and the local congregation shall be held on invitation from congregation at Brush, Colo.

A motion was made and seconded that the district board shall, if possible, arrange for Sunday School Teachers' Institutes and Workshops, and invite Rev. Howard Christensen to visit our congregations as leader of same. Motion carried.

A rising vote of thanks to the Omaha congregation and Pastor in appreciation of the fine reception and hospitality we had enjoyed in church and homes during the meeting was extended and heartily approved and seconded by one and all.

Hans R. Nelson, Thorvald Hansen, and Mrs. Morris H. Smith were appointed to approve these minutes.

Mrs. Otto Petersen, Cordova, received appointment to report to Lutheran Tidings other meetings on Friday and Sunday.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

M. Mikkelsen, Secretary.



# Paging Youth

Editor: Thorvald Hansen, Cozad, Nebraska

ESPECIALLY OF OUR A. E. L. Y. F.

## Summary of President's Report to Annual Convention

November 6, 1954

### I. General Situation Since October 31, 1953

Probably the largest leadership training workshop and convention was held at Danebod Folk School a year ago. Since that time your national board held a meeting at Grand View College in the spring, and a special meeting to take care of certain legal matters relating to our incorporation was held at Grand View College immediately following the synodical convention. Other planning has been carried on by mail. Two new members, Pastor Harry Andersen and Miss Ardythe Hansen, vice president and secretary, respectively, have been welcomed to the board and have assumed their responsibilities well.

During the year, your president has had the opportunity of attending the Iowa District Camp and the opening meeting of their convention, as well as the camp and convention of the Northern Lights District. Successful camps have also been held in the Lake Michigan and Nebraska and California districts, though no detailed report has been received from California. The Atlantic District held a fine district convention and are still working on their camping program. Since more youth have found it possible to attend the national workshop, district workshops have decreased in number. The Lake Michigan District had a fine experience participating in a week-end work camp in Chicago.

The membership of AELYF has been served faithfully and well by my fellow board members, by district officers, by the many local leaders, and pastors, by members of various committees and by the editors of our publications.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That this convention express its thanks to all who have served to further the work of God's kingdom among the youth of our synod.

### II. Synodical Relationships

The synod is represented on the AELYF board by Pastor Harald A. Petersen of Luck (West Denmark), Wisconsin. . . . He, in turn, will represent the youth of our synod at the NCCUSA meeting at Boston in December. Youth Night (Saturday) at the synodical convention at Cedar Falls was highlighted by an address by Dr. Harold Bernhardt, Director of Religious Activities at Iowa State Teachers College. Probably more could and should be done to encourage youth of our synod to attend our synodical conventions. Several of them did help every night in assembling con-

vention minutes, and a large number enjoyed the recreational hour following the address.

Workers with youth, as well as the older young people themselves, are encouraged to attend the recreational institute for specialized training held each July at Danebod, Tyler, Minnesota . . . Grand View College offers a liberal arts curriculum for all high school graduates, as well as an extension of the Christian fellowship experienced in our congregations, camps, and conventions. Several district youth camps this year had the privilege of having Pastor Axel Kildegaard, Dean of the Seminary, on their staffs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That this convention go on record as encouraging our youth and youth leaders to consider the educational advantages of Danebod Recreation Institute for specialized short-course, of Grand View College for general education, and of Grand View Seminary for pastoral training.

### III. The Larger Fellowship

Your president, synodical advisor, and treasurer attended the All-Lutheran Youth Leaders' Council at Augsburg College in January; and Ruth Jacobsen represented the board at a special meeting in Chicago in September to discuss possibilities of simultaneous conventions about the time of the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in the USA in 1957. These meetings provide for an interchange of ideas, for leadership education, and for certain cooperative productions such as the filmstrip "And With This Ring."

Several of our youth have registered for the God-Home-Country Award in 4-H Club work; one, Walter Christensen of Newell, has received the award. All members of AELYF who are also 4-H Club members should be encouraged to qualify for this award.

Ardythe Hansen, national secretary, represented us at the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement in August. A report of that meeting has been sent to Paging Youth and will be printed as soon as space is available. An oral report will be given at our convention.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That this convention encourage participation in the larger fellowship wherever practicable and advantageous.

### IV. Service Project

1954 marks a high point in our present project, with the arrival of Anil Jha at Grand View College. The second student still has not been chosen. Costs of travel to this country are going to be higher than first estimated, so more funds will be needed, but they do continue to arrive. Ruth Jacobsen and Rigmor Nussle, our Operation India committee, have drawn up a set of guiding principles for those who desire to have Anil Jha speak to their groups. It is hoped that he will be able to attend many of our district camps and conventions next year as well as speak in our local youth groups. In order to keep our national expenses down, it would seem advisable that sponsoring groups underwrite his travel expenses. We are thankful for all who have helped put this project over, and we are particularly thankful to Almighty God for the privilege of serving in this manner.

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# Our Women's Work

Editor

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, 1114 South Third Avenue, Maywood, Illinois

## District I WMS Meeting

The WMS of District I met Saturday evening, October 9 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Troy, New York, during the district convention. The meeting opened with the singing of "Hark! The Voice Of Jesus Calling," after which Mrs. Carlo Petersen, district representative, read Scripture and led in prayer.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Ida Egede was read. Ladies from five congregations were present and a representative from each group gave a very interesting report of the year's activities. Our women's groups have a well-balanced program of activities such as supporting various charities, Santal Mission, Community Chests, United Church Women, besides giving financial aid to the local congregation.

A report of the annual WMS business meeting was presented and a copy of the financial statement was given to each lady present. We discussed the matter of increasing our interest and financial contribution to WMS. The special project of the Grand View Seminary and the Women's Retreat were discussed. It is the desire of our women to be able to send a representative to the Retreat in April.

We closed the meeting by singing "We May Not Climb The Heavenly Steeps."

At the evening meeting, Rev. Viggo Hansen showed many colored slides of churches in our Synod. An offering to further the WMS work was taken. Rev. Hansen closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

**Mrs. Carlo Petersen.**  
District Representative.

## District 7 WMS Meets at Omaha

While attending the District 7 meeting at Omaha I had the pleasure also of attending the WMS meeting held Saturday evening at Central Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Elna Mikkelsen very ably presided at this meeting. We began by singing "Teach me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way" and the reading of James I verses 22 and 23. Our chairman then extended a welcome to all and expressed her thanks to every one for her generous contributions and diligent work in the past year. (Editor's note: District 7 was fourth highest in contributions in the year July '53 to July '54.) The minutes of the 1953 WMS meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Paulsen read the letter from our National WMS president, Mrs. Ida Egede, which is published in the October 5th Lutheran Tidings. Mrs. Mikkelsen complying with Mrs. Egede's suggestion appointed a lady from each one of the congregations represented in District 7 to bring the message to their respective groups.

Mrs. Harris Jespersen spoke next. She said she had great faith in all women. She told about the

work which had been done the past year at Camp Nysted. After Mrs. Jespersen had mentioned some of the household supplies which were needed there was a discussion. It was decided that a way be studied and we would be notified later.

Reports from the Ladies' Aids in our district were read. It was interesting to hear about the work in our various Aids. Our women are doing a great work. Mrs. Mikkelsen then added that she thought we had all profited by hearing these reports. The meeting was closed by singing "Work for the Night is Coming."

In the evening there was a service at 8 o'clock at which time Rev. Marius Krog bid us welcome and led us in prayer and scripture reading. Rev. Mikkelsen then introduced our speaker, Mrs. Ida Egede. Her topic was: "The History and Aim of the WMS." "Hail to the King" was beautifully sung by the Omaha Choir. Rev. Harris Jespersen then spoke on mission thoughts in general.

An offering was taken by four of our ladies and the proceeds of \$69.25 was sent to our Project of the Year, Grand View Seminary.

The meeting closed with an evening hymn and Pastor Marius Krog led us in prayer.

**Mrs. Anders Nielsen, Dannebrog, Nebr.**

## An Idea for an Advent Calendar

In Denmark it is customary for every home to have a "Christmas Calendar," which covers the Advent period. This year it will start with November 28 and end December 24. These calendars are sometimes elaborate colorful structures made of stiff paper and imitating a building or a scene of nature, or they may be flat and the size of an ordinary calendar with pictures of landscapes, animals and birds, or perhaps a decorated Christmas tree. In all types the dates are printed on flaps, one for each date, which are loose on three sides. When the flap is lifted it will expose a saying, a Bible verse, or a picture of a Christmas decoration or gift.

The idea is to make an "Advent Calendar" for each home. It may be made from a picture which a child in the home has drawn or colored. After you have put the numbers on and have cut the flaps, mount the picture on a piece of stiff white paper and let each member of the family give suggestions for the "under the flap" messages. These may then be put in a box and one member may be delegated to write them in underneath the flaps so that they may be a surprise for the other members. There are many ideas that come to my mind concerning the messages. They may center around the immediate family or they may reach out and include those who are not as unfortunate as we are. Here are a few suggestions for the latter. A card to

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## Sunday School Teachers' Institute

### DISTRICT II

Juhl (Marlette), Michigan

November 19, 20 and 21

Theme: Strengthening the Relationship Between:

1. Congregation and Church School
2. Home and Church School
3. Teacher and Pupils

### PROGRAM

#### Friday

- 8:00 p. m. Devotions and Bible Study.  
 "The Great Commandment in the Religious Training of our Children"—Pastor John Christensen.  
 Hymn Sing — Pastor Edwin E. Hansen, Leader.

#### Saturday

- 9:00 a. m. Devotions — Pastor Beryl M. Knudsen.  
 9:45 a. m. Panel Discussion. Topic: Strengthening the Relationship between:  
 1. Congregation and Church School.  
 2. Home and Church School.  
 Panel: Mrs. Edwin Hansen, Chairman. Pastor James Lund, Rudy Theis, Gertrude Lienhart, Martha Johansen, Winston Cairns, Mrs. Moberg, Mrs. Syrine Jensen, Wavalee Schoetele, Pastor Peter Thomsen.  
 12:00 Noon Dinner.  
 1:00 p. m. Discussion.  
 Topic: Strengthening the Relationship between Teacher and Pupils.  
 2:00 p. m. Report of the Sunday School Teachers' Institute at Grand View College.  
 3:00 p. m. Coffee.  
 3:15 p. m. Evaluation and Inspiration—Pastor Edwin E. Hansen.  
 5:00 p. m. Supper.  
 7:00 p. m. Film. Discussion on use of films, and recommendations.

#### Sunday

Church School Visitation.  
 The Juhl and Germania Sunday Schools will be hosts to visiting teachers. "Welcome to our Sunday Schools" they say. Worship Services — Pastor Harry Andersen.

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### V. Publications

**Paging Youth** has contributed to a dissemination of knowledge, ideas and news again during the past year. We are grateful to Pastor Thorvald Hansen who has continued to edit this section of Lutheran Tidings until now. Since he has been elected to the Publications Committee of our synod, he can no longer continue as editor. It is hoped that the new editor can be announced at our annual meeting.

**Yule**, our contribution in the field of Christmas magazines, continues in capable hands. Your board has expressed its thanks to Gerda Duus who felt it necessary to resign after doing a fine job. The staff for YULE 1954 is Pastor Harris Jespersen, editor, Dagmar Potholm Petersen, co-editor, and Mrs. Paul Nussle, business manager. Youth's primary concern with YULE is an active sales campaign; a cover contest this year should produce a fine contribution from our youth.

**A WORLD OF SONG** is undergoing revision at the present time. A great work has been done and is being done; and again we are contributing to American culture and life.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That this convention encourage every league to send news of the local fellowship to the editor of *Paging Youth* regularly; to encourage every league to increase its sale of **Yule** in 1954; to replenish its supply of **A World of Song** when it becomes available.

### VI. Programs and Program Materials

A fine supply of filmstrips is available for use by local leagues. "Youth Programs" has been sent to leagues, pastors, and seminary students. Other program materials are also available.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That local leagues be encouraged to make good use of available filmstrips; and that the national board be authorized to continue to supply program materials to leagues, pastors, and seminary students.

### VII. Miscellaneous and Conclusion

**AELYF** continues to be in good financial condition. Not all local youth groups feel the responsibility of contributing to our cooperative work, though it is the attempt of the board to be of assistance in any way possible. Youth Sunday should be observed with appropriate services, preferably the last Sunday in January. A budget will be presented to the convention.

I have appreciated serving as your president for three terms, a period of about six and one-half years. It has provided me with many opportunities to meet fine youth leaders and fine youth, and to work with some very wonderful people. But I believe that the leadership should not be kept too long in the same hands, and for this reason, as well as others which are personal, I wish to announce at this time that I shall not be a candidate for re-election. It is my hope and prayer that the work of **AELYF** may continue to serve the youth of our synod as they serve and prepare to serve in our corner of God's vineyard.

**W. Clayton Nielsen.**

Withee, Wisconsin.

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## A Delegate's Impression of Evanston

HOLGER O. NIELSEN

### The President of United States Visits World Council Churches

August 19 a special convocation on the Northwestern University Campus was planned for the delegates. It was to be an outdoor meeting and many of us had the same ideas about coming early in order to get as close to the speaker's platform as possible; however, the front chairs were reserved for the press, radio people, officials, etc. I got no closer than 40 feet and that is too far away to see what's written on a man's face.

There was a long period of waiting in the hot, August sun, and people sat and made paper hats out of the Chicago newspapers — and for once these served a most useful purpose. . . .

We delegates sat and visited while we waited. To my left was a Negro; back of us two Norwegians; in front three Germans, who held tightly on to their dignity and kept their heavy, dark coats on; to the right were high ranking Greek Orthodox Christians. These men were incessantly troubled by American camera fans, if being in the lime-light can be considered as "trouble." Strange what a skull-cap, a black gown, a full beard and a gold chain can do for some people. We plainly dressed fellows almost felt slighted.

After a good hour of waiting, the processional moved slowly over the large, green lawn towards the speaker's rostrum while the electric organ played "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." We all stood up. The moment was a solemn one. There before us were the high ranking officials of state, church, university and armed forces. The secret service men were there too, but somehow they never quite fit into an orderly, dignified setting. They run around as though they are lost. His Grace, the Bishop of Canterbury, presided, and did a good job. The British are well at home at formal occasions.

What did the men and women standing around me think and say about our president? To us Americans he was Ike, a very decent fellow who tries hard to be both a liberal and conservative Republican. To the Norwegians he was, and I quote: "Den Mægtigste Mand i Verden" (The mightiest man on earth); to the British he was Mr. President and General Eisenhower; to the Germans, the great military leader who smashed the Third Reich.

The President spoke as a Christian leader. The convocation closed with Bishop Berggrav pronouncing the benediction in his native tongue. A quiet peace fell over the huge crowd, only to be broken by organ music. The processional left as it had come while we watched. Above us jet planes zoomed through the blue sky.

Yes, we Americans have become the mightiest nation in the world. We don't quite like it because we may not be prepared to assume world leadership. Charles Malik once said: "The future belongs to that country and people who can call forth from their inner

spiritual resources the strength and vision to embrace the whole world in love and in truth."

Can the mightiest nation on earth embrace the whole world in love and truth? At the evening tables we talked about the president's visit and his speech. I said casually that I thought the president had spoken well, to which an Englishman answered, "Yes, yes, of course, everything from America is both good and great." There are moments you just have to grin and bear it.

#### Back to Work

It was my good fortune to be placed in Section III which dealt with the following topic: **The Responsible Society in a World Perspective.** The discussions in the sections were enlightening and came closer to the grassroots. A plenary session in McGaw Hall was not a place where many pastors and laymen spoke up, but in the sections it was quite another matter. There were men who spoke from the viewpoint of village life in India and Africa, men who represented labor and management from highly industrialized countries like England and America.

Personally, I felt our section did not do justice to agriculture, soil conservation and rural life. May I quote point 5 under Problems of Economic life:

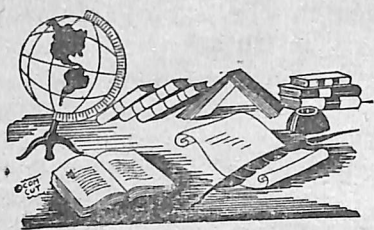
"One of the most important economic roles is that played by the world's farmers. In some countries they have met urgent needs by extraordinary advances in productivity. For the feeding of increasing populations with a better diet, radical changes in farming methods will have to be carried through in many other countries, but always with due regard to the human consequences. The churches should recognize a reasonable measure of security of income; but even as they advance their legitimate demands for justice, farmers must resist the temptations to exhaust the soil, to exploit those who work for them, or to take unfair advantage of the consumers." It was the consensus of opinion of those of us that came from the farming areas that the section leaders of the World Council Churches had a better understanding and were far more concerned with the problems of industry than of agriculture. Perhaps it is because it's a newer problem, while that of agriculture is as old as Cain and Abel.

**Responsible Society Defined:** The first assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam coined the term "the responsible society." It was stated that the responsible society is a society "where freedom is the freedom of men who acknowledge the responsibility to justice and public order and where those who hold political authority or economic power are responsible for its exercise to God and to the people whose welfare is affected by it."

"Responsible society" is not an alternative social or political system, but a criterion by which we judge all existing social orders, and at the same time a standard to guide us in the specific choices we have to make. Christians are called to live responsibly, to live in response to God's act of redemption in Christ, in any society, even within the most unfavorable social structures.

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## OPINION AND COMMENT

**BY THIS TIME** all the ministers of our Synod will have received information regarding the new coverage for ministers by Social Security. The amendment is one of the most liberal benefits ever devised in favor of the nation's largely underpaid pastors. Since the plan will depend entirely on contributions from pastors themselves, it will not interfere with pension plans now in operation, and will not involve any additional outlay from church budgets. Pastors are treated as "self-employed." We are not too happy about this classification, and somewhat surprised that Congress would pass this kind of law. The category of the "self-employed" includes ministers with other professional people, such as doctors and lawyers, and skims too lightly over the relationship that actually exists between congregation and pastor and the nature of the "call." However, most clergymen will no doubt be grateful for an opportunity for old age benefits which in our synod should average around \$120 a month on retirement. A pastor's cost will be 3 per cent of his income, compared with 2 per cent for most covered under Social Security. Within two or three decades, the cost will be 6 per cent, which seems high, but not unreasonably so. The most important feature for pastors to remember is that while the plan is "voluntary," **they have only two years in which to decide to enter it.** A graduating student will also have two years in which to make up his mind. After two years, the opportunity will be gone. Coverage will start this coming January. (Forms to fill out may be had from District Internal Revenue offices.) Widows and children will be covered under the plan, and will get complete benefits if the pastor has been under the plan for 18 months just prior to his death; and the widow with children will receive up to \$176 monthly while the children are under 18. When they reach maturity, the widow alone will receive about \$62 monthly, after she is 65, for the rest of her life. (If her children are young, her age does not matter.) **Ministers of retirement age would do well to consider remaining in active service for a few more months in order to obtain coverage.**

**LAY PEOPLE** usually shudder when they hear the term "theological problem" as though it involved something so incomprehensible that it is useless for them to struggle with it. Give them a math problem or a mechanical puzzle and they tackle it with vigor and enthusiasm. But a theological problem is something they prefer to leave to specialists. While reading through "Paradise Lost" the other day we ran into one problem we hadn't really considered since seminary days. It is usually called the paradox of the "fortunate fall." In Book XII Adam stand meditatively and wonders if he should repent of his sin, or if he should rejoice all the more because of the Grace of

God which was revealed only because he did "fall." The poet faces Adam with two repugnant alternative conclusions: 1. The sin was so great that it can never be sufficiently repented. 2. The Grace was so great that it can never be sufficiently appreciated. So the question is — was the sin of man, symbolically represented in Adam and Eve, a good thing? — since it is possible to be redeemed only if one falls first. Was the fall of man into sin God's will? This is a thrilling problem to consider, and not too difficult for untrained minds. Is man's sin a "happy fault" (*felix culpa*)? The paradox can be deepened by considering the possibility that God needed the fall of man fully to utilize and realize His divine attributes and powers.

**THERE ARE THOSE**, of course, who are impatient with old, old questions such as that one, and would prefer something new. Here is one as modern as today's paper: If we do succeed in reaching other planets some day, probably through use of atomic power, and find creatures there in some state of life, are we to apply the Divine Commandment that we be missionaries and go out unto all the peoples of the world and carry to them the gospel message, and baptize them? Or are we to consider them as animals merely?

**AGAIN IT IS TIME** to be reminded of the Thanksgiving appeal for clothing, as described elsewhere in this issue. Please don't send rags. Make this a real sacrificial effort, and send articles with much wear still in them. Put yourselves mentally into the place of the people who will receive them. And while we are at it, does your congregation have its Lutheran World Action quota filled?

**AS THIS IS WRITTEN** people are going to the polls to exercise that precious franchise known as the right to vote. The campaign became quite dirty toward its end and some high-placed persons undignified themselves by some of the things they said. Despite the unusual interest this election has, in an "off year," probably only about half the voters will bother going to vote. In some European countries the percentage often is well over nine out of ten. In close elections, as some of today's no doubt will be, one vote can carry tremendous weight. Some great decisions in history were made on the basis of narrow margins. Only a few Greek Senators changing their minds could have saved the noble Socrates. Today, one neglected vote may fail to elect one U. S. Senator, whose one single vote may swing the majority in Congress, against your party.

**WE ARE NOT A** particularly nervous type, but we were vastly reassured the other day by a little card someone had handed our daughter on the way home from school. It advertised the services of a gypsy palm reader. Now, when things look dark, all we have to do is go to this fortune teller and have her predict some good news for us. And she will! Right there on her card she says, in large print, "Satisfaction Guaranteed."



## LWR Sets Clothing Appeal for Thanksgiving Week

New York—(NLC)—Lutheran World Relief's annual Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal will be held from November 21 to 28, it was announced here by Bernard A. Confer, executive secretary of LWR, the National Lutheran Council's material aid agency.

"Reports from overseas make plain the helpfulness of your gifts of past years and underscore the present urgent need," he said in an appeal to all Lutheran congregations to participate in the campaign.

"Often," Mr. Confer added, "The clothing you have given has served as a direct answer to prayer. Clothing meets human needs, and at the same time strengthens the hand of the Church in Christian lands, like Germany, and heathen lands, like Korea."

He urged that, wherever feasible, congregations cooperate in a coordinated gathering of used clothing to fill railroad boxcar lots of 15,000 pounds, adding that LWR is again offering to pay freight for such carloads.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is also urging its congregations to gather clothing at Thanksgiving time, and in some areas Missouri Synod congregations cooperate with NLC member church congregations to fill boxcars, Mr. Confer said.

Last year, he noted, Lutheran World Relief received 1,311 tons of clothing at Thanksgiving time, including shipments from the Missouri Synod congregations. This was the largest amount received in any special drive.

But, he went on, the gifts of clothing received during the first eight months of 1954 are about 90,000 pounds less than during the same period last year.

Mr. Confer therefore stressed that reports from overseas "make plain the continuing need and the urgency for the congregations in America to continue to share what they have and to continue to demonstrate their brotherly love."

"Gifts distributed out of Christian concern and with no strings attached provide a forceful witness for Jesus Christ," he emphasized.

According to Mr. Confer, gifts received from the Thanksgiving Drive will be sent to Germany, Austria, Trieste, Yugoslavia, Jordan, Syria, Korea and Formosa, where by far the greatest proportion will go to serve the needs of refugees.

It is estimated, he said, that there are 30 million refugees in the world today and large numbers of them are in these countries.

A leaflet distributed to promote the Thanksgiving

clothing drive stressed that "the appeal is a mandate from the Master and multiplies blessings to receivers and givers."

In Korea, it said, "need statistics are astronomic with 300,000 war widows, a half-million dependent children. Stark daily requirements, like a dry place to sleep and a next meal, forces distraught, lonely and loveless mothers to abandon a thousand children each month."

The leaflet explained that, in Korea, special LWR aid is directed toward 25 widows' homes and workshops, 180 orphanages, and 12,000 neediest children.

The clothing gifts gathered for LWR by the Lutheran congregations will this fall be received at seven receiving depots, including a new depot at San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Confer said. The other clothing depots, operated during previous LWR clothing drives, are at Phillipsburg, N. J.; New Windsor, Md.; Nappanee, Ind.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Los Angeles and Oakland, California.

## General Assembly to Convene

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(NCCC)—America's most representative Christian gathering — the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches — will bring together more than 2,500 leaders of the cooperative church movement, when the Assembly convenes in biennial sessions at Boston, Mass., November 28 — December 3.

Nearly 700 of those attending will be the official representatives of the 30 constituent communions of the National Council. As such they will be voting participants in sessions of the Assembly itself — the National Council's highest policy-making body.

Official lists of those selected by the communions to be their Assembly representatives in Boston were announced at National Council headquarters. The official list of those who will represent the American Evangelical Lutheran Church follows:

Delegates or Alternates	Address
Christensen, Rev. Howard.....	Des Moines, Iowa
Hansen, Rev. Viggo M.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
Jensen, Rev. Alfred.....	Des Moines, Iowa
Lund, Mr. Harry.....	Fords, N. J.
Nielsen, Mrs. Ernest D.....	Des Moines, Iowa
Nielsen, Rev. Ernest D.....	Des Moines, Iowa
Nielsen, Rev. H. O.....	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Petersen, Rev. Harald.....	Luck, Wisconsin

## An Idea for an Advent Calendar

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a sick friend, an extra donation to a worthy cause, a telephone call to a shut-in, an act of kindness to a neighbor, a letter to some one far away such as a missionary friend, an extra Sunday School donation, the dessert money set aside for something special or making a Christmas gift for someone. Every morning when the family gathers for breakfast the person whose turn it is to lift the flap and disclose the day's message could also be responsible for the grace that morning. The best way to carry out the message could be discussed during the meal.

This is but a simple Advent preparation but it can be very effective as a family project and as an unselfish Advent activity.

*Let Brotherly Love Continue!*

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CLOTHING APPEAL



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## Grand View College And Our Youth

### Let's Begin With the Weather

If you are the kind of person that gets nostalgic at the mere mention of Iowa's beautiful Indian Summer (and if you've been a student of GVC, it **must** hit you like it does the rest of us!) you will know that we have had some glorious days this last week or so. It does something to you, this hazy Indian Summer weather. You stroll a bit on the lovely campus, and say to yourself, "This is really the life!" Then comes the snow. Not much, to be sure, but we have had it. And almost as suddenly, you have visions of your own home at the Thanksgiving holiday, or your mind rushes on to Christmas. A bit premature, these thoughts of ours? Yes, perhaps a wee bit, but before we realize it, the stormy weather will be a part of our great American scene, and we will love it, too. So we have our weather whether we want it or not. So goes it.

The I. F. T. A. luncheon went off very well, and all in all, we had a rather successful regional conference. Mrs. Knehr can set things moving, and has a wonderful ability to set us into motion, too. The ladies of Luther Memorial Church went "all out" to give use their much-needed assistance in the preparing and serving of the luncheon. The afternoon coffee was a success due largely to Mrs. Eriksen and Mrs. R. The cloth on the coffee table was quite an original piece. It was of white muslin with a fancy border painted close to the hem. As each I. F. T. A. delegate registered before the morning session, he or she was asked to autograph the cloth with a colored tube of paint. This cloth has, I suppose, a couple of hundred signatures. Quite an idea, don't you think?

Convocations have been interesting and varied this past couple of weeks. On one occasion, we had the track coach of Drake, Mr. Tedrick, tell us about the origin of the International Olympics. This was the type of convocation we all enjoyed, and answered many questions which have arisen in the minds of most of us at one time or another. Another convocation speaker was the Rev. John Schultz of Fargo, North Dakota. Rev. Schultz is the student pastor at the state college there, and is in the Student Service of the National Lutheran Council. His talk was titled, "Your Life, your work," but did not deal with my vocation. On the contrary, with a remarkable facility to use the casual language of students, he went into a

three-point talk on "The Front Porch, The Living Room, and the Basement," to tell us from the psychologist's standpoint why we are like we are, and do the things we do. (There were times when some of us were ready to squirm.) Nonetheless, we did learn something, and hope to profit by his revealing presentation.

If you've been to Europe and have seen the wonderful "old world" sights, you'd love to see the beautiful colored slides in the large collection of Bob Speed. It must be like reliving your trip in its high spots. If you have not been to Europe (and most of us are in this latter category) you will feel that Bob's pictures are "the next best thing." Mr. Speed entertained us for an evening with "A Tour of Europe," and it was really super.

Speaking of Mr. Speed, puts us in mind of the Reformation Festival this year to be at the First Lutheran Church. The choir will be singing, as will also the Nurses Chorus. We hope we will measure up to Mr. Speed's expectations, and we shall certainly try.

In a day or two, we shall have to get out the dustmops and buffers, and do a "basic" cleanup job. We always try to be presentable, but when guests are expected we really go all out for them. The first guests will be the members of the AELLYF who come to the campus on November 5-7 for their National Convention and Workshop. Then the following week-end, the Sunday School Teachers' Institute will be entertained both at the college and Luther Memorial Church. And just in between these two week-ends, comes midsemester,—and "D-Day" for some of us. No, "D-Day" isn't anything to wish for, so perhaps if we try real hard and study the same way, it will bypass us. Here's hoping!

R. F.

### Two Stewardship Plans

From the church bulletins we noticed two new plans for the annual Stewardship effort which many churches have. Our Waterloo, Iowa, church is conducting its Stewardship effort in connection with two church suppers, Nov. 21 and Nov. 23, after which a program has been planned presenting the financial program of the church for the coming year. Members will be asked to make pledges during the course of the evening, and will be given offering envelopes.

In Bethania Church, Racine, Wisconsin, the plan is for a "Loyalty Sunday" (Nov. 14) with a goal of at least 90 per cent church attendance at one of two special services held on that day. This plan sees the pledge as "an act of worship." Members of the congregation will be contacted individually to assure that they know about the Loyalty Sunday effort, and to urge them to come.

Both these plans sound interesting, and both have much merit.

### ULCA Re-Elects Dr. Fry

Toronto, Ont.—(NLC)—Dr. Franklin Clark Fry was elected to his sixth consecutive two-year term as president of the United Lutheran Church in America at its 19th biennial convention here, Oct. 6-13.

Dr. Fry, 54, in addition to heading the largest Lutheran body in America, with a membership of more than 2,150,000, is one of the leaders of world Protestantism. He is vice president of



Dr. Franklin Clark Fry

the Lutheran World Federation, chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and played a prominent part in the formation of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Fry was re-elected on the second ballot when he received 580 of 613 ballots cast. According to the ULCA's constitution, a unanimous vote is required for election on the first ballot.

Also re-elected were Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz as secretary and Dr. Edmund F. Wagner as treasurer.

Under a proposed reorganization of the ULCA's administrative structure, delegates approved a change in the tenure of the president from two to six years. However, this change must wait approval of two-thirds of the church's thirty-two synods and, therefore, is not expected to go into effect until after the biennial convention of 1956.

In a week marked by dramatic debates, the 673 delegates from 32 synods, described as autonomous within the federation of the ULCA, decided:

1. To make the ULCA president "a leader and counsellor in matters spiritual and temporal" as well as the Church's "chief representative," and to give him "oversight" over the secretary and treasurer;

2. To grant the executive board "power of veto of any program or enterprise of any board, agency or auxiliary which shall conflict with or be hurtful to the total program of the Church."

The vesting of greater authority in



the president's office and the executive board were the key proposals among 118 changes in constitution, by-laws and polity recommended by a 16-man commission on organizational structure. A record \$15,221,523 budget, up three million over this year, was adopted. The ULCA has 2,150,000 members.

## OUR CHURCH

**Viborg, South Dakota.** Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, was the guest speaker at the harvest festival held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church on October 24. Dr. Rogness, who is one of the foremost men in the Lutheran Church, will soon assume his duties as president of Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. He gave a most inspiring message on "The Unique Position of the Christian in the World Today."

Miss Dagmar Miller of Des Moines spent the day with the congregation and gave a short talk to the Sunday School children in the morning.

Both the church and the parish hall, where the fellowship dinner was served, were beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers and harvest fruits, a fitting reminder of God's goodness to his people.

**Chicago, Illinois.** From a correspondent: "We are happy to report that the Annual Open House of the Danish Lutheran Children's Home in Chicago was a success in every way, in spite of the fact that on October 10th, Chicago had one of the worst rain storms in its history. You all know by now that basements, viaducts and streets were flooded, but you may not know that so was the dining room and gym of the Children's Home where we normally serve our open house guests the lovely and delicious "smorgasbord" donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen. Luckily (because this year marks the 70th Anniversary of the Home) the Chicago Dania Society had offered to let us use their hall for the event. This, plus the loyalty of the Chicago Danes, is what saved the day."

**Blair, Nebraska.** DANSK NYTAAR, we learn, will be off the press early in November. Since it was completely sold out last year within a few weeks it might be well to order it early. It will be a 180-pg. book, with over one hundred illustrations, some in four colors. Among contributors are Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard, Pastors Erik Moller, Paul Wikman, Enok Mortensen, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Mr. Arne Sorensen, Carlo Christensen, George Strandvold, J. Christian Bay, August Bang, Anton Kvist, Ebba Tang Ostergaard, Idun Engberg, Axel H. Andersen, C. H. W. Hasselriis, and Ebba Trampe Launsby. The price is \$1, postpaid, and may be ordered from

Grand View College Bookstore at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Omaha, Nebr.** Mr. Hans Haarder, Denmark, will speak at Central Lutheran Church, Nov. 5. Pastor Marius Krog has been invited to be speaker at the Annual Harvest Festival at Oak Hill-Exira Churches in Iowa, Nov. 7.

**Seattle, Wash.** The congregation here voted unanimously to change its name from St. Johannes Congregation, Danish Ev. Lutheran Church, to **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Seattle, Wash.**

**Muskegon, Mich.** Mr. Munshi Tudu, of Santalistan, India, will speak in Central Lutheran Church here Nov. 17. He will be spending 10 days in the state of Michigan. He is now a Lutheran pastor, and has spent three years in America at study.

**Danewang, Texas.** The Fall Festival was held here Oct. 28-31, with Dr. Otto Hoiberg of the U. of Nebraska, as principle speaker.

**Minneapolis, Minn.** A church "Parent-Teacher" meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7, with parents of Sunday School children invited to meet with the School Staff, and to hear an outstanding religious educator. Dr. Ernest Nielsen will speak at a Grand View College Meeting at the church on November 5.

**Askov, Minn.** The Annual Folk School Week begins Sunday, Nov. 7, and continues through Friday, Nov. 12. Speakers scheduled are: Pastor Harold Petersen, Dr. Mario Colacci, Mrs. Nanna Mortensen, and Prof. Peter Jorgensen of G. V. C.

**Enumclaw, Wash.** Pastor Holger Andersen was installed in Hope Lutheran Church here Sept. 23, with District President Harold Olsen officiating, and Mrs. Holger Andersen at the organ. Pastor Andersen is doing graduate work at Washington U. and is on a fellowship grant. He will live in Seattle.

## A Monument for C. P. Højbjerg

Now that the ashes of Carl P. Højbjerg have been deposited in the Nysted, Nebraska, church yard, it has been suggested that his friends raise a monument in memory of a great teacher and preacher. To this end a committee consisting of John Johansen, Tyler, Minnesota, T. S. Hermansen, Marquette, Nebraska, and myself has been organized. Any member of the committee will accept contributions for the monument. These contributions need not be large. If you want to mail your contribution, please send it to:

Mr. T. S. Hermansen,  
Marquette, Nebraska.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

## Contributions to Solvang Lutheran Home

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Mr. and Mrs. Harald Harkson	3.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobsen	3.50
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Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Andersen, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Andersen, Boring, Oregon, and Miss Mathilde Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Andersen, Portland, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moors, Vancouver, Wash.	25.00
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### A Thank You

The family of Meta Fensholt Petersen wishes to express its thanks to all at the Tyler meeting for their sympathy toward us. It was heartwarming, and we felt we were among friends.

Also many thanks for the memorial fund which we hope Danebod will make use of as is seen fit.

Husband, Sister, Brother  
and Family.

## Services and Lectures at District VII Convention Omaha, Nebr.

District VII held its convention in the beautiful newly-decorated Church in Omaha, Nebraska, Oct. 8, 9, 10. Friday afternoon our Seminary was discussed, led by Pastor A. C. Kildegaard. In the evening Holy Communion was conducted by Pastors Mikkelsen and Krog. Preceding the business meeting Saturday morning, Pastor Arnold Knudsen led in a short worship service. He spoke about Andrew and reminded us that Andrew challenged those greater than himself and inspired those lesser than himself, and we could all be like Andrew.

At the WMS meeting, Mrs. Ida Egede spoke on the history and progress of the WMS since its origin. Pastor Harris Jespersen gave us a general conception of mission. He said our life is a mission and it behooves us to become desperately concerned about the world in which we live. A collection was taken for the G. V. Seminary. At the Sunday morning services, Pastor Thorvald Hansen stressed humility. Jesus himself is the ultimate example of humility. Pastor Calvin Rossman's sermon: "Thy Life Was Given for Me." The choir of the local church rendered an anthem at each service.

Sunday afternoon Pastor Krog gave us a very vivid conception of the Evanston meeting. The Omaha ladies served us delicious meals, topped off with choice Nebraska corn fed beef on Sunday. Sunday evening Pastor Willard Garred gave a lecture stressing the part the pastors and laymen should take in teaching morality in their community. The convention closed at the coffee table with the usual adieus.

Next year we will meet at Brush, Colorado.

Mrs. Otto Petersen.

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