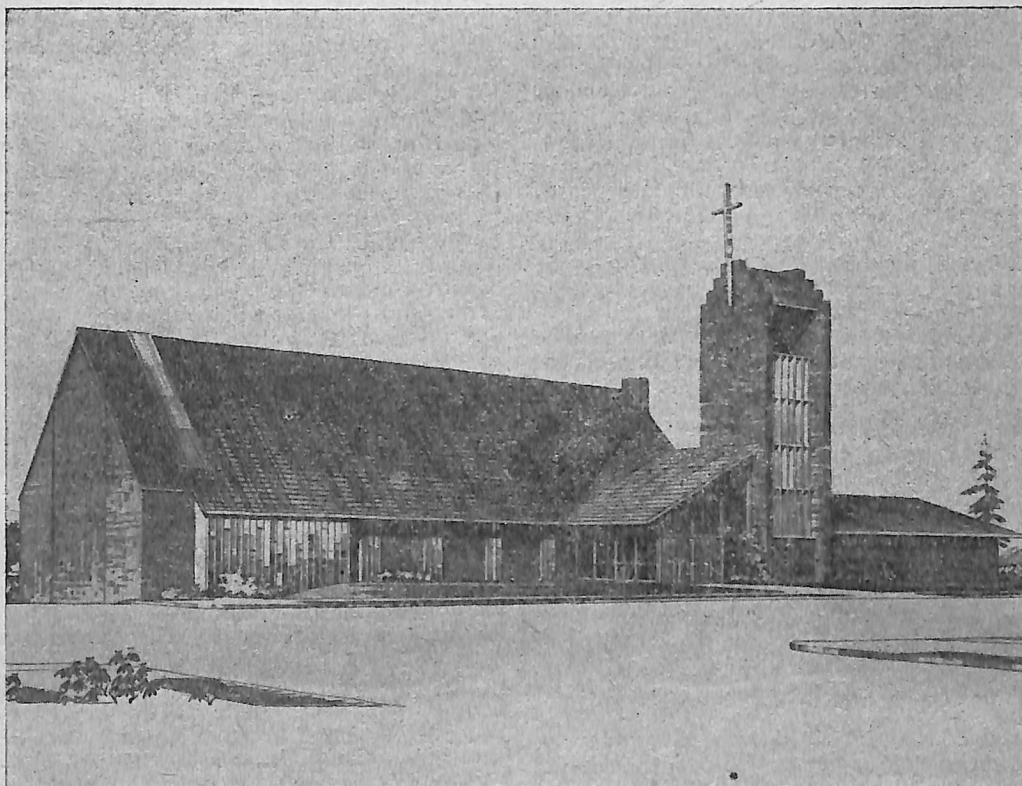


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THIS is the architect's concept of the new edifice, now under construction. The building faces Woodland Park and is here seen from the east. The length of the structure is 162 feet; the bronze tower cross measures 17 feet in height.

The church has two stories and additional level entrances from the parking area west of the edifice. The building is located on a high ridge. All Sunday School rooms, the assembly hall, the reception parlor, the main kitchen, the secretary's office, and the pastor's study will enjoy an excellent view across the northwestern section of Seattle and Salmon Bay toward the Olympic Mountains.

The contractors expect to have the building under roof by the end of December. Target date for completion is April 1, 1955.

Dr. Jens C. Kjaer is the pastor; Mr. Kristen Jorgensen, the president; Mr. Paul Mortensen, chairman of the building committee; Mr. Einar Nielsen, chairman of the finance committee; Durham, Anderson and Freed, the architects. Mr. Harald Christiansen and Mr. William Petersen, Sr., are the construction committee.

Total cost of the project, including land and furnishings, will exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

During Advent, Consider

The Heart of Christmas

by Pastor Svend Holm



Once again it is Christmas, and thankfulness and peace enters my heart for what I am today, — one of God's children redeemed and saved for Jesus' sake.

As I sat down this morning looking through the Christmas greetings we had received from far and near, I realized that friends and family thinking of you and remembering you is a very important part of the Christmas joy that envelops us all as we celebrate the day of the Saviour's birth.

One thing struck me as I happily read through the Christmas cards and letters once more. Most of them pinpointed one thing, whether they were what we call "religious" cards or not: "May Christmas bring peace and joy throughout the year."

This is a beautiful greeting; but more than that it is the purpose of Christmas in the words: "Behold, I bring you good Tidings of great joy."

It touched my heart, imbued me with good will, to receive the following little Christmas greeting from one of our organizations in the Church:

When Jesus came into the world
His holy angels saw
The little Babe of Bethlehem
Upon a bed of straw
And there they worshipped and adored
The Child of Christmas Day . . .
Who came on earth to save our souls
And take our sins away
So may your heart rejoice with all
The angels from above,
And may this Christmas fill your heart
With happiness and love.

There it was again! that which I was just ruminating on; and that which I had preached on all year — forgiveness of sins, joy, satisfaction, peace and love, and, all because of Jesus and His influence upon the hearts of men.

The religious cards, I think, give us a little more at Christmastime, perhaps, than do the other kind, (though, the pure joy of seeing two little children swing on the horn of the half-moon against a background of glittering stars spilled upon a mantle of blue surely also raises your Christmas joy a couple of degrees!)

But in most of the religious cards there is something about Our Saviour, and something about a heart. And it is always your heart that is referred to — **your** heart — **my** heart: May it be filled with joy and peace and love all through the year."

These three things are undoubtedly the essentials of Christmas, though many other things do enter to make us feel happy and satisfied during the holidays. But Christmas, itself, must enter our hearts before we may experience this joy and peace and love which is truly the essence of the Christmas Spirit.

This is why we so often hear it said that Christmas is the children's holiday in particular. Surely, the grown ups take off a couple of days and sit down and have a good time; but many times they do not experience the real Christmas because their hearts are not reflecting the light from the heart of Christmas — the light of our Saviour's birth.

The heart of the child is still open to the joy and beauty that springs from the story of the little Christ Child born in a stable with the animals peacefully munching their hay while "angels sang and shepherds quaked" in the light from God that shone all around them when the Saviour was born.

There are so many beautiful stories suggesting how Christ at His coming brought a glow of warmth and love into the

world, changing its aspects, changing hearts and attitudes, making even the desert rejoice and "blossom as a rose," (Grundtvig's wonderful Advent hymn.)

One of the most beautiful of these legends is the story of the Christmas rose which some may have heard before. A little shepherd girl had approached with the shepherds as, led by the star, they went to the manger where Jesus was laid. When she saw the Christ Child, and had nothing to give Him, she felt so badly that she turned away crying hot tears. But lo, and behold, where her tears fell beautiful white flowers pushed their way up through the snow, and, smiling joyfully and happily, she gathered them up and gave them to the child! The Christmas rose.

Only a picture; only a legend; that is all true; but a beautiful picture and a good way to understand the true source of joy and peace of heart when it is the heart that sorrows, and the heart that gives.

Parents understand this better than others, perhaps; as when the children were small and, with shining eyes and beaming faces, they looked at the Christmas tree with its lights and pretty decorations wondering what was in all the gaily wrapped packages; father's and mother's gifts to their children; sometimes bought with sacrifice, and always with loving hearts whether it was little or much they gave. When the children grew up, things changed. Sometimes they came home and sometimes they did not. Sometimes they could never come home again, and that was a sad Christmas for many parents. But always there was a loving father-and-mother heart that was thinking of them and blessing their memory.

Blessed are the old father and mother indeed, who in the days of childhood taught their children the little stories of the Saviour born in a stable and laid in a manger, while the angels sang: "to you is born this day a Saviour" — "Glory to God in the Highest and peace among men of good will," God's great gift to all His children, the greatest of all. We may, of course, call all this the essence of Christmas as we experience it in the bosom of the family; but it is all the reflection of the joy and peace and love that comes to us from the heart of Christmas — the birth of Our Saviour.

I would like now to turn to the Christmas greeting that I received from one of our Church organizations, in the following stanza:

"And there they worshipped and adored
The child of Christmas Day
Who came on earth to save our souls
And take our sins away." — — —

Here is the true source for our joy and peace and love, lasting all through the year, the true Christmas joy; for He came to "save our souls and take our sins away" — to give us joy for sorrow, love for indifference, and peace in heart and in soul.

"O dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee."

This is my Christmas wish for you all and for myself, too, for the coming year. May the good Lord bless us all as we need it in Jesus' name.

Editor's Note: This message was preached at Midnight Services in Enumclaw, Washington, Christmas Eve, 1953.

Thanks-Giving

IT has always seemed to me that no better gospel text for Thanksgiving day than that of The Widow's Mite can very well be found. Again yesterday it warmed the hearts of the people worshipping in our churches. The widow had learned to count her blessings. For her it meant to return to God her complete treasure. It amounted to little in the eyes of the world, but it was a measure of precious worth in the eyes of the Lord. She gave her heart with her pennies. It all belonged to God, who had blessed her without any merit on her part. It was truly thanks - giving.

Do we give of our surplus or of what we need for our own living, when we support our churches? Few of us can say we have given "all we have." Yet, we can, I hope, say we give because we have counted the blessings we have that belong to us by the grace of God, such as our home and foreign missions, institutions of welfare and education, as well as Lutheran World Action and Lutheran Food Appeal, also the Thanksgiving Clothing ingathering of Lutheran World Relief.

Perhaps you question that these are blessings looked at from your point of view. Rather you are apt to look at them as something that is tagged on to your support of your congregation. But would you not feel very poor, and would your conscience not bother you, if one day you were told by your pastor or congregational president, that the concern you have had so far for Grand View College and Seminary should be forgotten, that the care for the retired ministers' families and widows were superfluous, that the Children's Home would no longer provide a home for the children that have no home, the old people's homes and seamen's mission would cease to function, that all the activities directed by the synod's boards, councils and committees would be left to shift for themselves, to shrivel up and die? Would that make you feel better off, stronger and happier? Or would you feel that you had been deprived of a trust God had placed in you; that you had buried the one talent with which God had blessed you.

I believe you will find that only as we regard all the opportunities for service as a clear indication of God's blessing on our way of life, do we really live. Though we lose everything else in life, we will never lose what our hearts have given to the causes we have embraced as worthy of our financial support, our interest, work and prayers. Our hearts reach out from the tiny spot on the map where we have our home and church fellowship to the far corners of the world in need of the gospel, of spiritual and material food, of kindness and guidance. That is the "Abundant Life" God has granted us Christian Americans to live today. These are the blessings that shall never fade or tarnish, but shine brightly as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of light by night as we proceed toward the promised land together with the host of all God's people.

We have set our hand to the plough of missions

As Americans, we are blessed with immeasurable opportunities to give. Our Synod President points out that our responsibilities are privileges.

at home and in faraway India. We will be richer in the things that count, the more we give to these. Our chosen fellow workers, whom we have commissioned and ordained and sent to be the ambassadors of Christ to these people will rejoice, and their strength will increase as they realize that we are fully committed to back them in their appointed tasks.

It is with this in mind that I remind you of the pledged amounts for the various causes mentioned above in the 1954 budget. The synod treasurer, Charles Lauritzen reports that as of November 11 only \$40,239.00 had been received toward meeting the goal of \$64,800.00 while Lutheran World Action showed only \$8,152.00 had been given toward the projected goal of \$14,416.00. May I ask again that we at this thanksgiving season resolve to meet these budget goals, even oversubscribe them, for the need is much greater than can be met by our modest requested amounts. My plea is especially to all pastors and church councils, that they provide people with the information necessary concerning the part each individual person and family is to have in achieving these goals.

Our American Evangelical Lutheran Church may be small in comparison with many other larger church bodies. It will only be really small if it considers it immaterial whether it reaches the goals it has set for its own needs. It will be really great, in spite of its smallness in numbers and size, if it embraces its opportunities to serve and support as blessings from God, all its institutions, missions and benevolences. "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." These words of our Lord should prepare our hearts for a blessed thanksgiving festival.

Alfred Jensen.

November 22, 1954

He who helps a child helps humanity with an immediateness which no other help given to human creature in any other stage of human life can possibly give again. — Phillips Brooks.

Though I have been trained as a soldier, and participated in many battles, there never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could not be found to prevent the drawing of the sword. — Gen. Grant.

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The Wider Christian Community

A REPORT FROM

Dr. Ernest Nielsen

Yesterday, the first Sunday in Advent, the third assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America opened with a divine service in Old South Church, Boston. According to the city's own promotional literature, "history nudges you on every side," and "a 300-year-old tradition of hospitality" meets every visitor to this city.

We arrived early enough to get a chance to acquaint ourselves with the Back Bay area before the opening service. I love to walk the city streets of any large city, especially on Sundays. Moreover, I like to visit churches new and old, but there are only old, very old, churches in this particular part of the city.

We visited Old South Church, founded in 1669. And we entered Trinity Church where Phillips Brooks served as rector for many years. Certainly, each of those churches is hallowed by its own ministry throughout the centuries.

As I look back, early this morning, upon the afternoon service in Old South Church and the evening session in Symphony Hall, I am somewhat struck by an almost strange twist of what commonly might have been expected, namely, that "Till He Come" would be stressed by one of the invited foreign speakers, and that the "Here and Now," would be set forth in all its urgency by an American speaker. Yesterday, at any rate, the order was reversed.

The Reverend Paul E. Scherer preached the sermon at the opening service of worship and thanksgiving. His sermon was keyed in terms of the great consummation: Till He Come! But a sermon is to be heard rather than reported. One could not fail to recognize that Dr. Scherer is a Lutheran. It was a great service. The assembly started on a Christo-centric and an eschatological note.

I was delighted to learn that the Rev. George MacLeod, founder of the Iowa Community, Scotland, was scheduled to be one of the speakers at the evening session—this community of which we have heard and read so much.

Dr. MacLeod asked: "Is the pace of the churches fast enough?" "How can we quicken our pace?" "Suppose in our day it is God who is in a hurry, and we are not!" His key-note "Here and Now" was aptly illustrated by biblical references to Moses, the prophets, John the Baptist, and to Jesus. He pleaded for an incisive voice of the Church on the question of peace and social issues.

Bishop William C. Martin, the President of the N.C.C.C. stressed the need for both the individual and the corporate witness. We must hold together the witness of the individual Christian and that of the thousands who, standing together declare, "We believe."

It was heartening, I think, to hear Bishop Martin speak understandingly about working together at the national level without disowning our respective denominational loyalty.

When I think of the hymns we sang, I must confess that hymns like "O Word of God Incarnate," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," become more and more meaningful. Thus closed the first day.

Editor's Note: Seven members of our Synod are representing us at this meeting, as previously announced. Pastor Einer Andersen, Troy, N. Y., has replaced Pastor Holger Nielsen on our slate of delegates.

350 From Eleven Synods Attend Lutheran Free Conference

Minneapolis, Minn. —(NLC)— Nearly 350 pastors and laymen of eleven church bodies attended what was said to be the first "All Lutheran Free Conference" in the history of American Lutheranism.

The two-day meeting here, Nov. 11-12, was open to all comers and none of the speakers or participants were official representatives of their denominations.

At the close of the session, it was unanimously voted to hold a similar conference in the Chicago area next fall.

Purpose of the conference will be to provide "a greater opportunity for better acquaintanceship among Lutheran pastors and laymen" and "a forum for the discussion of doctrine and practice on the basis of scripture."

Attendance and interest in the conference here "exceeded our fondest expectations," according to Dr. S. E. Engstrom of Minneapolis, executive director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

The free conference was the last event sponsored by the American Lutheran Conference, of which Dr. Engstrom was president, and which had dissolved here the day before, on Nov. 10, after 24 years of activity as a federation of five bodies.

Dr. Engstrom declared that "the attendance and interest shown revealed the need for an open Lutheran forum," and that "the discussion manifested a great degree of unity of thought and purpose among Lutherans in America."

"The large attendance and the unanimous action calling for another free conference means that our desire for the creation of a permanent forum has been realized," he said.

"This conference should be the place where all Lutherans can meet, not only to give a united witness to each other and to the country, but to interpret the Lutheran Church to our nation."

Of the 350 present, about 150 came from the Twin Cities area. Members of the Synodical Conference had 36 persons in attendance, including 29 of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, four of the Norwegian Synod, two of the Wisconsin Synod, and one of the Slovak Church.

Seven members of the National Lutheran Council had 204 persons registered including 21 of the United Lutheran Church in America, 74 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 71 of the American Lutheran Church, 106 of Augustana, 15 of the Lutheran Free Church, 13 of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and four of the Suomi Synod.

An Overall Look at

The United Lutheran Church in America

This article is the first in a series to appear in LUTHERAN TIDINGS December, 1954, through July, 1955, published under the auspices of the Lutheran Church Relations Committee of our Synod. The aim of these articles is to increase knowledge concerning the ULCA among the people of our Synod. Each article will deal with a specific topic and where comparison with the AELC is found to be convenient and pertinent, such comparisons will be made. These articles do not intend to solicit support for joining our Synod with the ULCA, nor do they intentionally favor the opposite. It is the hope of the Committee that after reading these articles the vote to be taken at the 1955 convention on joining with the ULCA may be arrived at with at least a minimum degree of understanding the structure and function of the ULCA.

This article is written for the purpose of giving a brief sketch of the historical background and the organizational structure of the ULCA.

Background and Origin

The first Lutheran Synod organized in this country is the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1748. Needless to say, its members were of German extraction. Altogether, it can be said that the great majority of ULCA members also today have German background. At the same time it should be stated that this majority descends from immigrants of one hundred or more years ago. If it means anything to anybody, it can be said that the ULCA is the most americanized of all Lutheran churches as far as its membership is concerned. While some of the Lutheran church bodies with difficulty repel the accusation that they are foreign churches, the origin of the ULCA goes back to pre-revolutionary days, long before such denominations as the Disciples of Christ, Mormons, Adventists, Christian Scientists, appeared on the American scene.

Synodical Groupings

When it is remembered that Germany is a country where both Lutheran and Reformed churches exist, and where attempts to unify these have officially been tried (1819) it is little wonder that the first hundred years or so of the Lutheran churches in this country witnessed a struggle to separate these strands doctrinally and organizationally. In Pennsylvania, where the Lutheran church is the largest denomination in membership (8 per cent of the population) the Evangelical and Reformed Church is also very strong. Realizing that language and ethical background was the same, much hesitation was in evidence before the lines of demarcation could be clearly drawn.

The first large grouping of synods was the General Synod, a federation brought into existence in 1820. A procession of synods entering and leaving its membership was seen until in 1867, when a large number of synods left and formed the General Council. The trend from about the middle of the nineteenth century was toward much stronger doctrinal confessions than offered by the General Synod. The most extreme

manifestation of this was the Missouri Synod (1846) and later on, the Synodical Conference. In the course of the years there was a growing emphasis to the end that a Lutheran Church is one which confesses the Bible to be the Word of God, and accepts the three ecumenical symbols, the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. It was upon this basis mainly that the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South, each representing a group of synods mostly in the Eastern half of the country joined to become the United Lutheran Church in America in 1918. At that time there were reported to be 1,058,398 baptized members in the ULCA. There were a total of 46 synods, many of these overlapping the territories of one another. In the course of the years, many synods have been dissolved or reorganized and others organized, until now the ULCA consists of 32 synods.

It was the hope of the ULCA that the invitation stated in the preamble of the constitution would be followed by all the other Lutheran bodies. "... Hereby unite, and now invite and until such end be attained continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran congregations and synods in America, one with us in the faith, to unite with us, upon the terms of this Constitution, in one general Organization, to be known as THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA."

Organizational Structure

The ULCA corresponds by and large in its organizational setup to that of the United States. A Synod can be likened to a state. Certainly some of the synods cover more than one state some of them less (there are three in Pennsylvania). The ULCA is the Union that ties all of the synods together much as the Federal Government does the states. The ULCA has been delegated certain powers by the synods according to its constitution, just as the Government in Washington has been delegated certain powers by the states. The Biennial Convention of the ULCA is the legislative arm of the Church like Congress is that of the country. The Executive Board of the ULCA is equivalent to the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. The Commission on Adjudication compares with the Supreme Court. It settles disputes, if such arise, between synods, and between synods and the ULCA.

Besides the Executive Board of the ULCA there are eight other incorporated boards, each one of these functioning as designated in its title:

Board of Foreign Missions, Board of American Missions, Board of Social Missions, Board of Deaconess Work, Board of Pensions, Board of Education, Board of Parish Education, Board of Publication.

The ULCA itself is incorporated, and the Executive Board, headed by the president, secretary and the treasurer as the officers of the ULCA, directs its funds and affairs. Each Board controls its own funds and affairs and reports directly to the ULCA convention. There are twelve members besides the officers on the Executive Board; the other Boards have from 15 to

21 members each. It is my understanding that any one of the 32 synods may choose to conduct similar functions to those conducted regularly by the above mentioned boards, but at their own expense, and, of course, in conformity with ULCA standards. If they choose to do this they must nevertheless meet their budget apportionment to the ULCA. Naturally, these ULCA boards direct the work assigned to them under the guidance of a competent staff, well trained and with a wide experience in their particular field; and the synods are happy to let them do their work. At the ULCA convention held in Toronto, Canada, in October, the decision was reached that may have far reaching consequences. Upon recommendation by a committee, that had made a study of the structural organization of the ULCA, it was decided to give more authority and power to the president, who was made "a leader and a counsellor in matters spiritual and temporal." He was also given oversight over the the secretary and treasurer. Furthermore, the Executive Board will be vested with the 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. It can readily be seen that this was done to coordinate efforts and plans of the boards as well as giving the Executive Board practical control of the affairs of the ULCA between conventions. The real control still rests with the convention, however, which determines the budgets for these boards. Greater striking power at any given moment for any given cause will perhaps have been made possible by these constitutional changes. Two-thirds of the synods will have to approve before they can go into effect following the 1956 convention.

The Synods

What position do the synods occupy in the ULCA scheme of things? A very important one, for they exercise what might be called Home Rule, though with the modifications placed upon them by the ULCA boards. The synods support such important objectives as foreign missions, home missions, pensions, as well as whatever relations and cooperation the ULCA may have with organizations like the National Lutheran Council, National Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation or any other agency outside the ULCA through the support of the ULCA budget. Still they have important functions to carry on at home such as providing Christian education for students entering colleges and seminaries. These are organized and directed by boards whose membership are elected by the synodical conventions. The same holds true of welfare institutions and activities. Cooperation between the synodical boards and committees in the field of Home Missions, Higher Education, Social Missions, Deaconess Work and Parish Education and the corresponding boards of the ULCA has great significance. The spiritual care of the congregations as well as the training and ordination of ministers belong with the synods. It will be seen that a certain balance is aimed at between what can best be done on a national scale by the ULCA and what can best be left to the synods on a smaller and more restricted scale.

Each synod is incorporated and has its own synodi-

cal board elected at the annual conventions generally held in the spring of each year.

Does the ULCA provide the organizational structure capable of giving the synods representing all sections of this country and Canada the needed centralized direction at the top, yet allow each synod sufficient leeway to run its own affairs within its respective smaller domain? No one will question the adequacy of the scheme of our federal union, when proper balance is maintained between the federal government and the states. The ULCA maintains that it has found the solution to the problem of how all Lutheran church bodies could unite with it and still maintain a large degree of selfgovernment.

The question remains: How can the AELC maintain its identity if it should become a constituent synod of the ULCA? The AELC has its churches spread through many states. The answer is that the ULCA does provide for so-called linguistic synods to become and remain constituent synods even though their congregations are located within the territories of other synods. Even the organization of new home mission congregations will be found possible (see letter from Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president of the ULCA as reprinted in Supplemental Report of the Lutheran Church Relations Committee to the 77th annual Convention of the AELC, 1954).

The total baptized membership of the ULCA in 1953 is reported officially to be 2,143,372. This represents about double the membership reported at the time of the formation of the ULCA in 1918.

Below follow the names and baptized membership of the constituent synods of the ULCA in 1952 (1953 figures not at my disposal).

1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	348,012
2. United Synod of New York and New England..	220,812
3. United Synod of North Carolina	57,111
4. Maryland Synod	96,160
5. Synod of South Carolina	40,159
6. Central Pennsylvania Synod	298,201
7. Synod of Virginia	37,339
8. Synod of Ohio	141,584
9. Pittsburgh Synod	157,284
10. Indiana Synod	37,245
11. Illinois Synod	90,890
12. Texas Synod	10,821
13. Synod of Iowa	32,220
14. Mississippi Synod	1,259
15. Michigan Synod	17,544
16. Georgia-Alabama Synod	10,082
17. Synod of Canada	45,905
18. Synod of Kansas	17,238
19. Synod of Nebraska	36,162
20. Wartburg Synod	29,545
21. Icelandic Synod	7,279
22. Synod in the Midwest	25,474
23. Synod of California	38,090
24. Rocky Mountain Synod	9,198
25. Synod of the Northwest	109,369
26. Synod of Western Canada	18,089
27. Pacific Synod	17,211

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1954 Convention of District III DWIGHT, ILLINOIS

The theme of the 1954 District III convention was "Our Christian Responsibility." The convention was held during beautiful late summer weather. The hospitality of the people of Dwight was most gracious and heartfelt to all of the guests. There were 61 delegates, 7 pastors and many visitors present at the convention.

Pastor Eilert C. Nielsen of Clinton, district president, presided at the meetings. Pastor Marvin E. Nygaard of Dwight was re-elected secretary and Mr. Knud Overgaard of Chicago was re-elected treasurer.

The convention heard reports from every congregation in the district pertaining to the services, activities and improvements in each field. Reports were received from the Danish Lutheran Children's home in Chicago where there are 28 children cared for — children from broken homes. Broken homes are like a gnawing cancer on American society. The Home celebrated its 70th anniversary this year.

Miss Ruth Jacobsen reported for the AELYF that a Santal student, Anil Kumar Jha had arrived from India and was attending Grand View College. Another student is expected from India.

The convention decided to grant \$100 per year for the three Seminary years to each student from district III.

At the pastors' meeting on Friday afternoon, Pastor Nygaard told of the great help derived from the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis in the teaching ministry in the congregation. Each year an instructor from LBI is invited to come for a Bible conference, Sunday through Thursday, for a study in a book of the Bible. Each year a student from LBI is employed as instructor in the Daily Vacation Bible School. Correspondence courses are also taken from LBI either in group studies or by individuals. This helps us to advance with the Bible.

Pastor Erik K. Moller spoke on Home Missions. Having had experience on the Home Mission field, Pastor Moller, using I Peter 2:9 as his text, urged us on to Home Mission work in our local communities. There are many people in our communities who are unchurched and without Christ. They sit in spiritual darkness and must be brought to Christ by those who know Him as Savior.

Pastor Robert S. Heide spoke on the subject of Stewardship using the text, Philippians 4:16-17. The apostle Paul commended the giving of the Philippian congregation. We should emulate them by giving freely and cheerfully. The fruits of Christian giving are many.

Pastor Paul Wikman delivered a message on Prayer based on the Word of God as found in I Thess. 5:16-19. "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ to you-ward. Quench not the Spirit." A Youth Fellowship meeting was held at 8 with Pastor Ivan E. Nielsen leading the discussion.

Pastor Eilert C. Nielsen spoke on "Worship" at

the Sunday morning service and Dr. Johannes Knudsen from Maywood gave the concluding message of the convention on the subject: "Our Christian Responsibility: The Ministry." This reporter did not get notes on either of the Sunday messages.

We thank God for the Church of Jesus Christ and for its message of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We wish to conclude this report with Acts 20:28. "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of the Lord which he obtained for himself with his own blood."

Marvin E. Nygaard, Sec.

Surplus Foods Make up LWR Christmas Packages

New York—(NLC)—More than 300,000 family size surplus food packages are being shipped abroad for Christmas distribution by Lutheran World Relief, the material aid agency of the National Lutheran Council.

These gifts will go to Germany, Yugoslavia, Austria and Hong Kong, it was announced here by Bernard A. Confer, executive secretary of LWR.

The 13-14-pound packages, with contents adapted to the dietary requirements of each country, are provided from U. S. government surplus stocks and released to recognized voluntary agencies under a program supervised by the U. S. Foreign Operations Administration.

Lutheran World Relief is one of some twenty recognized agencies included in the program. The surplus stocks are released to the agencies only for distribution in specified areas to avoid duplication.

According to Mr. Confer, LWR will ship 162,709 packages to Germany, 100,000 to Yugoslavia; 35,000 to Austria; and 20,000 to Hong Kong; or a total of 317,709 packages.

The surplus food packages prepared for Northern Europe consist of butter, shortening, beef and gravy, dry bean, rice and wheat flour; the packages for Southern Europe of rice, butter, nonfat dried milk, dry beans, beef and gravy and wheat flour; the packages for needy in the Far East of dry beans, butter, cheese, shortening, cottonseed oil, beef and gravy and rice, Mr. Confer said.

He emphasized that the special surplus stock Christmas package operation is being carried on in addition to the regular program of Lutheran World Relief, under which Lutheran food and clothing donations as well as large amounts of government surplus commodities are being shipped to other countries along with the four mentioned in the special program.

In November and December, Mr. Confer said, large amounts of surplus commodities will be shipped for distribution through Lutheran channels in the Holy Land and Korea as well as in Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and Hong Kong.

Paging Youth

American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Editor: Ted Thuesen, Grand View Seminary
Des Moines 16, Iowa

T. C. Says

It is not without some regret that, with this issue, I lay down the editorship of PAGING YOUTH. Though there have been many problems involved, the task has been interesting and worthwhile.

It has not always been easy to get enough of the right kind of material for the page and, more important, there has been some question as to what constitutes the right kind of material. There is, further, some question as to how many young people read PAGING YOUTH. However, in spite of all this, editing the youth page in LUTHERAN TIDINGS has been an enjoyable and rewarding work.

To all of those who through the period of my editorship have supplied articles, reports, news items and other material I would like to extend a hearty "Thank You." Without your cooperation there could have been no PAGING YOUTH. Yours has been the creative task, mine the mechanical task of assembling that which you have supplied.

With this issue the editorship passes to **Ted Thuesen**, a seminary student at Grand View. Those of us who know Ted look forward to a good youth page under his capable direction. May I urge you to give him your wholehearted support and cooperation. With it he can make the page better than ever.

May I then extend to AELYF a "Thank You" for the privilege of serving as your editor for the past thirty-two months. And, to Ted, my best wishes for an interesting and successful editorship.

Thorvald Hansen.

Thank You and Welcome

It was almost three years ago that Pastor Thorvald Hansen took over the editorship of PAGING YOUTH. After being elected to serve on the Publications Board of our church, he found it necessary to resign as the editor. His years as editor have indeed been successful. We are grateful for the long hours he has contributed, and for the PAGING YOUTH that he so efficiently gave us. I know that all AELYFers join me in saying, thank you very much, Thorvald, for your service.

At the same time I would like to introduce and welcome our new editor, Ted Thuesen. Ted hails from Cedar Falls, Iowa (Fredsville congregation). He attended Grand View College during 1945-47, and returned in the spring of 1953 to enter Grand View Seminary. During the intervening years he obtained his BA degree at Augustana College (Illinois), taught social studies in a high school, and served in the U. S. army. I hope you will give PAGING YOUTH and

its new editor your earnest support. Welcome, Ted, as the new editor of PAGING YOUTH.

Lavern Larkowski.
President, AELYF.

Paging Youth is Now Almost Four Years Old

When Thorvald Hansen assumed the editorship in March of 1952, when PY was only one year old, he wrote, "... your new editor does feel that PY has made a good beginning under Ronald Jespersen's guidance and he will do his best to not only keep the infant alive but healthy as well." Your present new editor feels that "T. C." has turned over to his care a very healthy "youngster," indeed. And he shall do his best to see that the "youngster" continues to thrive. But remember! The care of PY is the responsibility of us all. Your editor urges you to support it generously with your articles, news notes and announcements.

At our recent national convention in Des Moines, many AELYFers expressed the view that PY should contain more "news." This will only be possible if you send news from your local fellowships and districts. (Note your new editor's address in the masthead above.) Your editor also requests that you place him on your mailing list if you have a district newsletter. He also understands that the retiring editor has found Pastors' Bulletins to be a good source of information about AELYF activities, and therefore, **suggests that pastors place him on their bulletin mailing lists.**

How Are Your Programs ?

Do your programs have snap, or are they dull and uninteresting? If you'd like a few suggestions for program improvement, why not order for your next meeting the new filmstrip "The Tale of Two Copies" which has just been released by the Joint Publications Council which publishes "Youth Programs." The filmstrip, which is accompanied by a reading script, is the story of "Handy" and "Dandy," two copies of "Youth Program" and their use and misuse. You'll enjoy some of the cartoon drawings, and you'll see your own local fellowship in more than one of the pictures, whether your on the right trail or the wrong one. Why not order this filmstrip, or one of the other fine filmstrips, from June Westergaard, 2921 North 56th, Omaha 4, Nebraska, for your next meeting? Your only cost is for transportation.

W. Clayton Nielsen.

Order Youth Week Materials Now !

Youth Week 1955 is scheduled for January 30 — February 6. Youth Sunday Worship Bulletins and other Youth Week materials can be ordered from:

Department of Publication and Distribution
National Council of Churches — Midwest Office
79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

However, orders should be sent before Christmas to insure delivery! A complete packet containing samples of all Youth Week materials can be obtained for 50 cents plus 15 cents for postage and handling.

The theme of the 1955 observance is:

"ONE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST"

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Our Women's Work

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Please send all contributions to WMS to our new treasurer, Mrs. Ove Nielsen.

From You to Ya-All

It is only sixty years ago since the Danevang community was started. Danes from perhaps your community answered the advertisement by J. C. Evers in early Danish-American periodicals, and came to Danevang, Texas, to make their home in this wonderful "land of opportunity." The beautiful words in the advertisement were idealistic in view of the early hardships that were endured. A few of the settlers left, some wished that they could leave, while others stayed and made the most of what they had. Those who brought animals with them lost most of these animals because of new diseases and change in climate. Humans were also afflicted. One elderly lady recently said, "We never wondered what was wrong when someone got sick; we knew it was malaria."

Herds of long-horned cattle roamed the vast range. Branding irons were used instead of fences. It was not unusual to awaken in the middle of the night thinking perhaps an earthquake had arrived, only to find an old cow or two scratching at the corner of the house.

The early advertisements by Evers stated that water could be found at a depth of only twenty five feet. The pioneers found water much nearer than that! There were no drainage ditches in those days on this flat land, and at times when it rained, people wondered if the Gulf of Mexico was moving inland. At one of these times, so one story is told, a visiting pastor sat and cried on a little knoll that was entirely surrounded by water.

Yet sixty years later we also hear of the "good old days," when people would gather in groups to help one another and to enjoy one another. Whether people were more neighborly because of circumstances or because of their own natures is open to discussion.

It hardly seems possible to us, as newcomers, that so much change has taken place in only sixty years. Today we find beautiful homes with modern furnishings. The children and grandchildren of these early Danevang settlers have profited from the early toil and persistence. Now there is much more truth in the flowery words which were in the early Danish periodicals about this southern settlement.

Twelve miles southeast of El Campo is the high-

way sign which states that this is "Danevang." It is still possible to find new experiences here, especially if you come from the "nawth" as we did. Even this little sign "Danevang" puzzled us. We thought Danevang meant the houses which lined Texas highway 71, as well as the post office, mercantile store, grocery, Co-op hardware and cotton gins, the filling station and school house. However, when the people here talk of going "to town" they mean El Campo, not Danevang as we thought. Now we also go "to the Co-op" or "to the store" or "to the post office." Danevang means the whole community to most people. The church is a mile from the little sign and yet is also called Danevang. Where the boundary lines are no one seems to know for sure. Do they only take in a certain area? Or do they reach only the land settled by the early Danes? Is it possible to expand? The type of land changes not far from here and with it the population becomes more sparsely settled.

Some of you remember hearing of the hurricane of 1945, which also among other damages demolished the church. Later the church was replaced with an army chapel. A Sunday school building was added in 1952. A new ranch style house replaced the old parsonage in 1949. The community hall (correctly named as it is used for community affairs such as Co-op meetings, voting for elections, etc.) is the only building of the original buildings left, although it has been remodelled and had additional space built on. The church grounds are beautiful and well kept.

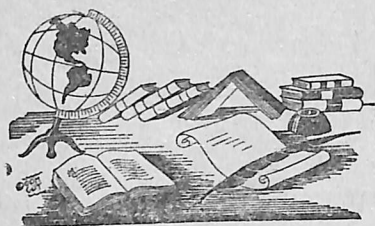
Danevang is about thirty miles from the Gulf of Mexico and a little over thirty feet above sea level. Eating salt water fish is an experience worth while. The fish do not even need lemon juice or tartar sauce. Fishing is one of the favorite sports and many people have motor boats, and some have "bay houses."

There is one topic of conversation that is common in Texas as it is elsewhere, and that is the weather. However, there is one difference. "Anyone who predicts weather in Texas is either a stranger or a fool." The average annual rainfall is 41 inches, and the mean average temperature is 68.6 degrees. So far in 1954 only about fifteen inches of rain has fallen, and it is not likely that the balance will bring the total up to the average. However, this year a good crop was had nevertheless. As for the time of year the rain comes, the answer is, "Anytime." We do know that the time of year when no rain is wanted is August, during cotton picking time.

Most of the flat Danevang land is cotton land. Cotton grows well on the heavy black land. To grow a good garden you need to add some sand to the black soil. To build a house you need to haul in sand, and build your house on sand! The black land cracks and shifts in dry weather.

Many homes are built on cement slabs, as is the

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OPINION AND COMMENT

THE NEW REGULATIONS for Social Security which we mentioned here a month ago reveal some interesting details as we study them closer. Some of our men who have retired have been called back into service on a temporary basis, and there has been some question as to whether they should continue receiving a pension or not. The Social Security law anticipates this quite common situation, and stipulates that a minister may fill a pulpit occasionally, or on a part-time basis, provided his income for such service does not exceed \$1,200 in a year. For every \$80 in excess of that sum which he earns, he will lose one month's security payment. Once he has reached the age of 72, there are no such restrictions on his earnings — A minister who wants to credit his 1955 earnings toward social security must file by April 15, 1956 — the last day he may pay income tax for 1955 without risking penalty. He must have an account card also, applied for before that date at the nearest social security office.

SOMEWHAT IN THE same vein, in that ministers will no doubt be beneficiaries, is the wide publicity being given in many papers to the vexatious subject of ministers' salaries. The June issue of NATION'S BUSINESS was first to bring it up. Now there follow articles in the November issues of CORONET and the widely read READERS' DIGEST. Walter Hoving, who writes the DIGEST article is a well-known layman, and president of Bonwit Teller, a New York department store. He suggests following the Government's "Cost of Living Index" as the fair way to adjust salaries to living cost fluctuation, since ministers today on the average are 16 per cent worse off than in 1939. (But such a "parity" plan fails to consider that even in 1939 the scale for clergymen was much below average.) Probably one reason many congregations are reluctant to act forcefully on this matter is that they unwittingly tend to over-evaluate the parsonage as part of the pastor's income. True, the pastor lives in his house free, while his parishioners are paying \$60 or \$70 a month on their houses. But after 20 or 25 years the parishioner owns his house, and can retire there when his working days are done. Few ministers have a home to return to at 65. Many ministers, of course, are well-cared-for by their churches. Probably it would do them good to read one of the above mentioned articles to see how much better their condition is than the average.

CHAPEL HILL is a University town in North Carolina. A new city cemetery is being built there, and the aldermen of the town recently decreed that in conducting the cemetery, racial segregation shall be carried out. Whites are to be buried in one section, Negroes in a separate section. According to the LU-

THARAN COMPANION, 16 clergymen have joined in protesting this ridiculous action, and have demanded that at least part of the cemetery be designated as non-segregated ground. Such positive action, even though in compromise form, is encouraging. The Christian conscience must be won over if we are to win the battle against selfish prejudices. The Master's equalizing treatment of the despised Samaritans (and His eulogizing of them as in the tenth chapter of Luke) show how unmistakable was His attitude. Who is my neighbor? **all** my brothers under Him who is Our Father! And they are my neighbors and brothers whether in the churchyard, the classroom, or the city residential section.

THIS IS WRITTEN on the day of the 80th birthday of one who may well be the "greatest" man now alive, Sir Winston Churchill. Whatever our politics, we cannot help but admire the courage and energy of one who has surpassed the psalmists average of "threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years." An unaged spirit can carry on in an aged body. (The oldest man of record was a Dane — Christian Jakobsen, who died at 146 in the year 1772. Taken into slavery at 68 by Algerians, he escaped and joined the navy at 84, married at age 111. He outlived his wife, and at 130 proposed to numerous women, but none would have him.) There are, we suppose, many old people who, though healthy, are tired of the struggle of life and wish death would come. Long life is no blessing unless we have discovered something to live for. Methuselah's great age was remarkable, but we have no record of anything he did to make such longevity worthwhile. The length of life is not so important as its breadth and depth.

PERHAPS THE RUSSIANS have discovered that "religion" is the one area where the Communist party meets the most resistance to its efforts to dominate life completely. At any rate, there is a suggestion of this in the decree recently signed by Khrushchev, Communist party chief. The decree is called "On Mistakes in Carrying out Scientific Atheistic Propaganda among the Population." One paragraph is especially revealing: "Moreover, it is silly and harmful to place some Soviet citizens under political suspicion for their religious beliefs. Instead, patient, well-organized scientific atheistic propaganda among the believers will help them finally free themselves from their religious errors."

IF YOU ARE LOOKING for Christmas gift suggestions, may we call attention to a combination gift that will bring continued contentment during the whole year to your grandfather or aged uncle, or your young immigrant friend from Denmark, or to someone in Denmark. A copy of DANSK NYTAAR under the tree, together with a year's subscription to KIRKE OG FOLK, would surely be most welcome. DANSK NYTAAR is reviewed elsewhere in this paper, and can be had for one dollar, postpaid, from Grand View College Book Store. For a subscription to KIRKE OG FOLK write Pastor Paul Wikman, 8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago, \$1.50 per year.

YULE 1954

Christmas came upon me very suddenly this year. Last night our LT editor dropped in with a copy of the new YULE; deadline for this issue of LT was very few hours distant and would I write a review. His motives were honest and clear: he had just received a copy of our young people's Christmas magazine and the review had to be in this issue. So I was suddenly immersed in this collection of songs, stories, articles, and art work that Rev. Harris Jespersen and Dagmar Potholm Petersen have gathered together for the enrichment of our Yuletide. It is not the way that I have approached YULE other years but it did give me some impressions to share with you.

A magazine at Christmas-time is an old tradition for which there should still be room in our lives today. Not all in such an edition will deal specifically with the religious festival or even with the holiday as such. Also appropriate are those words that speak of hope and beauty. There is a real place for such articles included in this issue as the one on United Nations and another on the sculptor, Christian Petersen. Incidentally, the photograph accompanying these articles is some of the best in the book. Parenthetically, I hope the budget for YULE will some day allow for some colour photography. I know that the expense is for the present prohibitive but we can all help YULE to grow toward the year when it may be possible.

There is an article on snowflakes that turns out to be a simple yet profound insight into the miracle of Christmas. I appreciated particularly the biographical sketch of the "Christmas Poet," Grace Noll Crowell, and would really include that in the devotional impact of this issue. This suggests a question: What of the religious contributions of YULE? There are several, of course, from the editor's meditation to the poetry and song and the scripture passages that are artistically included. But the most positive comment that I can make is that I found the entire issue worshipfully presented and that this distinction is therefor difficult to make.

There are stories too (four of them), and although I have not yet read them all, I have scanned them enough to look forward to them. Some of the authors you will remember from previous issues and will welcome their return. The same may be said for the art work that makes this a festive book. Hertha and Saralice are becoming old friends in many of our homes at Christmas-time. I wish some of you would send them a card of thanks and return the greeting.

This morning I found our YULES of past years in the Christmas library we have in our home. They come out every Christmas for the re-reading which for the most part they deserve. This new issue has an attractive new face and new content — but it is clearly the same old friend and deserves to join that holiday collection. I was introduced to it rather abruptly this year, but I will read it again at leisure in that final week of the year — this year and in years to come.

A. C. Kildegaard.

Dean, Grand View Seminary.

The "1955 Dansk Nytaar"

The editor of LUTHERAN TIDINGS did me a favor when he asked me to call to your attention this excellent annual, for it provided me with good reading material at Thanksgiving time. All who are able to read in the Danish language have a treat in store, if they will avail themselves of the opportunity and have at hand a copy for enjoyment during the holidays. Cheering it is to experience that our Danish heritage, far from being only thin air, can bring forth such an array of selections. And selections these are, for the editor could not find room in his 180-page magazine for all the material at his disposal.

"DANSK NYTAAR" is a symposium. It therefore meets our needs. For typically we are deeply religious, full of zest, for adventure, poetic dreamers of dreams, philosophers and prosaic debunkers, and rascals as well with a sense of humor, especially at someone else's expense.

Paul Nyholm deserves our gratitude and praise for placing at our disposal his many-sided almanac. It should find its way into every home where Danish is read, for it is an embodiment and new manifestation of some of the things we cherish. Written as it is in the Danish almost exclusively, it will help satisfy that spiritual hunger which many a one harbors, who through circumstances has been deprived of his favorite diet.

P. Jorgensen.

Dean, Grand View College.

Dansk Nytaar

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Also an interview with Jean Hersholt, described in Danish by Paul Nyholm, Editor, and in English by J. M. Girtz. And a history of the year in the two "Danish" Synods.

Additional comments: "DANSK NYTAAR will again this year become the most widely read book in Danish-American circles." —Enok Mortensen.

"DANSK NYTAAR will, as was its predecessor, quickly be sold out." —Dr. J. C. Bay.

"I want to add my opinion, that DANSK NYTAAR will bind our two beloved nations still closer." —Lauritz Melchior.

Order from: Grand View College Bookstore
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The United Lutheran Church in America

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28. Nova Scotia Synod	7,084
29. Synod of West Virginia	9,496
30. Slovak-Zion Synod	20,944
31. Synod of Florida	6,986
32. Kentucky-Tennessee Synod	10,391
33. New Jersey Synod	76,025
34. Caribbean Synod	6,136
Total	2,087,945

Due to a merger of the Kansas, Nebraska and Midwest Synods this year, the total number of synods at the present time is 32.

Lutheran churches in foreign lands which have come into existence through the work and influence of the Board of Foreign Mission of the ULCA are called Affiliated Churches of the ULCA. They are as follows:

United Evangelical Lutheran Church (Argentina).
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of British Guiana.
 Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, India.
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Japan.
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia.

The affiliated churches can have representation at the ULCA conventions but have no vote at these. They have approximately 250,000 baptized members.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa.
 November 25, 1954.

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parsonage. It is seldom one finds a home with a basement. These are not practical as they would be too damp. It is much simpler and much more comfortable to add a room to the southeast, and catch that "Gulf breeze."

The difference in language was probably that which made us feel more "away from home" than any other one thing. Yet this is a difference that disappeared as we learned to know people.

There are many more changes and differences than those written here, that are experienced in moving from the north into the south. We find it interesting to have this opportunity to learn to live in the south with its different ways of living and expression. Whenever moving from congregation to congregation there are differences to be noticed, though perhaps not as great as we found when moving from the north to the south.

But the differences are not really great differences, and the congregation, though isolated from the rest of AELC, still feels itself a part of the synod and is interested in its work and purposes. We hope to get an understanding that we could never get from books alone, or even by travelling through the south. — Of one thing you may be sure, if you ever visit the southland you will be welcomed back more than once by, "Ya-all come back."

Mrs. Ronald Jespersen.

Paging Youth

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NOTE: Sonja Knudsen of Trinity Church in Chicago is the author of the "Report on the National Convention and Workshop of the AELYP" which appeared in the last issue of PY. We are sorry that Sonja's name was inadvertently omitted last time and want to thank her for a fine report!

CORRECTION: Donald Williams, and not Donald Holm, as reported in the last issue, gave the devotional message on Saturday morning at the national convention.

Introducing Our Newly Elected Officers

At our recent national convention we elected a new national president and treasurer. We feel that you would like to meet them.

Lavern Larkowski (President) is at present a senior, majoring in sociology, at Drake University in Des Moines. He took his first two years of college at Grand View and still lives in the boys' dormitory at GVC where he acts as a dorm proctor. Lavern plans to enter Grand View Seminary next fall. He is a member of our congregation at Nysted, his home being at Dannebrog, Nebraska. Young people from the Great Plains District will remember that Lavern was vice president of that district for two years. Lavern is financing his college education by working as the youth director for the Union Park Methodist Church in Des Moines. (Lavern's picture appeared in the last issue of PY.)

Agneta Bollesen (Treasurer) is a native of Tyler, Minnesota. Agneta also attended Grand View College for two years and is now a junior at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. We think it is noteworthy that Agneta is majoring in religious education.

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Grand View College And Our Youth

Tum-Tum-te-Dum

(To the tune most generally used!)

Little did Inga Hoifeldt know what a reception was planned for her when she arrived at the Des Moines Airport to join her husband Ralf. Inga and Ralf were married in Denmark last August, but Ralf wanted to return to his adopted country to go to college, and more especially, Grand View. So he left Denmark and his Inga, hoping soon to be able to have her join him here. That big day in their lives occurred on the 13th, but there never was a luckier 13th for either of them. When Ralf finally realized that the hour had come, he was one nervous groom, but about four carloads of students were with him to help him over the jitters. When the plane arrived at about 2 p. m., Inga was greeted by about thirty students carrying a large banner which said, very appropriately, "Velkommen Inga." As she stepped from the plane we all joined in singing lustily, if not too well, the Danish National Anthem. Then back to the dorm with horns blaring. Yes, a bride had come to GVC! Welcome and congratulations. We hope you will love America, and that you both will be very happy in your new life together!

Now to the more prosaic things such as basketball games with fantastic high scores! Maybe prosaic is the wrong word. Perhaps we should say that at this writing the high, high scores in our basketball games are quite the ordinary thing. This game (Fort Dodge) was the second game that brought us close to the century mark in our scoring. We like 'em that way, and as far as we are concerned they can just keep it up as long as the big numbers come on our side of the scoreboards. Good work, fellas!

Autumn Nocturne! It sounds almost as yummy as our dates said we looked. The fall ball was a beautiful thing. Bet you never realized that the old gym could look so downright pretty. Only goes to show what wonders can be accomplished by the art of camouflage. The music was the best, and we made the most of it. As usual there was one regret. Why can't we ever get around to making it a 100 per cent affair? All of the students should have been at the gym for this very gay, very beautiful, and very proper fall dance.

The college and dorm must have been like a tomb this past week-end. Practically everyone headed for home or for somebody else's home for Thanksgiving. It was good to be home

for a few days, but do you know we didn't get that extra sleep we had planned on getting. Friends and relations saw to it that our time was occupied in any number of delightfully delicious ways. But in less than a month we can try again, for then we will have two weeks in which to loaf and snooze. Oh happy thought!

Mustn't forget to mention that Iowa Lutheran nurses and their staff invited us to the Nurses' Home for an "open house." I'm so sorry I wasn't able to be there, but from what I heard, the nurses really rolled out the red carpet for Mr. W. He really got the treatment! On a conducted tour of the hospital, it seems that a pretty swell swimming pool was the object of many "ohs" and "ahs", and 'tis even whispered that one of the little nurses confided to Willie that "the men use the pool, too, but they aren't allowed to use it when we do." The mystery of the pillows was also explained (if unwittingly) and if you don't know what I'm referring to ask Mr. Jessen or Dr. Nielsen. For that matter, the Messrs. Jensen, Graham and Speed are likewise well informed on the subject, not to mention again, the delight of the nurses, Prof. Williamson.

Is there anything else you should know? Guess I'm a bit slow in the thinking department, so I hope you will forgive me. I'll see you once again before Christmas, though, so goodbye until next time.

R. F.

OUR CHURCH

Lindsay, Neb. The St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, also known as the Rosendborg Church, celebrated its 70th Anniversary here Oct. 30 and 31. Dr. Alfred Jensen was guest speaker. A neighboring pastor, the Rev. Worthington addressed the congregation Saturday morning, and Pastor M. Christensen of Omaha (UELCL) spoke Sunday evening. Pastor M. Mikkelsen also serves nearby Bethany Church, which observed its 75th Anniversary in something of a combined celebration. The St. Ansgar Church was organized on the initiative of Pastor Bodholdt who was pastor at Marquette, Nebraska, serving St. Ansgar as often as possible. During the first years, it appears that his mode of travel was by horseback, 60 miles out, 60 miles home again. Pastor Kjølhede was the first resident pastor here, 1887. Bethany Church was originally a member of the Norwegian Hauge Synod. St. Ansgar's grew out of the desire of the Danish constitution to have a church of its own.

Bridgeport, Conn. The Friendship Circle here obtained the use of one of the "Robert Montgomery Presents" TV programs for showing in the church. Osa Massen is starred. The story is

called "Road to Happiness," and concerns a young Danish minister and his wife who find happiness in their difficult work on the bleak, dreary, Færoe Islands, an outlying part of Denmark's territory.

Des Moines, Iowa. The Synod has offered to sell its Luther Memorial Church property to the Des Moines congregation for \$30,000.

Racine, Wisconsin. Loyalty Sunday brought an attendance of 330 persons the last Sunday in November, and the offering for the day was over \$700.

Ludington, Michigan. The church here has received a new outer coating of Insulwood siding, in a soft gray color with white trim. A new cement floor has been laid in the front of the church. 123 children are enrolled in Sunday School here.

Victory, Michigan. This rural church, also served by Pastor John Christensen of Ludington, has services Sunday evenings except for one Sunday morning service monthly. Recently folding chairs were purchased to supplement the regular church pews. The Sunday School supports a child in school in India, and Bible School was conducted last summer.

From Manistee

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Manistee, Michigan, has been active since the last report. A pair of beautiful brass altar vases was dedicated at the service Nov. 7, given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simonson. On July 28th Mrs. Peter Simonson was laid to rest. She was buried from our church with Pastor James Lund officiating. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Ness, a granddaughter, Mrs. Tom Juhl, and a great-granddaughter, Kristine Juhl. We miss Mrs. Simonson's kindly smile and her continued interest in our church in spite of her 90 years.

The sudden passing of Bob Lott, friend and neighbor of our church, also saddened us. He was buried from the church on Nov. 6th, and is survived by his wife who is our Sunday School superintendent. He was ever ready to give a helping hand when help was needed. The three women's circles had a joint meeting the first of the month to make plans for the coming year. It is to these women we are indebted for the many improvements made on our property. On Dec. 18th, the circles are having a Christmas apron-and-food sale.

Two of our men have spent many hours and evenings of their free time repairing the ground-work under the flooring where termites have been busy, laying new flooring and linoleum in the men's and ladies' room in the parish hall. New toilets and lavatories have been installed and the ladies have given the walls a new color scheme.

After a two month vacation, when

most of the organizations had picnic meetings instead of regular meetings, work has been resumed. The Ladies' Aid is busy making final preparations for its bazaar in December, at which time it will again serve its famous "æbleskiver."

The choir meets every Wednesday evening under the efficient leadership of Miss Thelma Paulson. She is grade school music supervisor of Manistee schools. The Junior Choir has also sung on several occasions. The first of the month is their Sunday to serve the church with music.

On the last Sunday of September, our Sunday school had its rally day and promotion Sunday, at which time attendance awards were also given.

During Pastor and Mrs. Lund's month's vacation to the west in August, two of our services were conducted by our young people. We are proud and happy to have this group of young people who assume responsibility and are able to conduct services in such a reverent and sincere manner. The other services were conducted by local pastors.

Our church took part in the Reformation Day service held at the Congregational Church on Oct. 31st at 8 o'clock. A dynamic speaker, Rev. Berg of Minneapolis (Augustana Synod) gave the address. The massed choir of 50 voices representing the protestant churches of our city sang beautifully and as a dramatic climax to the message sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." The Choir was directed by Pastor Robert Larson, a member of the Ministerial Association which sponsored this service.

Our parish hall has taken on a new look. The upstairs has newly sanded and varnished floors, and beautiful traverse drapes. The downstairs has a cheerful asphalt tile floor, beautiful stove, new cupboards and another refrigerator, plus the rejuvenation of the ladies' and men's room.

A number of our Sunday school teachers are attending (Nov. 19) the district Sunday School Institute.

Former pastor, Paul Wikman, was a caller for a day, and it was good to see and talk to him again. He came to get Mrs. Knudstrup who was returning with him to help organize a Women's Mission Circle in his church (St. Stephen's, Chicago).

In October, we had the privilege of hearing Dr. Krag give an illustrated talk on the care of the aged. He is a nephew of Pastor Lund, and has done considerable research work in this field, as well as in diatetes. He traveled in Europe this summer studying the situation in the foreign countries and attending a meeting in England. He pointed out that retirement beginning at the age of 65 makes this a vital subject for us to consider. He said the church could do much. In other words, an adult education program was becoming necessary to fit men and women for life after retire-

ment, now that our span of life was longer.

Pastor Lund was called home to Denver, Colorado, to pay his last respects to his dear old mother who passed away at the age of 92. He was so happy that he had had the opportunity to be with her this summer.

I wish to extend sincere wishes to all congregations and friends for a blessed Christmas. Though the wish is sent a little early, it is nevertheless wished in the true spirit of Christmas from members of our church.

Thora E. Hansen, Corres.

Acknowledgement of Receipts from the Synod Treasurer

For the month of November, 1954

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	\$ 256.00
Tyler, Minn.	750.00
Seattle, Wash.	94.50
Askov, Minn.	89.10
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	150.00
Fredsville, Iowa	500.00
Muskegon, Mich.	225.00
Newark, New Jersey	100.00
Diamond Lake, Minn.	402.50
Ringsted, Iowa	267.75
Fredsville, Iowa	534.85
Enumclaw, Wash.	393.00
Menominee, Mich.	38.73
Cordova, Neb.	601.68
Bridgeport, Conn.	60.00
Manistee, Mich.	25.00
Omaha, Neb.	100.00

Home Mission:

Pioneer Ladies' Aid, White, S. D.	25.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Willing Workers, Dwight, Gardner Ladies' Aid, Illinois	39.60
Congregation: Tyler, Minn.	109.49
Sunday School, Dagmar, Mont.	16.50
In memory of Andrew Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andersen, Dwight, Ill.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Andersen, Dwight, Ill.	3.00
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Ia.	25.00
In memory of Henry Andersen, Viborg, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill.	3.00
For Cedarloo	10.00
For Circle Pines	10.00

Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill.	94.50
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Lutheran Tidings:	
Congregations:	
Minneapolis, Minn.	1.00
Omaha, Neb.	2.00

Grand View College and Seminary:

Congregation: St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	6.00
In memory of Andrew H. Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Eskildsen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00

Minn.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Oakhill, Iowa ..	10.00
Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lindsay, Neb.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Neb.	5.00
Congregations:	
Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Wilbur, Wash.	25.00
Diamond Lake, Minn.	21.00
Omaha, Neb.	2.00
Pastors' Dues:	
Rev. Harold Petersen	40.04
Rev. John Pedersen	42.00
Rev. Harris Jespersen	48.00
Chicago Children's Home:	
Congregation: St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Netha Fensholt Petersen, Mr. Andrew Vennergrund, Chicago, Ill.	7.00
Congregation: St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	7.00
In memory of Andrew H. Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reimer, Dwight, Ill.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Hooper, Rantoul, Ill.	3.00
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Parlier, Calif.	15.00
Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Oakhill, Iowa ..	10.00
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Ia.	10.00
Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lindsay, Neb.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Neb.	10.00
Tyler Old People's Home:	
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa	10.00
Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Ia.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Neb.	5.00
Seamen's Mission:	
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Grayling, Mich.	10.00
Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Oakhill, Iowa ..	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Lake Norden, S. D.	5.00
Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lindsay, Neb.	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Neb.	15.00
President's Travel:	
Congregation:	
Rosenborg, Neb.	25.00
Previously acknowledged ..	37,671.16
Total to date	\$43,074.40
Received for Items Outside of Budget:	
Circle Pines Building Fund:	
Miss Thora Strandkov, Solvang, Calif.	\$ 10.00
For Cedarloo Building Fund:	
Congregations:	
Kimballton, Iowa	330.00
Des Moines, Iowa	60.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa	5.00
Miss Thora Strandkov, Solvang, Calif.	10.00
For Solvang Lutheran Home:	
Congregation:	
Dannevang, Texas	42.00

For American Bible Society:

Congregation:

Diamond Lake, Minn. ----- 3.00

For Bishop Skat Hoffmeyer:

Congregations:

Minneapolis, Minn. ----- 36.70

Seattle, Wash. ----- 75.00

For Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa:St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid,
Clinton, Iowa ----- 10.00

From a Friend, Clinton, Ia. ----- 5.00

Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Ia. ----- 10.00

Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lind-
say, Neb. ----- 10.00In memory of Andrew Eisen,
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Soren-
sen, Dwight, Ill. ----- 5.00**For Eben-Ezer:**

Congregations:

Seattle, Wash. ----- 1.00

Askov, Minn. ----- 23.53

St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -- 27.00

Fredsville, Iowa ----- 15.00

Danevang, Texas ----- 42.00

Clinton, Iowa ----- 35.50

Diamond Lake, Minn. ----- 21.10

Dwight, Ill. ----- 87.74

Manistee, Mich. ----- 14.50

Omaha, Neb. ----- 54.00

St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid,
Clinton, Iowa ----- 10.00Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton,
Minn. ----- 5.00

Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Neb. --- 10.00

For Women's Mission Society:Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton,
Minn. ----- 10.00

Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Neb. --- 29.00

Church Extension Fund:In memory of Andrew H.
Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill. --- 5.00

Congregations:

Roscommon, Mich. ----- 6.15

Grayling, Mich. ----- 13.55

Muskegon, Mich. ----- 100.00

Victory, Mich. ----- 19.68

Nysted, Neb. ----- 20.00

Omaha, Neb. ----- 21.10

Hay Springs, Neb. ----- 8.65

Seattle, Wash. ----- 5.00

Des Moines, Iowa ----- 279.00

Fredsville, Iowa ----- 185.25

Diamond Lake, Minn. ----- 205.00

Sunday School, Newark, N. J. ----- 18.12

Bernice M. Nielsen, Diamond
Lake, Minn. ----- 5.00Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton,
Minn. ----- 10.00

Congregations:

Ringsted, Iowa ----- 40.00

Nysted, Neb. ----- 100.00

Menominee, Mich. ----- 9.34

Cordova, Neb. ----- 49.60

Alden, Minn. ----- 198.00

White, S. D. ----- 40.00

Dalum, Canada ----- 40.00

Manistee, Mich. ----- 25.00

Fredsville, Iowa ----- 23.00

Omaha, Neb. ----- 225.00

Previously acknowledged --- 7,935.63

Total to date ----- \$ 9,401.59

Respectfully submitted,
American Evangelical Lutheran Church
Charles Lauritzen, Treasurer.**Christmas — 1954**

Each Christmas means something different to us. Sometimes it is one of the traditional hymns that brings us the true seasonal spirit, such as "Joy to the World: The Lord is come!" Again, it may not be a hymn at all, but one of the many Christmas stories that we have. One Christmas I met Tiny Tim — the character in Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."

"God bless us everyone," prayed Tiny Tim —

Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall of soul,

We tiptoe earth to look at him, high-towering over all."

One year, alone and lonely in the Big City, it was the popular tune "I'll be home for Christmas," that set the stage for festivities that season. That song, by the way, should have a double meaning for all Christians everywhere.

Last year, it was a thought evoked by our local pastor in his Christmas Eve message that shocked me into new channels of worship. On Christmas Eve our church is always packed with people from all walks of life. Many we never see from one Eve to the next — but we do see them then! This was the thought:

On Christmas Eve all the rich in their mad scramble to amass greater wealth; all the scholars in their diligent search to attain greater wisdom; all the workers in their daily strife for bread — stop to worship a baby "wrapped in swaddling clothes." Strange that we have time at Christmas for such a trivial task!

This year as we enter the Advent in preparation for another Christmas, the real Christian realizes that now — this year — we are another year older. We are one whole year deeper in disappointment, heartache, and sin, than we were last Christmas. But we are also one whole year more in need of Christ's endless love, undying mercy and everlasting forgiveness of the sins that choke the very life out of calloused living. Perhaps in this wonderful realization lies the magic of Christmas!

Yes, may "God Bless us everyone."

Marie M. Hald.

Contributions for Santal Mission**OCTOBER and NOVEMBER****Toward General Budget:**

Holy Communion Sunday School,
Plentywood, Mont. ----- \$ 9.80

Pastor Heide, Racine, Wis. ---- 5.00

Dagmar Luth. Sunday School,
Dagmar, Mont. ----- 18.75

Our Savior's Ladies' Aid, Viborg,
South Dakota ----- 12.60

St. Peter's S. S., Dwight, Ill. ---- 137.81

Peter Millers, Dagmar, Mont. -- 8.00

Axel Olsens, Perth Amboy, N. J. 25.00

Carl Laursens, Des Moines, Iowa 10.00

Carl Christiansens, Newell, Iowa 5.00

Jens Hauge, Minneapolis, Minn. --- 10.00

Bethania Guild, Solvang, Calif. --- 10.00

T. G. Jensens, Kimballton, Iowa 10.00

Rev. Calvin Rossmans, Hay
Springs, Nebr. ----- 4.00

English L. A., Askov, Minn. ---- 25.00

Bethlehem S. S., Cedar Falls, Ia. 25.00

St. Stephen's Congregation, Perth
Amboy, N. J. ----- 5.00

Bethlehem S. S., Cedar Falls, Ia. 137.00

Hope Luth. Congregation, Ruth-
ton, Minn. ----- 1.00

Luth. Rural L. A., Flaxton, N. D. 5.00

Bethania L. A., Ringsted, Iowa --- 10.00

St. John's S. S., Cordova, Nebr. --- 25.00

Danebod Danish Ladies' Aid,
Tyler, Minn. ----- 50.00

Mrs. A. V. Andersen, Van Nuys,
California ----- 5.00

Axel Thomsen, Menominee,
Michigan ----- 50.00

Memorial Luth. Church, Mari-
nette, Wis. ----- 15.00

Trinity Lutheran L. A., Victory,
Michigan ----- 15.00

Immanuel Mission Group, Kim-
ballton, Iowa ----- 25.00

Nazareth Danish L. A., Withee,
Wisconsin ----- 25.00

Our Savior's Luth. S. S., Viborg,
South Dakota ----- 10.00

St. John's Danish L. A. Mission
Group, Hampton, Iowa ----- 5.25

Grayling Danish L. A. ----- 10.00

Mrs. Kristine Mortensen, Lud-
ington, Mich. ----- 5.00

Rev. John Christensen, Luding-
ton, Mich. ----- 15.00

Mrs. Anna White, Ludington,
Mich. ----- 15.00

Jens Jorgensen, Tyler, Minn. --- 5.00

Bethany Lutheran Congregation,
Wolters Corner ----- 2.50

Bethany Women's League, Meno-
minee, Mich. ----- 25.00

Bethania S. S., Solvang, Calif. --- 20.00

Mrs. Jennie C. Petersen, Ruth-
ton, Minn. ----- 10.00

Hope L. A., Ruthton, Minn. ---- 10.00

Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa --- 50.00

Otto and Elsie Nissen, Marquette,
Nebraska ----- 30.00

Immanuel's L. A., Lake Norden,
South Dakota ----- 10.00

Danevang Sunday School ---- 25.00

St. Stephen's L. A., Metuchen,
New Jersey ----- 10.00

Friendship Circle, Los Angeles,
California ----- 25.00

In memory of Mrs. Meta Peter-
sen, Chicago, Mr. and Mrs.
Chr. Korsgaard ----- 5.00

In memory of Anton Albertsen,
Lake Norden, S. D., friends --- 5.00

In memory of Maren Williamsen,
Marquette, Nebr., Harlan Nis-
sens, Niels Wodders, Mrs. Hans
Nissen, Adolph Nielsens, Mor-
ris Smiths, Hugo Handrups
and T. A. Williamsens ----- 10.00

In memory of Hans Diken,
Ellensburg, Wash., Mads C.
Madsen, Marquette ----- 5.00

In memory of Mrs. Mathilde Norregaard, L. A. Calif., Immanuel Congregation -----	5.00
In memory of Niels Bonde, Diamond Lake, Geo. Johansens, Hans Meyers, Peter Nielsens, Ted Daugaards, Fred Range, Louis Meyers, Fred Knutsens, Louis Ronges, Rudolph Hammers, Mrs. Judith Stromberg, Mrs. Annot Hoyt and Mrs. Floyd Kimball, all of Diamond Lake, for Muriel's work ----	14.00
Diamond Lake L. A. -----	2.00
In memory of Rev. James Lund's mother, Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Barnes -----	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Paul Larsen, Latimer, Iowa, by N. C. Rasmussens and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen -----	1.00
In memory of Chris. Christensen, Seattle, N. C. Rasmussens, Mrs. Bryan and Junior Knudsen and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen -----	1.50
In memory of Margaret Branz, Dwight, Ill., Fred Kempels, Nelson Kempels, L. A. Buschs and Roy Crossinger, Pearl City, Illinois -----	4.00
Viola Christiansen, Albert Mortensens and Elmer Mortensens -----	5.00
Victor Jensen and Elmer Jensens -----	4.00
Crona Jensens, Rita and Dale Voights -----	2.00
In memory of Lauridz Lindgaard, Tampa, Fla., Victor Jensen family -----	10.00
Serren Rosendalls, Elsie and Marie Nelson -----	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Clara Andersen Hornsyld, Solvang, Calif., Dagmar Miller -----	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Chris Smith,	

Coulter, Iowa, N. C. Rasmussens, Chas. McRoberts, Harold Jorgensens, Cleo Palmers, Jens G. Jensen and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen -----	3.50
In memory of Niels Hansen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, by Aage Knudsens, L. A. Calif. -----	4.00
In memory of Andrew Dahl, Diamond Lake Congregation ----	4.00
In memory of Christ Hansen, Ruthton, Minn., friends -----	12.00
R. P. Jensen and Hope L. A., Ruthton, Minn. -----	6.00
In memory of Hans F. Christensen, Kimballton, Iowa, Mrs. T. G. Muller, Mrs. Lena Brodersen, Andrew Korsgaards and Hans C. Jorgensen and sons and Marius Christensens ----	6.00
In memory of James Hermansen, Hendricks, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Petersen, Tyler, Minnesota -----	50.00
For Koroya Childrens Home, in memory of Peter Thomsen, Marquette, Nebr., Kronborg friends -----	17.00
For Riber's Work:	
In memory of Jens Laursen, by West Denmark friends -----	4.00
In memory of Peter Thomsen, Marquette, Nebr., Dr. F. N. Thomsens, Tyler, Minn., Helge Thomsens, Minneapolis and Mrs. Hans Nissen, Marquette, Nebraska -----	6.00
Chr. Smiths, Art. Smiths, Clarence Smiths, Simon Lauritzen, Walter Smiths, Victor Sondergaards and Albert Smiths, all of Dwight, Ill. -----	20.00
Gardner L. A., Dwight, Ill. --	10.00
In memory of Andrew Eisen, Dwight, Ill., Jerry Brailly children and Harry van Qualen Marie and Ken Kjølhede and Clarence Sorensens -----	6.00
Our Savior's Danish L. A., Viborg, S. D. -----	25.00
Dwight Luther League -----	7.77
Womens League, Bethany, Menominee, Mich -----	10.00
Perth Amboy Santal Mission Group -----	31.00
For a Child in School:	
St. John's Danish L. A., Hampton, Iowa -----	25.00
Laura and Harold Andersen, Westbrook, Maine -----	25.00
Dannebrog Luth. Church, Greenville, Mich. -----	16.50

October and November Total. \$1,337.98

Thanking each giver as together we work in the Santal Mission I am reminded of this being the sailing date for our friends, Munshi Tudu and the Dr. Scott family. May they be given a good voyage.

Furthermore, I shall ask for this correction to September list. The following donations to the Mission were printed as gifts to Eben-Ezer:

Mrs. Sam Andersen, Des Moines, Iowa -----	\$ 5.00
Immanuel Congregation, Lake Norden, S. D. -----	5.90

Mrs. Soren Holst Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	5.00
Mrs. Anna White, Ludington, Michigan -----	10.00
Thank you.	

Dagmar Miller,
1517 Guthrie Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa.

Christmas Greeting

To the Editor and readers of LUTHERAN TIDINGS from an old couple out on the great Northwest prairie: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are."

The keynote of Christmas is the love of God. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." Of this great love many different statements have been made by men. It is broad as the race of man. It claims all souls. It is timeless and changeless. It never began, it shall never stop . . . A spiral staircase by which the guiltiest may climb from the dark dungeon into the palace.

There is no sin so profound, no despondence so low, no misery so abject, but the love of Christ is deeper. "Like heaven's embrace is Thy love O My God." "O perfect Love all human thoughts transcending." "Love divine, all love excelling." "So faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love." Christmas is the Festival of Love. And then there is something more. What a privilege we have, that we may by the grace of God bring this message of God's Love to every person we meet on our way. It can be stated this way: "a chance to declare the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ." A chance to lead boys and girls to the better way of life; a chance — so many of them — to pray with the depressed, the broken, the dying, to steady and strengthen their faith and improve their spiritual situations. To share Christian fellowship.

If God will and I live, I shall have the privilege of preaching four sermons during Christmas holidays: "I still have the key," "Why Christ came," "What Christmas is like" and "The Christian fellowship." And share the joy with children around the Christmas tree. "My God how wonderful Thou art."

P. Rasmussen.

Danish Radio Service

There will be a Danish radio service Christmas day 9:00-9:30 a. m., over WCAL, St. Olaf Radio Station, Northfield, Minn., 770 on the dial.

These services will originate from the Bethlehem Lutheran church, Askov, Minn., with the Reverend Harold Petersen in charge.

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, Minnesota.

December 5, 1954

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

Name -----

City -----

State -----

New Address -----

JENSEN, JENS M.
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