

Lutheran Tidings

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ONE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST — The theme of this year's "Youth Emphasis Week" sponsored annually by the United Christian Youth Movement, the youth arm of the N.C.C.A. This movement was formed twenty-one years ago as an expression of cooperation among 33 Protestant church bodies, 39 state Christian youth councils, and 11 youth-serving agencies. This is the twelfth year of observance of Youth Week. Articles and news items in this issue reflect this emphasis.

Evangelism

George Mellby

The topic assigned to me for this morning's meditation is "Evangelism." I shall therefore read from Acts 1:8 and Luke 14:23. **"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled."**

From these words we readily understand that the main task of the Christian Church is to evangelize. God's method of accomplishing this is, and always has been, the preaching of His Word. "For it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed." (1 Cor. 1:21) Evangelical preaching has a most important place in the Church, and woe unto that church that neglects this task.

We may ask, "What is evangelism?" One definition is this: Evangelism is the earnest effort of God's people to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And what is the motive power? St. Paul says, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." It is our own salvation that motivates us to spread the Gospel message to others. There is a fascinating story in 2 Kings, ch. 7, which brings this out very clearly. We read there about four lepers who came to the enemy camp and found that the enemy had fled, leaving the camp as it was, with everything in it. The lepers went into the tents, ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and raiment. But when they fully realized their wonderful salvation they said to each other, "This day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning light some mischief will come upon us. Now therefore, come, and let us go and tell the King's household." Their wonderful salvation from death became the motive power for them to carry the good news to their people.

So also we, who are God's children, should carry the good news of salvation to those with whom we come in contact. For we, who possess eternal life and have personal fellowship with our Lord, dare not hold our peace but must go and tell the good news. When we realize the great love Christ has for us we cannot help being desperately concerned that others may learn to know the same love and the same salvation.

In this matter also Jesus is our example. We must do what He did. He made evangelism the primary business of His life and ministry. He came to this world saying, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Christ also said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do." Yes, Christ was always seeking and saving the lost. Never for a moment did He allow Himself to forget why He came to this world. And when Christ made evangelism the **primary** business of His life, His Church dare not make it **secondary**. Let us remember that problems will always multiply in a church or congre-

gation when primary things are put in secondary places and secondary things are put in primary places.

When our preaching and teaching in the Church is centered in evangelism, then the Church will go forward. In the early apostolic church evangelism was the center of all their activities. They took the great commission of Jesus Christ seriously when He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach ALL nations to observe all things that I have commanded you, and I will be with you always." (Mt. 28:19, 20) I believe that their slogan must have been: "We tell it, they believe it, and Christ will save." For we read that the early Church grew daily, both in number and in power.

But if evangelism is to be done God's way, there must be much prayer. No victories will be won for Christ without the fervant prayers of the Christians. I do not say that there is no prayer in our day, but do we pray enough? and do we pray aright?

Isaiah says in the 59th chapter and 1st verse: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Let us therefore in confidence lay hold of God earnestly, in faith believing that God is able to awaken His people and to save the unchurched masses, of which we are told that we have 68 million in our own land.

Would that all of us who are ministers and leaders could have the same zeal for the salvation of our people that Moses manifested for his people. He prayed, "Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sins; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee out of Thy Book which Thou hast written." (Ex. 32:32) The great apostle Paul said much the same thing, that he could wish himself accursed, even blotted out of the Book of Life, if only God would save Israel. These two men really had the burden for souls upon their hearts. Some times I wonder if that is not our great lack today, and one of the reasons so very few young men are willing to enter the ministry. They do not see enough concern for their soul's welfare. May we pray God to give us hearts that are burdened for the salvation of souls.

Then let us "press on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" so that some day we may lay the trophies of redeemed men and women at the Master's feet, rejoicing with joy unspeakable.

Amen.

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Nation to Observe Youth Week

Chicago, December 23—January 30 to February 6 was Youth Week in the Nation's Protestant churches, with emphasis on fellowship. The United Christian Youth Movement expresses it as "One Fellowship in Christ," and the International Society of Christian Endeavor as "Christ Our Lord, Men Our Brother."

The history of Youth Week dates back to 1944, when the two organizations planned an annual week of emphasis upon youth and unity in Christ.

"Books instead of Bombs" will be a major project of hundreds of Christian Youth councils throughout the nation during the observance. Recognizing the almost unbelievable shortage of books that exists in Asia and Africa in particular, UCYM is calling on youth to unite in collecting books "to meet the cry of needy people of other lands for truth, knowledge, and the Word of God."

It is significant, UCYM says, that the Communists have recognized the opportunity and are furnishing books and ideas "contrary to the faith and freedom in which we so strongly believe."

Books of all descriptions are needed — books for children, textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, books on science, mathematics, history, religion and standard novels and, most of all the Bible.

UCYM says that there is perhaps one Bible for every thousand persons among the six million taught to read through the efforts of Frank Laubach, and that in all of West Africa there is not one public library.

Books donated should be in current use and in good condition. Money is also needed for sending these books to their destination. World Youth Projects of the United Christian Youth Movement, about forty in number and which are assisting cooperative youth work in thirty different countries, are supported by an annual Youth Week offering.

A specific request for books comes from the Malayan Christian Council "to promote Christian witness in the New Villages." Bibles, Testaments, Biblical commentaries, Sunday school reference works, church history books, young people's and children's books, good fiction, written from the Christian viewpoint are asked for.

Other projects on the Youth Week agenda were hymn festival inter-church visitations, and fellowship channels such as recreation workshops, inter-church work groups, stated fellowship evenings, and establishment of more youth centers.

"Significant is the fact of youth of the several communions of Protestantism gathering in the cooperative task and experiences of worship of Youth Week, 1955. The projection of Youth Week proclaims both the attempt and the fact of ecumenicity on the grass roots level," said Charles Boyles, Boston School of Theology, chairman of UCYM's Commission on Christian Fellowship.

Youth Week is designed to point out the part young people play in the life of the church and the church's responsibility toward its youth, to give youth an opportunity to make a Christian witness through cooperative action, to help strengthen the unity of

Christian youth across America, and to help enrich the lives of all mankind without regard for racial, creedal, cultural, or national barriers.

"Group experiences such as this give us a new concept of the spirit of unity," said George Farr of Oak Park, Ill., a student at Yale, who was president of the Oak Park Christian Youth Council which developed the national plans for UCYM's 1955 observance.

Through study and worship, through cooperative action, through sharing with Christian youth of many nations in World Youth Projects and voluntary Christian Service, UCYM attempts to provide a channel which will help young people to become mature Christian world citizens and to express their oneness in Christ.

"Give Me Liberty or . . ."

Youth Emphasis Week

"Give me Liberty or . . ." this well known quotation might well express the way many young people feel. In fact, I believe it expresses a universal desire. Obedience to parents, school teachers and "the law" seems many times to be too much to bear, and rebellion does take place occasionally. Yet one could go so far as to say that if children disobey their parents, society would fall to pieces. So the spirit of revolt can be very destructive. Young people should also be aware of the fact that they have much more freedom than the younger generations had in times past, particularly from parental control.

Alan Paton (author of the best seller, **Cry, the Beloved Country**), of South Africa, has stated that this release of young people from parental authority is the basic revolution of our time. All individuals resist authority more or less, a fact which explains to some extent why colonial peoples would rather suffer hardship than be coddled by paternalistic imperial authorities.

This resistance to authority is part of what we might call the "old Adam" in us. But we also know that the "old Adam" works in those who have authority over us. We resist authority and we really like to order other people around! As Americans we believe that the democratic way of life holds the "old Adam" in check both for those who would like to rebel and those who would like to order others around more than is necessary. We believe in a good deal of freedom for these controls to operate.

As Christians who know something of the greatness and goodness of God; we believe that God has given us freedom so that we can come to know something of his love for us. He has shown to us through the execution of His Son what terrible things we can do in our freedom. Freedom does carry the frightening possibility of destruction, but it also permits us to act out of love towards those who are our parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, friends and yes, even our enemies. Only in this freedom will we find the "One Fellowship in Christ."

Negative Publicity on Youth Protested by Church Leaders

Dubuque, Iowa—(NLC)—The current flood of negative publicity concerning American youth was strongly protested here by youth leaders of eight Lutheran church bodies.

"That our youth on whom our future rests under God should be judged by the worst element among them seems a blunder of a segment of irresponsible journalism," said a statement issued by the All Lutheran Youth Leaders Council of America at its annual meeting at Wartburg Seminary, January 4-6.

The statement, the Council said, was made on behalf of "all idealistic American youth who have made a moral commitment of their life, Christian, Jew or agnostic," and as an expression of its concern over the present emphasis on wayward youth in the public press.

The Council went on to say that "we commend and encourage those magazines and newspapers which endeavor to emphasize the positive elements among American youth."

"We further assert," it said, "that the problem is not juvenile delinquency but youth's redemption as well as the redemption of us all under the lordship of Christ."

The Council is composed of the youth leaders of the United Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Lutheran Free Church and United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Subjects discussed at the two-day session here included sex education, pastoral counselling, youth evangelism, alcoholism and various program and promotion techniques concerned with youth work.

A banquet session was addressed by Dr. and Mrs. Julius Bodensick, former overseas workers for the Lutheran World Federation. They discussed the situation of Lutheran youth in Europe.

Dr. Marcus Rieke, youth director of the American Lutheran Church, served as chairman of the meeting.

CYCOM Worker Escapes as Rhino Demolishes Chevy

New York—(NLC)—A big bad rhinoceros can lick a good small truck any day, take it from Gerald P. Goldenne of Wauwatosa, Wis.

The rhino turned a routine trip into a harrowing adventure for young Goldenne, who is education secretary in the Usambara Area of Tanganyika in East Africa for the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the National Lutheran Council.

Fortunately, according to a report received here, Gerry escaped without injury, beyond a severe shaking up, although his Chevrolet carry-all was just about demolished.

Gerry was driving by night from Vuga to Moshi for an education meeting. At Same, a spot heavily inhabited by rhinos and elephants, the strong beam of his lights picked up a rhino on the road.

Apparently infuriated by the glare of light, the huge beast charged the carry-all in a headlong on-

The items of Religious News on the following pages have been selected as being of special interest to young people. Parents are asked to call them to the attention of the youth of their families.
Editor.

slaught that smashed the lights, stove in the radiator and reduced the vehicle to "a sorry looking mess."

Gerry, who meanwhile had abandoned the wheel and clambered into the back seat, crouched in a corner with a small rifle, his only weapon, and waited for the worse to happen. Luckily, it didn't. The rhino backed up, shook his 2,000-odd pounds and then ambled off into the darkness.

"Those rhinos are a ferocious bunch," said the report, "and we were thankful that Gerry escaped without harm to himself. If it had hit the car from another angle there might have been another story to tell."

A graduate of Carthage (Ill.) College in June of 1953, Goldenne has been in Tanganyika for a year. He is in charge of some thirty schools with 4,000 pupils in the Usambara Area, where CYCOM administers a mission field formerly conducted by German mission societies. He is a member of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Only Those Over 16 May See Luther Film

Strasbourg, France—(NLC)—The "Martin Luther" film has been given the green light in the French-controlled, disputed area of the Saar, but on the condition that theaters will admit none under the age of 16, according to the press service of the Lutheran Churches in France.

The press service pointed out that no such restrictions have been imposed on such Roman Catholic films as "Our Lady of Fatima" or "Bernadette" in the Saar.

"Here We Stand!" or Luther League Versus UN

San Francisco, Calif.—(NLC)—A controversy which may go down in history as "the case of the Young People's Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church versus the United Nations" has given a bad headache to the San Francisco city fathers. Their heads may ache for some time.

It is not that the Luther League has anything against the United Nations. Neither do the United Nations plan police or other action against the Luther League. But somebody invited both to use San Francisco's Civic Auditorium — and leased it to them for the same week next June.

The Luther League, which expects some 7,000 delegates to its 16th biennial convention June 21-26, was invited to San Francisco as far back as in 1953. It made a \$1,000 deposit as long ago as last February, and signed a contract for the use of Civic Auditorium last September.

Then the person or persons responsible for the

Civic Auditorium apparently forgot all about the Luther League. In December the San Francisco Board of Supervisors extended an invitation to the United Nations (founded here in 1945) to hold a commemorative tenth anniversary session in the Civic Auditorium.

The United Nations accepted, and it was announced that the session would be held from June 20 to 26.

Although the Luther Leaguers would not mind having UN delegates in their midst, they thought their convention agenda might differ slightly from that of the world organization. Nonetheless, the Rev. Carroll L. Hinderlie the YPLL director, came here from Minneapolis, to see if arrangements for joint use of the auditorium might be worked out.

They cannot, it was found, because Luther League decorations would have to come down during UN sessions, and, in turn, installations made for the UN by the city at an estimated cost of \$150,000 would get in the way of the leaguers.

Mr. Hinderlie, having a contract in his pocket, pointed out "gently but firmly" that it would be impossible at this stage, when arrangements for the program, speakers, displays, and housing were so far advanced, to change the meeting place.

Hopes are pinned on the possibility that the United Nations may accept the city's offer of the Opera House as an alternate meeting place. It was the Opera House in which the organization was born during the closing months of World War II.

That's where things stand right now — up in the air.

A Golden Opportunity

A golden opportunity for our synod, through its pastors and lay leaders, to gain inspiration and information for the chief business of the church, the work of evangelism, comes to us in the form of another NATIONAL LUTHERAN EVANGELISM CONFERENCE to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 27-30, 1955. It is the hope and prayer of your synod's Committee on Evangelism that as individuals and congregations we can arrange to take full advantage of this golden opportunity.

Two years ago some of our pastors and laymen attended a similar conference held in Minneapolis and returned with enthusiastic reports. On the basis of these experiences we feel confident that all those who can possibly attend the 1955 evangelism conference will be richly rewarded.

Lutheran pastors of many different synods who have devoted much of their time and effort in the field of evangelism will be on hand to inspire and instruct the rest of us who can profit from their experiences.

Conference sessions will be held in the huge Milwaukee Arena. It can easily care for the 10,000 participants who are expected to attend. Supper meetings will be held each evening in some of the larger Milwaukee churches. Housing can be arranged in Milwaukee hotels or in private homes through the local committee.

Our committee has sent detailed information to pas-

tors and congregational presidents in the middle west who are most likely to attend. Similar information can be sent to others who request same from the undersigned. We hope that in many cases local congregations will give financial help to pastors and laymen who desire to attend in order that they can serve better in their local churches.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM,

Richard H. Sorensen, Chairman.

Trinity Church Holds Mortgage Burning Ceremony

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1954

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church held a mortgage burning ceremony Sunday to celebrate the termination of indebtedness for the church building. The Rev. Peter D. Thomsen, assisted by the Rev. Beryl Knudsen, pastor of First Lutheran of Montcalm County officiated at the service. Also taking part were Holger Holm for the Building Committee, Richard Grow for the Sunday school, Mrs. Einar Thorlund for the Church Circle and Winston Cairns for the Church Council.

At the coffee hour following the service, greetings were read from Dr. Alfred Jensen, president of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church; the Rev. C. A. Stub, former pastor; the Rev. Edwin Hansen, president of the Michigan District, and the Rev. Eric Moller, president of the Chicago Lutheran Children's Home, the organization which had held the mortgage.

Organized in 1945 under the pastorate of the Mr. Stub, the congregation first rented the Grange hall for a meeting place. Later they moved to the Episcopal church, then to the Adventist church.

The present building, which cost \$20,000, was dedicated August 31, 1951. The church has a membership of 111 communicants, representing 60 families, and a Sunday school enrollment of 54.



Trinity Church, Montcalm County, Michigan

Conventions and Representations

This is the third article in the series of articles published by the AELC Lutheran Church Relation's Committee dealing with various phases of the organizational setup of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The question is often asked: "If our synod becomes a constituent synod of the ULCA will it cease to have annual conventions? The answer to this question is definitely no. All synods in the ULCA have annual conventions. Most of these, perhaps all, are held in the spring or early summer. Such a convention is made up of ministers and delegates from all the congregations belonging to the synod. Usually there is one delegates from each congregation, sometimes more than one. The basis for representation is not as broad as in our synod, where a congregation may be represented by one delegate for every 50 voting members. It must be remembered, however, that ULCA synods generally cover only one state each and it is therefore much easier and less costlier to send delegates to synod conventions than in the case of the AELC. A quorum at a synod convention is established when one-third of the ministers and the delegates are present. It is the duty of all ministers of the synod to participate in the convention.

The delegates to the ULCA biennial conventions are chosen at the synod conventions held the same year as the ULCA convention. These are held in the even numbered years.

Concerning the representation at the ULCA convention I shall quote Art. V in the ULCA constitution Section 1 and 2 in part: "Each Synod connected with the United Lutheran Church in America shall be entitled to representation at its Conventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every pastoral charges or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate . . . The ratio of representation may be changed at any regular Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America by a two-thirds vote, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given at the preceding regular Convention.

"Each Synod shall choose its delegates in such manner as it may deem proper. The delegates from each Synod shall elect one of their own number as chairman unless the Synod itself has designated the chairman."

The observation will undoubtedly be made relative to the representation of ministers and laymen at the conventions of the synods and at the ULCA convention, that the ministers are proportionately present in far greater numbers than at the conventions of the AELC. This is undeniably true. At the ULCA convention it is about fifty-fifty. At the same time it is strikingly true that the laymen at the ULCA conventions are of such a caliber by virtue of education and experience as well as personality that their influence matches if not overshadows that of the ministers. There are many reasons why the laymen chosen to represent the congregations at the ULCA conventions are top notch quality.

It should be remembered that, the ULCA constitution strongly emphasizes the power of the congregations. For instance: "Congregations are the primary

bodies through which power committed by Christ to the Church is normally exercised." Furthermore: **"The representatives of congregations convened in Synod and acting in accordance with their Constitution are for the ends defined in it representatively the congregations themselves, and have the right to call and set apart ministers for the common work of all the congregations; whose representatives they thereby become, and as such also members of the Synod."**

May I ask that these statements (Section 3 and 5 of Art. III of the ULCA constitution) be studied and their implications understood. The ULCA believes in the Common Priesthood. It is certainly by virtue of these provisions a laymen's church. At the AELC conventions the laymen usually outnumber the ministers about three or four to one. Nevertheless, there are those who claim that the influence of the ministers is proportionately too large.

The 1954 ULCA convention had approximately 600 ministers and lay delegates in attendance. This is perhaps the maximum number of which a convention can consist without making it necessary to have the main business done in committees. It may therefore be expected that should the ULCA continue to grow in membership in terms of additional congregations it will become necessary to change the basis for representation. However, while the ULCA membership has doubled since its organization in 1918, the number of congregations has increased only by about 15 per cent.

The AELC would be represented at the ULCA conventions by six ministers and six lay delegates if it at its own convention preceding the ULCA convention should decide to be represented by the maximum number of delegates allowed. This would be 2 per cent of the total voting membership of the ULCA convention, if this total remained equal with the 1954 total voting membership. In membership, however, the AELC would only be about 1 per cent of the total membership, that is baptized membership, of the ULCA. The reason for the disproportion lies in the smaller size of congregations in the AELC compared to those in the ULCA. It should be remembered that at the ULCA conventions ten pastoral charges containing a number of congregations whose membership may run into several thousand members, have only one clergy and one lay representative, the same number that ten pastoral charges with a membership of perhaps one fourth as large have.

This equalization of the power of the larger with the smaller congregations at the ULCA conventions again stresses or underscores the importance of the individual congregational fellowship. This fellowship is a living organic unit regardless of size. While democratic procedures may be at odds with this basis for representation, and we would rebel against it in public life, or in politics, I think there are very good points in favor of it, when spiritual matters are at stake. And even in politics it will be remembered that the fathers of the nation particularly the members of the constitutional convention of 1787 found reason to preserve the rights of the smaller states by giving them representation of two senators to equalize the representation of the larger states in the senate.

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This Nation Under God

by

A. Frances Nielsen

The theme of the Third General Assembly of the National Council of Churches held in Boston, Massachusetts, from November 28 to December 3, was very fittingly: "This Nation Under God." Gathered together in Boston to gain information, to seek inspiration, and to act in cooperation, were approximately 2,000 church men and women, lay and clergy, representing thirty constituent member churches with a total membership of 35,500,000. The voting delegates numbered about 600. Our working day was long, but not tiresome! To me it was an entirely new experience, and was a challenge to seek and to learn. The plenary sessions began at about nine-thirty each morning, and from that time until about 11 p. m., we were occupied with business meetings, division meetings, section meetings and addresses. Between sessions, we had to scurry around to find eating places so that we could be served without delay and return again to the task at hand.

My particular interest was centered around the Division of Foreign Missions, which held its meetings in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Statler. I could not begin to estimate the number of people who attended these meetings, but interspersed among us, were Christian men and women from India, Japan, China, Africa and Latin America. In conversation with a young woman from India, I learned that she discovered in the United States we have a certain amount of respect for the wearer of a sari which we do not, apparently, have for our Negro citizens. Thus by wearing her sari she has avoided that "race distinction" of which we hear so much.

The general theme of the foreign missions division was "The Pattern of Things To Come." This large topic was broken down to cover the following subdivisions, two of which were discussed at each of our three division meetings. The first "pattern" was that of **Evangelism**. This was presented as a symposium by the Rev. R. A. Syrdal. The second was a masterful presentation of things to come in **Southern Asia**. The speaker was a man who was eminently qualified to handle his subject: Dr. David G. Moses, President of Hislop College, Nagpur, India. Dr. Moses is the Henry Luce Visiting Professor of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary. The third and fourth patterns, having to do with **Our Institutions** and of things to come in **Africa** were brought to our attention by the Rev. Alford Carleton and the Rev. George W. Carpenter, respectively. The Wednesday session was held in the morning and dealt with **Latin America** (the Rev. B. F. Stockwell), and the last pattern, that of **Working Together**, by the Rev. E. Bruce Copland. Each of the three sessions opened with the Call to Worship, each had an address or panel, a business session, a musical interval (singing), and opportunity for discussion. With literally hundreds of people in attendance, it is quite needless to say that discussion was limited to very few remarks, which in almost

Mrs. Nielsen was one of our delegates to the Boston conference. This report is one of several which will be published in LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

every instance came from the nationals of India, China, Japan, Africa, etc. I believe most of us felt that it was a splendid idea that these people should be permitted to share with us their suggestions as well as their criticisms.

In order to transmit to you some of the good that came to me, I must give an evaluation in terms of what I received from attending the meetings of the council. It seems to me that the most important conclusions drawn from the Foreign Missions Division might be summarized as follows: **First**, the era of American Missionaries dominating foreign missions and institutions is over. Our job, however, is not finished. The new pattern will be sharing the work with nationals of other countries. We Americans must not feel that we are the only ones who have something to offer the people of the world. The new trend of exchange of missionaries is a pattern catching hold within the younger churches in Asia. One striking example of this was cited. The Indonesian Church, of Dutch Reformed background invited a Mr. Itty (Syrian Orthodox) to work among its university students. Working with Mr. Itty were missionaries from the United States, Australia, Holland, Switzerland, Germany and India. "Here," said Mr. Itty, "Christianity was on a world level, with no one color or country predominating."

The **second** conclusion reached at these meetings, one that is not new to those of us who are closely associated with the Santal Mission, was that we must gradually turn over to the nationals the actual supervision of the various institutions and churches. We must, of course, be willing to contribute to the support of these phases of the work, but we must permit the Christian nationals to have a greater amount of freedom in their management and supervision. Creative leadership must be encouraged if Christianity is to experience growth in these mission fields.

The **third** conclusion was that it is most urgent to rethink Christian missions. It was pointed out again and again that the very essence of Christianity is the gospel of Christ that tells of His saving grace to ALL men. It is our responsibility that ALL men hear this gospel. In India it is necessary to get to the grass roots. The preacher in the little village in India comes close to his people. He helps the **individual** to take a stand for Christ. In Africa the situation is in reverse. There the great need is for city work. Dr. Carpenter drew for the assembly a startling picture of city life for the African and the breakdown of family life through migration of labor. Here the church must provide not only worship, but fellowship as well. Clubs, classes and societies must be formed to create wholesome leisure-time activities for the migrant worker. The mission-picture has changed. There is

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Paging Youth

American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship

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Attention

The Secretary-Treasurer of "Operation India" has a new address. Money for Operation India should now be sent to: **Rigmor Nussle, 9041 Dante Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.** Remember to change this address on your National AELYP mailing list.

Calling All Iowans

The Iowa District of AELYP is planning a Winter Week-end Camp, January 28-30, at the 4-H camp between Boone and Madrid, Iowa. All fellowships in the district have received letters, giving full details. Remember to bring blankets, skates, sleds and your **WORLD OF SONG.** This Winter Camp promises to be most enjoyable. Heated and winterized cabins and a spacious inviting lodge will be at our disposal.

UCYM Citizenship Seminar

In March (14th through 18th) a "Citizenship Seminar" will convene in Washington, D. C. This is sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement so that young people may have practical experience in putting their Christian principles to work in the building of better communities. There will be an opportunity to visit Congressmen and to see our national government in action. A visit to the United Nations in New York City is also included in the program. The program has been planned with the theme of Youth Week 1956, "Our Citizenship Under Christ," in mind. Any AELYP'er interested should write to: The United Christian Youth Movement, Attention, Ruth Jacobsen, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. The deadline for registrations is March 1. Young people on the east coast, because of their proximity to Washington, D. C., and New York City, should especially give this their serious consideration.

AELYP Doin's

Kimballton, Iowa—About 60 young people gathered for a **New Year's Youth Rally** at Kimballton on Sunday, January 2. Several cars from Oak Hill, Newell and Des Moines arrived about 4 o'clock to join the young people of the Kimballton group. Beginning with an assortment of "getting acquainted" features, and feasting on apples, candy and peanuts, we were ready to begin the more formal part of the meeting by 4:30. Dr. Alfred Jensen had been invited to show us a color sound film, "Song of Sumatra," sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation. This proved to be a very challenging entertainment, and we recommend the film, available through your LWA offices. By 5:30 we gathered in the dining room of the church

where the Kimballton young people served a fine chicken dinner. Raymond Johnson, president of the Kimballton Y. S., acted as "M. C." Greetings were given after the dinner by Rev. Charles Terrell of Newell, Rev. Holger Jorgensen of Des Moines, and by Kenenth Christensen of Kimballton. A brief program was presented by the Kimballton young people. This was followed with the playing of a number of games. A candle-light service in the church climaxed this get-together. Rev. Holger Strandkov, the Kimballton pastor, was in charge of the candle-light service, and he was assisted by a representative from each of the four youth groups. By 8:45 all were homeward bound, and it was generally agreed that another fine rally had been enjoyed.

Chicago (Trinity)—The LYF had the honor of presenting exhibition folk-dancing for the Danish part of "Christmas Around the World," at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago during the Christmas season.

Newark, N. J.—The LYF filled and distributed Christmas baskets.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Efforts are now being made to organize a youth group. We wish them success in this venture and hope to hear more from them.

Let's Take a Look at a Methodist Youth Program

by **LAVERN LARKOWSKI**
President, AELYP

Have you ever stopped to think about how many Youth Fellowships, Leagues or Societies exist throughout the nation, or your state, or even your town or city? We can be sure that there are many types of youth groups belonging to many different denominations.

This is **Youth Week** and our theme is "**One Fellowship in Christ.**" Therefore, I feel that it would be well for us to consider the youth program of a church of another denomination. For this reason I would like to tell you about the youth program of Union Park Methodist Church, Des Moines, Iowa. While going to school I have part time employment as the Youth Director for this church.

We have at Union Park Methodist three youth groups — (1) Children's Hour, (2) Junior High Fellowship or Intermediate Group, and (3) Senior High Fellowship. These three groups provide for ages 8 through 18, and each group meets weekly. You will be most interested in the Junior and Senior groups which consist of eighth graders through seniors in high school. Our meetings are composed mainly of three things: Worship, recreation and business.

It is the duty of each fellowship in this particular church to pledge as much money as they see fit each year toward a fund which is similar to our district or national dues. This fund is divided similar to ours, for missions, state organization, national organization, etc. At the present time both junior and senior fellowships are busying themselves with meeting their pledge. Union Park Methodist is a sizeable church, and this, of course, makes it easier to sponsor fund-raising projects. But, the pledge is also a sizeable sum and it **must be met.** It is difficult at times to keep

enthusiasm up in this respect, but at the present time, anxious hands and minds are keeping up the good work.

The recreational period of the evening is varied as much as possible. This is where we learn to play together, enjoy each other's company, and get to know one another better each time we meet. One evening we will play games, another we will sing, another we will folk-dance. Although the junior and senior groups work together on certain programs and projects, their meetings are separate. We find ourselves doing almost the same things in each group but of course on a different age level.

The last part of each evening, but the most important, is composed of a lesson and worship service. For the junior group I use a quarterly program book called, "Our Intermediate Fellowship," which is excellent material. It contains plans for each meeting, orders of worship, additional lessons and other items. Our new quarter has just begun and I see that it includes a study of missions, churchmanship and worship, and, of course, Bible study. I try to have members of the group participate as much as possible, whether it be in prayer, scripture reading, or taking part in presenting the lesson. The worship service is, actually, an abbreviated church service. We usually have a call to worship, hymns, scripture reading, a short message, an offering, and a prayer. This type or form of worship is usually used for both groups.

The senior group has quite a unique system. The entire year's program is divided into five parts, called program areas. These areas are titled, Christian Citizenship, Christian Faith, Christian Witness, Christian Outreach and Christian Fellowship. At the beginning of the church year, the group elected five people to serve as program area chairmen. Each chairman is responsible for each meeting that concerns his area. The evening's combined lesson and worship service is planned with the aid of a monthly publication, "Roundtable." It is somewhat similar to the Junior's "Intermediate Fellowship." We have recently moved into the area Christian Outreach which is concerned with the world-wide missions of the church, the ecumenical movement, overseas relief and reconstruction, and peace and world order. The entire lesson and worship service is planned and presented by the members themselves with my aid only if they desire or need it. In my opinion this system used with the senior group is the most ideal and effective youth program that I have ever observed. To me, it guarantees a successful meeting each week, largely because of the excellent materials with which we are provided.

Our most recent meeting was on the United Nations. I was very impressed with the whole evening and thought it was handled very efficiently and effectively. The chairman secured two films on the UN from a downtown film library. He asked the minister of the church to give a short talk on world peace, and he prepared an introduction to the evening's topic. One other person and myself were asked to lead the worship service. Everyone went away with the feeling that the evening had been well spent, primarily because the evening had been well planned and everyone who was asked to participate did his part.

Other materials for lessons and worship services are available at all times. We have materials for special lessons on how the fund is spent, on other missions, on how we should worship, and numerous others. A large library of books, periodicals and pamphlets is also in the church at our disposal. A film library is also provided, plus a slide and movie projector.

Once every month, the senior group has a "special evening," set aside for something different. One evening we all went miniature golfing together. For Halloween we were invited to one of the member's home for a party. In the past they have had a potluck supper, a theater party (when a good movie was showing), and a bowling party. I think an evening such as one of these, is extremely valuable. Here, young people are given an opportunity to have some "good clean fun." Here they learn what an enjoyable evening "out" should be like if they don't already know.

I have tried to give you a picture of the Youth Fellowship at Union Park Methodist. It is just one of thousands of Youth Fellowships in the nation, and its forty members (Junior and Senior) are only a few among thousands throughout the nation. However, it is important regardless of how small or insignificant it may look, just as are each one of our Fellowships within AELYP. Some of our Fellowships are even smaller, but nevertheless each one is important, for it is through these Fellowships that we are able to join together in worship, song, sharing, study and play.

This Nation Under God

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no longer a "pat" solution to its problems. The time has come when we must rethink missions!

The Christian church has come a long way in its thinking, but there is still much to be learned. We were "exposed" to so much good in Boston; it is very conceivable that we didn't "catch" all of it. One other experience I **must** share with you, however. During the musical interval mentioned above, we sang a Korean hymn. It was beautiful in its simplicity. As I read through the four stanzas, and came to the line just below, I read these words: Translated by Dr. William R. Scott and Miss Yung Oon Kim (1950). As you probably have already guessed, the translator was our own Dr. Scott, who when these words are read, will have arrived in India at our mission. Dr. Scott served in Korea with the armed forces in 1950. Here is the first stanza:

"The Saviour's precious blood,
Hath made all nations one.
United let us praise this deed
The Father's love hath done."

"In the providence of God — it seems fitting to manifest oneness in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Savior —" So reads the preamble to the constitution of the National Council of Churches. In unity there is strength, strength to do the task of the Christian Church on earth. May we, too, as a synod do our part.

A Call to Christian Stewardship

The Calendar, The Clock, and Christ

Every home has several current calendars in conspicuous spots to help keep track of the days. Every home is equipped with several clocks to count the hours of each day. We live by the calendar and the clock. How frantic we become when the electric clock on the shelf is disconnected. We stand in real danger of becoming slaves of time instead of stewards of time, for there is no portion of time that is our time and the rest God's. It is all His. He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply entrusted it to us for His service.

Can you imagine the confusion that would take place in the average farm home or city apartment, if by some quirk of fate the calendar on the wall was completely mixed up? Spring planting in January and Fall harvesting in April! Spring cleaning in July and Thanksgiving day in February! Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well-arranged man. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Eccl. 3:1-2.

"I haven't time!" This is the most pathetic statement of spiritual bankruptcy ever flung at the face of the Eternal's time-clock! It was Addison who first said: "How many people waste their time! Wretched and thoughtless creatures! In the only place where miserliness were a virtue, they turn prodigals and spendthrifts."

We all have twenty-four hours a day. We vary greatly in the amount of money which we have at our disposal, but each of us has twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and fifty-two weeks in the year. All men have the same amount of time. The difference is in the way we use it. Most people today work forty hours a week. This leaves them one hundred and twenty-eight hours for bodily rest and activities of their choice. If we allow fifty-six hours for physical rest, and five hours per week for worship, we find that there are sixty-seven hours for outside interests and activities, or approximately ten hours each day.

It was Peter who said to Ananias: "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God!" We need to remember that when we talk about how much time we are giving to prayer and Bible reading. "Oh, I am giving all the time I can." We need to be careful that we are not found lying to the Holy Spirit. Let us examine ourselves the next time we say, "I haven't time."

J. E. Herrman appropriately says in his book, "Chief Steward:" "The time has come to educate our people in the stewardship of time, talent and treasure by means of a complete unit of study divorced from any particular organizational effort. The investment of one's entire life for Christ, the dedication of one's time, talents and treasure, are so closely related that they should be presented as a unit. Where people are won to give generously of their time and ability

they are the more ready to give generously of their means."

Out of the congregations that God has permitted me to know come some outstanding examples that illustrate these basic principles. There are the busy public school teachers who have their days filled far beyond the forty hour week. One such teacher found time in a new Home Mission congregation to be church organist, to attend weekly choir practice, and to teach a Sunday school class. In addition to giving her time and talents she felt moved to make a pledge of five dollars a Sunday to the total needs of the church budget.

Or consider the doctors who can truthfully say "their time is not their own" but still find the time to teach in the Sunday school, sing in the choir and participate in the volunteer work program of the church.

If we are Christ's and Christ is God's, it follows that Christ is the Lord of our time. He asks us to organize our time with the understanding that we are always responsible to Him for the way in which we use it. Phillips translates Ephesians 5:15-16 to say, "Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite the difficulties of these days." The consistent application of these principles by the members of any church would work far-reaching changes in the life of the church.

Sterling H. Simonson.

Calendar of Coming Events

January 27-30—Lutheran Evangelism Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

January 30-February 6—Youth Week, nation-wide observance.

February 3-11 — Annual meeting of Division of Christian Education of NCCA, Cincinnati, Ohio.

April 13-17 — Women's Retreat, Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minnesota.

April 19-21—Pastors' Institute, Grand View Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa.

Conventions and Representations

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At the ULCA conventions a majority of the delegates representing a majority of the Synods, constitutes a quorum. The by-laws of the ULCA has this provision: "The mileage of all delegates shall be paid by The United Lutheran Church in America; other necessary expenses of the delegates shall be provided for as determined by the Constituent Synods." There are a great many other provisions in the by-laws governing the ULCA conventions, but these are too detailed and numerous to be dealt with in this article.

It is my understanding that the by-laws of the AELC, which at present govern the workings of its convention will not need to be changed, should the AELC choose to become a Constituent Synod of the ULCA. As pointed out in the article in the last issue of Lutheran Tidings it will be necessary to change the constitution of the AELC, so that only ministers and congregational delegates have voting rights at the AELC conventions.

Alfred Jensen.

Our Women's Work

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Does Women's Retreat, Tyler, Minnesota, recall anything to you? It does to me! The dates this year are April 13-17. Who will be the first one to register? Read more about it in the next issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

Women's Mission Society Receipts

JULY 1, 1954 TO JANUARY 1, 1955

For General Budget:

West Denmark and Bone Lake, Wis., Ladies' Aids, \$15.75; Danebod English Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn., \$30; District IX convention, \$39.81; Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Wilbur, Wash., \$34.20; Trinity Ladies', Chicago, Ill., \$25; Mrs. Mary Andersen, Van Nuys, Calif., \$5; Trinity Guild, Chicago, Ill., \$5; Danish Ladies' Aid, Junction City Ore., \$25; Bethania Guild; Solvang, Calif., \$25; Juhl-Germania, Mich., Mission Society, \$25; District I Convention, \$44.75; Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wis., \$31.50; Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis., \$10; Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn., \$10; Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr., \$29; Johanne Petersen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, \$10; Danish Ladies' Aid, Askov, Minn., \$50.45; First Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn., \$25; Danish Ladies' Aid, Marinette, Wis., \$5; St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa, \$10; Ansgar Danish Ladies' Aid, Pasadena, Calif., \$5; Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Iowa, \$15; Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr., \$25; Diamond Lake Ladies' Aid, Lake Benton, Minn., \$20; Danevang, Texas, Ladies' Aid (Danish), \$5; Grant, Mich., Ladies' Aid, \$12; Racine, Wis., Ladies' Aid, \$15; in memory of Mrs. George Jensen, Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Nebr., \$5. Total \$557.46.

For Grand View Seminary Project:

District VI Convention, \$47.10; District IV Convention, \$94.50; West Denmark and Bone Lake Ladies' Aids, \$15; Minneapolis Church Women, \$36.50; District III Convention, \$56.63; Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa, \$31.50; District VII Convention, \$69.25; Trinity Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill., \$100; Trinity Guild, Chicago, Ill., \$5; Bethany Women's League, Menominee, Mich., \$50; Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa, \$25; Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis., \$50; First Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn., \$25; Trinity and South Sidney Mission Society, Mich., \$20; Nain Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Newell, Iowa, \$100; Bethania Evening Circle, Racine, Wis., \$25; St. Stephen's Mission Society, Chicago, Ill., \$50; Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, Iowa, \$25; in memory of Mrs. George Jensen, Marquette, Nebr., George P. Jensen and family, \$25. Total, \$850.48.

For Home Missions:

Settlement and Trufant Mission group, Michigan, \$25; District V Convention, for Circle Pines, \$66; Bethany Women's League, Menominee, Mich., \$25; Danish Ladies' Aid, Grayling, Mich., \$10; District II Conven-

tion, \$62.64; Racine, Wis., Ladies' Aid, \$15; Detroit, Mich., Ladies' Aid, \$20; Exira, Iowa, Ladies' Aid, \$5; Fredsville, Iowa, Ladies' Aid, \$15; Tacoma, Wash., Ladies' Aid, \$20; Viborg, S. D., Ladies' Aid, \$13; Cordova, Nebr., Ladies' Aid, \$21.50; Willing Workers, Dwight, Ill., \$50; Mission Study Group, Brush, Colo., \$35; Congregation, Enumclaw, Wash., \$19.30; Manistee, Mich., Ladies' Aid, \$30; in memory of Maren Williams by Mrs. Thyra Bowlin and Mrs. Elna Pate, Denver, Colo., \$3. Total, \$435.44.

Support of Korean Boy:

Trufant-Settlement, Mich., Mission Group, \$10.

Tape Recorder Fund:

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Sorensen, Cedarloo, Iowa, \$10.

Church Extension Fund:

Collection at Cedar Falls Convention, \$236.44.

Scholarship Fund:

West Denmark Ladies' Aid, Luck, Wis., \$10; Lake Amelia Ladies' Aid, Minneapolis, Minn., \$10. Total, \$20.
Total receipts July 1, 1954 to Jan. 1, 1955 ----- \$2,119.82
Cash on hand July 1, 1954 ----- 873.91
Total receipts ----- 2,993.73
Total disbursements July 1, 1954 to Jan. 1, 1955 1,353.88
Cash on hand January 1, 1955 ----- \$1,639.85

Our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to WMS work.

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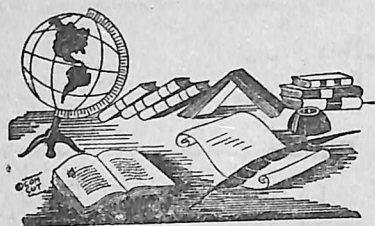
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OPINION AND COMMENT

OUR SYNOD, we are secure in saying, joins together wholeheartedly in congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen on their marriage, January 12, (see **Our Church** column). It was the couple's intention to keep their plans quiet until after the ceremony, and their secret was skillfully kept from all but the few who were directly involved. The members of the Synod thus were unable to wish them well beforehand, but we do so now wholeheartedly, and join them in the happiness which we know they now experience, and that which is still in store in the years ahead. May God bless Alfred and Vera Jensen!

IT IS NOT A requirement of a tour of the West to visit the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, but it certainly is an eye-opening experience to do so. We have visited many so-called "cities of sin" all over the world, but it must be admitted that this place ranks at the very top in commercializing activities commonly thought of as impure. There are thirty-two churches there (three are Lutheran, seven Catholic) and it must be a strange sensation for a pastor to realize that probably any number of his members make their living directly or indirectly by means that a church must frown upon. Probably any number of Young Adults or Young People members act as change-girls, or check boys, in the huge gambling establishments, casinos, etc., which are the principle businesses of the city. Drug stores, restaurants, motels, etc., all have slot machines handy (the oft-called "one-armed bandits") in varying amounts of a nickle up to silver dollars. The federal license for such a machine is \$400, to say nothing of local and state licenses, and it is clear that pouring coins into them is only a form of misdirected charity — poor stewardship indeed! One side of a street will have a famed "divorce mill" establishment, while across the way one might see a "marrying chapel" conveniently located, open 24 hours a day (as are the gambling places). A final decree of divorce can be had on the 44th day of continued residence, with no limitations on remarriage. But the most reprehensible sight is the gambling dens, where people of the widest possible variety hang over the crap tables, the roulette wheels, the bingo games ("guaranteed \$1,000 games!") and, of course, the bars. There are people there who probably can afford to throw their money around, but our impression was that many, many of the most avid looking gamblers were ordinary people, caught up in the impenetrable web of relentless habit, ruining themselves and their loved ones in the fulfillment of the gambling lust. It has been said that the urge to gamble is ~~the~~ incurable disease. To us, it seemed so obvious that the customer hadn't a chance, that the supposed thrill of gambling should be lost. (Nevada has no income taxes, no inheritance taxes, no gift taxes, no sales taxes, no death transfer taxes. We can only guess how the state is

supported.) Well-known entertainers gravitate to the resort hotels, both as guests and as show-people. Extravagant marquees advertised the services of Tony Martin, Mae West, Jimmy Durante, Sally Rand, Lena Horne, etc., with Martin and Lewis and Fred Waring yet to come. Their fabulous salaries are paid for by the gambling profits from the jack-pot emporiums. Liquor consumption in Las Vegas is 208 per cent above the national average. This is no city for the weak-willed. We can think of it in no other terms than as a blot on what we like to think of as a Christian land — a modern Gomorrah.

THAT UN-NERVING though interesting experience was balanced by the entirely different carnival atmosphere we enjoyed in the Tournament of Roses of Pasadena. This completely unbelievable pageant of color, beauty and flowers cannot be described. The parade is an array of marching bands and floats unequalled anywhere, with even religious organizations joyfully participating. The float of the Lutheran Hour was a tastefully constructed stained-glass church window, in front of which sat a choir, while the pastor in a pulpit still farther to the front greeted the spectator congenially. It is a rule of the Tournament that only leaves and flowers must be used in decorating floats — not one wisp of crepe paper or one drop of paint violates this iron-clad regulation. On this float the effects were achieved with mums of yellow, white and lavender plus thousands of different-hued roses. On many of the floats each rose or orchid or carnation is set in its own tiny vial of water. The Salvation Army float depicted a huge floral cross in front of a sunburst, with a young shepherd boy carefully tending two miraculously life-like floral sheep. Nearby, a Salvation Army girl shielded two small children; the float's theme: "My Brother's Keeper." More than 60 floats formed a two-hour parade that passed by a million and a half people lined six to eight deep along both sides of a four mile route. The spectacle defies description, and was undoubtedly one of the more worthwhile of our experiences on a trip overflowing with the unusual.

IN NORTH CAROLINA, we see by the papers, the Supreme Court awarded a quarter-million dollar property to a Baptist church minority faction in a congregational split. The Court said, "The true congregation in church organizations (is composed of) those who adhere and submit to the regular order of the church, local and general, whether they are a majority or a minority of the membership." This decision is in keeping with a long line of precedents.

TRAVELLING makes one conscience of how widespread is the scope of work of our Synod, and we become curious as to the coverage of other Synods in this land. The Missouri Church has congregations in all but one state, we discovered on looking it up, and the ULCA is represented in 41 states. Augustana has entered 34, the ALC 33, the ELC 25. The UELC is located in 20 states, while our Synod has congregations in 19.

Grand View College And Our Youth

Learning Is Its Own Reward But Who Could Possibly Object To An "A"?

It's soon that time again when we participate in that academic struggle known in collegiate circles as "semesters" or semester exams. It doesn't much matter what we call them, the effect on our young lives is the same. If we neglected to burn the midnight oil when we should have, we must try to cram a wee bit, at least, so we can make some sort of creditable showing. And it is not always as easy as it sounds. However, if we've tried to learn our daily assignments, and have succeeded, there's a certain satisfaction in the achievement. I honestly believe we all feel that way.

Basketball continues to be an added attraction, and though I vowed I would put down the scores for future reference, and *did* actually, I just can't put my hands on them at the moment. We walked away with the Ellsworth game with a nice big fat score. This week-end we hope to take on the Alumni for a little game. Your guess as to the winner might be as good as ours. Since we are not as yet alumni, we will stand by *our* team. (You see, we also learn loyalty here, though that is an extra-curricular subject.)

Off in the future we have the choir tour to think about and plan for. Last year our trip took us to the east. This spring we will visit the congregations in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. The invitations are coming in, and almost before we know it, we will be spending hours practicing our numbers. We like to get out to visit in the congregations for to many of us, it is a new experience. It is also a challenge to do our very best. Bob Speed expects it, and we just can't "sell him short".

Studenterfest comes on May 13-15 this year. The play has not as yet been selected, but the minute I find out what it is, I'll let you know. A large part of the success of Studenterfest seems to depend on it. There's no doubt about it, the play represents a tremendous amount of work.

Dr. Nielsen has been out of the city (and state!) by invitation and on college business this past week. He attended the dedicatory services of the new church in Detroit. From there, he went to Washington and, we understand, was entertained in the home of Ambassador and Mrs. H. de Kaufmann. The Washington meeting was

the National Lutheran Educational Conference.

Rev. Howard Christensen has also been in Detroit in his capacity as Director of Religious Education, although we understand that he spoke at the banquet on Sunday the 16th.

Time's a-wasting, and I really must get to the books. Next time you hear from us here at GVC, it will be Semester II, and there's a lot that has to be reviewed between now and then.

So long, and we'll be seeing you again in February.

R. F.

OUR CHURCH

Des Moines, Iowa. In a surprise ceremony on the evening of January 12, held in his home, Dr. Alfred Jensen, Synod President, was married to Vera Elizabeth Löding, of Greenville, Michigan. Mrs. Jensen (formerly wife of Mr. Chris Löding, deceased) flew to Des Moines the day of the wedding, and family and close friends celebrated at a quiet dinner at the Des Moines airport "Cloud Room." The Rev. Holger Jorgensen officiated at the ceremony, and present were Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Stub (formerly of Greenville and now of Fredsville, Iowa) and Dr. Jensen's brother, Chris Jensen, and wife, of Missouri, Dr. Jensen's daughter, Ellen and her husband, Paul Nielsen, and Mrs. Jensen's daughter, Shirley, (who brought "Kransekage" with her from Detroit.) Dr. and Mrs. Jensen left for a brief visit with another daughter, Esther, wife of Pastor Calvin Rossman, of Hay Springs, Nebraska. They will live at 1232 Pennsylvania Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Pastor Kay Kirkegaard-Jensen has recently suffered a heart strain. Also in this community a well-known friend of our church, Mr. Axel Olsen, has fallen and fractured a wrist and hip. Mr. Olsen was visiting a friend in the hospital at the time of the accident. He is 82 years of age.

Dagmar, Montana. Pastor Ove Nielsen, of Minneapolis, visited his former parish here and conducted services during Christmas and New Year seasons.

Copenhagen, Denmark. A new poem by Mr. August I. Bang, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been called "the best Danish poem in America" by the eminent Danish-born Chicago librarian, J. Christian Bay. The poem is to be deposited in the Royal Library in Copenhagen, copied by hand by the poet on durable Whatman paper, and accompanied by a photo of Mr. Bang. Two other poems composed in the U. S. have had similar distinction, Adam

Dan's "Hilsen til Moder" and L. C. Nielsen's memorial to Abe Lincoln, 1914. The new poem is called "Din Plads og Pligt" and appeared originally in DANSK NYTAAR 1955. Copies of this publication may still be had, as it is in its second printing. (Order from Grand View Bookstores, \$1.00)

Van Nuys, California. Word has come of the death of Mrs. A. V. Andersen, who lived here with her daughter. Her husband was for many years pastor at Trinity Church, Chicago, and was synod ordainor.

Cedar Falls, Iowa. All unsold copies of the Convention Reports and Minutes of the Convention should be returned at once to Pastor Holger O. Nielsen, at 1410 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Nysted, Nebraska. On December 19, 1954, a set of Deagen Electric Chimes was dedicated at a regular worship service in St. Peter's Church here in Dannebrog. The chimes were given by the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krogh who lived in the Nysted Community until 1914 when they moved to Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Krogh passed away last summer and were buried at Nysted Cemetery. The chimes were dedicated on Peter Krogh's birthday, and have 21 brass tubes in "W" shape, capable of producing 24 notes.

Chicago, Illinois. Children of St. Stephen's Sunday School have donated money for a new Baptismal Font for the Mission church in the Cedarloo area (Iowa). They are now gathering funds for a filmstrip projector.

Danevang, Texas. Fifteen adults were confirmed here the week before Christmas by Pastor Ronald Jespersen.

Tyler, Minnesota. Christmas Day 23 adults were welcomed into membership in Danebod Church, together with their children, and on New Year's Day 52 Junior Members were received. On January 23 the Men's Club is having an auction, with entertainment, the proceeds of which will be used to give a scholarship to a seminary student at Grand View. Pastor and Mrs. Enok Mortensen have been invited to Alden, Minnesota, to speak during this month.

Wolter's Corner, Wis. Bethany Church has received a fine gift from Trondhjem Lutheran Church, of Greenwood — a pulpit, baptismal font, altar rail and altar, complete with Thorvaldsen's figure of Christ, all in white trimmed is gold with red velvied pads.

Chicago, Illinois. St. Stephen's Church observed its 80th Anniversary January tenth. A program was presented, highlighting events in the church's history.

Detroit, Michigan. The congregation of St. Peter's Church dedicated its new church building January 9, 1955, with President Alfred Jensen officiating and assisted by Pastor Edwin Hansen, president of the Michigan District; Dr. Ernest Nielsen, president of Grand View College, and the local pastor, the Rev. Svend A. Jorgensen. At a special Dedication Dinner Jan. 16, the speaker was Prof. Howard Christensen,

of G. V. C., who also led a Sunday School Institute here Jan. 14-16.

Dwight, Illinois. In the monthly bulletin of St. Peter's Church here we noted with interest that average attendance during 1954 at worship services was 146. (The congregation has less than 200 contributing members.)

Ringsted, Iowa. 14 new members were received here by the congregation this month, plus 8 children. About two thousand dollars has been collected for a new organ.

Fredsville, Iowa. Pastor C. A. Stub and Pastor Richard Sorensen of Waterloo will represent our Synod at the Evangelism Conference in Milwaukee late this month. Pastor H. O. Nielsen will lecture here on the Evanston Conference January 30.

Hampton, Iowa. The Iowa Youth District is conducting a Winter Weekend Camp January 28-30. Pastor Gudmund Petersen is receiving registrations; total cost is \$6.50.

Cedarloo, Iowa. On January 2, ceremonies of "corner-stone laying" were conducted for the new church building here, for which ground-breaking was done last October.

Waterloo, Iowa. Twenty-five new members were received by the congregation here last month, plus 9 children. During the year this group has gained 64 baptized members, according to the annual report, and Sunday School enrollment increased from 107 to 154.

Des Moines, Iowa. Luther Memorial Congregation voted by 64 to 10 against accepting the Synod Board's offer to sell the church property for \$30,000. Then the congregation voted overwhelmingly against renewing its previous offer to buy at \$25,000.

Gifts to Tyler Old People's Home

In memory of Carl Jeppesen, Tyler, Minn., by friends \$11.00
St. John's English Aid, Hampton, Iowa 10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid Society, Marinette, Wis. 5.00
In memory of Mrs. Jorgen Nielsen, Tyler, Minn., by friends... 34.00
M. B. Petersen, Ruthton, Minn., for Building Fund 25.00
Harry Bornhoff, Tyler, Minn.—Turkey.
Hansen Paint Shop, Tyler, Minn.—Paint.
Pre-School Children and Teachers, Tyler, Minn. (Christian Day School Classes)—Box of Fruit.
Mrs. Sunbeam, Pipestone Bakeries, Pipestone, Minn.—Fruit.
Girl Scouts, Tyler, Minn.—Candy.
Martha Holm, Tyler, Minn.—Cookies.
Danish Sisterhood, Tyler Minn. — Fruit.

A sincere thank you to all.

Tyler Old People's Home.

Hans C. Svendsen, Treas.

Attention, District V

Our synodical secretary, Pastor Holger O. Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who was the A.E.L.C. delegate to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches which met in Evanston last August, will tour our district and speak on his impressions from this meeting. He also will show more than thirty slides from Evanston.

His itinerary is as follows:

Friday, February 11, Alden, Minn.

Sunday, February 13, Minneapolis and Circle Pines, Minn.

Monday, February 14, Withee, Wis.

Tuesday, February 15, Askov, Minn.

Wednesday, February 16, West Denmark, Wis.

Sunday, February 20, Dagmar, Mont.

Harold Petersen, Dist. Pres.

Acknowledgement of Receipts for the Synod Treasurer

For the month of December, 1954:

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Granly, Miss.	\$ 76.69
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	414.70
Parlier, Calif.	46.00
Trinity, Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	204.18
Bridgeport, Conn.	104.17
Oak Hill, Iowa	627.00
Brush, Colo.	87.00
Seattle, Wash.	67.97
Junction City, Ore.	550.00
Askov, Minn.	564.21
West Denmark, Wis.	564.75
Davey, Nebr.	81.39
Lindsay, Nebr.	366.80
Menominee, Mich.	14.69
Cedar Falls, Iowa	2,557.05
Hampton, Iowa	623.26
Los Angeles, Calif.	331.12
Germania, Mich.	134.00
Kimballton, Iowa	1,581.39
Manistee, Mich.	90.04
Viborg, S. D.	834.65
Cozad, Nebr.	277.00
Hay Springs, Nebr.	266.75
Grayling, Mich.	75.00
Hartford, Conn.	800.00
Grant, Mich.	121.68
Waterloo, Iowa	736.54
Badger, S. D.	258.15
Tacoma, Wash.	27.35
Muskegon, Mich.	150.00
Omaha, Nebr.	137.42
Dannebrog Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	200.00
Racine, Wis.	489.15
Brooklyn, N. Y.	244.79
Fresno, Calif.	193.03
Salinas, Calif.	135.21
Dwight, Ill.	512.66
Tyler, Minn.	760.35
Des Moines, Iowa	118.89
Newell, Iowa	1,000.00
Clinton, Iowa	90.00
Lake Norden, S. D.	258.15
Newark, N. J.	135.00
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	232.80
First Lutheran, Montcalm, Co., Mich.	398.47
Minneapolis, Minn.	75.25

Trufant, Mich.	59.68
Watsonville, Calif.10
Ludington, Mich.	131.44
Troy, N. Y.	17.50
Ruthton, Minn.	300.00

Home Mission:

Danish Ladies' Aid, Viborg, S. D.	17.00
In memory of Bernice Jensen, Albert and Alma Larsen, Viborg, S. D.	5.00
In memory of Henry M. Andersen, Cong., Viborg, S. D.	12.00
In memory of Carl H. Borer, Ladies' Aid, Viborg, S. D.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels Hansen, Viborg, S. D.	2.00
Bethania Sunday School, Racine, Wis.	25.00
Evening Circle, Racine, Wis.	5.00
Congregations:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	2.00
Dannebrog Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	2.00
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	77.55
First Lutheran, Montcalm Co., Mich.	8.00
For Cedarloo—Sunday School, Kimballton, Iowa	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill.	30.00
Annual Reports	194.00
Lutheran Tidings:	
Danish Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash.	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Bronx, New York	10.00
Congregations:	
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	14.50
Cedar Falls, Iowa	10.00
Dannebrog Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	4.00
First Lutheran, Montcalm Co., Mich.	3.00
Kirke og Folk:	
Subscriptions and Gifts	420.45
Grand View College and Grand View Seminary:	
Danish Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis.	15.00
Ladies' Aid, Exira, Iowa, Seminary	20.00
Ladies' Aid, Exira, Iowa	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn.	20.00
Congregations:	
S. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa	25.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	12.70

Pension Fund:

Ladies' Aid, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr.	25.00
Congregations:	
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	47.35
Racine, Wis.	137.25
Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	6.00
Seattle, Wash.	172.75
Cedar Falls, Iowa	12.50
Kimballton, Iowa	139.07
Ringsted, Iowa	76.00
Clinton, Iowa	118.00
Salinas, Calif.	50.00
Dannebrog Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	2.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa	3.00
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	125.00

First Lutheran, Montcalm Co., Mich.	6.00	Diamond Lake, Minn.	10.00	Fredsville, Iowa	10.00
Brush, Colo.	20.00	Des Moines, Iowa	10.00	Cedar Falls, Iowa	165.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	189.55	Newell, Iowa	10.00	For Gideons:	
Bridgeport, Conn.	75.00	Diamond Lake, Minn.	10.00	Congregation: Racine, Wis. ...	10.00
Menominee, Mich.	55.00	Flaxton, N. D.	5.00	For Porto Novo Mission Sewing Machine Fund:	
Marinette, Wis.	10.00	Gayville, S. D.	25.00	West Ladies' Aid, Cordova, Nebr.	10.00
Lutheran Jr. Aid, Grayling, Mich.	5.00	Congregation: Cedar Falls, Ia.	15.00	For Solvang Lutheran Home:	
Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa ...	25.00	Lutheran Jr. Aid, Grayling, Mich.	5.00	Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa	5.00
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill.	25.00	West Ladies' Aid, Cordova, Nebr.	10.00	For G. V. C. Building Fund:	
Bethania Sunday School, Racine, Wis.	14.75	Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00	In memory of Henry M. Andersen, Viborg, S. D., Congregation, Viborg, S. D.	83.50
United Women of Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	25.00	In memory of Carl H. Borger, friends in Viborg, S. D.	3.00	For Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin:	
Sunday School, Kimballton, Iowa	11.00	Bethania Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Brush, Colo.	5.00	Bethania Sunday School, Racine, Wis.	100.00
In memory of Henry Andersen, Congr., Viborg, S. D. ...	8.00	Martin Granlund, Seattle, Wash.	10.00	For American Bible Society:	
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill.	30.00	Peter Dienes, Marquette, Neb.	15.00	Congregation: Cedar Falls, Ia.	5.00
C. L. Hansen, Marinette, Wis.	25.00	Friends in Tyler, Minn.	127.00	Sunday School, Kimballton, Iowa	10.00
Pastor's Dues:		English Ladies' Aid, Hampton, Iowa	10.00	For Danish Lutheran Children's Home:	
Rev. Paul Wikman	56.00	St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill.	5.00	Danish Brotherhood in America	421.50
Rev. Viggo Hansen	38.41	Victoria Lodge, Racine, Wis.	5.00	For Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa:	
Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen	73.30	In memory of Mrs. Nels Ris- hoi, Congr., White, S. D. ...	12.00	For Christmas treats from Ladies' Aid, Exira, Iowa	10.00
Rev. Harold Ibsen	55.00	Sunday School, Dagmar, Mont.	10.50	Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa	10.00
Rev. Howard Christensen	50.77	Friendship Circle, Kimballton, Iowa	5.00	Congregation: Cedar Falls, Ia.	10.00
Chicago Children's Home:		Women's Circle, Omaha, Neb.	10.00	Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Congregations:		Seamen's Mission:		In memory of Henry M. Andersen, Congr., Viborg, S. D.	2.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	20.00	Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis.	10.00	In memory of Chris Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kramme, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa	30.00	Danish Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis.	15.00	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fr. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kramme, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	20.00	Congregations:		Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill.	10.00
Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis.	10.00	Oak Hill, Iowa	32.75	Friendship Circle, Kimballton, Iowa	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis.	15.00	Cedar Falls, Iowa	20.00	Eben-Ezer:	
In memory of Mr. Ingeman Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reimer and all the cousins, Dwight, Ill.	9.00	Wilbur, Wash.	10.00	Congregations:	
Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Mont.	15.00	Minneapolis, Minn.	20.00	Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	53.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Askov, Minn.	5.00	Ladies' Aids:		Cedar Falls, Iowa	69.17
Ladies' Aids:		Dagmar, Mont.	15.00	Waterloo, Iowa	28.75
Detroit, Mich.	10.00	Des Moines, Iowa	5.00	Hampton, Iowa	20.00
Exira, Iowa	5.00	Detroit, Mich.	15.00	Dwight, Ill.	26.00
Fredsville, Iowa	20.00	Exira, Iowa	5.00	Menominee, Mich.	17.50
Davey, Nebr.	10.00	Fredsville, Iowa	15.00	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reimer, Dwight, Ill.	3.00
Alden, Minn.	25.00	Alden, Minn.	15.00	Rev. Walter Brown	18.00
Waterloo, Iowa	10.00	Victory, Mich.	5.00	Chris Riber, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Hampton, Iowa	5.00	Waterloo, Iowa	15.00	Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa	15.00
West Ladies' Aid, Cordova, Nebr.	10.00	Hampton, Iowa	5.00	In memory of Lauritz Christiansen, friends in Fredsville, Iowa	10.00
West Church Sunday School, Cordova, Nebr.	5.00	Dwight, Ill.	10.00	Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa ...	10.00
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill.	10.00	Bridgeport, Conn.	20.00	Evening Circle, Racine, Wis.	5.00
Bethania Sunday school, Racine, Wis.	25.00	Ludington, Mich.	5.00	Mission Group, Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
In memory of Fred Lydigsen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill.	3.00	Danish, Askov, Minn.	10.00	Women's Circle, Omaha, Nebr.	10.00
In memory of Bernard Rodholm, Congr., St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	7.00	Danebod, Tyler, Minn.	10.00	Ladies' Aid, Newark, N. J. ...	10.00
Friendship Circle, Kimballton, Iowa	15.00	Lutheran Jr., Grayling Mich.	5.00	Lutheran World Action and Relief:	
Women's Circle, Omaha, Nebr.	10.00	Danish, Viborg, S. D.	13.00	Pastor Heide, Racine, Wis. ...	5.00
Sunday Schools:		West, Cordova, Nebr.	25.00	Congregations:	
Dagmar, Mont.	10.50	Bethania, Brush, Colo.	13.00	Parlier, Calif.	27.00
Kimballton, Iowa	15.00	Bethania, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00	Trinity Lutheran, Greenville, Mich.	52.85
Ludington, Mich.	35.05	English, Tyler, Minn.	15.00	Exira, Iowa	50.00
Tyler Old People's Home:		Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Ia.	10.00		
Ladies Aids:		Women's Circle, Omaha, Neb.	10.00		
Detroit, Mich.	15.00	Hope Circle, Ruthton, Minn. ...	7.50		
Fredsville, Iowa	15.00	Direct Receipts from Seamen's Mission	405.00		
Alden, Minn.	25.00	Previously acknowledged	43,074.40		
		Total to date	\$65,411.02		
		Received for Items Outside of Budget:			
		Cedarloo Building Fund:			
		Mission Group, Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	15.00		
		Congregations:			
		Hampton, Iowa	54.00		
		Waterloo, Iowa	265.00		
		Other	2.00		

Oak Hill, Iowa	186.00
Brush, Colo.	29.00
Seattle, Wash.	21.00
Ruthton, Minn.	12.00
Junction City, Ore.	67.70
Askov, Minn.	200.00
Tacoma, Wash.	51.50
Davey, Nebr.	52.00
Lindsay, Nebr.	55.81
Fredsville, Iowa	95.13
Menominee, Mich.	9.26
Cedar Falls, Iowa	180.00
Hampton, Iowa	162.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	134.00
Germania, Mich.	36.00
Manistee, Mich.	41.00
Viborg, S. D.	50.00
Cozad, Nebr.	105.00
Hay Springs, Neb.	127.35
Askov, Minn.	58.05
Hartford, Conn.	120.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash.	10.00
Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Dan- vang, Texas	5.00
Rev. A. E. Frost, for Relief	10.00
In memory of Henry M. And- ersen, Congr., Viborg, S. D.	17.00
In memory of Carl H. Borer, Congregation, Viborg, S. D.	21.00
Bethany Ladies' Aid, Trufant, Mich.	5.00
Gardner Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Illinois	10.00
In memory of John Jensen, Mildred Hansen, Racine, Wis.	2.00
Congregations:	
Badger, S. D.	70.50
Tacoma, Wash.	3.00
Muskegon, Mich.	40.00
Dannebrog Lutheran, Green- ville, Mich.	62.92
Racine, Wis.	99.25
Seattle, Wash.	18.00
Solvang, Calif.	23.67
Fresno, Calif.	69.00
Fredsville, Iowa	35.00

Contributions to Solvang Lutheran Home

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of N. T. Nielsen,	
Kathrine Hansen	\$ 4.00
Bertha Jensen	3.00
Ladies' Aid	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hansen	2.00
Annie Eskelsen	2.00
Minnie Beck	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen, (McKinley)	2.50
Mathilde Olsen and children	6.00
Mrs. Maren Marthedal	2.00
Hans J. Nielsen	3.00
Sara P. Andersen	1.50

Clinton, Iowa	303.00
Grayling, Mich.	60.00
Bridgeport, Conn.	89.00
Salinas, Calif.	66.00
Viborg, S. D.	79.00
Dwight, Ill.	163.08
Tyler, Minn.	262.49
Denmark, Kans.	32.00
West Denmark, Wis.	190.00
Newell, Iowa	357.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	14.35
Lake Norden, S. D.	4.50
Cedar Falls, Iowa	181.00
Newark, N. J.	89.50
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	184.00
First Lutheran, Montcalm Co., Mich.	128.06
Minneapolis, Minn.	188.00
Junction City, Ore.	2.00
Cedarloo, Iowa	36.43
Kimballton, Iowa	446.00
Trufant, Mich.	11.21
Ruthton, Minn.	66.00
Pastor Heide, Racine, Wis.	5.00
Bethania Sunday School, Ra- cine, Wis.	25.00
Evening Circle, Racine, Wis.	5.00
United Lutheran Church, Thornton, Iowa	9.00
In memory of Andrew Ref- shuje, Cedar Falls, Iowa, W.	2.00
W. Hostrup, Kimballton, Ia.	9,401.59
Previously acknowledged	

Total to date \$14,829.20

Pastor's Pension Endowment Fund:

Mrs. H. J. Hansen, Palatine, Iowa	5.00
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Tyler Old People's Home Endowment Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Frederick- sen, Hyattsville, Md.	10.00
Anonymous	50.00

Church Extension Fund:

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kramme. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laur- itsen, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kramme, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Hartvig Jensen and A. E. Kramme, Des Moines, Iowa	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laurit- zen, Dwight, Ill.	40.00
Congregation: Trinity Luther- an, Greenville, Mich.	37.00
Ludington, Mich.	19.35

Respectfully submitted,
American Evangelical Lutheran Church
Charles Lauritzen, Treasurer.

In memory of Ole Sorensen, Solvang, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. W. Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. V. Tors- lev, Los Angeles, Calif.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Andersen	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Marius Larsen	2.00
Mrs. Esther Berggren	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobsen	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. John Larsen	3.00
Miss Mary Petersen	2.00
Mrs. Sorine Jensen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. George Pet- ersen	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lunde	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gudmund Hvol- bol	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Tarnow	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strand- skov	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Appel	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nygaard	3.00
Mr. H. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harald Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Axel Berggren	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lauritsen	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Madsen	3.00
Clara Gilmer, Los Angeles	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels J. Nielsen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jen- sen and family, L. A.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bagge, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mueller and family, Newburg, Oregon	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petersen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Iversen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bjerre, Los Angeles, Calif.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ray LaMaster, Gunda Jensen, Eleonora Jen- sen	6.00
Hans Mosbeck	2.50
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Niels Petersen	3.00
In memory of Sven Hausted, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jensen	5.00
In memory of Mrs. George Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Brus	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. George Pet- ersen	3.50
In memory of Mrs. Mary Peter- sen, La Habra, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. John Naur	10.00
In memory of Elna Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. John Naur	10.00
In memory of Peter Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. Marius Larsen	2.00
Mrs. Sorine Jensen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Andersen	2.50
Oswald Andersen, Reserve, Montana	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels J. Nielsen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Iversen	2.00
In memory of Ed Hanson, Sol- vang Lutheran Home, B. T. Ostlund	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bierry, Pasadena, Calif., and Mabel L. Sweet	5.00
Mrs. Chris Iversen, Nelson, Minn.	1.00
Arvid Larsen, Claremont, Minn.	1.00
by Friends	62.50

(Continued next issue)

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.

I am a member of the congregation at _____ January 20, 1955

Name _____

City _____ State _____

New Address _____

JENSEN, JENS M.
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