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"Refuse Substitutes"

John 17:3 "This is life eternal that they should know Thee, the only true God, and him whom thou didst send — even Jesus Christ."

Pastor Clayton Nielsen of Withee, Wisconsin, delivered this message at the Kimballton convention. He is former president of AELYP, and former pastor at Denmark, Kansas.

In our daily lives we are constantly being bombarded by advertising, through newspapers, magazines, radio and television. Advertisers make use of slogans and catch-phrases, so that the catch-phrases may remind us of the product advertised. One catch-phrase whose source I have not succeeded in finding whose meaning has definite application to Christianity is this one, "Refuse substitutes." There are so many activities in our daily church life that I sometimes wonder if we are not at times emphasizing the substitutes at the expense of the real thing.

You will remember that one day Jesus came to Bethany to visit at the home of his two friends, Mary and Martha. You will remember that the master pointed out to Martha that service to others is not enough; indeed it is possible to be so distracted in our service to others that we lose sight of that which is most important, that we accept service as a substitute for the one thing needful. Likewise in our daily lives, it is possible to lose our souls in a program of highly useful activity. I believe that we need useful activity; but I also believe that our service to others must be in what has been described as a relation of constant alternation or rhythm with our sitting at the Lord's feet, and listening to His word. This must be true, not only if God is to save our souls, but also if our service itself is to be really helpful.

Jesus went on to point out to Martha, in Mary's presence, that only one thing is ultimately needful, and that other things are valuable only because that one thing is so important. In one of his parables, he called it "the pearl of great price." The one thing needful is the life-giving Word of the Lord. For man is really much more in need of finding meaning in life than he is of life itself. Our search, yours and mine, for many things and our attempts to enjoy various novelties and luxuries are efforts to make up for or to hide the lack of the one thing which we really need and want. This is true in our personal lives; it is true in the lives of our churches.

I should like to look at the activities during the past month of the churches I serve, and have you look at the activities of yours. Let us look at some of the things we may have discussed, even this past week at our convention. Undoubtedly they may be considered works of faith — for while we know that faith without works is dead, we also know that works without faith are empty in the sight of God.

We have our building programs — be they parsonages, parish halls, educational units or churches — but do we in our building programs lose sight of the building of lives for Him in His Kingdom?

We write rules for our cemeteries — knowing that dust returns to dust, and only that which is created of God can endure.

We have our church picnics — knowing that millions have not enough to eat.

Yes we have our activities — Americans are accused of being activists by some European church-

men — but do we have time to be still and know that God is our God?

We who are pastors have the privilege, from time to time, of ministering to people in the last days and weeks of life, when those to whom we minister know that their time on earth is very limited. It is at such times that the pastor and the child of God (let us hope that both are His children) come face to face with the ultimate realities of life. It is at such times that one is led to ask, "What is truly needful, and what are the things that are only secondary? What is the one thing needful, and what are the substitutes? What must I do to be saved?"

The divine meaning of our existence is not far to seek, transcendent and ultimate though it is. It was present and accessible in Martha's humble home. It is present in your home and mine, in your church and in my church. The meaning of our lives is to find God; our souls are restless until they find rest in Him. But finding God is not finding a Reality strange and new. It is a recognizing and a responding to Someone we have known since the day of our baptism as infants, though at the time we knew it not. When we respond to God's love, and to His voice, we find that our partial and thwarted lives have meaning and wholeness; we know that even the least of his little ones has infinite worth.

As we read in our text, This is life eternal, that we should know the one true God. But what is eternal life? Sometimes in the New Testament it is spoken of in the present tense, as something to be had now; at other times it is thrown into the future, as something that still lies ahead. Actually, it is both. While it begins here and now, and one can know and live it in this world, it comes to its fullness only in the life that follows this. As Percy Gardner put it, eternal life is spoken of not strictly in the present tense or in the future tense, but rather in the "mystic tense."

As Christ develops the meaning of eternal life in his high priestly prayer, it means and is to know God as he really is; and all else flows from that. If we can take in what God is, if we can grasp something of his unselfishness and his love, of his generosity and his patience, we then have a new standard of measurement, a new scale of values, a new idea of how life should be used. And with the understanding must come a beginning to live life in that fashion. That is eternal life. It is to live following God's way, as life is lived in the eternities. It is to break away from the rude tribal conventions of mankind and to rise to worthier ways and ampler possibilities; beginning here, but reaching in eternity to something we cannot here define or describe except as the best possible and thinkable (or even unthinkable) come true — and this not by our own power, but through his love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Master's definition of eternal life is that we know the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent. According to Dr. Howard in **The Interpreter's Bible**, eternal life, the summum bonum in

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The Family That Prays Together . . .

Willard Garred

THE un-American Activities Committees of Congress have missed their biggest scoop. They have been so busy looking for communists in church and state that they have overlooked 3,000,000 persons who entered our country in 1953. The three million are illiterate, do not believe in God or our constitution. They have no respect for the flag and less for our form of government. They will disrupt our American school system and may be a threat to our churches. They are the babies who were born to American families during the last year.

So wrote Dr. Gerald Harvey in the "Los Angeles Area News." We assume that we, through our public schools, will fulfill our obligations toward these millions of children with respect to the U. S. Constitution etc. But what of their religious faith? Religion, like democracy, must begin at home. It cannot be left to our Churches and Sunday schools where the average child spends only 50 hours a year, and other millions never come.

So what does "religion at home" mean? Well, the Jews have their Mezuzahs and phylacteries, prayer shawls and other objects which remind the members of the family, young and old, of their religion. The Roman Catholics have their religious statuettes, rosaries and other reminders of worship in the home, but what do evangelical Christians have? They go to Church on Sundays, if they can manage to get themselves out of bed on time, but in the average home the only outward sign of a religious faith is the family Bible lying on a table. It is picked up when the table is dusted.

"Religion at home" to me means that the family has daily devotions, often called "The Family Altar," and this ought to be more than a hurried "two minutes with God." Most parents will claim that the reason they do not have family devotions is because there is not time. The answer to the question of time is that we have time for what we most want to do. Most families do not skip breakfast, lunch and supper because they are too busy!

If you are busy in the morning, read devotions at the supper table. If you are busy at supper time, get up a little earlier, have a more leisurely breakfast and then read your devotions and sing a hymn. (This is the method our family has found best). Bed-time is not the best time for devotions with smaller children, because they will be too sleepy. You can say a goodnight prayer with them, but most of them would not get much out of anything more.

In addition to going to Church, a family might somehow celebrate or commemorate both our national holidays and religious holidays at home. Religion belongs not only in Church and Church School, but in the home. The Passover celebration in Jewish homes overshadows the celebration at the Synagogue. It is almost a crime that religion by an unconscious, but evil conspiracy has been taken out of our Protes-

Pastor Willard Garred, Denmark, Kansas, was recently elected secretary of the Synod Board. The office was formerly held by Pastor Holger Nielsen who has now become vice president, (formerly he held both offices). Pastor Garred is California born, but brought up in Denmark, and educated at Grand View College, Grand View Seminary and Hartford Seminary. Ordained in 1943, his first call was to our church in Manistee, Michigan. From there he was called to Hartford, Connecticut, and two years ago he moved to Kansas. He is at present secretary of that state's All-Lutheran Food Appeal Committee and on our Synod's Board of Parish Education. He is married and has four children.



tant homes. A child spends so much more time at home than he does in Church or Church School.

With the common attitude toward family devotions that "there is not time," in order to get our families to start, we will have to make it not too difficult for them, at least to begin with, so I would encourage them to use something ready made. Although some religious education journals recommend that people make up their own family devotions, I wonder if it is not too much to expect the average father to do so? To read the Bible and be able to explain it to the family, and especially in such a way that young children will listen and benefit by it, requires knowledge and skill which the average father does not have. And it is too much to expect a mother with small children to find the time to prepare such devotional periods.

Devotional books and booklets are available from every Church publishing house. There are many to choose from, and most of them are good, but each time you finish a book or booklet, you have to take the trouble of looking for a new one. We have found that dated, subscription devotional booklets or magazines are the best for us. You pay the subscription price, and the booklet or magazine comes to you regularly without further time or effort on your part, and this encourages regularity and continuity in ones family devotions.

In search for suitable devotional material of this type, I wrote to a number of Churches and publishing houses and asked for samples. Here is what I received, with my own evaluation of each.

The American Lutheran Church (Wartburg Press, 57 E. Main St., Columbus 15, Ohio) offered "Portals of Prayer," size and type of material like "The Word in Season" (6"x3½") with which many of our people are familiar, contains scripture, meditation, prayer. This is actually published by Concordia Publishing House, Missouri Synod. Seven times a year, 50c a year. Material too advanced for smaller children.

The Augustana Lutheran Church (Aug. Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill.); "The Home Altar," size and type like the one above. Four times a year; 50c a year. Written for adults.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church (Augsburg Publishing House, 425 South Fifth, Minneapolis 15, Minn.):

"Christ in our Home," size and type like the ones above. Four times a year; 50c a year. Has interesting, catching word illustrations, applications. Older children can probably follow it.

The United Lutheran Church in America (Muhlenberg Press, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.), has no subscription devotional as such. "The Word in Season," which is good for adults, is published by the Northwest Synod of the ULCA (100 E. 22nd St., Minneapolis 4, Minn.). Six times a year, 50c a year. The ULCA publishes some fine little four page pamphlets such as "A Service of Family Worship for Thanksgiving Day," and the same for Ash Wednesday, Christmas, etc. These are fine for such special occasions.

The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Greenwich, Conn. (Seabury Press) wrote that they have no such material as I asked for.

The Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (Westminster Press), sent a copy of "Today," a monthly booklet with daily devotions. About the size of "The Word in Season," 60c a year, and for adults.

The Macalester Park Publishing Co., (Glenn Clark), 1571 Grand Ave., St. Paul 5, Minn., sent a magazine (size of "Readers Digest"), 64 pages, quarterly, \$1.25 a year which contains poems, meditations, articles, book reviews. Worthwhile material, good reading, but not particularly for family devotions and not for children.

The National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill., sent "Pages of Power," a 16 page booklet, price 5c, slightly larger than "The Word in Season," published annually, with suggestions on how to conduct family devotions, with samples for one week. You make up the other 51 weeks!

The National Council also suggested: "Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls," published quarterly by the Connecticut Council of Churches. This is a subscription magazine (Readers Digest size), with dated daily devotions. I am familiar with this, and my criticism of it is that often it is not based on any scripture text, is broadly liberal in its theology; a humanistic, nature-study type of religion.

"The Christian Home," published monthly by the Methodist Church. This is a subscription magazine with daily devotions. My family has a subscription to another magazine like it, "Our Home," published monthly by the Evangelical United Brethren Church (Otterbein Press, Dayton 2, Ohio). This magazine uses the copyrighted daily devotional material of the Methodists "Christian Home." Cost of "Our Home," \$1.75 a year. Size of LUTHERAN TIDINGS. Good paper, pictures and articles for parents.

Other magazines which I have seen: "The Christian Parent," published by a private concern, The Christian Education Co., Highland, Ill., 11 times a year. Size of LT, \$3 a year. Contains good articles and regular features including family worship for each day. Edited by Martin Simon, a Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor engaged full-time in editing it. We have used it for a while, and find it goes to the other extreme. It is too strictly and literally scriptural.

This magazine has for each day: a scripture passage

to be read from the Bible, a reading based on this, and a prayer. They assume that you use the King James Bible, and the reading material is really a paraphrasing of the Bible text in modern English and children's language. This is rather straight Bible study, with little or no direct application to today. The magazine is non-denominational and non-liturgical, as it seeks subscribers among all.

As you see, there is rather a dearth of subscription devotional material for children. I feel there is definitely a field for the Lutheran Church to enter here. Practically all their material is written for adults. The material I personally would prefer among those listed above is that published by the Methodists and the Evangelical United Brethren. They are good for families with younger children, but like the other non-Lutheran, non-liturgical churches' publications they do not have a scripture suggestion for every day. Often it has one verse or a part of a verse printed, so that you do not need to get the Bible out. I believe that merely getting the Bible out and reading from it has some value, as an example to the children.

The publications of these Reformed groups ignore the Church Year. They seem to know nothing of it beyond Christmas and Easter. They know Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, etc., but not Epiphany, Advent, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

If you, dear reader, do not have family devotions, maybe these suggestions would help you get started, and perhaps you can find a type of devotional material among these suggestions

which suits you. Those who are looking for a Christian family magazine might send for a sample copy of "This Day," published monthly by Concordia Publishing House (3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.). In my estimation it beats any of the secular or religious magazines of its kind I have seen. It has 64 pages, is \$3 a year, printed on the finest paper, with good articles, not all "religiously tame" either. You will find articles like the best in many a secular magazine, but without any trash. This magazine has beautiful one and two-page pictures in full color, of framing quality. I wish it included daily devotions.

Are you interested in singing graces to give variety to your table prayers? "A World of Song," section 3, has, of course, many of them, and "A Little Book of Singing Graces," published by Abingdon-Cokesbury (Methodist) has nine singing graces, with words, music and pictures, all suitable for small children. Most publishing houses have it.

It is a difficult task at best to bring up children in this hectic, unstable world. Sometimes it is difficult to keep the family together. I believe it is too late to start family devotions when the children are almost grown. I do not believe table prayers and good-night prayers are enough. "Clear Horizons," the magazine mentioned before, in one of its articles quotes this:

"Three hundred years ago a young immigrant and his bride, on their marriage day, agreed to kneel and pray with each other every day of their lives. Their

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Grand View College

How Many From Your Church ?

The impending increase in college enrollment throughout the country is creating a number of problems. Grand View College has adopted the position that we must be willing to accept and provide for our share of the increase in student enrollment. Later I hope to be able to discuss some of the problems that face higher education. In this very brief article I wish to call attention to the need for more students from our parishes and the communities in which they are located.

The total peak enrollment toward which we have set our sights is three hundred and fifty students, including forty-five to fifty student nurses.

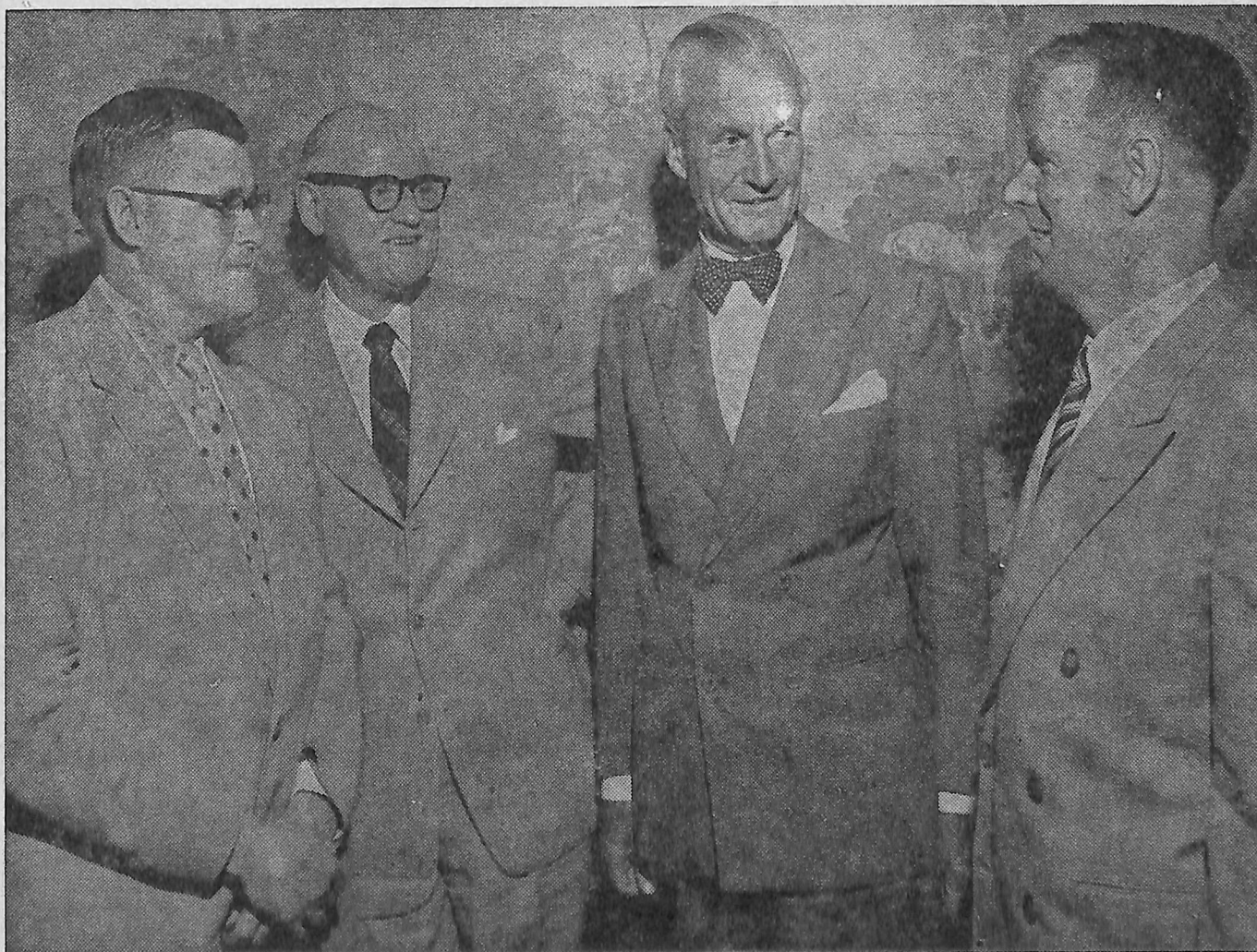
There are scores of young people of college age throughout our synod who either are or will be ready for college now or within a year or two. I am certain that with the assistance of each and every person who reads these lines we can have **more** students

from our churches. It is to the interest of both the synod and the college that as large a percentage as possible of the expected increase should come from our churches and the communities in which they are located.

I know that the Lutheran Church through the Division of Student Service brings a teaching ministry to the Lutheran students on non-Lutheran campuses, but it cannot take the place of the Church's own educational mission centered in the Church college.

Crowded campuses, classrooms and residence halls face the high school graduate who is thinking in terms of entering a large college or university. Are these the most desirable conditions for the freshman as he moves from high school with its closely supervised program to the collegiate level of education and its much greater emphasis upon personal initiative and responsibility?

I believe that there are quite a few high school graduates who have been helped by their teachers or parents to recognize the disadvantage of mass education, and who would go to Grand View College if they



DANISH AMBASSADOR AT GRAND VIEW — Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to the U.S., was commencement speaker at Grand View College in Des Moines last term. Shown here (second from right) the ambassador chats with Harry Jensen, left, of the college administration, old friend Erik Lindhardt, and Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, president of the college (right), when he was honor guest at a private luncheon. The ambassador stopped in Des Moines enroute to San Francisco where he was to represent Denmark at the 10 year anniversary of the UN. Mr. Lindhardt, president of the National By-products Co., an industrial concern in Des Moines, spearheaded the Jubilee Drive for the college in the Des Moines area some years ago.

knew what is being offered, and were informed that the college does not limit enrollment to synod students.

In addition to general education, elementary teacher education and nursing education (in affiliation with the Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing), pre-professional curricula are offered in preparation of advanced work. Liberal arts, agriculture, commerce, dentistry, education, engineering, home economics, journalism, medicine, veterinary, natural science, chemistry, physics, biology and pre-seminary. Each class or section of a class is limited in size. Expense-wise the total cost is remarkably low. To this must be added, I think, the enriching experience of living on a compact college campus where there is ample opportunity to share in the total life of the college. For young people of the synod to attend Grand View College is equivalent to having their Christian horizon lifted. The word "synod" begins to take on real meaning as they meet other students from other states, and as they interestingly watch what takes place when conferences and committee meetings dealing with the work of the synod are held at Grand View College.

Our sights are set at three hundred and fifty students. We believe that there is a way by which you can help us to reach an increasing number of synod students. Ask the young people of high school age, especially seniors and juniors, about their future educational plans. Check over with your young friends some of the advantages of a Church college. Suggest that they talk to one or two of their friends about both or all of them going to Grand View College. Inform them to write for full particulars if any additional information is needed. There are many opportunities for self-help in the city. The demand for part-time workers is often greater than the college is able to supply. The college also offers opportunities for self-help.

We solicit your cooperation in our effort to reach more synod students. Experience the satisfaction of knowing that you have guided some of the youth in your own church and community to attend Grand View College. Any investment in Christian higher education, whether it be personal effort, time, or money, pays dividends. One of the surest ways to make Christian higher education most effective is to establish such coordination between the college and the congregations that neither overlooks the paramount questions: What is best for our youth? What is best for the congregation and synod? What is best for the college? The tide in favor of the Church college is rising. The Christian college does make a difference. Write for college catalog and application blanks to Admissions Office, Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

The next term begins January 30, 1956.

Greetings from Grand View College.

Ernest D. Nielsen, President.

Queen Elizabeth, in her wise way, writing to a mother who had lost her son, tells her that she will be comforted in time; and why should she not do for herself what the mere lapse of time will do for her?

—Bentley.

Notes

Fixation

In the book called **Thunder Stone**, Dr. Sholto, the famous eye specialist, knows that if nine year old Nancy's damaged eye is not removed she will go blind but her parents will not consent to the operation. He uses the verdict of medical centers, emotion and strategy, but Mrs. Myrik's mind is fixed. She has been to college and studied psychology. She knows. No other doctor will she use, but she will decide. The surgeon realizes that by taking the eye he will break a law, jeopardize not only his own position but the credit of the hospital. He has no choice, for he cannot let Nancy go blind.

A corporate or individual fixation is a dead end to science, religion and subtle strategy. Even Jesus could do nothing with the fixations of the Jews and Romans, yet it must be removed, else there is no salvation. Only a total love act which obsoletes any kind or any form of self-consideration is able to break the fixed mind.

An Error

It is an error to stress a relative difference between Grundtvig and Kierkegaard so much that their mutual and definite opposition to romantic rationalism is dimmed. I am sorry that so many Danish teachers continue the error. We shall not understand the two men unless we realize that the life of each one of them was centered in a crucified Christ, and rationalism demanded a Christ who could be made compatible with its philosophy.

The Sign

Again I said to three babies, "Receive the sign of the holy cross upon thy brow and upon thy breast as a token that thou shalt believe in the crucified Lord Jesus Christ." I had no reservations in my soul at the moment I said the words, for I know that the Lord Jesus Christ of infinite reality is as much crucified by my contemporary society as he was by society in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. It is as true now as it was then, that the chance liberation lies not in the established temple but in the rejected stone. The world state religion, which is now being formed, very definitely demands a noncrucified Christ, but there will be no salvation in such a savior.

Aage Moller.

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Schools and Bibles

Here in the Santa Ynez Valley we have just witnessed two graduation exercises, first, the one of the eighth graders from the valley elementary schools, and then, the one of the local high school. To say that these programs were both exemplary and highly inspiring is unnecessary. Everyone who attended these functions was impressed by the seriousness of our youth, these honored graduates.

Today we read in our newspaper, the Santa Barbara News-Press (June 12, 1955), of the recent ruling of our California attorney general, Edmund G. Brown, in which he rules on constitutional grounds that the Bible may not be read for religious purposes in California public school classes. Be that as it may but the ruling continues: "The State Constitution forbids the distribution of the Gideon Bible throughout the school system, and that religious prayers may not be made a part of the public school curriculum."

Part of Program

This writer regards the above graduation exercises a part of the school program. In fact they are a very vital and proper close to the youth's educational venture thus far in his early years. "A part of the school curriculum," I feel. Can you picture graduation exercises without the use of religious prayer? One may well argue that these exercises are not a part of the school curriculum. By this latter term one means only those subjects that are taught to the students in the classroom, the Honorable Attorney General will likely protest. Be that as it may, but there is a threat to our religious freedom in this recent ruling or interpretation. It is a dangerous one and a threat to that freedom that we have inherited from Christian forefathers here in America.

The writer has served almost 30 years in the classroom of the American Public Schools, first as a rural school teacher, then as a high school English teacher, as principal of both high school and elementary schools, and now as sixth grade teacher in the Solvang Grammar School. During all these years the use of "religious prayer" both silently and verbally has been used freely and unchallenged. Now the attorney general of the State of California rules this daily prayer "unconstitutional." I can't believe that all my former students who gave their lives on the field of battle, in the air and on the high seas can ever forgive their former teacher if she silently accepts such a ruling. It is inspired by their memories that this teacher "goes to bat" and protests bitterly the above-mentioned ruling.

Highlight of Year

During the five years that I served as principal of the Solvang Grammar School, one of the highlights of the year was the annual visit of the representatives of the Gideon Society when they proudly presented their Bible gifts to the sixth graders of our local school. It was my understanding then that they came with the approval of our county school superintendent, my friend, Hal Caywood. Is that unconstitutional, illegal, and un-American?

Within the past month of school my sixth graders

have daily taken turn in leading us in the Lord's Prayer and then in the Pledge of Allegiance. Hitherto the teacher led both verbal exercises. Now we are told that this is unconstitutional! Boys and girls, do you hear that? If we have done anything wrong — illegal — then I, your teacher, assumes full responsibility and I stand guilty before the high court of this state and My Father who art in Heaven!

But I protest — and I shall continue to pray daily with my next year's sixth graders before we lift our voices in the Pledge of Allegiance. And I know that we are not the only group who cannot thus be silenced by rulings — even if these come from the highest court in this state.

Marie M. Hald.

1621 Maple Ave., Solvang, Calif.

Editor's Note: The above article received wide recognition and reprinting in California when it first appeared in community newspapers.

OIL FOR MY LAMP

Oil for my lamp must give flame which is white.
Then I shall journey through Earth's deepest night;
Oil that is pure that my eyes may behold
Pitfalls in valleys or boulders that rolled,
Blocking my way on a far mountain height.

I must have oil for my lamp or my plight
Would be as sad as the virgins' we cite!
I must have oil as the wise ones of old

Oil for my lamp!

Faith is the oil increasing my sight;
Guiding me onward through pathways of Right.
I have the Word of my Lord and no gold
Ever can alter the Truth that is told!
I have the oil for my lamp to give light

Oil for my lamp!

—Thelma Allinder.

The astonishing thing about the human being is not so much his intellect and bodily structure, profoundly mysterious as they are. The astonishing and least comprehensible thing about him is his range of vision, his gaze into the infinite distance, his lonely passion for ideas and ideals, far removed from his material surroundings and animal activities; for which he is willing to endure trials and privations, to sacrifice pleasures, to disdain griefs and frustrations; for which he will stand till he dies, in the profound conviction that if nothing be worth dying for, nothing is worth living for.

—W. MacNeile Dixon.
The Human Situation.

Paging Youth

American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Editor: Ted Thuesen, 55 Roseville Ave., Newark 7, N. J.

NLC Issues Pamphlet to Aid Those Entering Armed Forces

Washington, D. C.—(NLC)—The Bureau of Service to Military Personnel of the National Lutheran Council has prepared a pre-induction training manual for high school boys and girls about to enter the armed forces.

Preparation of the manual was motivated by a resolution adopted by the NLC at its annual meeting last February which voiced "grave concern over the serious moral problems which prevail in the areas of overseas troop concentrations," and underscored "the importance of thorough pastoral counselling" to young people before their induction.

While the manual may be used for private reading, the preface suggests that the pastor or layman of the local church meet with the candidates to help prepare them for induction some time before the actual letter of "greeting" arrives.

Divided into 18 chapters, the manual deals with pertinent facts of military life. If a protracted course is desired, the chapters lend themselves to a series of 18 meetings. Otherwise, the material may be condensed into six meetings.

The table of contents and sub-topics include the following.

1. The Serviceman and Our Nation. What kind of a nation do I serve? What do I owe my country? What are some of the dangers confronting my nation today?

2. The Serviceman and God. Will God have a place in my service career? Will fellow Christians have a special place in my life as a serviceman? What is the Church doing to help me keep in touch with God?

3. The Serviceman and Himself. What should be my attitude as I contemplate leaving home for the service? What facilities do the services furnish to counteract loneliness and frustration? How can my service career actually develop my character and will power.

4. The Serviceman and Others. How can I get along in these strange surroundings? What about girls? Should I consider marriage now?

5. The Serviceman and Leisure Time. What are some profitable ways of using my free time in the service? Where to go and what to do when away from the post? What are the dangers from drinking and the use of narcotics?

6. The Serviceman and His Future. What can God's purpose be with the present emergency? What future is there for a returning serviceman? What should be my attitude toward separation from the service?

The Rev. Engebret O. Midboe, secretary of the

Bureau of Service to Military Personnel, said the manual is being made available without charge to all pastors of the Church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council. Orders for the manual should be sent directly to the Bureau's office at 2633 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington 9, D. C., and should state the number of candidates for induction anticipated during the coming year.

Perspective

Alexander Woolcott had a remarkable perspective towards his limitations and a refreshing humor about them. When he was in college, his fraternity brothers told him his physical grossness would hurt their chances of pledging good men during the rushing season and that he should keep out of sight. Far from being affronted by such bluntness or withdrawing in silent hurt to lick his wounds, Mr. Woolcott exploited his handicap. He dressed with outrageous lack of taste, perched his massive bulk on the porch of a rival fraternity house, and with a frightening leer invited all passing freshmen to come in and join. In high glee he told later that he almost succeeded in ruining the competing chapter.

His was a type perspective all of us need, which, regardless of how Woolcott may have acquired it, we can be sure is reached easiest and best in the presence of God.

From FRIENDLY ENEMIES by
Robert R. Brown.
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

1,000 Pounds A Soul !

Suppose someone were to offer me 1,000 Pounds Sterling for every soul I might try to win to Christ. Would I endeavour to lead any more souls to Christ than I am doing now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money even at the risk of blunders or ridicule what I hesitate to do, or shrink from doing now, in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love for God? Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul winner!

—Great Commission Prayer League.

AELYFlash!!

National AELF Convention-Workshop

November 4, 5, 6

Tyler, Minnesota

Make Plans Now to Attend!

Our Women's Work

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, 1033 South Tenth Street, Maywood, Illinois
Editor

Drink of It, All of You

World Communion Sunday will be
celebrated October 2

This is a simple statement and it may have no meaning whatsoever. There will be those for whom its proclamation is another evidence of the superficiality of modern life which dramatizes and advertizes everything without regard for content. There will be those for whom the tragedy of separation and indifference will make the proclamation a farce. Each of these groups is aware of some of the bitter realities of our situation.

Despite the scepticism, and even when we consider it seriously, there is a deep and abiding value to that which is expressed by the words: World Communion Sunday. The expression recognizes the inherent quality of the very word communion. It is a communion of God with man and it is a communion of man with man. At the Lord's table we have community at its deepest level.

Community with God, which is a reality because God has established it, means that that which hindered community has been removed. The barriers have been broken down, our sin has been forgiven by the grace of God, and we can enter fully into the life of his kingdom. The kingdom was established on earth by Christ and with us at baptism, but its full realization is prevented by the power of sin. There is a cup of the new covenant, however, which offers us full participation with God.

The necessary sequel to this is that we share this community with our neighbor. As we partake of the bread and the cup together we are united as we can be united in no other way. Before the face of God we are one, one body in Christ. This fellowship carries throughout the world. It carries beyond human barriers of race and nationality; it even carries beyond the barriers which churches have erected.

There is a tragic note to World Communion. Opinions and tradition prevent those who proclaim Christ from sharing fully in a human way, even though we all believe that we share fully with God. The burden of this we shall have to carry and repentance for this must become a reality. We must pray to God that we may all be one, even as the master prayed before us.

God grant that we may hear and heed our master's voice when he tells us: Drink of it, all of you!

J. K.

From Bethlehem Lutheran Church Newsletter

Today is a little five letter word, but it is the largest word in the English language.

Today is all we have, yesterday is in the past and never can be recalled, and tomorrow is always in the

future. We can live but an instant at a time, and that instant is today.

If we have a job to do, a good deed to perform, a smile for someone or just being a good fellow you can't do it yesterday nor tomorrow but today.

Today is everpresent it is the only time we have to live, act or sleep; so let's take advantage of today to do the things we desire to do for yesterday is gone forever and when tomorrow gets here it is today.

Friend, make every moment count for something constructive, something to make someone happy, something that will make this world a better place in which to live, and the old adage, "There is no time like the present," should mean, "There is no time but the present," and that is today.

Women's Mission Society Receipts

July 1, 1955 to September 1, 1955

General Fund

In Memoriam: Mrs. S. Marckman by Mesdames Andre, Urban, C. Gertsen, E. Christensen, M. Jensen, G. Jacobsen, K. Youngman, Th. Jorgensen, N. Hansen, O. Marckman, M. Bruhn, C. Larsen, A. Jensen and Misses S. Henriksen and R. Andre	\$ 21.00
In Memoriam: Mrs. Chris Sorensen, Mrs. Nels Christensen, Mrs. Carl Gjerloff by Kronborg, Nebr., Ladies' Aid	15.00
Total	\$ 36.00

Seminary Fund

Fredsville, Iowa, Ladies' Aid	\$ 94.20
First Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn.	25.00
Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Sidney, Mich., Mission Group	15.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr.	11.50
Laura McLeod, Grayling, Mich.	5.00
Kimballton Convention Collection	236.00
Immanuel Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Lake Norden, South Dakota	6.50
Total	\$403.20

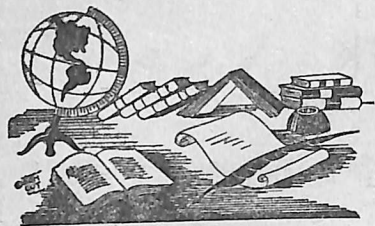
Home Missions

Trinity and S. Sidney Mich., Mission Group	\$ 15.00
Mission Study Group, Brush, Colo.	10.00
Kimballton, Iowa, Mission Group	16.50
Total	\$ 41.50

Total receipts \$480.70

Many thanks for the contributions to Women's Mission work. We are always grateful for contributions to all funds. It might bear repeating, however, that it is the policy of WMS to place all monies not specified for a particular use into the general fund.

Ela K. Nielsen, Treasurer.
3231 Fremont Ave. South
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota.



OPINION AND COMMENT

Thousands for India's Millions

As we sent the manuscripts for this issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS off to the printer we noted with astonishment that the list of contributions for the past month for our Santal Mission amounted to about seventeen hundred dollars, including one large memorial gift from Minneapolis. There is no spot on earth more distant than India, yet for the people in our Synod, no mission field is nearer nor dearer. The Ribers and Muriel Nielsen are continuously in our thoughts, and prayers for them are in our hearts. The recent experience of Harold Riber with one of the jungle's wild animals reminds us that the problems facing our missionaries are of many kinds. — We have had no further details on Harold's condition; we presume he has recovered. As we understand it, a large animal of the cat family (leopard or tiger) had been terrorizing a village near the school where Harold is stationed, and he volunteered to help track it down and destroy it. When the animal was discovered and surrounded, it chose to escape on a line directly toward Harold Riber who was unable to shoot or defend himself. He was knocked to the ground and severely bitten and clawed. Native beaters managed to scare the beast off. — We do, of course, sympathize with Harold, but if we know our old friend rightly, and we do, it is not our sympathy he wants;

he wants his cause supported! How wonderful it would be if the monthly gifts could range well over a thousand every time. And how fine, if everyone who reads these words would think about and pray for Harold and Mary and Muriel in their work among India's millions.

Forbid Them Not

Much of this issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS concerns children and young people, from the cover page through Willard Garred's splendid contribution to other items about colleges, schools, etc. Most church bulletins this month bring us news of "rally days" and re-opening church schools, etc. This is the season for such rallying and reminders. People have returned from vacations, and community life settles into a steady routine again. — One pastor's bulletin reminds us that "Our Lord spent much of His time at the sea shore or in the mountains" but this did not keep Him from remembering the needs of the spirit. — People occasionally say to a pastor, "Sorry we weren't in church last Sunday. We had company." This is one of the worst possible excuses. — Brief week-end trips are growing increasingly popular both for city people and for farm people, and while these trips have much value as recreation, they should not interfere with the steady attendance at church and church school of every Christian family. Children who are permitted to harbor the feeling that the habit of church school or public worship is one that may be broken as often as desired will have a weakened notion of the value of these activities. No family should discuss on Sunday morning whether or not it should go to church that day. Wherever we week-end, there is a church nearby that will welcome us. — And, as one frantic and rushed commuter said one time, "It's a great life if you don't week-end." (This does not, however, refer to District Conventions!)

Witch-Hunt ?

Some religious journals we receive have referred to the Wisconsin heresy trials as "witch-hunts," and one of them made so bold as to say, "There has always been an element of the loathsome in heresy trials." It then proceeded to connect the heresy trials in an oblique way with Wisconsin's political history and the recent political witch-hunts, obviously referring to the activities of Senator McCarthy. This, it seems to us, is completely unfair to the Northwest Synod of the ULCA which conducted the trials. The leadership of any church body is conservative because of the weight of the responsibility upon it. The Synod involved was acting, we think, in the most sensible manner possible in a difficult situation, and to compare this case with Senate investigators is hardly appropriate. We admire Pastors Crist, Gerberding, etc., for their courage. We recognize that out of such adventurous courage comes progress, and that out of intellectual inquiry comes knowledge. However, we feel that we can do so and still be understanding about the actions of Synod leadership which must protect the church against wild, tangential flights of fancy which, in other cases, could turn out really harmful



The Indian child stepping briskly from a medical truck has just had her chest fluoroscoped in an anti-TB drive in the Behar state of India. The roving medical service is provided by the United Nations Children's Fund which, together with the World Health Organization, has helped the Government to set up tuberculosis control demonstration and training centers in India. The purpose of the centers is to train doctors, nurses, health visitors and technicians, using the most modern laboratory and X-ray equipment.

Two Ways

CHARLES TERRELL
Pastor, Newell, Iowa

SOME time during the second century a Christian writer chose for himself the task of interpreting for the church two earlier writings. One was a catechism on Christian morality called, "The Two Ways, The Way of Life and the Way of Death"; the other was an order of church services. The writer also had access to the gospels of Matthew and Luke which he quoted frequently; in addition he had other sources which are now lost. His work does not reach the high level of the Gospels, for it is more concerned with morality than with faith, yet it is a work which for many years was highly important in the life of the Church. It is called, "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, commonly called the Didache."

In the first chapter the author quotes Luke 6:30, "If someone deprives you of your property, do not ask for it back," and adds with real insight and a touch of humor, "You could not get it back anyway!" This is certainly a practical consideration underlying a moral precept.

The one verse which stands out above all the rest is a quotation from an unknown source, "Let your donation sweat in your hands until you know to whom to give it." Did. I:6. Somewhat as an antithesis to that, we have our expression today about "Outfumbling" someone—fumbling for our money while letting someone else pay the check. We sometimes give expression to our love of our local church, our synod, our mission program and yet are not ready to give our support when the time comes. Our support of the church and its institutions lies not only in lip service, but in the sharing of self and possessions.

The emphasis is in our readiness to share, somewhat in the same spirit in which Paul wrote the Corinthians in his second letter, which reminds them of the collection for the needy churches. His emphasis is, that readiness and willingness must be combined with action. "And in this matter I give my advice: It is best for you now to complete what a year ago you began not only to do but to desire, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he has not. I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 Cor. 8:10-14.

The compiler of the Didache quotes from Matthew, "Give to everybody who begs from you and ask for

to the cooperative effort within the group structure. Pastor Gerberding wrote us recently, enclosing a Sunday bulletin in which he quotes extensively from a recent issue of TIDINGS. We have the feeling he is not bitter toward his Synod. He ends his letter with the statement, "I'd be glad to know that your leaven would be added to our ecumenical church, the ULCA."

no return," and adds, "for the Father wants his own gifts to be universally shared." Which is quite a contrast to the very common defense of selfishness, "Charity begins at home."

The origin of, "Let your donation sweat in your hands until you know to whom to give it," is unknown, yet it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that it came from the lips of Jesus. He said much more than was ever recorded in the gospels. To this John attests in the last verse of his gospel, "But there are also many other things which Jesus did: were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." Even though there is no grounds for assuming that it is a saying of Jesus, it is one in spirit with Matthew 6:3 — "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." That is — "Don't stop to dole out your money when you are called upon to share it." The exhortation is to the Christian to be prepared and eager to share that which he has. A later section, further expounds the idea, "Do not be one who holds his hand out to take, but shuts it when it comes to giving. If your labor has brought you earnings, pay a ransom for your sins. Do not hesitate to give and do not give with a bad grace; for you will discover who He is that pays you back a reward with a good grace. Do not turn your back on the needy, but share everything with your brother and call nothing your own. For if you have what is eternal in common, how much more should you have what is transient!" Did. 4:5-8.

District III Convention

The District convention of District III of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Francisco and Cortez Street, Chicago, Illinois, September 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen.

District President.

In accordance with the above announcement a cordial invitation is extended to the congregations, pastors and friends of District III to be our guests during the District convention.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church,
Folkvar Knudsen, President.
Erik K. Moller, Pastor.

Please send all registrations to: Miss Margrethe Thomsen, 4836 West Ferdinand Street, Chicago 44, Illinois, or Pastor Erik K. Moller, 2846 Cortez Street, Chicago 22, Illinois, on or before September 20th, 1955.

District VI Convention

Lake Norden, South Dakota
September 23-25

PROGRAM

Friday, September 23

8:00 p. m.—Opening Service, Rev. Walter Brown

Saturday, September 24

9:00 a. m.—Bible Hour, Rev. Harold Ibsen

10:00 a. m.—Business Session

2:00 p. m.—Business Session Continued

7:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society Meeting, "The Future of Grand View College", Mr. Harry Jensen

Sunday, September 25

10:00 a. m.—Installation Service, Rev. Enok Mortensen

Sermon by Rev. John Enselmann

Holy Communion Service, Rev. Enok Mortensen

2:00 p. m.—Address by Dr. Alfred Jensen

3:30 p. m.—Closing Meeting

District II Convention

The Michigan District will meet for its annual convention at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Greenfield at Pembroke, Detroit, October 7-9. The opening meeting begins on Friday evening and the closing one is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. All pastors are expected to attend and each congregation is requested to send its full quota of delegates, one for each 25 voting members or fraction thereof. All members or friends of our Michigan congregations are welcome to share our fellowship.

Please send in your reservations as early as possible to the local registration committee mentioned below. See you at Detroit!

Edwin E. Hansen, District President.

St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit, Michigan herewith extends a cordial invitation to all pastors, delegates and members of District II of AELC, to attend the District Convention to be held in Detroit, October 7-9.

Jens Feldborg, President.
Svend A. Jorgensen, Pastor.

PROGRAM

CONVENTION THEME: "Marks of a Living Church."

Friday, October 7

8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Rev. Beryl Knudsen, Sidney-Gowen. "Filled With The Spirit."

Saturday, October 8

9:00 a. m.—Devotional period. Rev. Peter Thomsen, Greenville. "Effective Witnessing."

9:45 a. m.—District business session.

12:00 noon period.

1:30 p. m.—Business session continued.

3:45 p. m.—"An Educational Ideal," (I) (G.V.C. Expansion Program) Representative from G.V.C.

5:30 p. m.—Supper period.

6:45 p. m.—District Women's Mission Society. Mrs. Laura McLeod in charge.

8:00 p. m.—"An Educational Ideal," (II) Rev. Henry O. Yoder, Lutheran Student Center at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Sunday, October 9

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship service. Rev. John Christensen, Ludington. Communion service, Rev. Edwin Hansen, Muskegon.

12:00 noon period.

1:30 p. m.—Closing meeting. "The Spirit of Benevolence." Rev. Harry Andersen, Marlette.

Subject to minor changes.

District VIII Fall Meeting

September 29 — October 2

The Fall meeting for the members and friends of the congregations in District VIII will be held in Solvang, California, beginning with an opening service the evening of September 29th and closing Sunday afternoon, October 2nd.

Our guest speaker this year will be Pastor Marius Krog of Omaha, Nebraska. Pastors of the district will also speak. This is a fellowship meeting and aside from the annual meeting of the Solvang Lutheran Home, which will be held on Friday, September 30th, there will be no business meetings. We hope that many will come for these days to share in the fellowship.

Please register early. A limited number of rooms are available at Atterdag College for a nominal charge. Guests will also be housed in private homes. Meals will be served by the ladies of Bethania Church. Enrollments should be sent to Mrs. Arne Iversen, Atterdag College, Solvang, Calif. Please signify whether or not you wish rooms at Atterdag.

A. E. Farstrup, Dist. Pres.

PROGRAM

Thursday, September 29

8:00 p. m.—Opening services at Bethania Church. Pastor A. E. Frost of Salinas preaching.

Friday, September 30

9:00 a. m.—Registration.

9:30 a. m.—Bible study. Pastor A. E. Farstrup, Solvang.

10:30 a. m.—Annual meeting of Solvang Lutheran Home. Reports, election of board members, future planning.

2:00 p. m.—Solvang Lutheran Home Meeting (continued).

3:30 p. m.—Refreshments.

4:00 p. m.—Lecture (Danish). Pastor Marius Krog, Omaha.

8:00 p. m.—Lecture. "Impressions of South Africa." Speaker, Dr. Sven Lassen of Los Angeles.

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a. m.—Registration.

9:30 a. m.—Bible study. Pastor Niels Nielsen, Fresno.

10:30 a. m.—Lecture. Discussion of Erick Fromm's book, "The Sane Society": Pastor O. K. Gramps, Watsonville.

2:00 p. m.—Lecture. Pastor Marius Krog. --

3:30 p. m.—Refreshments.

4:00 p. m.—Lecture. Pastor Verner Hansen, Los Angeles.

8:00 p. m.—Program and social hour.

Sunday, October 2

9:45 a. m.—Danish service with Communion. Pastor S. Marckmann, Pasadena, preaching.

11:00 a. m.—English service. Pastor Verner Hansen.

3:00 p. m.—Lecture in the church. Pastor Marius Krog.

5:00 p. m.—Coffee table and closing meeting.

District IV Convention

The annual convention of District IV of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Newell, Iowa, September 23-25. The meetings begin Friday at 2 p. m.

All congregations are urged to send as many delegates as possible — one for every 50 voting members of the congregation.

May I also ask all officers of the District and committee representatives to be ready to report on their activities.

C. A. Stub, District President.
Route 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Nain Lutheran Church of District IV extends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates and friends to attend the annual convention, September 23 to 25. Please register in advance with one of the following:

Viggo Jensen, President.

Newell, Iowa.

Herluf Pedersen, Secretary.

Newell, Iowa.

Rev. Charles Terrell,

Newell, Iowa.

PROGRAM

Friday, September 23

2:00 p. m.—Opening devotions. Rev. H. O. Nielsen.

3:00 p. m.—Coffee.

3:15 p. m.—Business sessions.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

8:00 p. m.—Worship service. Rev. Richard H. Sorensen.

Saturday, September 24

9:00 a. m.—Opening devotions. Rev. Gudmund Petersen.

9:45 a. m.—Business session.

12:00 Noon—Dinner.

1:45 p. m.—Business session.

3:00 p. m.—Coffee recess.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.—WMS business session.

8:00 p. m.—WMS meeting. Speaker: Rev. Sedoria McCartney.

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a. m.—Danish service. Rev. Holger Strandskov.

10:30 a. m.—Children's service. Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen.

10:30 a. m.—English service. Sermon: Rev. A. C. Kildegard. Communion: Rev. C. A. Stub.

12:00 Noon—Dinner.

2:30 p. m.—Address by Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:30 p. m.—Closing meeting. Rev. Howard Christensen. Greetings.

District VII Convention

September 30, October 1 and 2, 1955

The annual convention of District VII of the AELC will be held at Brush, Colorado, on September 30, October 1 and 2, 1955. The meeting will begin on Friday afternoon at 3:30 with a discussion about some phase of our church work. We urge all delegates and friends to be there by that time.

Each congregation is entitled to send one delegate for every ten voting members. We hope there will be full representation from all the congregations. One delegate from each group should be prepared to present a written report to the convention at some time on Saturday, concerning the life and work in the local congregation.

All registrations should be sent to Pastor Steven Mogensen, 810 N. Carson Street, or to Mr. Leo Mathiasen, 421 Carson Street, Brush, Colorado, as soon as possible.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Brush, Colorado, is anxious to have as many as possible from our congregations come to the convention and stands ready to serve and to share with us the best they have. You are cordially invited.

Leo Mathiasen, President
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Brush, Colorado.
Harris A. Jespersen, President.
AELC District VII
Marquette, Nebraska.

District V Convention

District V Convention will be held at St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis on October 14, 15, and 16. The meeting will open Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and close about 5:30 Sunday afternoon. Delegates are requested to bring a report of the work and activities in their respective congregations during the past year. Each congregation is permitted to send one delegate for each 25 voting members. We hope that all the congregations within our district may be well represented at this meeting.

Harold Petersen,
District V President.

Members of the churches of District V and friends are most cordially invited to participate in the District Convention to be held at St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis, October 14-16. Registration may be addressed to Miss Kathryn Nielsen, 4609-43rd Ave. So., Minneapolis 6, Minnesota, or to the pastor, Ottar S. Jorgensen, 3149-35th Avenue South, Minneapolis 6, Minnesota.

We would be pleased to have your enrollment one week prior to the convening of the convention.

For St. Peder's Church,

Ottar S. Jorgensen, Pastor.
Olaf R. Juhl, President.

PROGRAM

Friday, October 14

- 2:00 p. m.—Devotions and opening message by Pastor Ottar Jorgensen, host pastor.
- 2:30 p. m.—Reports from the congregations in our district, president's report, discussion of the work of our district, etc.
- 8:00 p. m.—Evening service. Message by Pastor Gordon Miller, Dalum, Wayne, Alberta.

Saturday, October 15

- 9:00 a. m.—Devotions and message by Pastor Vagn Duus, Alden, Minnesota.
- 9:45 a. m.—Discussion of the work of our district continued.
- 2:00 p. m.—Unfinished business if any.
- 2:30 p. m.—The Hungry of the World (Lutheran Food Appeal) by Pastor Ove Nielsen, director of All-Lutheran Food Appeal.
- "Lutherans on our college and university campuses" by a representative of the Lutheran Student Service of Minneapolis.

- 4:00 p. m.—Lutheran Welfare Society, speaker: Mr. Harold Belgum, director of Social Work Services of the Minnesota Lutheran Welfare Society.
- 7:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Women's Mission Society.
- 8:00 p. m.—Grand View College. Speakers: Dean Peter Jorgensen of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, and Dr. Erling Jensen of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Sunday, October 16

- 9:30 a. m.—Church service with Holy Communion. Pastor Harald A. Petersen of West Denmark, Luck, Wisconsin, will bring the message and Pastor Ottar Jorgensen will be in charge of the communion service.
- 11:00 a. m.—Church service. Message by Pastor Harold Petersen of Askov.
- 2:00 p. m.—Meeting with Dr. Alfred Jensen, president of AELC, as speaker. Topic: "The Christian Vocation defined in terms of our Synod."
- 4:00 p. m.—Closing service. Message by Pastor Clayton Nielsen of Withee, Wisconsin.

Short informal talks during the supper hour following the closing service.

Convention Announcement District IX

The annual convention of District IX, AELC will be held at Wilbur, Washington, on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25. The theme will be "I Will Build My Church." The meetings will begin promptly at 9 a. m., on Saturday.

Each congregation is requested to send one delegate for every 20 voting members or fraction thereof. It is expected that the pastors of the district will be present.

We are coveting God's blessings upon the occasion and pray that our meeting may be to His glory and to the extension of His Kingdom in the Northwest.

Harold E. Olsen,
District President.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilbur, Washington, cordially invites all pastors and members of congregations in District IX to attend the annual convention September 24-25, 1955.

Registrations are to be sent to Mrs. B. S. Hansen, Wilbur, Washington, or Pastor Robert K. Fallgatter. In order to plan housing and meals, we must ask that all registrations be in by September 15.

Roderick W. Daniels, Pres.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Wilbur, Washington.
Robert K. Fallgatter, Pastor.

Already Warned

The young minister was in the pulpit for the first time — and a little nervous. He read the text: "Behold I come." The sermon was to follow immediately, but his mind went blank and he repeated the text: "Behold I come," hoping to remember the opening words of the sermon — but with no success. Trying to be nonchalant, he leaned forward as he repeated the text for the third time. Under his weight the pulpit gave way and he landed in the lap of the wife of one of the elders. "I'm awfully sorry," he said, much embarrassed. "I really didn't mean for this to happen."

The lady smiled kindly and replied, "Oh, that's all right. I should have been ready after you warned me three times."

—Ansgar Lutheran.

OUR CHURCH

Salinas, California. On September 25, St. Ansgar's Church here will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its founding. Special speaker for the occasion is the Rev. Marius Krog (who will also tour the District). An anniversary banquet will follow the morning service, and a program will follow, with a fellowship meeting to be held in the evening. **Pastor Arthur Frost**, local minister, is under doctor's care for an overactive thyroid. Earlier this summer he was involved in a minor auto accident, and suffered an attack of nerves as a result and has been hospitalized. A local member of the church here, Mrs. Julie Mortensen, known to many in the Synod, passed away September 3, just four months short of the age of 100. She had been a member of St. Ansgar's since its founding.

Tyler, Minnesota. Pastor Ludvig Mehr, formerly minister in our Synod, visited Tyler recently bringing slides with him from his home in Denmark. Mrs. Enok Mortensen, pastor's wife here, has been invited to attend the Mid-West Conference on Foreign Policy; she is one of 60 selected participants, and was invited by Dr. J. L. Morrill, president of the University of Minnesota.

Dannebrog, Nebraska. Prof. Otto Hoi-berg was speaker at Septemberfest September 11 here, giving an illustrated lecture about his recent visit to Europe. Dr. Hoi-berg has just published a book, "Exploring the Small Community" (Univ. of Neb. Press, 199 pp, \$3.50), the "out-growth of seven years of field work in Nebraska" exploring the problems and weaknesses and strengths of the rural community.

Alden, Minnesota. On September 18, the new Parish Hall here was dedicated in connection with the annual Harvest Festival. District President Harold Petersen was the invited speaker.

Marquette, Nebraska. On September 17, the congregation here observed its 75th anniversary with Pastor Marius Krog, Omaha, as guest speaker. Pastor Krog is a former pastor here, as well as in Salinas, California, (see above).

Troy, New York. A new Conn organ has been purchased by the congregation here. The "Social Club" of the congregation here some time ago voted to become the Senior Choir, and we have had word that the choir has progressed amazingly. The Ladies' Aid recently purchased a new set of tables for the church hall; the entire church was rewired earlier this year. New individual communion cups (from Denmark) are now in use here, a memorial gift, and new altar flower vases have been dedicated, also a memorial gift.

Dwight, Illinois. A Bible Conference held here September 18-22, had as chief speaker and instructor, Pastor Russell Vikstrom (Augustana), from the staff of L.B.I. in Minneapolis. Five successive evening meetings were scheduled, as well as the regular Sunday morning worship.

The Family That Prays Together

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children, growing up in this atmosphere, followed their parents example and did the same. So have their children's children throughout, now, ten generations.

"There has been no crime, delinquency, or divorce in their descendants for 300 years. Among them have been numbered distinguished clergymen, musicians, teachers, and others of outstanding merit. All the descendants have been law-abiding citizens.

"During those 300 years of history in this country there have been wars and depressions, but no matter how topsyturvy the world, those families have had security, not of things, but of the spirit, a security that comes as a by-product of commitment to God."

Many of you are familiar with a radio program, "Family Theater." Its slogan is "The family that prays together stays together." A lot of the problems of our nation would be solved if each family in the United States practiced daily devotions, and surely families who are members of the Church should show the way.

Refuse Substitutes

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John's Gospel, consists in knowledge of God, yet not the static knowledge of the Gnostics, but a progressive knowledge, learning (in the present tense) to know Thee.

The real thing, the one thing needful, is to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus himself said (John 6:29) that "This is the work of God, that ye believe in him whom he has sent." In other words, man's task is the response to God's love that we call belief — belief in Jesus Christ, through faith.

Out of that belief comes an inner compulsion to share the Good News with others. Out of that comes our need for meetings such as we are sharing these days. Out of that comes the need for Christian homes to send forth faithful pastors and missionaries. Out of belief in Jesus Christ comes the need for each one of us, pastors and laymen alike as a part of the universal priesthood of believers, to share our faith with others, that our Church may grow and go forward sharing the Good News with anyone who will hear it. If we truly believe, we cannot keep that faith to ourselves. We cannot hide it under a bushel, but we must shout it from the housetops, we must preach it from our pulpits, we must live it in our lives, we must share it over a cup of coffee — we must reach out to those who have missed our joy.

As Paul wrote to the Romans (10:14, 15, 17), "How are men to call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" . . . Faith comes from what is

heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ, through our words, and through our lives.

And also these verses, the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you, to the close of the age." It is a commission to all believers; it is a compulsion of the faith within us.

In sharing our faith with others, let us not lose ourselves in the substitutes, in the trivialities, in organizations or in activities, but let us lose ourselves in the living Christ, for in Him we have eternal life. **Amen.**

WISCONSIN SYNOD POSTPONES ACTION ON BREAK WITH MISSOURI

Saginaw, Mich. — (NLC) — The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States has postponed action until next year on a proposal to sever relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

By a margin of two to one, delegates to the Wisconsin Synod's 33rd biennial convention here, August 10-17, decided to act upon the highly controversial issue at a recessed session in 1956.

The vote was 94 to 47, with nearly half those opposed to deferment of action requesting that their vote be recorded.

The delay was recommended by the Synod's Standing Committee on Matters of Church Union because of "far reaching spiritual consequences" and to give the Missouri Synod an "opportunity to express itself" as a corporate body at its triennial convention next June in St. Paul, Minn.

The committee's chairman, the Rev. Conrad I. Frey of Saginaw, president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, said its members had "wrestled and prayed over the matter" and would not hesitate to break ties in 1956 if the Missouri Synod failed to take definite steps to end the differences between the two groups.

In 1953, after years of sharp criticism of Missouri Synod practices, denounced as "religious unionism," the Wisconsin Synod formally charged Missouri with breaking relations which have existed between the two conservative church bodies since the Synodical Conference was organized in 1872.

Wisconsin debated the charges at both its regular convention and a special session in 1953 and carried the controversy through a regular and special convention of the Synodical Conference in 1954 without reaching a final decision on official termination of fellowship.

The Synodical Conference is a federation of the Missouri, Wisconsin and Norwegian Synods and the Slovak Church. Last June, the Norwegian Synod formally suspended relations with Missouri when delegates endorsed a nine-page memorandum that detailed Missouri's alleged errors in doctrine and practice over the past two decades.

NAME PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR AS NEW LUTHERAN HOUR SPEAKER



Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
Lutheran Hour Speaker
23rd Season

Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, public relations director of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will serve as Lutheran Hour speaker beginning with the 23rd season which opens on Sunday, September 25. The announcement was made by the Lutheran Hour Operating Committee and the Board of Governors of the Lutheran Laymen's League following months of prayerful and careful consideration.

The Lutheran Laymen's League sponsors the broadcast over more than 1250 stations in 65 countries and territories and in 56 languages.

Dr. Hoffmann brings with him a wealth of experience, ability, and scholarship. Recognized as one of the most outstanding personalities in the Protestant world today, Dr. Hoffmann has traveled widely in the interest of his church body and its various activities.

He was a member of the committee which produced the Martin Luther film and he assisted with the production of the film on location in Germany. Dr. Hoffmann is also a member of the Board of Directors of Lutheran Television Productions, the group which produces the popular television show "This Is The Life." He has just completed two terms as president of the National Religious Publicity Council.

545 AT FIRST LUTHERAN ASHRAM IN CANADA

Banff, Alberta — (NLC) — The 19th annual Ashram of the Lutheran Student Association of America at the Banff School of Fine Arts here, August 27 to September 2, was attended by 545 students from all over the United States and Canada. It was the first LSAA Ashram held in Canada.

During the week-long conference the

participants were lead in daily Bible studies by Prof. Krister Stendahl of Uppsala University, Sweden, currently serving on the faculty of the Divinity School of Harvard University.

A highlight of the conference was the commissioning of two full-time student workers for Canada. Commissioned by the Rev. W. A. Mehlenbacher, ULCA evangelism area director in Canada, were the Rev. Robert Langen, ULCA, who will serve as eastern secretary of the Commission on Student Service, Canadian Lutheran Council; and Mr. James Hendricksen (ELC), a student at Luther Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, who will have similar duties in the area west of the Great Lakes.

Formally installed during the closing service of the Ashram were the new officers, advisers and executive committee members elected at the annual meeting of the LSAA Council preceding the Ashram here.

Gordon Dahl, 23-year-old middler student at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., who was installed as LSAA president for 1956, served at the Ashram as adviser to participants from foreign countries. Chairman of the Ashram was Norman Hjelm, student at Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, Ill., the immediate past president.

Other officers of the week-long rally included the Rev. Henry E. Horn, student pastor in Greater Boston area, Ashram chaplain; and Dr. Donald R. Heiges, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Division of Student Service, Dean of the Ashram.

The long list of Ashram speakers included the Rev. M. A. Thomas, priest of the Mar Thoma Syrian Orthodox Church of India and overseas secretary of the 17th Quadrennial Conference of the Student Volunteer Movement.

"THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH" PROPOSED AS NAME FOR NEW BODY

Chicago — (NLC) — "The American Lutheran Church" will be recommended as the name of the new church body that is expected to come into being as the result of current merger negotiations between four Lutheran groups.

Tentative approval of the name was voted at the opening of a two-day session here, September 7-8, of the Joint Union Committee, composed of nine representatives each from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church and Lutheran Free Church.

It is expected that the committee will give its final endorsement to the name later this year and that it will then be submitted to the 1956 conventions of the respective bodies as part of the proposed constitution for the new Church.

The name was suggested to the Joint Union Committee last spring by the representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church and won immediate and strong support, although some sentiment was expressed in favor of the "Evangelical Lutheran Church in America" as a likely name. At that time it was pointed out that the Eielsen Synod is incorporated under the latter name.

Most of the discussion in the committee, it is understood, centered on whether the article "The" should be a part of the name and it was decided that it should. The article is not used by the present American Lutheran Church.

The first day of the Joint Union Committee's meeting here was devoted mainly to consideration of the 18 articles in the proposed constitution for the new Church. Approval was given to editorial changes in the 13 articles tentatively adopted last March and it was hoped to complete work on the other five before adjournment.

Gifts to the Building Fund of the Tyler Old People's Home

In memory of Bert Schak, by friends	\$ 8.00
By a friend of the Home	25.00
In memory of Fred Miller, by friends and relatives	36.50
In memory of Holger Ries, by friends and relatives	106.00
Hope Afternoon Club, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
In memory of Sina Jensen, Ruth-ton, by friends and relatives ..	5.00
In memory of Chris Kuld by Fred Funders	10.00
In memory of George Myllenbeck, by friends and relatives	26.00
In memory of Martin W. Olsen, by friends and relatives	11.00
In memory of Carl Olsen, by friends and relatives	61.00
In memory of Mrs. Carl Nielsen, by friends and relatives	26.00
In memory of Peter Sorensen, Minneapolis, by friends and relatives	7.00
In memory of Chris Anderson by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Boberg, Tyler, Minn.	1.00
Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruth-ton, Minn. given in honor of 60th anniversary	25.00

GIFTS TO TYLER OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

In memory of Mrs. Ben Knoff, by Ben Knoff and Melvin, Moorhead, Iowa	9.00
Mrs. Gertrud Lundgren, friend, Verdi, Minn.	\$ 5.00
Ingemann Ladies' Aid, Moorhead, Iowa	5.00
By a friend	5.00

A sincere thank you to all.

TYLER OLD PEOPLE'S HOME
Hans C. Svendsen, Treas.

Contributions Toward the Santal Mission

August, 1955

General Budget:

In memory of Jess Jepsen, Fredsville Friends	\$ 5.00
Bethlehem Congregation, Cedar Falls, Iowa	131.72
Trinity Congregation, Chicago, Ill.	24.00
Pastor Heide, Racine, Wis.	5.00
In memory of Pastor Riker, by Rev. Walter Brown	10.00
In memory of Niels Jensen, Hampton, Iowa, by Mrs. Geo. Dohrman and Mathilde, Henry E. Dreyers, Chris. Dohrmans, B. F. Dohrmans, Theo. Dohrmans, John Johnsons, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Paullus, N. S. Andershocks	7.00
Karl A. Guldbergs and family, Roy Juhls and family, Herbert Kragels and family, Donald Larsons, Sherwood Hansens and family, Mrs. Ella Jensen, Mrs. Anna Petersen, Carl Thompsons, Mrs. Esther Larsen and family, all of Hampton, Iowa	4.50
Mrs. Cecelia Thomsen, Waterloo, Iowa, Mrs. P. L. Lund, Des Moines, Iowa	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Verner Petersen, Hampton, Iowa, Mrs. P. L. Lund and Dagmar Miller	1.00
In memory of Ant. Haugaard, Portland, Maine, Emilie Stockholm	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Hans Jacobsen, Seattle, Mrs. Marie Kjaersgaard and a Friend, Enumclaw, Wash.	10.00
In memory of Mrs. Hans Farstrup, Enevold Jensen, Elk	

Horn, Iowa	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Henry Hansen, Kimballton, Iowa, by A. Chris. Jorgensen, Kimballton, Iowa	1.00
American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kimballton, Iowa	343.57
James Haue, St. Peder's church, Minneapolis	1,000.00
In memory of Hans C. Andersen, Manistee, Mich., by Friends, Ludington, Mich.	25.00
St. John's Danish Ladies' Aid Mission Meeting, Hampton, Ia.	7.15
In memory of Niels Westergaard, Kimballton, Iowa, Fred Bonnesens and Ed. Rasmussens	2.00
In memory of Thos. Thomsen, Kimballton, Fred Bonnesens	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Marie Larsen, Denmark, by Waterlöö Typographical Union No. 349	10.00
In memory of "little" Larry Burmeister, Hampton, Iowa, by Rev. Hans Juhls	1.00
In memory of Norman Nielsen, Diamond Lake, Minn., by Rev. Walter Browns, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Diamond Lake Congregation, Lake Benton, Minn.	45.52
In memory of S. S. Teacher, Clara Petersen, Withee, Wis., Nazareth S. S.	13.00
In memory of Soren Larsen, Coulter, Iowa, Jens G. Jensen, N. C. Rasmussens and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen	2.00
In memory of Kenneth Nowell, Coulter, Iowa, H. C. Hansens and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen	1.00
Axel Olsens, Perth Amboy, N. J.	25.00

For Ribers' Work:

In memory of Ane Sorensen, Friends at Kronborg and Marquette, Nebraska	10.00
Total for August	1,697.46
Total since January 1	7,162.05

Most sincerely, Thank You.

Dagmar Miller,

1517 Guthrie, Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa

Carl P. Højbjerg Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Ansgar Johansen, Luck, Wisconsin	\$ 5.00
Rev. S. Jorgensen, Ferndale, Michigan	5.00
Anonymous	25.00
Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa	50.00
Carl Thomsen, Marquette, Nebr.	50.00
T. S. Hermansen, Marquette, Nebr.	50.00

	\$ 185.00
Otto Larsen, Marquette, Nebr.	10.00

	\$ 195.00
Previously acknowledged	986.00

Total to date \$1,181.00

Sincere thanks to all donors.

Erick Johansen, Treas.
Tyler, Minn.

Acknowledgement of Receipts from the Synod Treasurer

For the month of August, 1955

Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Omaha, Nebraska	\$ 120.00
Menominee, Michigan	39.09
Cozad, Nebraska	266.39
Cedar Falls, Iowa	700.00
Marinette, Wisconsin, for 1954	165.00
Marinette, Wisconsin	57.52
Askov, Minnesota	64.25
Tyler, Minnesota	763.12
Racine, Wisconsin	160.04
Muskegon, Michigan	200.00
Seattle, Washington	130.18
Troy, New York	109.00
Gayville, South Dakota	452.50
Tacoma, Washington	35.00
Watsonville, California	117.75
Des Moines, Iowa	312.75
Trinity, Chicago, Illinois	200.00
Annual Reports	130.00

Pension Fund:

Congregations:	
Omaha, Nebraska	57.00
Seattle, Washington	11.00

Pastor's Dues:

Rev. K. K. Jensen	60.80
Rev. John Pedersen	44.50
Rev. Carlo Petersen	45.20
Rev. Ivan E. Nielsen	13.68
Rev. Harold Olson	16.80
Rev. Howard Christensen	49.00
Previously acknowledged	26,834.16

Total to date	\$31,154.73
Convention Offering	389.69
Convention Registration	359.00

Received for Items Outside of Budget:

Lutheran World Action and Relief:

Congregations:	
Menominee, Michigan	\$ 9.00
Askov, Minnesota	100.00
Tyler, Minnesota	192.50
Racine, Wisconsin	41.83
Seattle, Washington	12.00
Dagmar, Montana	239.50
Enumclaw, Washington	67.00
Gayville, South Dakota	111.00
Wolters Corner, Wisconsin	18.00
Ringsted, Iowa	64.75
Watsonville, California	26.50
Des Moines, Iowa	70.00
Pastor Heide, Racine, Wisconsin	5.00
Sunday School, Dagmar, Mont.	27.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Iversen, St. Stephen's, Chicago, Illinois	5.00
Previously acknowledged	5,781.20

Total to date \$ 6,770.28

Cedarloo Building Fund:

District Four, Iowa	37.54
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Church Extension Fund:

Danish People's Society	8,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Illinois	25.00

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

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.

September 20, 1955

I am a member of the congregation at _____

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