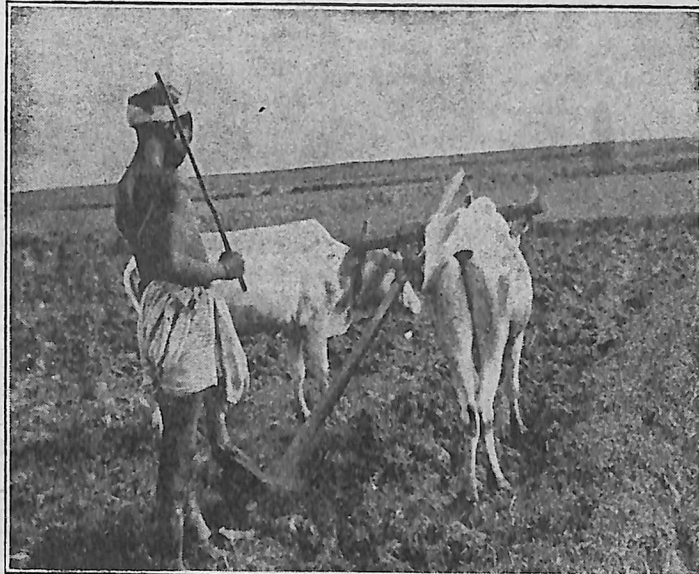


# Lutheran Tidings

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(Photo From The Santal Missionary)

America again this year enjoys a harvest of abundance. Make your thanks giving concrete. Send a gift to the Solvang Tractor Fund, Dr. Wipf, treasurer, Solvang, California. The tractors and equipment will improve such primitive methods as in the above scene from India.

## Thanksgiving for Everything

**T**HE story is told of an only survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build a rude hut in which he placed the "Little all" that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any ship that might chance to be passing that way.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he had, had now gone up in smoke! The worst had happened, or so it appeared. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was, in reality, for the best.

To the man's limited vision, it was the worst. To God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best — that for which he had prayed. The very next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities, and look for God's best in them?

From BETTER CHURCH BULLETINS  
by Stella O. Barnett  
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

*Four ships sailed across the oceans  
and the centuries. Because of them*

## We Give Thanks

Joseph R. Sizoo

**T**HE history of the modern world turns on the story of four little ships. They were small, tiny, frail craft; in size they were smaller than life boats on modern trans-Atlantic liners. Who owned them, where they were launched, what seas they sailed, when they sank to the bottom of the sea — of all that we know nothing. And yet, such is the irony of history, that apart from these four little ships, civilization, as we know it, would never have come to pass.

The first ship was used by a group of fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus of Nazareth stood in the stern of it one day preaching the good news that God is love that we are held by a love which will not let us go, that the individual is of inestimable worth, that there are divine possibilities to life, that man is recoverable, and that we can build a new world order founded upon compassion and good will. What a change that little boat has made for all mankind. Indeed life has no meaning apart from it.

The second little ship was launched thirty years later. It sailed from a port in Asia Minor over the Aegean Sea to a harbor in Greece. A passenger on that little ship, on one of its sailings, was Paul. He had heard a voice and had seen a vision. In obedience to them he carried the Gospel of the Son of God into Europe. That little ship has altered forever the history of the Western world. Western culture as we know it is unthinkable without it.

The third little ship sailed fourteen centuries later. It left a quiet harbor in Spain in search of a new passage to India. It tumbled through angry and uncharted seas. It was a gruelling and fearsome journey during which ill health and mutiny broke out. At last Columbus dropped anchor in the harbor of San Salvador and the New World was discovered. That little ship opened the gates to a new world, and because of it a new era was born.

The fourth little ship sailed one hundred and forty years later from a port in South England. It was a small ship, ninety feet long and twenty feet wide. It carried 102 passengers. For thirteen weeks it fought its way through mounting storms until it was driven from its course. At last when its food supplies were either exhausted or spoiled and the hull was water-logged, it dropped anchor in a little harbor in the New World. The name of that ship was the Mayflower; the name of that harbor was Plymouth; the name of that company was Pilgrim.

From that brave handful of people, by the Providence of God has come our nation. Never have so few given so much to so very many. They built rude shelters in the clearings; they cultivated six acres of land; they endured the severe winters; their water supply was rationed for two years. Before six months had passed one half of their number had died and were buried in graves made level with the ground. They were poor; they provided only one-tenth of the funds necessary for the adventure. They worked

twenty-three years to pay back their debtors, London bankers. They ate the unaccustomed diet of dried fish and ground nuts. Yet their first act when they brought in their first harvest was to gather for a day of feasting and Thanksgiving. Now after more than 300 years this nation, under God, pauses on this annual Thanksgiving Day to remember them and bless God for this inheritance.

What the Pilgrims ask of us is not so much to be remembered but rather to be vindicated. Many of their hopes and aspirations have not yet been fully realized. They place in our hands a torch and there is still darkness to be conquered. They laid the foundations of a new society but the superstructure is not yet completed. They sowed seeds but fields are still to be cultivated for the harvest. Hendrik van Loon once said, "We are a great country, but we are not yet a great people." As we address ourselves therefore to these unfinished tasks, the Pilgrims face us with three very disturbing and searching questions. They are these.

1. "We were willing to take the risks for freedom. Are you?"

They had no material comforts. No promises or assurances lured them. They were not dazzled or entranced by guarantees. They knew nothing about security. They always lived on the perilous edge of want. They were cold and hungry and lonely. But blessed be God, they were free. They could worship God according to the dictates of their consciences with no one to bludgeon or terrify them; they could speak their minds without the terror of thought control; they could vote as they wished; they were free to criticize. They were no longer tools in the hands of charlatans or pawns in the hands of political dictators. They were willing to take risks for freedom, and they got it.

You can almost hear them ask, "Are you willing to take risks, face hardship, endure travail for freedom's sake?" Too many people think of freedom as a precious treasure, wrapped up in tinsel and tissue, carefully held together with colored ribbon, brought out of hiding now and then, dusted off, sing over it "God Bless America," and then return it to its hiding place. You cannot inherit freedom any more than you can inherit virtue. You cannot give people freedom any more than you can give them character. It is something which each generation must achieve, experience and struggle for. The road of freedom is full of perilous turns and unforeseen hazards. There are risks involved in it. Freedom has its price. As long

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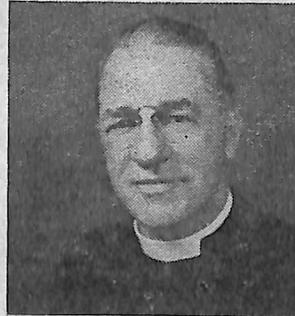


as there are people within and without our border enslaved by suspicion, fear, poverty, hate and intolerance the battle for freedom is not yet won.

We want free education, but why then do we grudgingly support schools and colleges? We want public health, but why do we hesitate to support health centers and hospitals? We want national unity, but why do we keep alive wretched misunderstandings and bigotry? Democracy is a form of government so high and so exalted that it requires a high level of intelligence to appreciate and a high standard of character to maintain. Are we willing to accept the risks?

2. There is a second disturbing question the Pilgrims ask of those who would carry freedom's torch: "We founded our freedom on God; have you?"

It was a society held together by a living faith in a living God. The driving force behind freedom was the conviction that they were children of God, and never drifted out of his love and care. The Mayflower Compact begins with the ascription, "In the name of God." Each one of the charters of the thirteen original colonies, with one exception, begins with a recognition of God. Freedom was to them unthinkable and impossible apart from moral and spiritual integrity. It rested not on a revolt against God, but a reverence for God. The first public building they erected was a church so that they might never forget the source of their hard won freedom. The American Revolution of the 18th Century was made possible by the 17th Century political revolution, and that in turn was made possible by the spiritual revolution of the 16th Century. It was fanned by the flames of the four Johns: John Calvin, John Milton, John Bunyan, John Wesley. The institutions which Puritanism stamped upon our country — the puritan Sabbath, the puritan home, the puritan conscience — were all centered and anchored in God.



Dr. Sizoo

Freedom is a spiritual thing. We boast of freedom of religion, but freedom of religion does not mean freedom from religion; liberty of conscience does not mean liberty from conscience. It is still true that without God all is vain. The fundamental, rock-bottom question before our age is this: Do we live in a world which has man at the center or do we live in a world which has God at the center? It is the first which is riding high, wide and handsome. Many have made themselves believe that steam shovels and tractors, and chromium plated door knobs will bring "peace on earth, good will to men." They are sure that as long as enough accomplishments tumble out of the cornucopia of human genius we will be marching to the promised land. It has created a tool making civilization, to which Karl Marx calls the tune, with his watch cry of economic determinism. On that basis religion is only a fifth wheel, a pleasant, nostalgic hangover of childhood.

But it hasn't turned out very well. It is a dead end street. It has brought moral insensibility, spiritual bewilderment and mental confusion. It has left a desolating neurosis. It cannot make good its claim. The seeds of national decay are never in its political

technique, social regulations or economic law, but in the character of its people. The roots of national life are nourished in the soil of a living faith; if the soil becomes sour, the roots wither and the tree perishes. Take away this moral and spiritual conviction and nations can no more survive than a watch can run with a broken main spring. It is still true, "That nation alone is great whose God is the Lord." The government which substitutes itself for the worship of God has written its own death-knell.

3. There is a third uncomfortable question which the pilgrim asks us: "We expressed our freedom in terms of responsibility. Do you?"

They lived together for the common good. They were not a collection of individuals, but a society. They were willing to make allowances for one another, adjust themselves to one another, accept one another, trust one another. They submerged their own personal desires for the good of all. They lived with an intelligent concern for the whole group.

They did not think of freedom in terms of securing favors, but rendering service. They did not go about demanding rights, but accepting responsibility.

They did not ask what we can get out of it, but what can we bring to it. They did not wrap themselves up in the dry ice of self-seeking. They buried their personal interests in an intelligent concern for all. They lived for one another and with one another for the common good.

That has always been the pattern and dynamic of our American life. We want to live in good will with all mankind. It is true sometimes we say this rather blunderingly. Sometimes we blow hot, and sometimes we blow cold. But underneath everything and in spite of everything, we want to live and let live and help live. That has always been true of the past. But is it true today? May I call to your mind that in 1880 — about 87 per cent of the population accepted the duty of citizenship by voting. In 1940 that had fallen to 63 per cent — while in 1948 only 51 per cent of the population eligible to vote actually cast a ballot. If the ballot box is the Sacrament of our citizenship, do you think we live with an intelligent concern for one another?

Take another example. There are areas in our national life where bigotry, intolerance and hate are raising their ugly heads. We see evidences of racism, sectionalism, bigotry, character assassination. These things do not disturb us. We just shrug our shoulders and walk away. We are becoming calloused and indifferent to the pain of others. Do you think that is living with an intelligent concern for one another?

Dr. Santayana, the distinguished Harvard savant, whose lonely life ended in the lonely cell of a monastery in Rome, once said to a group of Harvard students, "If it were given to me to look into the heart of a man and found there no good will, I would say 'You are not an American.'" Is that true today?

If freedom is to find expression in responsibility, we shall have to assume more responsibility for those beyond our frontier, who share the hopes and aspira-



# A Typical Relief Distribution Korea

By James P. Claypool

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Claypool is LWR Field Representative with Korea Church World Service. Pictures were provided by the Public Relations Office of the UN.

At the juncture of three South Korea provinces, Cholla Pukto, Cholla Namdo and Kyongsang Namdo, there is a mountain range that is the highest and most rugged of the country, the Chiri San range. It was to the almost inaccessible heights of these mountains that the Communist guerillas who attempted to revolt and take over the country in 1948 fled when they were driven from the coastal cities. They controlled the mountains and much of the surrounding countryside, raiding the towns and villages for food and supplies. The villagers in many valleys all over the area fled to safer points. Many of them returned only last year, some as late as December, and have attempted to re-establish themselves after living as refugees for five or six years. It has been only within the last year that the government has been able to eliminate most of the guerillas from the vicinity and make it a safe place for the people.

The difficulties facing the returning refugees have been great. They had to rebuild their homes. Their rice paddies needed repair after being neglected so long. Their tools were stolen or had rusted into uselessness. They had no money, few clothes or household goods. Dams and irrigation canals had to be rebuilt. On the community level schools and township office buildings, most of which had been burned or destroyed, also had to be rebuilt. In spite of all this the people returned, for the land was theirs and they had no alternative if they wished to survive.

It is to these people in the mountain valleys that a team of Korea Church World Service workers are distributing Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief supplies. Perhaps a description of a relief distribution in one county will help the people of the churches in the United States who contributed the supplies understand what happens to their gifts.

The first step is to determine which areas are most in need of emergency relief. The welfare department of the provincial governments was consulted and their recommendation included the county (goon) of Hadong, which lies to the south and west of Chiri San mountain. Then a representative of Korea Church World Service visited the county, as well as three neighboring counties in the distressed area. He visited the county officials who informed him which of the townships were the poorest, and the number of people who were most in need. Then along with officials of the county and townships, this representative visited each local community, observing the conditions there. At the same time he made initial plans for the distribution that was to take place in each township. He inspected the school building selected for the distribution and made arrangements for its use. After these visits the local

officials made lists of the people who were to receive clothing and food.

The second step in the program involved the actual shipping of the relief goods from Pusan to Hadong. The distance is not much over a hundred miles, but the railroad goes only about two-thirds of the way, so reshipment by truck was necessary at Chinju. Irregularity in handling of freight cars, undependability of schedules and lack of communications resulted in such delay that the supplies almost did not arrive in time. Finally, however, the morning the distribution was to start, the supplies were in Hadong.

The third step was the distribution itself. At eight o'clock the morning of the first distributions, two teams of KCWS workers met at the county office building. Two trucks were loaded with food and clothing and the teams, joined by members of the county welfare department departed for their respective distribution points. Again, one or two examples of individual distributions will illustrate the general pattern.

A crowd of six hundred waiting people greeted the truck and team which I brought to Wha Kae school. They were divided into groups of forty to sixty, each under a leader. They waited patiently while we unloaded the truck and prepared the bales of clothing, the bags of dried beans and the cases of milk powder which they were to receive. Then, when everything was ready, I spoke to the crowd using an interpreter. I told them that Christians in America knew of their need and had sent these gifts to help them. I also told them that Christians were doing this because of their belief in God, who sent Jesus Christ His Son to bring us His love, and who

## Dutch Eggs for Korea



Dr. O. W. Heldring (left), Secretary of the Dutch Committee of Interchurch Aid and Service for Refugees, supervises the preparation of part of a shipment of 60,000 Dutch duck eggs sent by the agency to Korea for distribution to hatcheries throughout the nation. The shipment was flown from the Netherlands to Seoul in a plane chartered by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency.



commanded us to love our fellow men. Although almost everybody in the crowd was non-Christian they listened respectfully and appreciatively.

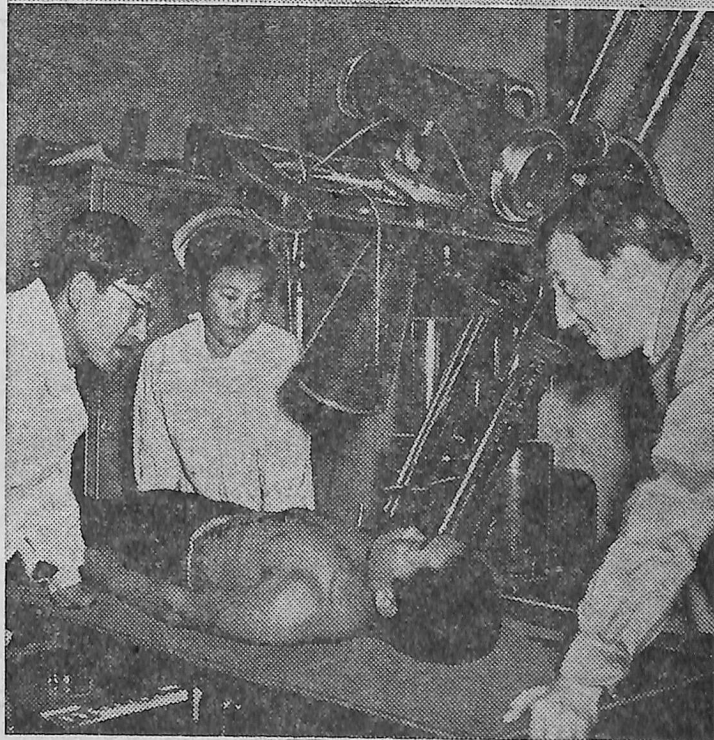
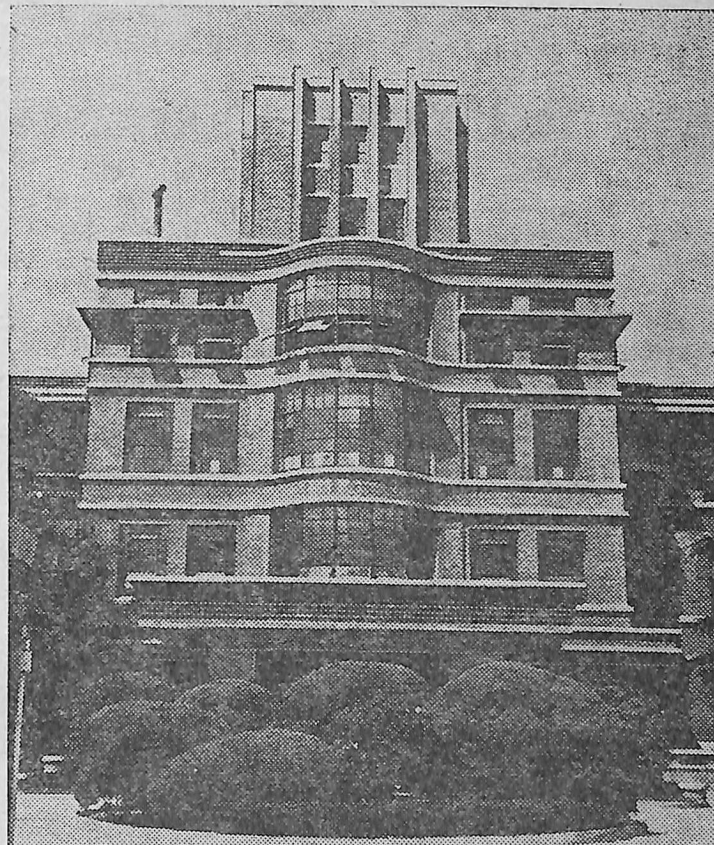
Each family came to the distribution line as the names were called. They stamped the distribution list with their seals, or "to-Jongs," and then stepped over to the window where they were given clothing suitable for each of them. Then they were given several pounds of beans each, and each family with a baby or small children was given one or more tins of dried milk powder.

Simply describing the procedure does not give the full meaning of such a distribution. There is the visible presence of human need evident in the worn and ragged clothing of the men and women as well as the children. The care-worn faces and bodies of old and young cry out in need in spite of the patience, sometimes almost resignation, of the people. The half-naked babies and small children showed signs of disease and malnutrition. Suffering and hard labor had taken their toll and all adults over thirty were old before their time. But all of them, even the little children, bowed low and expressed their thanks for their gifts. They could not wait to get outside to examine what they had received, and as each family emerged from the building curious friends would gather around them as they looked at each garment or tried on a coat. They would laugh and talk excitedly to each other. Their deep need made them truly appreciative of the clothing that Americans had shared.

At another distribution point use was made of a Buddhist temple, Sang-ge sa, to bring Christian gifts to people in the community. The same Christian message was spoken to the crowd, and the Buddhist monks and nuns of the temple joined the group to hear the message. They were curious observers of the entire day's activities. As in all five locations of distributions the people walked miles to receive their gifts. It was heart-rending to see aged men and women slowly make their way up to the temple, and to see mothers carry their small children on their backs. But after receiving their gifts there was a different spirit in all, and they walked with more life even though they had the added weight of the gifts they had received. The women carried their burdens on their heads, and many, with babies on their backs, made one pity them for the hard lot of their lives. The gifts they received, however, made life a little easier for them for a short time and helped them carry on until the first crops of their farms are harvested.

A total of 5,000 people in Hadong county received food and clothing in a five-day distribution. Two hundred fifty bales of clothing, one hundred sixty bags of dried beans and two hundred cases of U. S. government surplus dried milk were given out.

Korea Church World Service is the relief agency representing the Protestant churches in Korea. It endeavors to serve the most needy in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. Its work is made possible by the gifts of Christians in America and other lands through their congregations.



The recently-completed building, above, marks a turning point in the training of Korean medical students. It is the medical college in Taegu, Korea — badly damaged during the war — which has been restored with funds from the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Together with a medical hospital, laboratories, and a nurses' home which were also rebuilt and equipped by UNKRA, it forms one of the major medical teaching centers in Korea. Below, Dr. Ludin, member of a Swiss Medical Mission whose members serve as teachers, administrators and technicians, discusses X-ray procedure with Dr. Kim In Kyun of the hospital staff. The Government of Switzerland, in response to an UNKRA appeal, sent the 14-man mission to Taegu, backed by a fund of \$235,000.



By The President of the U.S.A.

## A Proclamation

The custom of devoting one day each year to national thanksgiving is a wise and an ancient one, hallowed by observance in the days before we became a Nation, and sanctioned throughout the succeeding generations. It is therefore in keeping with our oldest traditions that at the fruitful season of the waning year we turn again to Almighty God in grateful acknowledgment of His manifold blessings.

At this time of thanksgiving, may we express our deep appreciation of those forebears who, more than three centuries ago, celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day. Through their industry and courage, our Nation was hewn from the virgin forest, and through their steadfastness and faith, the ideals of liberty and justice have become our cherished inheritance.

May we lift up our hearts in special prayers of gratitude for the abundance of our endowments, both material and spiritual, for the preservation of our way of life, in its richness and fullness, and for the religious faith which has wielded such a beneficent influence upon our destiny. May we show our thanks for our own bounty by remembrance of those less fortunate, and may the spirit of this Thanksgiving season move us to share with them to alleviate their need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, having in mind the joint Congressional resolution of December 26, 1941, which designated the fourth Thursday of November in each year as Thanksgiving Day and made that day a legal holiday, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1955, as a day of national thanksgiving; and I urge all our citizens to observe the day with reverence. Let us, on the appointed day, in our homes and our accustomed places of worship, each according to his own faith, bow before God and give him humble thanks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### Co-operating by Receiving

The darkness of your soul, the littleness which you have received, and the confusion in which you live may not be because God has not answered; it may be because you are unwilling to receive. God has two kinds of gifts for us: First, there are the ones He gives whether we ask for them or not — the sun which shines, the air we breathe, the fertility of the soil. Parents give their children such things as food, shelter, clothing and watchful care whether the child asks for them or not.

The other gifts He gives only if we ask for them. I want my son to have a college education, but I can-

not give it to him unless he asks for it and wants it. If I make available for him the money he needs, he must cooperate by opening his mind through study in order to receive the education. Yes, the reason we do not receive the answers to our prayers may be in us — in our failure to cooperate!

From WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY  
by Charles L. Allen.  
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

## The Campaign for Safe Driving

Religious leaders of all denominations and faiths throughout the nation are endorsing the second annual Safe Driving (S-D) Day which will be held December 1.

Purpose of S-D Day is to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be greatly reduced when motorists and pedestrians fulfill their moral and civic responsibility for safety.

To every community in the land, S-D Day offers this challenge: **Not a single traffic accident throughout the 24-hour period.**

Thirty days of public educational activity will precede S-D Day, with national, state and local organizations of all types joining to combat traffic accidents. Scorekeeping of fatalities will begin on November 21 and will continue through December 11. It is hoped that the nation's motorists and pedestrians — conscious of the S-D Day campaign — will achieve in this 21-day period reduction of traffic accidents and deaths which will set a year-round standard for safe driving.

President Eisenhower has declared:

"All of us agree with the purpose of Safe Driving Day. It is to save lives and to prevent injuries. No endeavor could be more worthy of our universal cooperation. None is more urgent."

S-D Day is sponsored by the President's Committee for Traffic Safety with the cooperation of some 350 national organizations having a major interest in traffic accident prevention.

The first S-D Day, last year, produced a reduction in the national toll of deaths and injuries, and in the number of traffic accidents, as against the comparable day in 1953. The achievement proved that motorists and pedestrians can, simply by application of the Golden Rule when they are behind the wheel and when they are walking, make every day in the year an S-D Day.

S-D Day in 1954 demonstrated that the place to attack the traffic safety problem is in the community, and that the responsibility rests upon each individual.

Last year, a total of 36,000 persons were killed in traffic accidents and 1,250,000 persons were injured. Cost of the nearly 10 million traffic accidents in wage loss, medical expense and overhead cost of insurance was estimated at \$4.4 billion. Traffic death rate for the year was 6.4 per 100 million vehicle miles of travel.

"If that same rate were to continue, the death toll in 1965, with the number of vehicles expected to be operating by then, would be about 48,000," according to the President's Committee.

"The traffic death rate simply must be brought down," the Committee asserts. "And, the experience of many states proves that it can be done."



## 1955 Convention of District III

Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois  
September 23-25, 1955

Pastor Robert S. Heide of Bethania Lutheran Church of Racine was the speaker at the opening service on Friday evening.

Saturday morning devotions were conducted by Pastor Marvin E. Nygaard of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dwight, Illinois. Then District President Eilert C. Nielsen of Clinton, Iowa, opened the business session of the convention by commenting on the very worshipful atmosphere of the Trinity church which had just been re-decorated.

The minutes from the 1954 convention held in Dwight were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$290.69 in the district treasury. President Nielsen read the roster of delegates. Pastor Robert Heide of Racine was given a vote.

Reports were then presented from all congregations of the district.

Pastor Erik K. Moller reported on the Danish Lutheran Children's Home. The children at the home are for the most part not Danish, but are children in need. Meeting their needs is a part of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ. As long as there is a need we must meet it.

Pastor Ivan E. Nielsen as District Advisor reported on the Lake Michigan District Lutheran Youth Fellowship. He reported an attendance of 46 campers at the District Camp and Convention held during June at Wells' State Park north of Menominee, Mich.

Greetings were extended to the convention by President Nielsen from his daughter, Miss Muriel Nielsen. Miss Nielsen will be on furlough next year. The convention voted to send greetings to Miss Muriel Nielsen and to Pastor and Mrs. Harold Riber.

It was moved by Mrs. Clarence Petersen and seconded by Pastor Paul Wikman that seminary student, Paul Nussle, be given another \$100 in addition to the \$200 received this year and last year in order that he may receive the full \$300. This was made retroactive for this year only. This was passed.

It was decided that the Sunday offering be given to the Circle Pines Home Mission congregation.

Discussion was opened on the Grand View College building plans for a new science building and a gymnasium. Dr. Johannes Knudsen moved and Pastor Ivan Nielsen seconded that we as a district invite a representative from the college to visit all congregations in the district and present the cause for the new buildings. This motion was unanimously carried. The secretary was instructed to send this communication to the president of Grand View College.

Greetings were read from Charles Lauritzen who could not attend the convention due to illness.

A letter was read from Synod President, Dr. Alfred Jensen. District III with 920 contributing members was given a \$9,120 share of the \$77,000 synodical quota.

After the break for afternoon coffee, Knud Hansen from the Askov Folk School in Denmark brought a greeting.

The convention decided that the district purchase a copy of the 16 mm. sound film "Martin Luther" to be used by the congregations of the district and that income from the showing of the film be turned into the district treasury. This motion carried and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Chicago was given custody of the film.

The district convention went on record as favoring the re-districting of the Young People's district boundaries to coincide with the district boundaries.

Pastor Ivan E. Nielsen of Marinette, Wisconsin, was elected district president to succeed Pastor Eilert C. Nielsen.

Information was given on the action taken by the synodical convention at Kimballton on the question of affiliation.

The convention accepted an invitation extended by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church of Clinton to hold its 1956 convention in Clinton.

The Allocations Committee met before supper on Saturday. The following quotas were allocated to the congregations:

Bethania, Racine, Wis. -----	\$2,403.50
St. Peter's, Dwight, Ill. -----	1,989.50
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----	1,288.00
Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill. -----	1,380.00
St. Stephen's, Clinton, Iowa -----	1,495.00
Bethany, Menominee, Mich. -----	460.00
Memorial Lutheran, Marinette, Wis. ----	104.00
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$9,120.00</b>

A Women's Mission meeting was held at seven. Pastor Ivan E. Nielsen spoke on youth work at 8:30.

On Sunday, Pastor Eilert C. Nielsen preached at the worship services and Pastor Erik K. Moller was liturgist and served at the communion table.

Pastor Paul Wikman and Dr. Johannes Knudsen gave addresses at the Sunday afternoon meeting.

Afternoon refreshments were served at the Children's Home.

Marvin E. Nygaard, Secretary.

### Danish Church Men Plan Visit to Soviet Russia

Copenhagen, Denmark—(NLC)—For the first time a Danish Lutheran church delegation will visit churches in Soviet Russia, it was announced here.

The Danish delegation, headed by Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard of Copenhagen, will leave for Moscow around the middle of November, the announcement said.

Other members of the delegation will be Bishop Erik Jensen of Aalborg; Dean Alf Johansen of Salling, who visited the Soviet Union some years ago and speaks Russian; and the Rev. Johs. Longhoff, editor of the Church News from the Northern Countries, publication of the Northern Ecumenical Institute.

The Church News pointed out that the invitation received from the Russian Orthodox Church was the first received by any Scandinavian church to visit the Soviet Union.



# Paging Youth

American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship

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## AELYF Doin's

We have just received the first copy of THE LUTHERAN LANTERN to be published by the Marinette-Menominee LYF, the group which assumed the job of editing and publishing the paper for the coming year. Congratulations are in order for Editor Kathy Berggren and her staff consisting of Robert Wheaton and Paul Sorenson, Assistant Editors; Sandra Gjelsteen and Jean Schmidt, Art Editors; Karen Sorenson, Business Manager; and Barbara Carlson, Secretary. The paper is unusually neat, well-planned, interesting and worthwhile.

THE LUTHERAN LANTERN, the monthly paper of the Lake Michigan District of AELYF, was started in October 1954, by the St. Stephen's LYF of Chicago.

**Marinette, Wis.-Menominee, Mich.**—On November 20, the LYF is sponsoring its annual Æbleskiver Festival to which the entire congregation is invited. In September the LYF participated in singing at the Peshtigo, Wis., hospital.

**Marlette, Mich.**—The LYF recently presented two one-act plays.

**Brooklyn, N. Y.**—On October 7, David Coleman led a round-table discussion presenting the topic, "If I Were Sixteen and Looking Forward." Saturday, October 22, found the LYF at Clove lake on Staten Island for its fall outing. Football, riding, an enlivening game of "Steal the Sticks," a picnic lunch, and the ferry ride to and from combined to make a most enjoyable day. Plans are being made for the distribution of Thanksgiving day baskets to needy families in the community.

**Now is the time when all AELYF groups should be making plans to sell YULE in their communities. Let's make this the biggest year yet for YULE!**

"If the youth of today are active in their part of the Church program, these youth will be the Churches' active men and women of tomorrow. Youth, your Church needs you. It needs your active participation. You need the Church. You need its Christian fellowship. Let's pull together."

—From JUHL-GERMANIA MESSENGER,  
Marlette, Michigan.

When you receive this issue, your PAGING YOUTH editor will have left New Jersey, and will be on his way back to Grand View Seminary. Please take note of the **change of address** in the masthead above.

## It Can Happen Again

By Bernhard Christensen

A boy gave his lunch to Jesus — and five thousand people were fed.

A slave girl spoke to her mistress about God — and her master, healed of his leprosy, became a devout believer.

Andrew told Peter about Jesus — and three years later Peter preached a sermon that won three thousand souls for the Kingdom.

Young Francis of Assisi joyously gave his all to Christ — and the Church of the Middle Ages was led into a mighty spiritual awakening.

An aged monk counselled Martin Luther to trust in God's forgiveness of his sins — and Luther, finding peace with God, became the pioneer of Protestantism.

Hans Nielsen Hauge refused to let even prison bars stop his witness for Christ — and all Norway was shaken by the power of the living Gospel.

A Sunday school teacher visited Dwight Moody in the shoe-shop where he worked and spoke to him about Christ — and Moody became a world renowned evangelist, leading thousands upon thousands to the Cross.

Somebody left a mission tract on the desk of Albert Schweitzer, a brilliant young theological professor in Germany — and Schweitzer left his cultured surroundings to pour out his great life in service in the fever-infested Congo.

Hudson Taylor said "Yes," unreservedly, to God — and more than twelve hundred missionaries have gone forth to China under the banner of the Inland Mission which he founded.

A little group of students met by a haystack to pray for the lands where the Gospel was not known — and the great movement of American Foreign Missions was launched.

Two crippled friends in a little Iowa town gave a theological student a new vision of victorious Christian living — and wherever he preaches, their lives speak.

Somebody, somewhere, spoke to you and me — and we found the peace that passeth understanding, the joy that shall know no end.

**It can happen again.**

**Will it happen through YOU?**

"Ye shall be my witnesses." Acts 1:8.

—From the LUTHERAN MESSENGER.

There are no unions that have not their dark days; but, when we have loved each other, we remember it always, and those sweet remembrances that the heart accumulates, survive like twilight.

—Anon.



# Our Women's Work

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

## Greetings from District I

Dear Mrs. Knudsen,

At our District Convention in September I was elected the WMS Representative for District I. (There was no WMS meeting held at this convention. My election took place together with the other district officers.) At the close of the Saturday evening session an offering was received for Grand View Seminary Fund amounting to \$47.35.

As we have just recently arrived in Hartford, after an absence of nearly two years from this district, I am not in a position to report anything on the WMS activities in the East.

However, we are making plans for 1956!

Sincerely,

Mrs. George Melby.

## The Women's Institute

Our Board of Parish Education which planned the Women's Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, had a good program to present to the women. It was planned to interest and to help us as Christian women in the church. It made its mark and there was a good group present.

The discussion period which awakened most interest was introduced by Rev. Howard Christensen, in the absence of Rev. Carlo Petersen. The topic was: What Does a Pastor Expect of the Women of the Church?

After Rev. Christensen's introduction, in which he referred to many of the women of the Bible, he gave seven points which he as a pastor wished to emphasize about this topic.

First, a pastor may expect that the women of his church are good homemakers. Just as the home depends on the church, so does the church depend on the Christian home. Regardless of the changes and emphases which have been tried through the ages, woman's fundamental purpose is still that of the homemaker.

Secondly, women of the church should, like Martha in the New Testament, be willing to serve. Perhaps the job we are called to do is not our choice, but we should feel it a privilege and an honor to serve.

Thirdly, women of the church should, like Mary in the New Testament, be good listeners. Mary was ready to listen to Jesus when he spoke to her and so we must be ready to lay our cares aside and be good listeners. That is sometimes easier said than done, but it is something we must be conscious of and desirous of. (We were reminded that pastors would rather that we attend church and spend less time elaborating on the dinner when entertaining.)

Fourth, women of the church should have a concern for each other. This involves forgetting ourselves so that we may have time to think of others and to help them. Are there old, sick and lonely people in your community?

Fifth, women of the church should have a consciousness of the WHOLE church. We all know what temptation it is to feel that our particular circle or interest group is the most important. To be interested in something is good, but the purpose of women's work within the church should be to work FOR the church and for Unity rather than for the individual group.

Sixth, women of the church should plan projects in a Christian spirit and of a Christian nature. The means should justify the ends. It will be well for us to think seriously of this as we plan our work for the coming year.

And last, women of the church should have a spirit of forgiveness. This is something for the individual to consider. Perhaps communion with God through prayer is the only way to strengthen one's spirit of forgiveness.

A discussion followed the presentation, and much interest was shown in the topics. They could well be program material for any women's group.

A good man does good merely by living.

—Buliver.



Mrs. Elsie Stub is known to us through her appeals for clothing and financial aid to South Slesvig, and to Husum School in particular. She has for many years worked unselfishly to help these people re-establish themselves. In August of this year her children gave her a trip to Denmark and South Slesvig so that she might present a bronze bust of H. C. Andersen to the Husum School. The bust was made possible by contributions which Mrs. Stub had received for this purpose from societies and individuals in U. S. A. The picture shows Mrs. Stub presenting the bust to the principal of Husum School at the unveiling in August.



## District IV Convention

NEWELL, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 23-25, 1955

The District IV Convention was held at Newell, Iowa, during the week-end, September 23-25. The convention was well attended, counting on Saturday a total of 66 votes, 51 delegates, 12 pastors and 3 others given voting rights.

The Newell congregation proved to be a very good host. All preparations were of the very best, guests were housed in homes in the congregation, fine meals were served and all guests soon felt right at home.

Rev. Holger O. Nielsen spoke at the opening devotional service Friday afternoon. He had chosen as his theme: "Absolution and Communion."

The business session was in charge of Rev. C. A. Stub, District President. After the introductory preliminaries had been made, we soon centered our attention on the various phases of the work in our District.

**The Lutheran Student Service** is supported by our District, and by voluntary gifts from the various congregations and their auxiliary organizations. Lutheran Student Service work is carried on at Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, at Drake University in Des Moines and at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. In addition to the Lutheran Student Centers at these four schools, our District also helps to support the "Chair of Religion" at the University of Iowa, where Dr. Forell is reported to be making an important place for himself in the life of the University.

**The Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa** is doing outstanding work, and all our congregations have supported this work the past year. District Workshops are held throughout the state this fall endeavoring to acquaint the people with the work of the Society. Pastor Paul Boe, State Director of the Society, spoke to the convention on Saturday afternoon. He pointed out that the work of the Lutheran Welfare Society is "your work and we who are on the staff will endeavor to do the work assigned us to the degree that you give us the support for our program."

**The Refugee Program** of our Lutheran Churches was presented to us by Pastor Vance Baird, who is heading this program under the Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa. He told us that the Lutheran churches settled 27,000 D. P.s under the former Displaced Persons program. "We are now in the midst of the so-called Refugee Program, equally large, and we are hoping," said Pastor Baird, "that every Lutheran congregation will accept at least one Refugee family." He stressed that the AELC congregations in Iowa had a good record to date in this program.

**The Cedarloo and North Cedar Mission Program** was given considerable time and discussion by the convention. Reports were given by the Home Mission Committee, by Pastor Alfred E. Sorensen, Aksel and Agnes Holst. During the past year, the new church has been built, dedicated on July 24th, and is in full use. The convention was told that the membership at Cedarloo, now the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, has tripled the last two years. There are now 91 baptized members, and a number attending who as yet are not counted as members. The attendance in church the past year has been 60-119. There are about 60

children in Sunday School, and there were 73 in the Summer Bible school. There are approximately 1,000 new homes in this area now.

Many fine gifts have been given. The local people and friends from the Cedar Falls church have helped in many ways in improving the facilities. The Sunday school from St. Stephen's Church in Chicago gave a gift of money for a baptismal font. Instead of buying a baptismal font for this amount, a supply of mahogany wood was bought, and two laymen, experienced cabinet workers, made the altar, altar railing, pulpit, baptismal font, and an additional lectern with this gift.

**The North Cedar Mission** (located north of Cedar Falls) is a separate Mission project. We own two lots there, and we need our own building. Sunday school, where we have gathered up to 50 children, is conducted every Sunday in the public school. But we will soon have to make the next move in securing our own building, if we are to continue our work in this area. Anton Hofstad is superintendent of the Sunday school, assisted by Mrs. Agnete Jensen and Miss Julia Madsen, all of the Cedar Falls congregation.

**The All-Lutheran Food Appeal** program was presented by Pastor Stub, and he urged all congregations to support same.

**The District Youth Program** was presented by the District Advisor, Rev. Charles Terrell. He told about a number of youth rallies that had been held in various areas of the district, and gave report on the two youth camps, (one winter, one summer) near Madrid, Iowa, which had been well attended. The convention voted to ask the congregations to underwrite the 1956 youth camp with 25 cents per contributing member, and that each congregation may designate its support money for use either as advance camp fees for young people from the local congregation or as outright subsidy for general camp expenses.

**The Martin Luther Film** (16 mm.) which now is available to churches for the price of \$150 was considered, and the convention voted to buy same for use by the congregation and auxiliaries of the district.

A district budget of \$3,933 for the coming year was voted. Of this amount \$3,200 is for the Cedarloo and North Cedar project. In order not to raise the per membership dues to the district budget above that of last year, the convention voted to send out an appeal to all the auxiliary organizations of the district congregations for gifts to the Home Mission program of the district, hoping to receive in this manner at least \$350 for the proposed budget.

**Elections** resulted in: Rev. Richard Sorensen, District President; Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Rev. C. A. Stub, Richard Sears, Cedar Falls, Ivan Grau, Newell, Harald Andersen, Fredsville, and Earl Larsen, Des Moines, on the District Home Mission Committee.

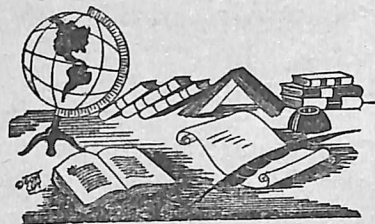
John Lund, Waterloo, was elected as our nominee to the Lutheran Welfare Society Annual State Meeting for our district representative on the state board.

Devotional and Bible hour services were held each morning and evening and throughout Sunday. The messages were inspiring and thought-provoking. A rewarding and strong Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the convention.

Sincere greetings and "Thanks" to the Newell congregation for fine hospitality and service to all their guests.

Holger Strandskov, Sec.





## OPINION AND COMMENT

THROUGH THE generous auspices of the National Council of Churches, it is possible to start a new department in LUTHERAN TIDINGS. (This despite the fact that our paper already is probably over-departmentalized.) The opportunity for this new feature, however, seemed too good to pass by. It began in the November 5 issue under the general heading "The Living Word," and our plan is to run it for at least a year. Its main purpose and theme will be to acquaint readers with the major changes in words that have taken place since the time of King James which have made necessary new revisions of the translation of the Bible from time to time. No more qualified person to undertake this work could be found than Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the Standard Bible Committee. An ordained Lutheran minister and a graduate of Gettysburg Seminary (1903), Dr. Weigle received his doctorate at Yale the following year, and since then has received thirteen honorary degrees. His book *THE PUPIL AND THE TEACHER* for the training of Sunday school teachers has sold one million copies. In 1949 he retired after 21 years as Dean of the Yale Divinity School. (He transferred from Lutheran to the Congregational Church early in his ministry.) A former president of the Federal Council of Churches, he was chairman of the committee which worked for nine years to form the NCCUSA. This biographical sketch should acquaint our readers with the man whose name will appear in each of the next twenty-odd issues of our paper. (See page 12.)



Dr. Weigle

affiliate from the synod and as a democratic body, this it had a right to do. "Courts cannot and should not interfere with the internal regulation of such an independent body." This court decision seems sensible. However, we can visualize a great many difficulties that could come up if this case were cited as a precedent. Usually, it has been an accepted understanding that minority groups, if they adhere to the original constitution and tenets of the congregation, retain independent and ownership rights on congregational property, name, tradition, etc.

SOMEWHAT ON the same subject, we notice from a release from the NLC (see page 12) at the Lutheran Free Church now is conducting a referendum of all its local congregations to decide on the "four-way" union with ELC and ALC and UELC. Each congregation has one vote, and three-fourths majority will be required in order for the negotiation to continue. The annual conference of the church last June reached a two-thirds majority but did not reach three-fourths. On questions of this kind, the majority-minority matter is exceedingly delicate. On the surface, it would seem that the majority should have its say. Yet, it was also a majority opinion that initiated the two-thirds or three-fourths requirement in the first place. There is a grave responsibility on both the majority and the minority, when each side in the intensity of its sense of the rightness of things, feels itself led by God's Spirit. Much soul-searching and earnest prayer shall be required.

A LUTHERAN church in Seattle also has found itself involved in a court case. A prisoner in the county jail has sued the congregation (Zion Lutheran) for a violation of his constitutional rights when he, in his cell, is forced to listen to religious services conducted in the hallways of the building. The prisoner says he has no objection to services conducted in the prison chapel, only to those in the corridors. The defendants, including several other Protestant churches, claim that prisoners convicted of a felony have no civil rights.

THROUGH ITS membership in the Associated Church Press, LUTHERAN TIDINGS from time to time can obtain articles from outstanding churchmen, (by paying a small sum toward an honorarium). These are unpublished contributions and are of a quality which would be impossible for a paper of our circulation to obtain in any other way. The Thanksgiving article in the current issue is a case in point. Dr. Sizoo is one of the most prominent of American churchmen. (He has been in the news frequently, and, unless our memory deceives us, it was Dr. Sizoo who was involved in a widely publicized controversy over whether a congregation should sell its "downtown" property to make room for commercial buildings on the lots which had increased tremendously in value. The minister strongly felt that the church should not take a handsome, quick profit, but should remain where it was to serve the spiritual needs of the business community.) Dr. Sizoo and the editor became acquainted recently in Korea, where Dr. Sizoo was conducting chaplain retreats for chaplains in the armed services in the Far East. — Under the same

UP IN DENVER, a recent court decision was handed down which is of more than ordinary interest. The Colorado Supreme Court decided that civil courts have no authority to "inquire into ecclesiastical, spiritual or doctrinal questions" of a church or independent congregation. The minority membership of a Baptist church had asked the court to enjoin the majority group from changing its membership from one Baptist synod to another. The Supreme Court said that the courts should not be resorted to in such controversies. The request for an injunction had been denied by a lower court. The congregation voted 155 to 56 in favor of changing its synod affiliation from an increasingly "modernist" group to a more conservative. Justice Holland said that the majority voted to dis-



## The Living Word

### WHEN "LET" MEANS "HINDER"

If you will turn to your Webster's New International Dictionary you will discover that there are two verbs spelled and pronounced exactly alike, **let**, which come from two distinct Anglo-Saxon roots. The one verb "let" means to hinder, impede or prevent; the other means just the opposite, to permit or allow. Both were in current use in 1611; both are used in the Bible and in Shakespeare. But only the second remains a part of living English today; the first survives only as a noun in the legal phrase "without let or hindrance" and in the game of tennis, where anything that interrupts or hinders the game and requires a point to be played again is called a "let."

In Shakespeare's HENRY V, the Duke of Burgundy, suing for peace with England, and speaking of the ruin that continued war entails, says:

"my speech entreats  
That I may know the let, why gentle Peace  
Should not expel these inconveniences  
And bless us with her former qualities."

When Hamlet's friends seek to restrain him from following the beckoning ghost of his father, he cries:

"Unhand me, gentlemen.  
By heaven, I'll make a ghost of him that lets me."

This obsolete use of the verb "let" appears three times in the King James Version of the Bible. In Isaiah 43:13 God speaks through the prophet: "There is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?" The revised versions have "who can hinder it?" Paul, writing to the Romans (1:13) tells that he had "often-time purposed" to come to them, but that he "was let hitherto;" the Revised Standard Version renders this, "I have often intended to come to you, but thus far have been prevented."

The other occurrence is in 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7, where the King James Version reads: "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." The obscurity of these verses is increased by the use of the word "letteth" in verse 7 for the Greek word which was translated "withholdeth" in verse 6. The Revised Standard Version reads: "And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way."

Luther A. Weigle.

The only way to regenerate the world is to do the thing which lies nearest us, and not hunt after grand, far-fetched ones for ourselves.

—Charles Kingsley.

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## LFC Leader Pessimistic Over Union Referendum

Minneapolis—(NLC)—A leader of the Lutheran Free church is pessimistic over the prospects for its continued participation in union negotiations with the Evangelical, American and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

In the opinion of Dr. John Stensvaag, there is "every likelihood" that the merger resolution now being voted on in the nearly 360 congregations of the 65,000-member LFC will be defeated.

"Its passage would in fact seem like a miracle," he said in an article in the October 11 issue of THE LUTHERAN MESSENGER, official bi-weekly of the Church, in which he urged favorable consideration of the question.

"To turn our back upon these Churches at this time seems to me, at least, a rejection of God's guidance, a tragic failure to go forward into a new day," he added.

Dr. Stensvaag, a member of the faculty of Augsburg Theological Seminary, is vice president of the LFC and secretary of its Commission on Relations with Other Church Bodies.

Through the referendum, the congregations are being asked to endorse the proposed form of organization of the united Church, with the proviso that the other groups consider the LFC's request for continued control of Augsburg College and Theological Seminary.

The local churches must report their stand by December 15 and should three-fourths of those reporting vote in the affirmative, "the question shall be considered carried and the union negotiations shall be continued."

In his article, Dr. Stensvaag pointed out that under the method of voting each congregation has one vote, which means that "a congregation of less than twenty baptized members, and we have at least ten of these, can cancel out the vote of not just one but three large city congregations."

And reports seem to indicate, he added, that the smaller congregations "are most reluctant about the merger."

While it will not be "difficult" to defeat the merger resolution, as it will take only a fourth of the vote, Dr. Stensvaag warned that "it means assuming a great responsibility."

The president of the Church, all the members of the union committee save one, and the entire seminary faculty, he said, "all these believe that this merger is the right course for the Lutheran Free Church."

"But if the merger resolution fails to get a three-fourths majority in this present vote," he said, "the Lutheran Free Church will have cut herself off from the negotiations and there can be no second referendum. We will have closed the door upon our sister churches."

### CURRENT REPORT

Refugee Assurances received last week	122
Arrivals last week	62
Total Assurances received	5464
Total arrivals under Refugee Relief Act	2572



## District II Convention

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Detroit was the host to the annual convention of the Michigan congregations October 7-9.

This year's convention theme was: "The Marks Of A Living Church." At the opening service on Friday evening, Rev. James Lund was the liturgist and Rev. Beryl Knudsen from the Sidney-Gowen churches spoke on the necessity and importance of being "Filled With The Spirit." At the close of the service, visiting guests were extended greetings of welcome by the host pastor, Rev. Svend Jorgensen, and the president of St. Peter's congregation, Jens Feldborg.

A further development of the convention theme was presented at the Saturday morning worship service, when Rev. Peter Thomsen from Greenville, spoke on "Effective Witnessing," as mark of vitality in the church. After a brief recess the convention was organized under the leadership of the district president, Rev. Edwin Hansen. Mrs. Irene Henderson of Sandusky was chosen convention secretary. Seven pastors, six board members and fifty-three delegates were in attendance, besides other visiting guests.

After the agenda had been presented and accepted, the various reports to the convention were read and acted upon. The following are some of the main decisions:

1. That each congregation accept its proportionate share of the synod and Lutheran World Action quotas as well as support the Grand View College building program and the Church Extension Fund Drive when launched.
2. That each congregation do its utmost to provide at least one assurance for a refugee family.
3. That the district send a gift of \$75 to the Film Library of the Synod Board of Parish Education to be used for procurement of additional films and slides.
4. That the district arrange to have one of the Santal students in U. S. for study visit our congregations when possible during the year.
5. That a Church Council Members' Workshop be arranged for the district next spring.
6. That the district give some financial support to the Women's Retreat to be held again next summer, to help acquire visiting speakers.
7. That a committee be appointed to bring the district constitution up to date and make recommendations to next year's convention.

The nominating committee, composed of Roy Weigert, Marlette; Mrs. Henry Millwood, Victory; and Skovgaard Hansen, Detroit; was appointed to present a slate of candidates for the elections at the afternoon business session. The following officers were elected:

District President: Rev. Edwin Hansen  
 Secretary: Mrs. Irene Henderson  
 Finance Committee Member: Chris Rasmussen  
 Board of Parish Education: Miss Rita Norden  
 Editor, District Newsletter: Rev. James Lund.  
 Dr. Ernest Nielsen from Grand View College, pre-

sented and explained by means of slides the necessary Building Expansion program at the college. This was enlightening and much appreciated, since all the congregations will be expected to help to promote it. A living church must have educational ideals — also facilities — for which to strive.

The ladies of the WMS met after the supper hour to discuss their program and problems.

At eight o'clock on Saturday evening, Dr. Henry Yoder, student pastor at the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, addressed the convention, giving a very excellent presentation of the value and necessity of the Church's ministry to the Lutheran students at our state institutions. Men of the caliber of Dr. Yoder are doing a work of greater significance to the Church than we can estimate. Certainly this work, too, is a worthy educational ideal which marks a living Church.

Sunday morning found the lovely new church of St. Peter's congregation filled with worshippers. The weather was ideal making it possible for additional visitors to attend. Rev. John Christensen, Ludington, delivered the sermon from the text of the day, speaking on the topic: "What Think Ye Of Christ?" Rev. Edwin Hansen, Muskegon, had charge of the communion service. His preparatory remarks were centered around the words from the 23rd Psalm: "Thou preparest a table before me."

The offering taken at the service was divided equally between the Church Extension Fund and the Santal Mission.

The final meeting of the convention was held at 2:30. Rev. Harry Andersen, Marlette, gave the closing address entitled: "The Spirit of Benevolence," essentially a message of high stewardship. Who will deny that such should characterize every living church? This message was a challenge to all. Closing remarks were made by the host pastor and the district president.

The Detroit congregation was an excellent host to the convention. We were very happy to see and to meet in the beautiful new sanctuary and to use its facilities. The atmosphere, the music, the worship service and the fellowship on Sunday especially were indeed very festive. We are all very thankful to the Detroit people for their hospitality as well as for their fine treatment of everybody.

Next year's convention will be in the Germania congregation, Marlette, with the Juhl people assisting.

**Mrs. Delford Henderson,**  
Convention Secretary.

## Opinion and Comment

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arrangement, we will be able to provide a Christmas message from Dr. Ralph Sockman; and last month we printed a Reformation sermon by Dr. James Pike.

THIS SEASON calls to mind the sacrifices and hardships endured by the Pilgrim Fathers, and also Susan Anthony's remark that we really owe more to the Pilgrim Mothers because they had to endure not only the hardships of life in a new land, but also had to endure the Pilgrim Fathers.



## Grand View College And Our Youth

### Dr. E. Stanley Jones Visits Grand View College

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a missionary and evangelist, spoke to the Grand View student body and the faculty on October 20. He gave us a very inspiring message concerning faith. He stated that the important things we should get out of life are: a life work, a life philosophy, life happiness, and a life philosophy of faith.

Another convocation speaker we enjoyed hearing was Mr. Hiram Hunn, a well-known Des Moines attorney. His topic made us stop and think just why we are in college, and what college will have to do with our future. He clarified what our goals should be and how we can attain them.

Next, I'd like to tell you what's new around the Grand View Campus.

Brrrr! Winter is really here! The brilliantly-colored autumn leaves have fallen to the ground and are covered with a blanket of snow. As the result of the snow and cold weather, the students of Mr. Jessen's nature study class can no longer run around the campus in quest of poor little defenseless bugs to put in their bug collections. It is a good thing the bugs are hibernating now. (If bugs do hibernate.)

We have been having some good times here at dear old G. V. C. although we have been pretty busy studying for tests. Friday night, October 22, the girls patterned the U. K. programs after "Your Hit Parade." Grand View favorites such as the "Danish Hiking Song," the Grand View "Fight Song," the "Crafty Crow," and "Bud's Song," were among the "top ten." Donning some costumes and acting the song out as it was sung, provided an evening of entertainment for everyone. The talent of Rosemary Brinkman was hidden from us until this program when we heard her play her accordion. She's really "tops."

The reason for holding U. K. on Friday night, was that so many of us wanted to go to hear Mantovani, who appeared at KRNT Theatre on Saturday night. Those of us who heard him, were captured by the soft, rich music of his orchestra which is composed mostly of stringed instruments.

Every afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00, the Grand View halls are filled with the music of the choir having its daily practice. On Sunday, October 30, the choir made its first appearance of the season at the Reformation service at KRNT Theatre, where the Reverend Reuben Youngdahl spoke. November 4 and November 8 mark the next appearances of the choir.

The members of the IFTA (Iowa Future

Teachers of America) are busy "polishing the apple" again this year. They gave a "coffee" for the faculty on October 26, with Halloween as the theme. Black and orange streamers bedecked the room, and a miniature "spook house" was the center of attention. After a short program, coffee, doughnuts, open-faced sandwiches, cookies, and candy were served. The special surprise was a popcorn ball with a smiling jack-o-lantern face on it.

The latest news from the girls' dormitory is that some of the girls are receiving so many boxes of food from home, that Ann Nielsen has started a reducing salon to keep them "trim and slim." She has not posted any pictures of her subjects "before" and "after" her reducing course, so I'm not sure of the progress she is making.

The mythical and mysterious "Bud" has been keeping everyone guessing. The clues of his whereabouts seem to make no sense at all to me. The last time I saw him was at the Halloween party from which he mysteriously (?) disappeared before it was over.

Basketball practice is in "full swing" now, and November 15 marks the date of the first basketball game. Coach Sisam assured us in Convocation that there are many good prospects among the boys who are out for practice. We have discussed the possibility of chartering a bus to take students to the out-of-town games. Each student going would pay his own share of the bus fare, and then our team would always have a cheering section. Here's wishing the basketball team of 1955-56 the best of luck!

#### Busy Student.

### OUR CHURCH

**Des Moines, Iowa.** The A Cappella Choir of Grand View College which sang before a large group of administrators and instructors attending the fall meeting of the Junior College Association, received well deserved praise for their beautiful rendition of three songs. The choir is directed by Mr. Robert M. Speed.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has informed the college that its self-survey has been accepted. The next step in the process is examination of the college by two examiners.

Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Iowa Junior College Association. He is also a member of the Governor's Conference of Education in Iowa, and a member of the Des Moines Council of Adult Education.

Mr. Harry Jensen, Business Manager, has been appointed General Director of the forthcoming campaign for funds for church extension and college expansion.

Dr. Nielsen's new book "N. F. S. Grundtvig: An American Study" is now off the presses. It is published by Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill.

**Danevang, Texas.** Pastor Willard Garred of Vesper, Kansas, was speaker in

this community in October at the annual Harvest Festival.

**Santal Mission, India.** Now is the time to send Christmas Greetings to our missionaries in India. Here are their addresses:

Miss Muriel S. Nielsen, Supt.  
Gaorang Girls' School  
P. O. Haltugaon,  
Goalpara District  
Assam, India.

Harold and Mary Riber  
Dumka, P. O.  
Santal Praganas, India.

Miss Nielsen is now much recovered in health, and is due to return on furlough to the United States next summer. She will probably leave Calcutta in May, and plans to return via the Pacific to the West Coast.

**Copenhagen, Denmark.** Many in our synod became acquainted with the family of Prof. Arne Nielsen when he was instructor in languages at Grand View for four years. He returned to Denmark a year ago, and a recent letter from him gives the interesting information that his youngest daughter, Inga, has made a number of vocal recordings for Victor in Denmark, to be released in record shops December 1. The story of her rather remarkable talent has been widely published in Denmark, according to clippings we have received. Inga appeared on television in Chicago, and, accompanying her father on lecture trips in our congregations, she has sung in a number of our churches.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** Several Des Moines churches cooperating in union Thanksgiving Services have chosen as speaker, Dr. Alfred Jensen, Synod President.

**Askov, Minnesota.** An interesting series of events comprised the annual Folk School Week here this month. Pastor Aage Moller, Solvang, California, was main speaker. The program for the week included a talk by the Superintendent of a state hospital on "Alcoholism, an Illness." Another evening was devoted to the reading of passages from Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" and music from Grieg's score, rendered by local talent. Pastor Harold Petersen of Askov, was also speaker, (and was guest speaker in Circle Pines November 13).

**Ringsted, Iowa.** Prof. Leroy Norquist, new instructor at Grand View Seminary, was guest speaker at the Harvest Festival here last month.

**Solvang, California.** Pastor Ejnar Farstrup returned recently from a trip to Minneapolis (Home Mission Council Meeting) and Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a committee meeting (on revising the Constitution). Mr. Knud Hansen recently lectured and preached here; he is president of Askov Folk School in Denmark, and spent a week in Solvang to study American community life. November 13, in Pastor Farstrup's absence, Miss Marie Hald conducted services. The congregation here voted 40 to 39 to sell Atterdag



College to the Old People's Home, but, at another meeting called to reconsider, voted not to sell at this time. The congregation is laying plans for a new Sunday School unit to be added to the church.

**Seattle, Washington.** Dr. Jens Kjaer is recovering from a sudden illness contracted during October. He is reported to be carrying on his work on a reduced scale.

**Oak Hill-Exira, Iowa.** Mrs. Sedoris McCartney the wife of the local pastor, left early this month on a flying trip to Japan where she will remain until just before Christmas. She has been sent by Harper and Brothers, book publishers of N. Y. C., who have accepted for publication a series of sketches about women and girls she knew in Japan where she has been missionary. Mrs. McCartney has had a previous book published, POEMS ABOUT JACKIE, a series of narratives in free verse. Pastor McCartney also is a writer, with a book published by Augsburg, THERE IS A LAD HERE. Mrs. McCartney's new book will be published in the fall of 1956, and the title currently chosen for the book is IN THE GRAY RAIN.

**Racine, Wisconsin.** Pastor Paul Wikman, Chicago, was guest speaker here November 11 and told of his experiences in the underground movement during the Nazi occupation of Denmark.

## We Give Thanks

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tions of freedom with us. May I remind you that two-thirds of the world is going to bed hungry tonight. Hunger does queer things to people. That is why communism feeds on hunger. We cannot rid the world of communism by fighting Russia. We can rid the world of communism by fighting hunger, misery, want, disease, and ignorance. We in the Americas have the raw material and resources to fight that battle. Whether it is peace or war in the world of tomorrow rests upon our compassionate intelligent concern for the disinherited.

In the world of music we have made an interesting discovery. Almost every great nation has enriched mankind with some distinct musical instrument. Italy has given us the violin. France has given us the French horn, Ireland the harp, Scotland the bagpipes, Egypt the lyre, Germany the organ. Each played its own songs. Today we are bringing all these instruments together, blending them into an orchestra; so we have our symphonies. It is not otherwise with nations. Each people and race and nation must make its own unique contribution to the sum-total of human happiness. But only when these nations and races live together in good will and understanding, accepting one another and making allowances for one another, will we sing the glorious song of Peace on Earth.

On this national day of Thanksgiving as we recall the pilgrims of the past,

I leave to your uncomfortable conscience these three disturbing questions.

The music and the shouting die,  
The captains and the kings depart  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
A humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of hosts be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

### GERMAN REDS CHANGE MIND ON PROTESTANT RALLIES

Berlin, Germany—(NLC)—The Communist government of East Germany suddenly rescinded the permission given in April for the holding of a German Evangelical Church rally (Kirchentag) at Brandenburg, in the Soviet Zone, August 26-28, the press reported here.

According to these reports, the authorities gave no reason for the sudden reversal in their attitude.

In April, when the East Zone government granted the permission for a Kirchentag in Brandenburg, Dr. Reinhold von Thadden-Trieglaff, president of the church rally movement, announced that the Brandenburg rally would be the climax of a series of Protestant meetings to be held during the summer throughout East Germany.

### NORWAY SHELTERS 3,000 REFUGEES

Oslo, Norway—(NLC)—Some 3,000 refugees from a number of countries have found haven in Norway, according to Church News from the Northern countries, a publication of the Northern Ecumenical Institute.

About 10 per cent of these refugees are so-called "hard core" people with little or no chances to find resettlement opportunities outside displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria, until the Norwegians offered them and their families shelter.

In this group are some 173 refugees and their family members who were ill with tuberculosis, as well as a number of blind refugees established in special institutions for the blind. Norwegian old people's homes have given shelter to 95 refugees who were too old for life elsewhere.

The new edition of the Danish language annual DANSK NYTAAR 1956 is now available. Dr. Paul Nyholm, Editor, has arranged that it be sold through the Grand View College Bookstore, Des Moines, Iowa. The issue contains articles of unusual interest by men known among us: Fartsrup, Mortensen, Knudsen, Bay, Bang, etc., plus interviews with Lis Hartel and Victor Borge and a birthday calendar for pastors of our synod. Mostly in Danish there are also contributions in English. Order soon, since it is unlikely that reprints will be made.

One Dollar, postpaid.

## Acknowledgement Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

For the month of October, 1955

### Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
Seattle, Washington	\$ 82.90
Des Moines, Iowa	312.75
Juhl, Michigan	166.75
Withee, Wisconsin	869.00
Askov, Minnesota	22.96
Diamond Lake, Minnesota	56.00
Byram, Connecticut	72.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Illinois	300.00
Ludington, Michigan	176.75
Marinette, Wisconsin	57.52
Troy, New York	109.00
Menominee, Michigan	39.09
Racine, Wisconsin	166.63
Solvang, California	1,000.00
Salinas, California	240.00
Manistee, Michigan	50.00
Ruthon, Minnesota	5.00
Brush, Colorado	84.00
White, South Dakota	178.00
Muskegon, Michigan	300.00
Newark, New Jersey	102.50
Germania, Michigan	150.00
Los Angeles, California	100.00
Trinity, Chicago, Illinois	200.00
Bridgeport, Connecticut	75.00
Omaha, Nebraska	120.00
Tacoma, Washington	36.25

### Home Mission:

#### For Cedarloo:

Congregation:	
Diamond Lake, Minnesota	24.95
Ladies' Aid, Diamond Lake, Minnesota	12.82

In memory of Mrs. Hanna Sorensen, Gayville, South Dakota

1.00

Annual Reports 91.00

### Lutheran Tidings:

Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa 10.00

Subscriptions and gifts 74.25

### Kirke og Folk:

Subscriptions and gifts 134.50

### Grand View College:

Rev. Walter Brown 20.00

Rev. Walter Brown for Seminary 12.00

### Pension Fund:

Congregations:

Diamond Lake, Minnesota 30.00

Menominee, Michigan 8.25

West Denmark, Wisconsin 89.45

### Pastors' Dues:

Rev. H. O. Nielsen 58.00

Rev. J. C. Kjaer 54.50

### Chicago Children's Home:

Congregation:

Diamond Lake, Minnesota 25.00

Baptismal gift from Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Nielsen, Diamond Lake, Minnesota 5.00

Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa 10.00

### Tyler Old People's Home:

Congregation:

Diamond Lake, Minnesota 45.00

Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa 10.00

### Seamen's Mission:

Congregation:

Diamond Lake, Minnesota 22.25

Ladies' Aid, Victory, Michigan 5.00

### Lutheran Student Program:

Hope Ladies' Aid, Ruthon,



Minnesota .....	10.00
Hope Circle, Ruthton, Minnesota	5.00
Previously acknowledged	33,773.85

Total to date .....\$39,603.92

**Received for Items Outside of Budget:**

**For Lutheran Welfare:**  
In memory of Mrs. Hanna Sorensen, Gayville, S. D. ....\$ 2.00

**For Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa:**  
Rev. Calvin Rossman ..... 5.00  
Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa .... 10.00

**Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute:**  
Congregations:  
Seattle, Washington ..... 1.00  
Ludington, Michigan ..... 30.53  
Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa .... 10.00

**Lutheran World Action & Relief:**  
Congregations:  
Seattle, Washington ..... 16.87  
Juhl, Michigan ..... 39.75  
Withee, Wisconsin ..... 241.00  
Diamond Lake, Minnesota ..... 170.00  
Menominee, Michigan ..... 9.00  
Salinas, California ..... 60.00  
Des Moines, Iowa ..... 70.00  
Ruthton, Minnesota ..... 5.00  
Brush, Colorado ..... 29.00  
White, South Dakota ..... 2.80  
Germania, Michigan ..... 38.00  
Enumclaw, Washington ..... 30.00  
Trinity, Chicago, Illinois ..... 90.00  
Previously acknowledged ..... 7,665.42  
Pastor Heide, Racine, Wisconsin ..... 5.00

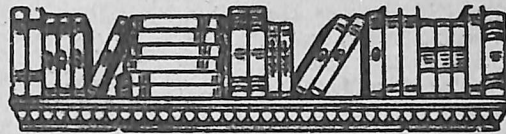
Total to date .....\$ 8,471.84

**For Circle Pines Building Fund:**  
District III AELC .....\$ 100.00

**Church Extension Fund:**  
In memory of Mr. Henry Beyer, Dwight, Illinois ..... 5.00  
District II AELC ..... 67.96  
Congregation, Kimballton, Iowa ..... 25.00

Respectfully submitted,  
American Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Treasurer.

**BOOKS**



**PEOPLE'S PADRE** by Emmett McLoughlin, 280 pages, printed by The Beacon Press, Boston. \$2.95.

**PEOPLE'S PADRE** is the autobiography of a former Roman Catholic priest, Emmett McLoughlin. It is a revealing and well documented account.

McLoughlin outlines the preparation he and others made for the priesthood. He gives a vivid picture of his work in the priesthood, and especially of the squalor and misery he found among the poor and oppressed to whom he ministered. Through the whole account he describes the gnawing doubts and growing misgivings he had of his own church government, and how he struggled with his thoughts and feelings.

How he left his church and the great difficulty it caused him reads more like an exciting fictional adventure than an autobiography.

**PEOPLE'S PADRE** tells much about the Roman Catholic Church, much about a man devoted to improve the lot of the poor and the oppressed, and much about a world that most of us do not know very well. The book is not written without strong feeling, yet one feels that it is not an unfair or one-sided presentation. This book will surely both entertain and inform.

On page 278 the author states: "I have written this story not out of spite, nor of hatred, nor of vindictiveness. I have written it for three reasons. The first is to acquaint Roman Catholics themselves, if they will read it, with the truth of the secret inner workings of the hierarchy. The second reason is to inform non-Catholic America . . . The third reason is the most important of all. I have written this story because I felt I must."

R. J.

**Contributions for Santal Mission**

October 1955

**General Budget:**

Pastor Heide, Racine, Wis. ....\$	10.00
St. John's Congregation, Seattle	10.00
Trinity Congregation, Chicago	32.50
Sunday School, Dagmar, Mont.	27.00
St. Ansgar's Sunday School, Waterloo, Iowa	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gjelsteen, Menominee, Michigan	50.00
In memory of Mrs. Sine Jensen, Ruthton, Minn., friends	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Walter Jensen, Lake Norden, S. D., S. G. Andersen, Harland Andersens, and Milton Petersens	4.00
Bethlehem English Ladies' Aid, Askov, Minn.	10.00
Faith Congregation, Junction City, Oregon	23.05
In memory of Peter Gjerner, Luck, Wis., Mrs. Magnus Hansen, L. R. Brunen and H. Clausen	4.00
Germania D. V. B. School, Marlette, Mich.	10.00
In memory of Mrs. P. N. Fenger, Askov, Minn., Adolf Jensens and Rev. Richard Sorensens, Waterloo, Iowa	3.00
Arthur Andreasens, Des Moines, Iowa	3.00
Bethlehem Ladies' Aid, Davey, Nebraska	15.00
District II Convention, Detroit	67.97
In memory of Cousins, Laura and Callie Hansen, Davey, Neb., H. C. Johnsen, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
Axel Thomsen, Menominee, Mich.	50.00
In memory of Henry Beyer, Dwight, Ill., Mrs. Geo. Beyer, Harry Hansens and Elmer Jen-	

sens, Dwight, Ill. ....	5.00
Annual Santal Mission Sunday, Dwight, Illinois	73.84
Mrs. Lohman, Des Moines, Iowa	1.00
Nathaniel Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Montana	9.00
In memory of Henry Hansen, Kimballton, Iowa, V. H. Trukken and A. Chr. Jorgensens	2.00
Danish Group, Des Moines, Iowa	30.90

**For Ribers' Work:**

Trufant Mission Group	20.00
In memory of S. P. Fries, Seattle, Wash., by the following from Cedar Falls, Iowa, Aksel Holsts, C. B. Jensens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sears, Harold Madsens, Peter Refshauges, Robert Lovejoys, Julia Madsen, Ida Christensen and Margaret Michaelsen	9.00
Mrs. Morten Mortensen, Muskegon, Michigan	2.00
St. John's Sunday School, Easton, California	60.00
Hans Rasmussen, Metuchen, N. J.	100.00
In memory of Mrs. John Schultz, Ringsted, Iowa, H. K. Bonnicksens and C. C. Bonicksens, Ringsted, Iowa; Arnold Bonnicksens, Seattle, Washington and Henry Nielsens, Waterloo, and Harold Thuesens and Mrs. J. P. Johnson, Newell, Iowa	10.00
Alfred Nissens, Marquette, Neb.	2.00
Our Savior's Ladies' Aid, Viborg, South Dakota	25.00

**For a Child in School:**

Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Total for October	714.26
Total since January 1	8,219.56

For every gift, a hearty thank you.

Dagmar Miller,  
1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

November 20, 1955

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

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