

# Lutheran Tidings

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## LENT

To search our souls,  
To meditate,  
Will not suffice  
For Lent.

To share the cross,  
To sacrifice,  
These are the things  
God meant.

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## TO KEEP A TRUE LENT

Is this a fast, to keep  
The larder lean,  
And clean  
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish  
Of flesh, yet still  
To fill  
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
Or ragged to go,  
Or show  
A downcast look, and sour?

No; 'tis a fast, to dole  
Thy sheaf of wheat  
And meat  
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
From old debate,  
And hate;  
To circumscribe thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;  
To starve thy sin,  
Not bin;  
And that's to keep thy Lent

Editor's Note: The first of these poems is modern, written by Jane McKay Lanning. The second, written over 300 years ago, is by the fine English lyricist Robert Herrick.

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*Is Sunday School Time Really What A Recent  
LIFE Magazine Hour Called it . . . .*

## *"The Most Wasted Hour?"*

Virgil E. Foster

**T**HE SUNDAY morning church school hour has been labeled "the most wasted hour in the week" in an article by Wesley Shrader, of Yale Divinity School, in the February 11 issue of *LIFE* magazine. The author is not trying to damage Protestant Christian education by the negative picture he gives of Sunday schools. He tries, rather, to jolt local churches into taking drastic action toward improving their educational programs. A forthright facing of the situation will bring the acknowledgment that there is too much truth in the picture he presents to permit complacency. Severe as is his shock treatment, it is all to the good if it arouses churches to greater sincerity and thoroughness in their teaching ministry. Unfortunately, Dr. Shrader seems to have investigated more carefully the negative reports about Sunday schools than the facts about the great strides that are being made in developing effective Protestant Christian education.

The picture of emptiness, idleness and waste which the article presents is not new. Christian education leaders, ministers, and alert lay leaders know that some of what goes on under the name of Christian education is terribly shoddy. They know that many teachers come to Sunday school poorly prepared, if at all; that many churches are content to use inferior materials; that many parents send their children and young people to Sunday school without sowing any significant seeds of respect or expectancy. The leaders have been calling these conditions to the attention of their churches for years. Furthermore, they have been following this up with far-reaching help in developing effective educational work.

Dr. Shrader goes on to indicate some of the things that need to be done to improve the situation, and tells of several churches which have developed effective Christian education.

The *LIFE* article does a most inadequate job of reporting the tremendous strides that are being made toward correcting the conditions it describes. Many churches have established Sunday schools which give an entirely different picture from the negative one given by Dr. Shrader. This is true far beyond the few churches he mentions in the positive part of the article, and this progress is not confined to the few denominations to which he refers with favorable comment.

For every story the article tells of children and young people giving negative testimony concerning the effect of the church school in their lives hundreds could be told of their peers in whose lives the church has been the doorway to a radiant life of faith.

In contrast with the stories of teachers who do a tragically superficial job of teaching, there are hundreds of thousands of teachers who take training for their

work every year, who prepare carefully and well in advance, and whose teaching is warm with loving concern for the children or young people in their classes.

Over against the reports of poorly equipped churches are the thrilling stories of others which are spending large amounts of money to provide spacious, well-lighted and ventilated rooms for their church schools. Over half a billion dollars is spent on new church buildings each year and a significant portion of it is going into church school facilities.

There is truly a tragic amount of parent disinterest; but there is an increasing number of churches with parent education programs which are helping families to put Christian teaching and worship at the heart of their home life.

But rather than marshal arguments to refute the picture presented in *LIFE*, the greater wisdom calls for the churches to look at their own programs honestly to see whether they are doing the four things Dr. Shrader suggests as being essential. Are they "strengthening their curriculum?" Are they using the curriculum materials prepared especially for them by their denominational leaders and are they using them as they are intended to be used? Are they securing "trained professional leaders?" If they cannot afford to secure a trained director of religious education, are they securing the help of professional persons to train and coach their teachers? Are they "training lay leaders" by sending them to training conferences, workshops, and laboratory training schools? Are they providing them with resource books and magazines for week in and week out study? Are they "making the home a part of the Sunday school?" Or are they among the churches who have become easily discouraged and no longer try to get parent cooperation?

### **The lay witness**

At the heart of Protestant Christianity lies the faith in the priesthood of all believers. There is the conviction that even though lacking somewhat in organization, skill and polish, the most effective witness is that which arises out of a dedicated and redemptive fellowship of believers. There is confidence that whatever this fellowship lacks in method—and it need lack nothing in method—can quickly be outweighed by the warmth of a witness born out of first-hand encounter with God in Christ Jesus and in the Scriptures.

Dr. Shrader gives the impression in his article that much of the work of lay leaders in the Sunday schools is inferior. He should remember that lay people saw the need of the Sunday school before the clergy saw it,

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and got the movement under way in this country nearly a century and a half ago largely without the help of the clergy and without their blessing. It was lay leaders who carried the movement forward during those long decades when there was no professional Christian education leadership.

Of course, trained and skilled lay leaders are essential. And for the inspiration of those who have let the stream of progress pass them by, let it be known that this year is the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of leadership education in the churches of America. Begun by a minister who was determined that his church should have the benefits of trained Sunday school leaders, the movement has expanded steadily through the years. During 1956 approximately 300,000 church school teachers and officers took training courses in order to acquire skill for their work.

The last fifteen years have brought phenomenal growth in leadership education. Training conferences giving basic courses for teachers have grown steadily. Workshops have been developed in which leaders analyze their own problems and learn teaching skills. Laboratory training schools and demonstration schools give leaders training through observation and practice teaching. Institutes give brief refresher training and elementary training for new teachers. Clinic teams visit churches, observe, and suggest ways of improvement. In-service training for coaching leaders on the job has been expanded beyond statistical measurement. Monthly workers' conferences and weekly departmental teachers' meetings have become effective training media in many churches.

#### Substance for the witness

The LIFE article might well have pointed out that the last fifteen years have brought the most solid and extensive experimentation and development in church school curriculum in Christian history. It can be stated safely that more money and energy have been spent in developing curriculum materials during those years than in all previous years of the Sunday school movement. And this development has not been confined to the denominations named in the LIFE article.

The curriculum field has been expanded to include parent education materials, teachers' magazines and supplementary aids. Visual and project materials for pupils have been prepared. The publication of supplementary reading and resource books has been expanded almost like an explosion. The preparation of audio-visual materials, guides, and equipment probably has been the most rapidly expanding activity within the church during those fifteen years.

Curriculum materials are being re-examined and revised constantly in order that they may be kept in line with the best developing insights in the fields of theology, biblical scholarship, psychology, teaching method, and group procedures.

The denominations together have prepared a common curriculum for use in emergency areas, such as those around military establishments, and cooperate in the production of a common curriculum for vacation church schools and week-day schools of religion.

#### More time for the witness

Recognizing that one hour on Sunday morning, even though used to fullest effectiveness, is not enough, churches have pressed for more time. Many of them have extended their church school sessions to one and a half hours, two hours, and even three hours on Sunday morning. Others have supplementary sessions during the week.

While churches are evaluating their Sunday schools it is well to recognize that the Sunday school is not the only Christian education program. Vacation church schools are steadily increasing in number. They provide from one to four weeks of concentrated Christian education during the summer.

Week-day religious education on released time had its beginning nearly forty-five years ago, but has had an accelerated growth during recent years, in an effort to give boys and girls more religious education, and in the context of their week-day life. This is not a substitute for the Sunday school, but a supplement to it.

There is the added advantage that week-day schools reach many children not receiving any other religious education. One of the significant developments of the

last fifteen years has been the expansion of the church's outdoor activities and the coming of a whole new approach to Christian nurture in the out-of-doors. These are no longer indoor programs moved outdoors. They are a distinctive kind of Christian education. In 1955, over 650,000 persons went to church camps and conferences.

One of the very important phases of Christian education is the young people's program. Yet the LIFE article might have said that the Sunday evening youth fellowship represents the second most wasted hour of the week. Many youth groups do waste their precious opportunities on Sunday evening. On the other hand, the phenomenal growth of the youth fellowship movement across the world would never have come through any desire to gather at the church for "horseplay" or to huddle around the radio and TV for shudder-and-shiver mystery programs. In their youth fellowships, young people who used to be thought of as "the hope of the church tomorrow" are having a profound experience of being a vital part of the church today. To be sure, many youth groups have poor leadership and accomplish little. But the drive behind the Christian

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**Editor's Note:** As this goes to press, the Synod Director of Religious Education, Prof. Howard Christensen, is at a conference in Cincinnati; high on the agenda for the conference is the subject: "The Most Wasted Hour."

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*Thousands of GI's Saw Camp Kilmer as a Staging Area for Overseas Shipment. Now it has Become a Paradise, for*

## "Here You Are Free . . . ."

Nancy Lawrence

**T**HREE WEEKS AGO he was fighting in the streets of Budapest. Today he stands on free U. S. soil — looking out across the snow-covered New Jersey hills surrounding Camp Kilmer, the U. S. Army's processing center for Hungarian refugees.

Pal (Paul) K., 18, is typical of the flood of upwards of 28,000 of his countrymen who have fled Hungary and are seeking a new life here.

Like him about 60 per cent are youths — hardy young men and women whose revolt against Soviet oppression sparked one of the most dramatic and tragic bids for freedom in the history of mankind.

A husky, six-footer, aged in appearance beyond his years, Paul does not speak easily of the experiences which drove him from his home. The memory of them is slow and painful — the words halting.

He recalls the day early in December when Communist troops fired point-blank into surging Hungarian crowds attempting to demolish the Stalin statue in the main square. "We went down to the armory at the end of the street and got guns," he remembers. "Then we went back to the square and started shooting. There were about one hundred of us. When it was all over, the dead and the wounded were lying all over the streets. There were about 30 of us left."

Others, like Paul, who are being helped to find new jobs and homes by the Lutheran Refugee Service, remember other stories of the revolution's horrors.

There is Maya, 24, her face horribly frostbitten, who lay face down in the snow feigning death for twelve hours to outwit Soviet border patrols.

K. and L., brothers, ages nine and eleven, who helped their parents blow-up Soviet tanks by setting off land mines in the streets of Budapest.

The S. family: father, mother, four children, who laid a one-family siege for 48 hours to two Soviet tanks stalled without ammunition at a deserted intersection and finally destroyed them with home-made "Molotov cocktails."

Memories are grim for most of the refugees — the long journeys over the frozen hills to the border, the skirmish with Soviet patrols, the endless hours of patient waiting at Austrian refugee centers.

They arrive at Camp Kilmer at all hours of the day and night, gray with fatigue from the 36-hour plane ride — clutching their worldly belongings in a few battered packages.

To help them forget and begin their new lives here with the least possible delay, voluntary agencies, like the Army, have cut red tape to a minimum. Working in makeshift set-ups with inadequate facilities, often understaffed, they are processing as many as 450 refugees daily.

The procedure is a simple one. First medical examinations by the U. S. Public Health Service, immigra-

tion clearance and initial employment interviews — then to the office of one of the seven church or social agencies which can help resettle them.

Since arrival of the first flood of refugees early in December, Lutheran Refugee Service has interviewed and placed nearly 800 persons in all parts of the nation. Head of the six-member LRS staff at Camp Kilmer is the Rev. George E. Whetstone, on a two-months leave of absence as director of social missions of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America. Four interpreters from the First Hungarian Lutheran Church in nearby New Brunswick are assisting.

Within two days after their initial LRS interview, the majority are on their way to their new homes. For those who are met by friends or relatives the process is even quicker. Those who do not have contacts here — an estimated 60 per cent — are assigned in groups of from five to thirty-five persons to the care of a Lutheran congregation or one of the agency's 32 area committees.

Persons with health problems or with highly specialized skills are placed on a case by case basis by the LRS New York office.

Authorities believe few of the refugees will have employment problems. The majority are skilled craftsmen — carpenters, toolsmiths, machine technicians — skills urgently needed by U. S. industry. The number of job offers received by LRS to date already exceeds the number of refugees for whom employment must be found — and other agencies report the same situation.

What kind of Americans will these newcomers make? "The majority give the appearance of being capable, stable people," said Dr. Cordelia Cox, LRS director.

But few of them, she noted, have the information or experience upon which to base wise decisions for life here. For many, she believes, this will be expressed in considerable movement before they find situations in which they feel at home.

Contrary to popular belief, she pointed out, only about thirty per cent of the newcomers were active in the street-fighting of the revolution and are fleeing for their lives. For the remainder, Dr. Cox believes, the flight from their homeland represents long-standing disgust with the Communist regime, resentment at the lack of opportunities and fear of increasingly rigid regimentation.

"How great has been their hatred of the conditions under which they lived," she added, "can be gauged by the tremendous risks they have taken to get out and the uncertainties of their destinations or the conditions under which they will live."

Perhaps for most, the reasons are summed up in

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## Greetings From Grahampur, India

Our third Christmas and New Year Season in Grahampur is over. Just today, all the Christmas decorations have been packed down for another year, and our Christmas cards and letters have been put into the "letters to be answered" drawer in my desk. Many thanks to all of you who remembered us. At Christmas time especially, mail from home is one of the greatest joys.

Christmas joys reminds me of my real purpose for writing this greeting to you. I want to thank you for all the joy you have helped spread among our Santal friends here in Assam. You are probably thinking — "how have I spread joy?" — it may seem an insignificant way, but it is greatly appreciated. It is by remembering to send us your used Christmas cards. If you could just see the happy faces of the children when they are given these pictures in Sunday School. Not only the children but the village women we visit, too, and the men as well! Here in Grahampur it seems we can use just about any amount. There are five large congregations in this area with a total of 7,000 Christians. Sunday School work is being carried on in all of these congregations. Bible women are out every Friday of the year in each village teaching the women, and



India, as one of the so-called underdeveloped nations, needs aid in so many ways, and the Ribers' letter shows how even small gifts are appreciated. This scene shows a technician making a biological test in India's first penicillin factory. (U.N. photo)

it means so much to be able to give each person a picture. I have been able to share my picture supply, too, with other groups, and that makes me happy. So, if you have more now, after this Christmas season, **please tear away the picture and send it only.** It need not only be the religious pictures. A mixture of all kinds is fine and all will be used.

At the same time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you folks who have sent us so many nice Sunday School supplies. Most of it we brought out with us when we returned after our furlough. It has been so helpful to have these things for prizes in our schools and Sunday schools, and they have been wonderful for our handwork classes, too. Some of you have also sent us Sunday School pamphlets or papers with the pictures. I use these every week for confirmation classes and the Bible women's preparation classes. Those of you who made bags and sent out should see how happy the children are when they receive their prizes in a pretty flowered bag which they can use for carrying their school books. Thank you all and know that the things you sent us are being used and very much appreciated.

We are still enjoying cold season days. All too soon the hot days will be with us again. A new school year has just started, bringing old and new boys to our high school. Anil Jha, whom many of you met while he was in the States, is back with us. It is fun to hear him tell of his experiences and impressions of U. S. A. He is a fine personality and definitely a good influence and a good teacher for our school children.

Greetings from all the family,

**Harold and Mary Ribers.**

## Danish Bishop Dedicates Seamen's Churches Here

New York — (NLC) — The Rt. Rev. Erik Jensen, Bishop of Aalborg in the Lutheran Church of Denmark was a visitor to the United States in January.

Bishop Jensen, who is president of the Danish Seamen's Church in Foreign Ports, came here to dedicate churches in Brooklyn, N. Y., on January 13, and Baltimore, Md., on January 20.

The new Danish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn is located in a brownstone building at 102 Willow street, close to the piers of the Danish lines. It includes a large reading and lounging room, two well-equipped recreation rooms, a chapel and apartments for the pastor, the Rev. Hans Brink Jensen, and his assistant.

Total cost of the building, including renovations, furniture and fixtures, was about \$60,000, half of which was provided from Denmark, mostly in gifts from Danish shipowners. The rest was raised among "friends of Denmark and her seafaring people."

### Ralph W. Sockman:

In this age of specialization it is the duty of religion to help men see life steadily and see it wholly. If we give all our time to counseling, we are apt to spend too much time on the abnormals and not enough on the normals. If we give our pulpits wholly to social reform, then we flog the wills of men but do not feed their minds. Our day calls for a whole gospel for the whole man.



# Moral and Ethical Values in Education

Harald Flensmark

## I. Do they really exist?

We are living in an age in which the very existence of ethical values is contested. But most of us feel that there are **all-time values** and while "Exploring Resources for Work with Children" it seems relevant to try, at the same time, to disentangle these questions.

We are confronted with a **crucial choice**: whether to allow, cynicism and violence to prevail or, what we so confidently call "human rights." There can be no question of human rights if the very idea of right and wrong is an illusion.

## II. In what sense?

Now, in what sense do such values exist? The question is not one of conventions or adopted customs. **It is a question of laws that condition human life.** No living creatures gave themselves the laws that condition their lives. And we have no reasonable ground to assume that mankind on that point differs from the rest of creation. But man alone must grope his way in the dark to find the laws that condition human life.

However, we do not even possess a universally adopted conception of what is to be understood by the very word: **human**. But we possess a variety of morals and ethics of different cultures.

Your famous philosopher, **John Dewey**, has underlined that ethics must take their origin from life itself, as if it were out of a social necessity; and has left the maxim:—Learning by doing! That is very important.

Human nature is a domain that has been explored for generations, but has never been satisfactorily charted and never sufficiently cultivated. Sometimes we may feel as if **first now**, we have found the right end of the entangled thread of life. Modern psychology has opened up undreamed of possibilities, which should not be underestimated.

We possess two ways of approach to life:—**Scientific research** and **intuition**. The latter is not least important as mankind has to live and cannot wait for scientific results. And life has been lived in the past with less science and with deeper understanding. It is to be feared that the very **art of living** is fading away in our time.

Some people assert that **no morality is objectively valid**. Morality is only collectively accepted because

it has been enforced by public opinion. And that holds true of a variety of patterns of behaviour that make it possible to live in given surroundings.

But ethics are something quite different. They burst through, most often through a spiritual crisis, an earthquake in the life of a rare and great personality, and in a way that is directly contrary to public opinion. And thus a **moral deed** performed independently by one who knows no other law than that of his own conscience points towards **ethics of universal validity**, towards a deeper understanding of life, to which generations afterwards feel themselves morally obliged. The moral deed humbled and often even changed public opinion.

Now, if we really want to unite all men irrespective of race, creed, nationality and even political opinion, we must first of all realize that we cannot unify all kinds of ideologies. The ideology of Lenin is incomparable with that of Ghandi! Ideologies divide men, often into groups that pretend, each of them, to have the definite answer to the need of mankind. Therefore it seems to be of paramount importance to find out whether human life really tends towards **ethical standards**. In my opinion it does. I hold it as a **reasonable scientific hypothesis**, with great probability, supported as it is by the most painful experience of mankind through innumerable generations.

## III. It affects education.

It must be a prime duty for science to improve the understanding of life. But no single branch of science can do it. It should be approached from every side through a comprehensive team-work and educators must play an important part in this work. Not, as so often expected in former times, in disseminating blue-print information. Education has been and can be utilized for any purpose. But no purpose is moral if it does not serve a universally adaptable purpose of all mankind. The role of the educator must first of all be a personal fight for true understanding of life.

Ethics in education are ethics in educators. They are, therefore, of paramount importance in the selection, in the training and in the life-long perfection of educators.

It is said that Germany's victories in the battlefields were won by her school-masters. This may be true. But a quite different type of educator can win world peace in the field of childhood education.

We have to apply **the principle of learning by doing** to the actual world situation and to history. Learning by doing in world politics sometimes proved to be a disastrous experiment. Men did not know what they did. That may be a reason to forgive — but never an incitement to proceed on the old track.

Now, the fundamental need of the child is an atmosphere in which he can breathe, a spiritual climate of security and confidence and love. So what we want in

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**Editor's Note:** Dr. Flensmark is president of "Organisation Mondiale Pour L'Education Prescolaire" (World Organization For Early Childhood Education) and is also pastor of Sundby Church, Copenhagen, Denmark. His lecture, part of which is printed here, was delivered last summer in educational institutions in the East and in Canada. This piece complements the earlier article, "The Most Wasted Hour?"



education is not ideologies, or dogmas, but inspired, wholehearted educators, strict in the demands on themselves and gentle in their relations to others. But this attitude is not only necessary when dealing with children: we need it amongst ourselves. We have each of us to test seriously our personal beliefs and perhaps to revise our convictions. If ever there was an indisputable doctrine of ethics, it was: that different does not mean inferior! The doctrine of **tolerance** towards everyone — except the intolerant.

There are today sufficient **latent tensions** in the world. And if we westerners feel responsibility towards the rest of the world we have to unite, atheists and agnostics and believers of every kind, on the basis of our mutual culture, and to meet the old cultures of Asia — and Africa, on speaking terms, on the same level and, when possible, in common moral action.

The way out of the menacing catastrophe is a **question of ethics**. Will it not be proper in this place to quote the famous words of GEORGE WASHINGTON — "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. — The event is in the hand of God."

#### IV. Religion.

Somehow religion comes into the picture. You cannot abolish religion, nor ignore it or fence it in. Perhaps you may purify it and transform its tensions so that it serves its purpose instead of being a threat to life. Religion cannot just be made void. In fact, religion and morals are the genuine distinctive features of mankind.

**Primitive religions** are simply physics, inadequate explanations for natural phenomena. Pure religion is an **immediate human attitude**, a feeling of absolute dependence — awe towards life, and Christ taught us that it makes no practical difference whether this absolute dependence is based on the feeling of social responsibility towards your fellow man — or on God. Because there is no way to God round about your fellow man.

There are two kinds of religious attitudes, very similar and notwithstanding absolutely incompatible. One wanting to appease divine powers and have gods to do our will. And one wanting to learn the meaning of life in order to realize it, or to do the will of God.

But the **pure religious attitude** is directed towards that which is beyond comprehension and therefore its experiences can never be adequately systematized. To put something in a system presupposes that it is conceivable.

Religions, when developed into **rites and cults and systems**, run the danger of ceasing to be religions. They become dogmatic! They claim blind submission which, from the ethical point of view, may easily be felt as a disintegration of the individual personality. In many corners of the world there exist harmful tensions out of which there must be found a constructive way.

Now, true Christianity is always **approach the Almighty**, in the sense of the overwhelming impact of the example. Therefore if we are Christians we need never protect or defend his rights, and we need not fear the meeting **on speaking terms and on the same level** either

with agnostics or with representatives of different religions.

But the way out of the dilemma will not be found in a mixture of religions. It is more likely to be found in **morals common to all mankind**.

#### V. Christianity — A Culture.

Christianity is first of all a culture into which we are born — not churches! We might even admit that it exists even as much in spite of churches as because of them!

The pioneers of our culture were often rejected by the clergy. Voltaire, e. g. was the man who launched the **claim of tolerance** in the name of Christ, in a time when the Church was not respected because it was not respectable.

However, we possess a **precious heritage** from the early days of our Western Culture: — the vision of Peace on Earth, the idea that all nations are made of one blood: the abolishment of discriminations for reasons of race, class or sex: the demand of being of the Truth: the experience that we can do nothing against the truth: the commandment of love, a perfect love which is tolerant and casts out every fear: the absolute social obligation: the impressive example of self-sacrifice, true unto death, and, what should never be ignored by educators — the unique **importance of the child**.

The list is by no means meant to be exhaustive but presents the **essentials** of our contribution to a worldwide common understanding of what ought to be meant by human.

I think all of you agree on the freedom of belief and of thought and of speech and will maintain the spirit of tolerance. We owe that to the so-called "Golden Rule" from the Sermon on the Mount (or perhaps to the Chinese philosopher Confucius): — "Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, you even do so to them."

This is the command of unbiased, confident love towards fellow-beings, and even towards enemies or potential enemies. It has been practiced in our time in an unprecedented way and on a global scale, now immediately after the last world war.

I am deeply impressed by the work of UNO, UNESCO, UNICEF, ECOSOC and the rest. And when one day someone scornfully asked, "Is that Christian?", I reminded him of the old parable about a man on the highroad from Jerusalem to Jericho and a priest and a levite that passed by. A Samaritan did the job and Christ said, "Do you likewise!"

May I, in that connection, compliment you in this huge continent on what has been accomplished till now, in a particular of paramount importance for all mankind. We admire the USA for the struggle you are fighting here against **race-discrimination**.

The decline of morality has ever meant the fall of **civilizations** and the obliteration of cultures. Let me define **civilization** as a certain development of techniques: **culture**, as a standard of ethical values. Culture is the growth, the realization of the latent potential human life as it is in itself, inherent in our nature.

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## Paging Youth

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### Snow ? No. Success ? Yes.

The following is an article on the Iowa District Winter camp. It was written by Dick Jessen of Des Moines, the Iowa District President, who is presently enrolled at Grand View College.

We have been home from the Iowa District AELYP Winter Camp for nearly two months now, but we can still remember every minute of those three action-packed days, December 28, 29, and 30, 1956.

As usual, the camp was held at the State 4-H Campsite near Madrid, Iowa. The entire program was planned and executed by the Iowa District AELYP Board. The conducting of the camp was an experiment, for almost all duties were taken over by the campers themselves. The pastors at the camp, Rev. Charles Terrell and Rev. Gudmund Petersen, although indispensable, had few duties. One was in charge of two morning devotionals, and the other directed two Bible studies. Other tasks were done by the campers.

KP operations were very capably directed by District Vice-president, Carol Madsen. Erik Ellgaard, District Treasurer, was in charge of all recreation periods. The District Secretary, Janice Andersen, took care of registration. Carol Madsen and Glenda Pickett were responsible for the girls' cabins while the pastors watched over the boys'. That left the District President to be the general overseer, but thanks to the capable assistants listed above, his job was very easy.

Discussion periods were led by Board members and David Rasmussen, a student at the University of Minnesota, all of whom had been notified of this duty prior to camp. David also was gracious enough to show some of the pictures taken on his trip to Europe last summer.

LYF groups as units, presented evening devotions and served evening refreshments. They, too, had been contacted prior to camp about this duty. The experiment resulted in the LYFers discovering that even a week-end camp is no small job to plan and direct, but both pastors and campers enjoyed the project a great deal.

We campers, twenty-nine strong, were somewhat disappointed at first, by the absence of snow (the first time in four years), but any disappointment that might have been experienced was far outweighed by the joyous, worthwhile and successful time had by all.

The exhausting, yet invigorating hikes, the delicious meals, the intriguing Bible studies, the thought-provoking discussions, the inspiring devotions, the new friendships, and the fun of that week-end will never be forgotten by those of us who attended the Iowa District AELYP Winter Camp.

### AELYP Doin's

**Danevang, Texas:** The DYF there reports the election of new officers. They are: President: Dennis Schulz, Jr.; Vice President: Linda Brodsgaard; Secretary: Myrna Vorbeck; Treasurer: Marilyn Knudsen; Fifth member: Allen Lauritsen. Their group is growing, and from all indications is doing very nicely.

**Ruthton, Minnesota:** Ruthton has a very unique group this year: seven girls. They are without a pastor since Rev. Walter Brown left because of ill health, but they have been carrying on their work as best they can. They report a roller-skating party with Tyler and Diamond Lake fellowships, a Christmas party and caroling, and the selling of YULE. Those YULE which could not be sold were given to older people for Christmas gifts. On January 27, the group took over the morning worship services. Two girls gave the sermon, and the others took care of the remainder of the service. Rev. Paul Nussle, pastor at Tyler, helped them with this service. Just now, they are attempting to earn money for camp expenses.

**Tyler, Minnesota:** It seems that the Tyler LYF held a bowling party last month. The bowling prowess of the group is not mentioned, but the pin boys had an easy time . . . need more be said? They, too, are awaiting the arrival of snow, for a winter outing. They had plans for Youth Sunday the first Sunday in February, so we should have a report on that in the next issue. They also plan to have a Fastelavns festival sometime in March.

**Brooklyn, New York:** Brooklyn plans a Youth Sunday service for February 24. They report having a fine time at folk dancing and games on January 18th when they were hosts to another local Lutheran fellowship. "The Example of Youth in Christ" was the topic for closing devotions. They have also had a youth rally and some filmstrips the past month, for a very interesting month.

### Over The Typewriter

This is not PAGING "COUTH" as appeared in the letter to the editor last time. Sometimes proof-reading becomes irresponsible and mistakes like that appear. I will try not to let it happen again.

The decidedly spring-like weather we are having here in the Midwest is both enjoyable and frightening. It is enjoyable in that spring really seems close, but frightening because we all know that we still have some rough weather ahead.

It seems to me that this is really analagous to life. We often live in a sense of false security and fail to take stock of what is ahead. But, we can go even further with the analogy and say that beyond this rough weather, spring . . . "real" spring is waiting. And so it is in life. Beyond all this so called "rough" time of existing in the furious pace of America and the world lies a place of inexpressible happiness and joy . . . comfort and security. Do not become discouraged, someone said for there is surely a better day coming. Perhaps so, but beware of the false security that envelops us at times and hides us from God.

I still need those PAGING YOUTH reports. I would especially appreciate reports on Youth Sunday activities.



# Our Women's Work

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Maywood, Illinois



## Proposed Revised Constitution

The proposed revised constitution of the Women's Mission Society appears in this issue. Please note the following statements carefully:

1. The constitution is printed in our PAGE to make it possible for each member to have a copy. **Please save your copy.** Mimeographing and mailing in large quantities is too expensive.
2. The Executive Board and the Constitution Committee, in a decision made at the board meeting on January 15, 1957, at Chicago, request that **each** organized women's group in our synod calls a meeting to ratify the constitution as a whole.
3. If a majority of the organizations ratify the constitution, it will be adopted as a whole at our annual convention in August.
4. Please notify the president promptly as soon as your group has ratified the constitution. Let us hear from you **before** June 1st if possible.
5. Progress in the work of WMS is largely dependent upon good cooperation from the member group.

The Executive Board and Constitution Committee will appreciate your prompt action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Emilie Stockholm, President.  
3320 W. Evergreen Avenue  
Chicago 51, Illinois.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### PREAMBLE

We, the women of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, do hereby organize ourselves under the following constitution in order that we may be strengthened and sustained in our Christian fellowship, so that we, as church women, may be prompted to further the work of the Kingdom of God, through the purpose herein stated.

### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be: The Women's Mission Society of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To promote education and information concerning foreign and home missions.
2. To aid spiritually and financially such projects and causes as are in harmony with the policies of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, and as the Women's Mission Society, by convention or board action, may select as worthy of concern and support.
3. To co-ordinate the common efforts of all member organizations.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** The membership of this organization shall consist of the organized women's groups of the Synod that desire membership and subscribe to the purpose of the Women's Mission Society of the AELC.

**Section 2.** An associate membership may be granted to individuals who are not members of a local organization.

**Section 3.** The member groups of this organization shall

be divided into nine districts which coincide with those of the AELC.

## ARTICLE IV. POWERS

### Budgets, Funds

**Section 1.** This organization shall have the power

1. To adopt budgets
2. To solicit, receive and disburse funds
3. To devise ways and means to carry out the work of this organization.

**Section 2.** Contributions earmarked for scientific projects shall be used only for the purposes designated.

**Section 3.** This organization shall plan no general campaign, nor any special appeal for funds without the approval of the Executive Board of the AELC.

**Section 4.** The executive officers shall be charged with the responsibility of disbursing such funds according to the budget, or as decreed or ordered, by board action.

## ARTICLE V. CONVENTION

**Section 1.** This organization shall meet in convention at such time and place as may be fixed by the By-laws.

**Section 2.** Each member group of the Women's Mission Society shall be entitled to representation in the convention as specified in the By-laws.

**Section 3.** A majority of the elected delegates present at any convention of this organization representing a majority of the districts shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary and an assistant secretary. The officers shall be members of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church and of local member groups. Not more than two officers may be pastors' wives.

**Section 2.** All officers shall be elected by this organization in convention assembled for the term and in the manner determined by the By-laws.

**Section 3.** The District officers shall be elected at the respective District conventions as specified in the By-laws.

**Section 4.** Standing Committees shall be appointed as specified in the By-laws.

**Section 5.** The Executive Board shall have the power to appoint such other committees as may be necessary.

## ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS

The By-laws of this organization may not conflict with this Constitution, nor with the Constitution of the AELC.

## ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular convention of this organization by two-thirds of the votes cast at such convention, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been given at a previous convention of this organization, or has been published in the official publication of this organization at least two months prior to the time of the next convention.

## ARTICLE IX. SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION

**Section 1.** This Constitution shall become effective when it has been ratified as a whole by a majority of the member organizations and adopted at the national convention in August 1957 by a majority of the votes cast.

**Section 2.** With the adoption of this Constitution, all former constitutions become null and void.



## BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I. CONVENTION

**Section 1.** This organization shall hold a convention annually.

**Section 2.** The annual convention shall be held at such time and place as determined by a preceding annual convention, or the convention may refer this question to the executive board with full power to determine the time and place.

**Section 3.** Convention travel expenses of the president, secretary and treasurer shall be paid from the general fund, not to exceed coach fare.

**Section 4.** The following members have voting rights:

1. Elected delegates in the ratio of one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof.
2. Executive Board
3. Editor of the "Women's Page"
4. District officers
5. Key Women
6. Pastors' wives

## ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

## Terms, Manner of Election

**Section 1.** The officers shall be elected for a term of two years, to begin after the adjournment of the annual convention.

**Section 2.** The president and assistant secretary shall be elected in the odd-numbered years. The vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected in the even-numbered years.

**Section 3.** The officers shall be eligible for only one re-election.

**Section 4.** Manner of election.

1. The nominating committee shall present a slate of two nominees for each office.
2. Nominations may be made from the floor.
3. Voting shall be by ballot.
4. Election shall be by simple majority of all votes cast.

**Section 5.** Any vacancy in an office between conventions shall be filled by board appointment.

**Section 6.** A District president and such officers as needed shall be elected at the annual District conventions. The secretary of the national board shall be notified of such elections.

## ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The president shall

1. Give leadership to the society and carry out its policies and decisions.
2. Preside at all conventions and at all meetings of the Executive Board.
3. Appoint all committees, subject to approval by the Board.
4. Be ex-officio member of all committees.
5. Represent this organization whenever necessary.
6. Present a complete report of the conditions and affairs of this organization to the national convention.

**Section 2.** Vice-President

In the absence or incapacity of the president, the vice-president shall assume the duties of the president. She shall perform such other duties as the president or the Executive Board may designate.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall

1. Record the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board.
2. Record the minutes and other proceedings of the convention.
3. Have prepared for publication such portions of the minutes and proceedings as this organization may request or require.
4. Give notice of all conventions in the official publication of this organization two months in advance of the convention.

5. Prepare and keep current a membership list as well as a file of standing committees.

**Section 4.** Assistant Secretary

1. In the absence, or incapacity, of the secretary, the assistant secretary shall assume the duties of the office of secretary.
2. She shall be the liaison and head of the Key Women and shall assume such other duties as shall be designated by the president or the executive board.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall

1. Have charge of, and disburse all monies of this organization, as authorized by the Executive Board.
2. Shall be chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.
3. Credit all funds to the projects for which they are given and acknowledge the same.
4. Prepare semi-annual reports for publication in the official publication of the organization, and present a complete report to each convention.

## ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The president shall appoint Standing Committees to serve two-year terms. The Nominating Committee shall serve only one year, and shall consist of three members.

**Section 2.** The following Standing Committees shall be appointed:

1. Nominating
2. Budget and Finance
3. Constitution
4. Publications
5. Education

## ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Section 1.** Each member organization shall contribute a membership fee of \$2.00 annually.

**Section 2.** Each associate member shall contribute a membership fee of \$1.00 annually.

## ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Amendments to these By-laws can be adopted at any annual or special convention by simple majority of the votes cast, provided that such proposed amendments have been published at least six weeks prior to the date of convention in any one of the written reports made to the convention.

## "Here You Are Free . . ."

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the words of a tired-looking middle-aged man, sitting quietly in the LRS office in Camp Kilmer.

Asked, why he had wanted to come to the United States he replied simply, "Here you are free."

To these newest Americans who have known the tyranny of Communist rule the word has special meaning. Behind them lies regimentation, poverty and fear.

Before them, new life and the chance to translate their dreams of freedom into reality of peaceful living.

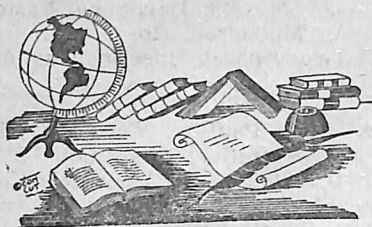
## "The Most Wasted Hour?"

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youth movement is a deep concern for the discovery of the meaning of life, and for the responsibilities of a Christian in the modern world. There is endless testimony to this effect from young people themselves.

Church school, youth fellowship, camp, vacation church school, week-day school, — wasted? They can be. They are in some places, sometimes. But they are also among the serious hopes for a Christian, peaceful world — when the people of individual churches take their Christian witness seriously and use the best materials and leadership training available. If Dr. Shrader's article contributes to that end it will perform a great service.





## OPINION AND COMMENT

"I don't see how there can be any such thing as a shortage of ministers!" Carl, our grumbling church custodian, was trimming some hibiscus' (or is it hibisci?) and each savage swipe of the shears seemed to give him some psychological release. "If a church is a church", he continued, "it just naturally ought to produce its own leaders, and if it doesn't, something is wrong with the system."

"Could be, Carl," we replied.

"You still get letters and print 'em up in LUTHERAN TIDINGS about why we have a shortage. Maybe the trouble is that we make it take too long to get to be a preacher. I hear tell of some churches that have preachers who only have two-three years of Bible school and then go out and preach when they're not even twenty-two or twenty-three yet. Satisfy their people, too."

"Some people are easy to satisfy."

"Pastor, you're evading me, and you know it. Maybe what we need is to cut down the training time. Men can get to be a carpenter after only learnin' for three years."

"That's right, sure. And there was one Carpenter who probably was making chairs and tables when he was only fifteen. But you notice He didn't, as far as we know, start preaching until he was twice that old."

"Well, you got a point there, but I've got the feeling you're still evading me. How long does it take to be a preacher now? — Seven years? Seems to me if there is such a shortage of ministers we ought to take care of that shortage this year or next, and not make a young feller who wants to help out wait so long. He could save a heap of souls in them seven years."

"Carl, it does seem like a long haul. But as somebody said, if the Lord had wanted them out saving souls this year, He would have made them seven years earlier."

"Well, I still think we could suspend the rules some in an emergency. But I know they won't. By the way, I see in your paper that there is quite a hassle going on in Chicago about that Luther film. Anything new on that? If there's anything I like, it's a good fight."

"I've noticed that . . . Well, the last I heard, the Chicago action committee is asking the Federal Communications Commission to investigate. The television station has an application in, asking for the right to use more broadcasting power, and in their petition they state that their policy has always been to let viewers hear all sides of each important issue. This action on the Luther film seems to contradict that application."

"You know, reverend, ----"

"Please don't call me reverend. I get pretty exasperated by that. Pastors can get exasperated as well as custodians."

"Okay, okay. But you know, pastor, if I was a

Catholic, I wouldn't want anybody goin' around showing that film to people either. Can't say I blame 'em, for putting that pressure on the t.v. people."

"Would you try to 'pressure' them if they were going to show a film presenting the Pope's viewpoint on Luther?"

"I don't know. When you're in a majority you don't get so excited. It's usually minorities that get riled up."

"That's a pretty astute observation, Carl."

"Well, I don't know what 'astute' means, but I'm willing to drop it . . . Say, today I was cleaning in the church and wondering why it is people always like to sit way back, during services. They go to a play, and they want seats right down front. Funny thing, seeing those empty pews right down there where people could see and hear better'n' anywhere."

"I heard of one man who had a solution. He proposed taking out the last four or five rows of pews and putting them down front."

"Might be an idea at that. . . . Well, wait a minute, that wouldn't work, because ----- oh, I get it, you're just kiddin' me."

"Yep, guilty, Carl. . . . But I agree, it is a peculiarity that people in all churches seem to have. Some churches close off the last two or three pews until the church has pretty well filled up down front, and save the back pews for late comers, and mothers with children. Maybe we ought to try that."

"Better ask the church council. Some people ain't going to like it. You know, you just could also ask people to keep the aisle seats vacant, too, until the rest of the pew is filled. That would save a little commotion during the prelude and first hymn."

"On the other hand, maybe it is good discipline for late comers to make them march down the whole length of the church to find their places. Make it too easy for people, and they might not mind being a little late."

"Pastor, you've got plenty to teach people without having to teach 'em common courtesy and promptness, too."

"Say, that hibiscus is taking quite a beating, isn't it? I guess I'm distracting you from your work with all this conversation out here."

"Guess I was getting a little carried away. Well, this is California, and you can't kill anything that grows, in this climate."

"That's both good and bad. The grass here takes a lot of cutting," we observed.

"That reminds me of a story about a preacher," Carl said. "Seems he was preaching on the glory of Nature, and made the remark that there is a sermon in every blade of grass. Next day a parishioner came by and saw him mowing the lawn, and says to him, 'Ha! I see you're cutting your sermons shorter, pastor!'"

"Now you're kidding me."

"Yup. And I'm also keeping you from **your** work. Getting out another edition of LUTHERAN TIDINGS today?"

"Today's the day."

"Well, hope you turn out a good paper."

"I'll try to make an issue of it."



## OUR CHURCH

**Seattle, Wash.** Pastor Walter E. Brown, formerly of the Ruthton-Diamond Lake, Minn., congregations, and recently pastor of a ULCA church in Arizona, is now living in Seattle, (823 32nd Ave. S., Seattle 44, Wash.), for reasons of health. Pastor Brown receives a disability pension, during the time of his complete rest. His move to the southwest was for the purpose of finding a climate more suitable to his poor health, but it has now been necessary for him to resign his pastorate there.

**Hay Springs, Nebr.** Pastor Calvin Rossman, pastor of this Home Mission congregation for the past several years has resigned his congregation here in order to accept the call to serve the Diamond Lake-Ruthton churches in Minnesota. He will leave Hay Springs June 30.

**Alta, Iowa.** Dr. Leroy Norquist, of the Grand View Seminary faculty, was guest speaker here February 3, at Trinity Lutheran church served by Augustana pastor John W. Oberg.

**Detroit, Mich.** Our church here received the magnificent gift of \$10,000, at Christmas from a non-member friend of the congregation, Richard Rasmussen, owner of an engineering company.

**Muskegon, Mich.** On January 20, Central Lutheran church here burned its mortgage in ceremonies at the morning worship service. When the membership moved into the new sanctuary in 1951, it had an indebtedness of \$20,000. The lower auditorium built in 1944 and used for all services until Christmas of 1950 had been paid for before the building of the upper structure was begun. In 1954 a new mortgage was issued, when the congregation purchased the residence adjacent to the church for about \$8,000. The indebtedness of \$30,000 has now been paid off entirely. At the annual meeting in January, the building of an educational unit was discussed and a building committee appointed to investigate the needs and get architectural plans. A larger basement auditorium is needed and more classroom space for the Sunday school also is essential. An added morning service will be adequate to take care of the worship needs of the congregation for the present, it is reported.

**Danevang, Texas.** Pastor and Mrs. James Lund stopped in Danevang, February 17, on the way home from a month's vacation in Mexico. Pastor Lund will now move to eastern Michigan where he will assist Pastor Harry Andersen at Marlette and Germania and the mission at Brown City.

**Racine, Wis.** Early next month, the Second Annual Pre-Lenten Every Member Visitation will take place in the congregation here. Commissioning of visitors and member families takes place at the morning service, with

visitation conducted during the afternoon. At 5 p. m., the Evening Circle will serve an "Æbleskiver" supper to all members and friends of Bethania congregation. The "parish house" now rented by tenants will soon be vacated and will then be used for a center for organizational meetings, Sunday school, a nursery, etc.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** At a recent meeting of the Board of Education for GVC and GVS the salaries of full-time teachers was raised in amounts from \$400 to \$700 annually. See the Grand View column for news of the recent "ground-breaking" ceremonies on the campus.

**Ringsted, Iowa.** Preparations are advancing for the 80th annual convention of the synod to be held here sometime in August, it was officially announced. Some members of this congregation will recall the last time a convention was held here, forty-three years ago.

## Fellowship Week End in Nebraska

Plans have now been completed for the annual "Fellowship Week End" which will be held at Nysted (Dannebrog, Nebr.), March 8-10, beginning at two o'clock Friday afternoon.

Principal speaker for this year's event will be Pastor Howard Christensen of Grand View College. Pastor Christensen will speak twice on Saturday and again on Sunday afternoon. Another highlight of this year's program will be an address by Miss Emilie Stockholm, the WMS president. Miss Stockholm will speak at a women's meeting on Friday afternoon.

Simultaneous with the women's meeting will be a meeting for the men under the leadership of Pastor Calvin Rossman, District President. Other speakers will be Dr. Victor Miller, a University of Nebraska horticulturist, who will speak about plants and why they fail, and Mr. Forrest Francisco, a representative of the Bell Telephone Company, who will speak about modern communications. Pastor Arnold Knudsen will lead a meeting which will concern itself with the problems of youth work in our church.

Other items of interest on the program are two fine films and a "Festival of Fun," the latter under the direction of Pastor and Mrs. Calvin Rossman.

Pastors of the district will lead in devotions and Pastor Knudsen will lead the worship service on Sunday morning.

Total cost for meals, lodging and registration is \$7 with a proportionate charge for a shorter period.

Registrations and requests for information should be sent to **Pastor Arnold Knudsen, Dannebrog, Nebr.**

While the "Week End" is sponsored by District VII, any and all who are interested are more than welcome. The program will be as follows:

### Friday, March 8

2:00—Welcome, Pastor Arnold Knud-

sen, Nysted. Devotions, Pastor M. Mikkelsen, Rosenberg.

2:45—Two separate meetings as follows:

### WOMEN'S MEETING

Mrs. Aage Paulsen, Cordova, District Representative, Chairman. "Missionary Challenges in America," Miss Emilie Stockholm, Chicago, Ill., national president of WMS. Coffee break. Report on WMS meeting in Chicago, Mrs. Paulsen. General discussion of WMS.

### MEN'S MEETING

Pastor Calvin Rossman, District President, Hay Springs, Chairman. "Flexing our Spiritual Muscles," an introduction to a discussion of the men's role in the congregation, Pastor Rossman. Coffee break. Discussion.

6:00—Supper.

8:00—"Communication at your Fingertips," Forrest Francisco, General Manager of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for Nebraska.

9:00—"A Tale of Two Towns," a University of Nebraska Extension Division film on community cooperation.

9:45—Coffee, evening devotions.

### Saturday, March 9

9:00—Morning devotions, Pastor Marius Krog, Omaha.

9:45—"Our Youth Work," a discussion to be introduced and led by Pastor Arnold Knudsen, Nysted, the district youth advisor.

11:00—"The Age of Doubt and Suspicion," Part I, Pastor Howard Christensen, Grand View College.

12:00—Dinner.

2:00—"Why I Failed," why our crops, flowers, etc., fail to live up to expectations. Dr. Victor J. Miller, Asst. Prof. of Horticulture and chairman of the Dept. of Horticulture at the University of Nebraska.

3:15—Coffee break.

4:00—"The Age of Doubt and Suspicion," Part II, Pastor Howard Christensen.

6:00—Supper.

8:00—"Music in America," a film featuring outstanding musical personalities in America.

8:30—"Festival of Fun," entertainment, games, etc., directed by Mrs. Calvin Rossman.

9:45—Coffee.

10:00—Evening devotions.

### Sunday, March 10

11:00—Morning worship, Pastor Arnold Knudsen.

12:00—Dinner.

2:15—"Today's Family," Pastor Howard Christensen.

3:30—Coffee and farewell.

Grand Island, Nebraska, is the nearest city with good bus and train connections. Those who come there should phone Dannebrog, CA 6-2239, for assistance in getting to Nysted.

Please bring bedding (unless you come by bus or train), soap, towels, a lively interest and a good appetite.



# Grand View College

## February, Reserved for Great Men and Great Deeds !

February 12 brought the Board of Directors to the campus, and with it an event of utmost importance to the college and the synod, not to mention the many students who are yet in the future. Seated on a large bulldozer was the president of the board, Dr. Erling Jensen, and thus was broken the ground for the new science building. It was all done very quietly, but there was a picture taken, and we hope to have it appear in LUTHERAN TIDINGS sometime in the near future. From here on, we hope to be able to report steady progress in the building process.

Thursday we had as our convocation speaker, Saadet Hasan, midwest director of the Arab information center in Chicago. Mr. Hasan, a native of Palestine who later lived in Jordan, said the Arab states "are bewildered that the Algerians are being denied their legitimate aspirations for freedom" partly because of American failure to support the Algerian bid for independence from France. Although communism is offensive to Arabs because it is based on "internationalism and materialism," Mr. Hasan said that Russia has nevertheless strengthened its position in the Middle East by (1) supporting the cause of Algerian nationalists against French colonialists, and (2) denouncing Israel, France and Britain for their invasion of Egypt. Mr. Hasan also made this significant remark, "Arab prisons are still filled with political prisoners because the Communist Party is outlawed in every nation in the Arab world — except Israel." It was an excellent convocation, and Mr. Hasan was a fine speaker. Dr. Nielsen has assured us that he will try to get a speaker from Israel so that we can get both sides to the question.

We did mention great men in our heading — Lindbergh, Edison, Lincoln, Washington, Longfellow, and there must be many others. Here we pause to mention a couple of "our own." We doff our hats to Dean Emeritus Nielsen and Prof. Howard Christensen. If there should be others in the faculty who share this enviable position, we offer our apologies. We know whereof we speak, but we do not speak unless we know. Congratulations to both of you, and many happy returns of the day!

The month is short, and we are a bit short of material so we say so long until March? — yes it will be March when we see you again. **Hi-Fi.**

## Pastor Celebrates Eightieth Birthday in Calgary

Quite a few Dalumites turned up Monday evening, January 28, in Sharon Lutheran church parlors in Calgary to help celebrate Pastor Rasmussen's 80th birthday. Somehow it didn't seem quite right that we were not celebrating at Dalum, as we had so many of his anniversaries through his 35 years of service here. But Pastor Rasmussen is using his retirement serving Sharon church as assistant pastor, working among the Calgary Danish immigrants. The Sharon people kindly extended an invitation to the Dalum people to help celebrate the big event.

As many of Pastor Rasmussen's nine children as were able, plus their families, had already started the festivities at a family supper in the banquet room of the Empress Hotel with their father as guest of honor. But at eight o'clock they were all seated at the head table at Sharon's. Chris Mikkelsen, the church president, was master of ceremonies. He began his duties by bidding everyone welcome, especially the guest of honor. It was unusual he said, to celebrate the 80th birthday of one who was so young. He also said that by the number of immigrants that attended the regular services of the church, he knew that Pastor Rasmussen's work was bearing fruit. He then went on to read telegrams and messages. One was from Pastor Olsen of Dickson, who asked that the 27th Psalm be read, which Pastor Elling of Sharon did, a poem written by Mrs. J. Laursen was also read, and a song written by the Nissens of Denmark was sung by the assembly, as were several other hymns and songs, both Danish and English. As Pastor Rasmussen hopes to make a trip to his beloved Denmark next summer the gift of a suitcase by the Dalum congregation and presented by Jens Jorgensen seemed quite appropriate. So did the sweater from the Dalum Guild and the two purses, one from Sharon presented by Mr. Mikkelsen, and one from the immigrants presented by Kaj Nielsen. The money, it was emphasized, was for the return trip as they wanted to make sure he returned to his work among them. There were flowers from the Dalum Ladies' Aid, presented by Mrs. P. Ostergaard, from Standard presented by John Rasmussen, from Pastor Kronborg of Vancouver and from Elna Johansen of Red Deer.

In conclusion Pastor Elling gave sincere thanks to Pastor Rasmussen for his work for the immigrants. Pastor Millar of Dalum spoke briefly and Pastor Rasmussen said of his work that he loved it and hated to leave it even for his trip to Denmark. He thanked for the gifts and for the reception. His son, Folmer, on behalf of himself and the rest of the family also expressed appreciation of the honor shown their father.

The festivities closed with Pastor Elling leading in prayer and the singing of a closing hymn.

As we think back on Pastor Rasmussen's life as we have known it through the years, we are reminded of the little poem by Thurston:

"A candle's but a simple thing,  
It starts with just a bit of string,  
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,  
It gathers wax upon the strand  
Until, complete and snowy white,  
It gives at last a lovely light."

"Life seems so like that bit of string;  
Each deed we do a simple thing:  
Yet day by day if on life's strand  
We work with patient heart and hand,  
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,  
And gives at last a lovely light."

**Ada Petersen.**

Pastor P. Rasmussen himself spoke as follows, at the birthday festival:

Concerning the work among the immigrants. It has been a pleasure to work among them. When I called at their homes, they have all received me in a friendly way and many have answered the call and come to service. I am so thankful for being entrusted with this service. There is a world of work to do, we have only just got started. Here we are reminded of these words: "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." I love the work and sometimes the thought will come to me, you had better cancel your trip to Denmark and stay with the work, but I would like to see Denmark once more. It will be fifty years this summer since I saw it the last time.

O, if only a younger man could be found with a burning desire in his heart to do the work with love to God and his fellowmen I am sure that good things could be accomplished of value to the individual and also the congregation, last but not least to the glory of God.

Do not praise me. We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty, but "praise God from whom all blessings flow." God gave me strength to carry on and blessed the work, it's wonderful to think of that He would use me as His servant even at such an age as 80.

And then a special thanks to those who have arranged this festival and have come to share with me in Christian fellowship, it has humbled me deeply for I am not worthy of all your love. May God forgive us our shortcomings and bless us in days to come as in days gone by and may we all by His grace meet in the heavenly home and forever partake in His glory.

**P. Rasmussen.**



## Contributions Toward Santal Mission

January, 1957

### General Budget:

Trinity Mission Guild, Greenville, Mich. ....	\$ 25.00
Immanuel L. A., Troy, N. Y. ....	50.00
In memory of Otto Christensen, Brush, Colo., Axel Skovs, Wallace Hemmingsen and Rev. Vagn Duus .....	5.00
Bethany L. A., Wolters Corner, Withee, Wis. ....	2.50
Arthur Andreasens, Des Moines	5.00
Mrs. Soren Larsen, Solvang, Cal.	4.00
Bethlehem S. S., Askov, Minn.	15.60
Bethlehem S. S., Cedar Falls, Ia.	20.00
First Lutheran Congregation, Watsonville, Calif. ....	50.00
Fredsville S. S., Dike, Iowa ....	5.00
Bethlehem Cong., Askov, Minn.	45.00
United Women, Trinity, Chicago	100.00
Hope Cong., Enumclaw, Wash.	16.61
In memory of Roger Petersen, by Mrs. Emma Nielsen, Lake Norden, S. D. ....	1.00
Faith Cong., Junction City, Ore.	53.55
Anders Henriksen, Askov, Minn.	25.00
St. John's S. S., Fresno, Calif. ....	40.00
First Luth. L. A., Alden, Minn.	13.75
English L. A., Danevang, Texas	75.00
Friends, Montcalm Co., ....	8.00
St. John's Congregation, Seattle	38.40
St. John's S. S., Hampton, Iowa	30.00
Minnie Rasmussen, Audubon, Ia.	1.25
St. Paul's S. S., Tacoma, Wash.	10.00
St. Paul's Cong., Tacoma, Wash.	12.00
Edm. Petersens, Holland, Mich.	5.00
Juhl L. A., Marlette, Mich. ....	15.04
In memory of Peter Osterlund, West Den. L. A., Luck, Wis.	3.00
Trinity Cong., Wilbur, Wash. ....	18.50
Alice, Carol, Helen and Nancy Olsen, Ruthton, Minn. ....	14.39
Little Denmark and St. John's, Sidney, Mich. ....	8.00
Friendship Circle, Los Angeles	25.00
Bone Lake L. A., Luck, Wis. ....	7.25
Settlement Mission Group, Trufant, Mich. ....	15.00
In memory of Aage Grumstrup, Friends .....	11.00
Central Luth. S. S., Muskegon	63.50
Central Luth. Mission Society, Muskegon, Mich. ....	28.00
Bethlehem S. S., Brush, Colo. ....	10.00
James Petersen, Danevang, Tex.	5.00
St. Stephen's Cong., Chicago	15.00
St. Peter's Community Church, Hay Springs, Nebr. ....	9.81
St. Ansgar's Cong., Portland, Me.	70.00
Luther Mem. S. S., Des Moines	50.00
<b>For Children:</b>	
Peter Nielsens, Tyler, Minn. ....	5.00
Trinity Mission Guild, Greenville, Mich. ....	15.00
Mrs. Clare Keller, Viborg, S. D.	25.00
Juhl S. S., Marlette, Mich. ....	10.00
In memory of Pastor Vilhelm Larsen, Canwood, Friends. ....	15.00
Gayville S. S. Birthday Pennies	2.40
First Luth. Guild, Watsonville. ....	30.00
<b>For Muriel Nielsen and the Ribers' Work:</b>	
Bethany S. S., Badger, S. D. ....	40.23
District VI .....	69.02

District III .....	81.15
Danish Mission Circle, Manistee	12.00

Total for January -----\$1,397.95  
For every donation, a hearty thank you. As our field of service expands, so our stewardship deepens.

Dagmar Miller.

1517 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

Correction: The name of our Omaha Congregation is not First Lutheran but Central Lutheran.—D. M.

## Contributions to The Porto Novo Mission

St. Stephen's Mission Society, Chicago, Ill. ....	\$ 10.00
Peter Molby, Seattle, Wash. ....	20.00
Bethesda Ev. Lutheran Church, Newark, N. J. ....	12.00
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid Society, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00
A. T. Larsen, Missoula, Mont.	8.00
A Friend of Porto Novo Mission, Des Moines, Iowa .....	3.00
Nanna Goodhope, Viborg, S. D.	5.00
Alice Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	1.00
In memory of Alice Jensen, by Johannes Jepsen .....	5.00
T. P. Christensen, Iowa City, Ia.	1.00
Mrs. Niels Bennedsen, Kimballton, Iowa .....	1.00
Mrs. Gudrun West, Kimballton, Iowa .....	1.00
Danebod Ladies' Aid Society, Tyler, Minn. ....	2.50
Mrs. Emil A. Hansen, Luck, Wisconsin .....	2.00
Mrs. Hans J. Nissen, Marquette, Nebraska .....	2.00
For Used Postage Stamps, by Johannes Jepsen .....	4.00
Total for 1956 .....	\$ 87.50

Seventy-five dollars of this money was earmarked for the church building fund, \$7.50 for the children's Christmas-joy gifts, and \$5 was to be used toward buying a power pump, "so the girls won't have to draw the water up by hand." In the teachers' training school, less than half of the students who enlist are as a rule Christians, the majority are Hindus. But the Christian influence of the school, through its consecrated Christian leadership, daily devotions and student-teacher fellowship, creates a truly Christian atmosphere. Seva Mandir (Temple of Service) has through the leadership of Mary Chakko, native Indian, and the Danish Sister, Vibeke, expanded far beyond the dreams of its founder, Anne Marie Petersen, in whose spirit of devotion and Christian service it still functions. There are at present 230 children in the Basic School, and 84 young women in the seminary.

A sincere thank you for all these gifts.

Nanna Goodhope,  
Viborg, S. D.

## Contributions to Tyler Old People's Home

Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, Iowa .....	\$10.00
In memory of Sophie Jorgensen, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, by friends: Chris P. Christensens, Viggo Christensens, Einar Christensens, Clarence Christensens, Martin Jensens, Chris Jacobsens, Thorvald Jacobsens, Peter M. Thomsens, Mrs. Hans Jensen, Andreas Hansens, Ernest Madsens, Niels Chris Nielsens, John Larsens, Peter M. Nielsens, Katherine and Jorgen Christensen, Marius Madsens, Jim H. Jensens, all of Tyler ..	17.00
In memory of Mrs. Peter Jorgensen by DSS Lodge, Tyler .....	5.00
In memory of Anton Jensen, Tyler by Friends .....	17.00
In memory of Anton Jensen, Tyler by Martha Holm .....	1.00
Hope Afternoon Club ..	2 turkeys
Danish Ladies Aid, Tyler, \$50 worth of merchandise	
Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Mont. ....	15.00
Bethlehem L. Aid, Brush, Colo. ....	5.00
Annex Club, St. John's Lutheran Church, Seattle .....	10.00
In memory of Anton Jensen, Tyler, by Friends, Kimballton, Ia. ....	12.00
Nain Luth. L. Aid, Newell, Iowa ..	15.00
Ladies' Aid of St. Peter's Danish Church, Detroit, Mich. ....	15.00
Victoria Lodge No. 5 DSS, Racine, Wis. ....	5.00
St. John's English Ladies' Aid, Hampton, Iowa .....	10.00
Marie Bisballe, Royal Oak, Mich., Box of Candy	
American Legion Auxiliary, Tyler, Plant and Cookies	

A sincere thank you to all.

Hans C. Svendsen, Treas.

Tyler Old People's Home.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING FUND OF TYLER OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

In memory of H. P. Nielsen, Tyler, by Howard and Dagny Fredericksen, Marinette, Wis. ....	\$ 5.00
In memory of H. P. Nielsen, Tyler, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gjelsteen, Menominee, Mich. ....	10.00
In memory of Anton Jensen, Tyler, by Residents of the Home	6.00
In memory of Anton Jensen, Tyler, by Friends .....	6.00
In memory of Mrs. Niels Jespersen and Mrs. Marie Kjersgaard, by N. Peter Duus, Solvang, Calif. ....	5.00
In memory of A. F. Miller, Tyler, by Mrs. Miller .....	5.00

A sincere thank you to all.

Hans C. Svendsen, Treas.

Tyler Old People's Home.



## Contributions to Solvang Lutheran Home

### Memorial Gifts:

In memory of Jennie Andersen, Solvang:

Mrs. Beth Rice, L. A. -----	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Inger Kelsen, Solvang --	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Andersen, Solvang -----	2.00
Ketty Petersen, Solvang -----	5.00
Mrs. Maria Christiansen, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Simonsen, Solvang -----	3.00
Mrs. Nanna Bassett, Solvang Home -----	4.00
Chris Johnson, Solvang -----	1.00
Mrs. Alma Petersen, Solvang Home -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer, Solvang -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels Petersen, Solvang -----	3.00
Mrs. Christiana Petersen, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Petersen -----	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Nielsen -----	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gilligan, Los Angeles -----	15.00
Mrs. Johanne Johnson, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Knight, Solvang -----	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Petersen, Solvang -----	5.00

In memory of Martin Nielsen:

Christine Eskelsen -----	2.00
Bertha Jensen -----	3.00
Mathilda Olsen -----	2.00

In memory of Mrs. Marie Nielsen, Gustine, Calif: Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jespersen, Salinas

In memory of Mrs. N. P. Nielsen, Los Angeles:

Mrs. Laurine Caldwell -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nielsen, Los Angeles -----	10.00

In memory of Nick Jensen, Salinas, by Marie Jensen, Salinas

In memory of J. S. Johnson, Sr., San Dimas, Calif., by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hunter, San Dimas

In memory of Mrs. Minnie Naylor, Chicago, Ill., by Mrs. Dagmar Nielsen and family, Los Angeles

In memory of Mrs. Poffenroth, Tucson, Ariz.:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Petersen, Solvang -----	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nielsen, Solvang -----	5.00

In memory of Peter Johnson, Solvang, by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jensen, Solvang

In memory of Geo. Christensen, Solvang, by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jensen, Solvang

In memory of Mrs. Betty Ryberg, Denmark, and Harold Hansen, Los Angeles, by Kenneth Hansen, Scandia Restaurant, Hollywood, Calif.

In memory of Harold Hansen: Margaret and Pauls, Solvang 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Folst, Los

Angeles -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Th. Kellerup, Los Angeles -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom, Daily City, Calif. -----	10.00
In memory of Paul Hansen, by Emanuel D.E.L. Church, Los Angeles -----	10.00
In memory of Aage Tabel, Los Angeles: Margaret and Pauls, Solvang -----	5.00
"Den Lange Dreng" -----	10.00
In memory of John Kjaersgaard, Santa Maria, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Mortensen -----	5.00
In memory of Bertram Nielsen, Edwards, Calif., by Margaret and Pauls, Solvang -----	5.00
In memory of Viggo Hvolbol, Solvang: Mrs. Sorine Jensen, Solvang -----	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nielsen, Solvang -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roth, Solvang -----	2.00
In memory of Mrs. Anna Thuesen Nielsen, Newell, Iowa, by Am. E. L. Church -----	10.00
<b>Other Contributions:</b>	
Mrs. Marie Willets, Solvang Home -----	100.00
William A. Nielsen, Los Angeles -----	50.00
Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Frost, Salinas -----	10.00
Mrs. Nina Thomsen, Solvang Home -----	30.00
Thor Lodge No. 5 of Dania, Fresno -----	10.00
Ansgar Kvindeforening, Pasadena, Calif. -----	50.00
Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines -----	10.00
Thora No. 11 of Dannebrog, Fresno, Calif. -----	106.00
Residents of Solvang Lutheran Home, bazaar receipt -----	100.50
Mr. and Mrs. Anders Moller, Solvang -----	5.00
Gertrude Guild of St. Stephen's church, Clinton, Iowa -----	10.00
Robert P. Andersen, Buellton -----	100.00
Friendship Circle, Danish Lutheran church, Los Angeles -----	100.00
St. Ansgar's Luth. Guild, Salinas -----	25.00
Danevang Luth. church, Danevang, Texas -----	38.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Rasmussen, Freedom, Calif. -----	50.00
Past President club of Princess Marie Lodge No. 68, DSS, Los Angeles -----	30.00
Peter Carlsen (in appreciation of Christmas 1956 with friends) -----	20.00
Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa -----	10.00
Our Savior's Luth. Ladies' Aid, Manistee, Mich. -----	10.00
Anonymous, New York -----	50.00
Mrs. Marie K. Christiansen, Denver, Colo. -----	25.00
Mrs. Christine Larsen, Solvang -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harald Harkson, Solvang -----	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorensen, Sun Valley, Calif. -----	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Svend Olsen, Santa Barbara, Calif. -----	25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thomsen, Del Rey, Calif. ----- 100.00

Received from October 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956 ----- \$1,512.00

Please accept our deepest appreciation for these and previous gifts. Entering the New Year, we take pleasure in extending our very best wishes for a blessed 1957, filled with much happiness.

Kindest greetings,

SOLVANG LUTHERAN HOME,  
Nis P. Pors, Treasurer.

## Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

### Report of 1956 Budget receipts remitted directly to the Seamen's Mission:

Virkelyst Society, Minneapolis	\$10.00
St. Peter's Danish Ev. Lutheran Church, Byram, Conn. -----	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Viborg, S. D. -----	5.00
L. A., of Bethesda, Newark, N. J. -----	10.00
Canwood Luth. Ladies' Aid, Sask. Canada (in memory of Pastor Vilhelm Larsen) -----	10.00
St. Stephen's Danish Ev. Luth. Church, Perth Amboy, N. J. -----	28.35
Ladies' Aid of the Immanuel Luth. Church, Troy, N. Y. -----	10.00
Dan. Sewing Circle, Racine, Wis. -----	14.00
Ladies' Aid, South Lutheran Society of Viborg, S. D. -----	5.00
West L. A. of Cordova, Nebr. -----	10.00
St. Ansgar's Lutheran Guild, Salinas, Calif. -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid of Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church, Lake Norden, S. D. -----	5.00
Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Iowa -----	10.00
Dagmar Ladies' Aid, Montana -----	15.00
Danevang Danish Ladies' Aid, El Campo, Texas -----	15.00
Bone Lake Ev. Luth. Ladies' Aid, Frederic, Wis. -----	10.00
Marquette Luth. L. Aid, Nebr. -----	15.00
St. John's L. A., Seattle, Wash. -----	10.00
West Denmark L. A., Luck, Wis. -----	5.00
The Annex Club of St. John's Luth. Church, Seattle, Wash. -----	15.00
St. John's Danish Ladies' Aid, Hampton, Iowa -----	10.00
St. Peter's Danish Ladies' Aid, Detroit, Mich. -----	15.00
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid Society, Chicago, Ill. -----	10.00
Volmer L. A., Dagmar, Mont. -----	15.00
Trinity L. A., Bronx, N. Y. -----	10.00
Danish L. A., Askov, Minn. -----	10.00
Bethesda L. A., Newark, N. J. -----	10.00
Mission Group of Trinity Church, Glenview, Ill. -----	15.00
Dan. Sewing Circle, Racine, Wis. -----	10.00
Nain Luth. L. A., Newell, Iowa -----	15.00
Our Saviour's Luth. Ladies' Aid, Manistee, Mich. -----	10.00
St. Stephen's Mission Society, 8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago -----	10.00
Mission Group, Brush, Colo. -----	12.00
Dan. Luth. L. A., Gayville, S. D. -----	10.00
Virkelyst Society, Minneapolis -----	10.00
Trinity Mission, Greenville, Mich. -----	25.00
St. John's L. A., Hampton, Iowa -----	10.00
Immanuel Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Troy, New York -----	10.00
St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Perth	



Amboy, N. J. ....	15.00
St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Pasadena, Calif. ....	5.00
St. Stephen's Danish Ev. Church, Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	26.08
In remembrance from the Ladies of Bethania Luth. Church, the Vesper Guild, Bethania Guild, the Danish Ladies' Aid, Solvang, Calif. ....	35.00

Total direct receipts, 1956, Seamen's Mission .....\$515.43

**Report of 1956 budget receipts remitted directly to Danish Children's Home in Chicago, Illinois:**

Juhl Sunday School, Marlette, Mich. ....	\$ 5.00
Bethlehem Men's Club, Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	5.00
First Lutheran Sunday School, Alden, Minn. ....	48.23
Messiah Lutheran Sunday School, Roscommon, Mich. ....	10.50
St. John's Luth. Sunday School, Ringsted, Iowa ....	25.00
Bone Lake Ev. Luth. Ladies' Aid, A. E. L. Ladies' Aid, Danevang, Texas ....	27.00
Beth. Men's club, Cedar Falls, Ia. ....	5.00
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Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, Iowa ....	20.00
St. Peter's Sunday School, Detroit, Mich. ....	10.00
First Ev. Luth. Sunday School, Watsonville ....	15.00
Volmer L. A., Dagmar, Mont. ....	15.00
L. A. of Trin. Church, New York ....	15.00
West Denmark Ladies' Aid ....	10.00
St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Sunday School, Dwight ....	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wis. ....	15.00
Denmark L. A., Vesper, Kansas ....	10.00
St. John's L. A., Hampton, Ia. ....	5.00
St. Peter's Danish L. A., Detroit ....	10.00
Bone Lake Ev. Luth. Ladies' Aid ....	10.00

St. Stephen's L. A., Chicago, Ill. ....	25.00
Our Saviour's L. A., Marinette ...	10.00
Fredsville Lutheran Guild ....	20.00
Kronborg Luth. S. S., Marquette ...	20.00
Nain Luth. Ladies' Aid, Newell ...	10.00
Dagmar L. A., Dagmar, Mont. ...	20.00
Marquette Luth. Ladies' Aid ....	18.14
Marquette Luth. Ladies' Aid ....	10.00
Beth. Luth. L. A., Davey, Nebr. ...	10.00
St. John's Eng. L. A., Hampton ...	10.00
Juhl Ladies' Aid, Marlette ....	10.00
Danish L. A., Junction City ....	10.00
United Women of Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill. ....	25.00
Messiah Luth. Sunday School, Roscommon ....	3.70
Danish Lutheran Sunday School, Gayville, S. D. ....	33.15
Fredsville Luth. Sunday School ...	75.07
Juhl Sunday School, Marlette ....	5.00
St. John's Sunday School, Ringsted, Iowa ....	25.41

\$626.20

**For the month of January, 1957**

**Towards the budget:**

Congregations:	
Alden, Minnesota .....	\$ 300.00
Juhl Com. Church, Marlette, Michigan .....	262.21
Bethany, Ludington, Mich. ....	200.00
Newark, New Jersey .....	60.00
Muskegon, Mich. ....	400.00
Nathanael Lutheran Church, Dagmar, Mont. ....	1,526.50
Withee, Wis. (Nazareth) ....	100.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	37.20

**Home Mission:**

In memory of Mrs. Wallace Hemmingsen, by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hemmingsen, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Jensen	5.00
In memory of Mr. N. F. Christiansen, Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa, from friends in Tyler, Minn.:	
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jaspersen	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hartnett	1.00
Mr. Rasmus Nielsen	1.00
Mrs. Margrethe Ollgaard	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Madsen	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Sorensen	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Knudsen, Mrs. Anna Williamsen, Mrs. Peder Krogh, Miss Marie Krogh, Miss Anna Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Bollesen, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jessen, Mr. and Mrs. Hemming Scheye, Mr. Johannes P. Johansen, Mrs. Carolina Markussen, Miss Christine Bondesen, Miss Maren Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bobjerg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sondergaard, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hansen	15.00

Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.	
Nathanael Sunday school, Dagmar, Mont. ....	16.50
Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.	
Nathanael Sunday school, Dagmar, Mont. ....	16.50

**Seamen's Mission:**

First Evangelical Luth. Guild,

Watsonville, Calif. ....	50.00
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Total Budget Receipts in January, 1957 .....\$2,994.91

**Received for items outside of budget: Lutheran World Action:**

**Congregations:**

Juhl Community Church, Marlette, Mich. ....	\$ 61.60
Wilbur, Wash. ....	50.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	12.30
St. John's Sunday School, Easton, Calif. ....	40.00

Total for LWA, January, 1957. \$ 163.90

**Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute:**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, Seattle, Wash. ....	\$ 5.00
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**AELC Dist. IV Home Mission:**

From District Treasurer ....	50.00
From Fredsville Sunday school, earmarked for St. Paul Ev. Luth. Sunday school ....	25.00

Total .....\$ 75.00

**For Building Fund of St. Mark Ev. Luth. Church, Circle Pines, Minn.:**

Congregations:	
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	\$ 95.80
Askov, Minn. ....	15.00
Marquette Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr. ....	10.00

\$ 120.80

**For Faith and Life Advance, Grand View College:**

In memory of Mr. N. F. Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. August Sorensen, Ringsted, Ia. ....	\$ 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fagre, Estherville, Iowa ....	2.00
Mrs. Marie Strandskov, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jessen	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen, Viborg, S. D. ....	3.00

Total .....\$ 12.00

Respectfully submitted,

American Evangelical Lutheran Church  
M. C. Miller, Treasurer.  
P. O. Box 177,  
Circle Pines, Minnesota.

**WANTED**

A manager is needed for the Danish Old People's Home in Des Moines. The manager will be expected to supervise the complete operation of the home, including the general care for the physical and social well being of all those in residence; the financial operation; maintenance of the building; and the operation of the dining room.

The board would appreciate applications from single persons or married couples who are interested. This is an excellent opportunity for the right person or couple. Conditions of employment and salary will be arranged. Please send all inquiries to Mr. Arne Sorensen, Chairman, 1507 Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines, 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 and this out so that the old address is included and mail to LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Askov, Minnesota.

I am a member of the congregation at \_\_\_\_\_

February 20, 1957

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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

JENSEN, JENS M.  
TYLER, MINN.  
Rt. 2,  
6-3