

Lutheran Tidings

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"Receive this ring as an emblem to seal your marriage vow."

— The Altar Book.

Wedding Day

Before this altar two paths join together,
Henceforth to be one roadway through the years.
For you who walk it hand-in-hand, all weather
Will bless you — summer sun or April's tears,
Or storms that threaten in dark words of thunder.
Love can keep you fearless all the way,
To walk with valiant steps, with eyes of wonder,

And hearts that hold the gladness of this day.
Even as the tall white tapers glowing
Upon these marriage vows, your faith can be
A benediction on the road, a knowing
That this white light lasts for eternity.
And you will find all living glorified
Because you share your journey, side by side.

— Esther Baldwin York.

(From her book *Scarf of Stars*)

The Divine Enlightenment

Pastor K. Bakken

TEXT: Acts 9:1-18

YOUTH CAN BE AN uncompromising assertion of highest ideals and aims. The young in heart can often perceive most clearly and sensitively the faults and mistakes that lie about them in people, in circumstances, in plans and conditions. Youth can aspire to the highest goals, and often, through the sheer determination of an unstinted will, arrive at its aim and destiny.

Youth can be an uncompromising assertion of highest ideals and aims; but youth, and for that matter, the whole lot of us, can be governed by aims and ideals that are far from the destiny we seek simply because we have not the whole insight and perspective about the life we live. We may, in other words, fight against an ideal and person we do not know, that we have never been given to see — and that ideal, that truth or person would change the course of our endeavor if only we could see it.

I think of the zealousness with which we seek to preserve our various forms of culture and heritage. American culture consists of many high and noble things. But our culture has also been geared to lesser ideas: to the acquisition of wealth, the accumulation of easy ways of living, and the desire to be free from all forms of work and responsibility. Every means at our disposal for keeping and enlarging these things we use and covet. Nowhere else in the world are there universities which offer complete curriculums for the study of economics, business administration, investing, and stocks and bonds. Nowhere else in the world is so much spent for lobbying the field of politics and government to pressure for means that will preserve and enhance the chance to gain. Nowhere else in the world could pure and simple advertising of things sold for personal convenience be such a profitable and fabulously large thing.

We want to be able to do, to go, and to see without limitation or restraint. The ideal, and aim and goal are encircled by a darkness of inconsideration that is almost impenetrable.

I think of the zealousness reflected in our culture as a church: the Lutheran Church: how we have produced sermons, books, speeches, letters and articles to defend our unique doctrines, our ideals and aims; what freedom, particularly, has meant to us so that we might never infringe upon the right and need for private interpretation, even of Scripture, our most sacred heritage. Yet our doctrines are slowly becoming for us a mark of separation, or defense of liturgical forms, or the license by which to be slack in practice of a life lived in the calling of God.

I think of the unique cultures which lie within the tradition of the nations out of which we sprang: Danish, Norwegian, German, English, Italian — and all the rest; how we have zealously guarded the history of the past, almost to the extent that in some cases there can be no future.

And sometimes the zeal has taken peculiar turns: It brought a McCarthy to congress, a Carlstadt to

the pulpit of Martin Luther, and death to not a few of our own congregations.

An uncompromising assertion of ideals and aims, for young and old, can make a travesty of truth, a mockery of God, and a hurt to persons from whom we might have learned and found more light.

To illustrate: 1) Youth and their remarks to parents. 2) Adults and their unmindfulness of the future generation. 3) Pastors and their failure to understand and truly serve people. 4) Congregations and their reversals with truly dedicated and sincere pastors.

Ideals, truths, persons have been drawn out of the orbit of our zeal, anxiety and bent of direction because as one preacher put it, "Our God is too small" or, as we might phrase it: "Our Light is too dim, our vision too limited."

I hope you see my impression of the text we have read. Paul was a person like you and me. He fought for a certain goal, he was zealous for a certain culture, he was anxious for a place in life, and he was bent on the destruction of those ideas and people who seemed contrary. But Paul found himself prostrated before the amazing light which revealed to him, first of all, that he did not properly know the Lord whom he wanted to serve. He was anxious for a certain form of cult, but the cult had replaced God who brought it into being. He was bent on the destruction and annihilation of those whom he thought contrary, and thereby he was stamping out the light that had been transferred to some one else when he and his people refused to see it.

To come, suddenly, to realize that we do not know the personality who stands behind our objects of wrath is a shocking, blinding thing. No one would actually admit his ignorance until it actually happened to him personally.

To realize that our goals have been set within the limited framework and perception of our own private lives cannot be known unless in some way we are given to see things through the eyes of someone else.

To realize, in confrontation with a great light, that we walk in darkness, is an admission which necessitates the recreative love of God speaking to us in the revelation of His love, Jesus Christ, God incarnate.

That is our great need today, as a nation, a culture, a church; as youth, adults and children — to come into the presence of God, face to face with Jesus Christ, in order that the gross darkness which surrounds us may be dispelled, in order that we may know and be enlightened with knowledge and understanding of the will and person of God Himself.

But here, at this point of confrontation, it is impossible that we should remain alone. Here as nowhere else in life, it is necessary that we should stand in the fellowship of that brotherhood of believers who have already seen the light. Here as nowhere else in life it is necessary that we become dependent upon the laying on of hands administered in the communion of saints.

I pray for us, personally and as a people, that thereby the scales might fall from our eyes; that we might be divinely enlightened through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Editor's Note: This message was preached at the young people's convention in Newark, in June, 1956.

Our Brooklyn Congregation

Pastor N. K. Bakken

*Here is the Story Behind the
Departure of Another of Our
East Coast Congregations*

MEMBERS THROUGHOUT the synod have no doubt been full of questions relative to the recent decision of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour to join hands with Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augustana, in a consolidation of the two congregations. The decision was made at the congregational meeting of Friday, May 15, after a prolonged study of other possibilities and an intensive investigation led by the church council, Halvor Jensen, president.

In cooperation with the National Lutheran Council's Division of American Missions and the Protestant Council of the City of New York, Our Saviour's Church participated in the Community Study of Downtown Brooklyn together with other Lutheran churches of the area. The study revealed many facts of which the congregation was aware, but through the survey the people were able to picture vividly for themselves, point by point, the exact situation of the congregation in facing the future. Our Saviour's Church is located in a semi-industrial area, slated for unlimited industrial development. Several main arteries of travel restrict the outreach of the church to the surrounding community. A very high percentage of Roman Catholic population, and a small transient Protestant population make the prospect of gaining membership from the community residents very bleak. This together with the fact that only 12 member families lived within a two mile radius of the church building pointed to the conclusion that the congregation would either have to take steps toward a change, or close the doors.

The first hope of the congregation was that it might find a suitable place for relocation. Several vast housing developments have been springing up in and around Brooklyn but each of these presented a problem that was almost insurmountable for a small struggling group. Either the cost of building sites was prohibitive or the location was too far removed to make possible the transplantation of leadership and support from the present membership. Even so, one area, a section of Southeast Brooklyn, was chosen for intensive study. A committee was appointed to investigate the need for a Protestant church, obtain permission to canvas, estimate the cost of building, and do the many other things necessary to an effective outreach, were the church to lay plans for such a move. As this study drew to a close in January of this year it was increasingly apparent that fewer than ten per cent of the members would be able to follow the work. Limited funds available both from the present assets and from loans of the synod and other sources made optimism extremely difficult, despite the intense desire of pastor and congregation to retain an AELC congregation somewhere in Greater New York.

Several other possibilities had been offered. A ULCA church a few blocks away opened its doors for a possible merger, but this did not offer a solution to members most of whom live miles away. Salem Lutheran Church (UELCL), a break-off from the original congregation, had extended personal invitations

to consider merger. Several factors mitigated against such a move. Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Augustana, had also been considered as a partner for future work. This congregation did not wish to foreclose any other plans the people of Our Saviour's were considering but at the annual meeting of that group it was voted that, should our church desire it, an investigation might be made as to the possibility of a full consolidation. This plan was adopted and a full-scale study was initiated.

The first joint worship service following the final decision by both congregations was conducted by Pastor Norman Bakken at Christ Church on Sunday, May 19. Dr. J. Vincent Nordgren, Vice Pastor of Christ Church and Pastor of the Lutheran Seaman's Center, Augustana, delivered the sermon. This service was followed by a joyous reception on Friday evening, May 24, at which Dr. Henry H. Bagger, son of one of the co-founders of Vor Frelser's Kirke and president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, was the guest speaker.

The response to this projected consolidation has been enthusiastic. The attendance of people from Our Saviour's has been higher than the average of the past winter. This is due partially, of course, to the fact that Christ Church, located at 1066 59th Street, is much more centrally located for the majority of our members. But it is also due to the fact that here, with an adequate church plant and a membership and future outlook that is indicative of strength and purpose, there could naturally be developed a greater sense of optimism and willingness to sacrifice and work. Whatever the reason, our people have shown a desire to enter fully into this new phase and period of work. For this we are truly grateful to God.

Many in the congregation, and especially the leaders of the work, have found the thought of severing for the time the direct relationship to our synod a most depressing one. The years of fellowship, the principles upon which the work was founded and carried out, the host of personalities who have contributed to the characters and minds something of Christ Himself — these will never be forgotten. It is the hope of the congregation that the near future will restore this direct relationship through the synodical ties that have been so strong and dear.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, which name will be retained by the new congregation (representing another merger of a year ago), will be served by Pastors J. Vincent Nordgren as Vice Pastor and Norman K. Bakken as Interim Pastor.

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THE LWF AND ITS ASSEMBLY

Lutherans Work Together --- Everywhere

"How big is your World? How big is your Church?" These are questions of a prominent present day churchman. He went on to say, "When the twentieth century dawned, the average member of the average Christian congregation in America had little interest beyond the boundaries of the parish of which he was a member."

But now at mid-century — two world wars, the airplane and the hydrogen bomb have made us keenly aware of the global aspects of life.

Early Cooperation Among World Lutherans

First signs of Lutheran church cooperation appeared in Germany in 1867, in the form of the Lutheran General Conference. Slowly its contacts and influence spread to Scandinavia. One of the most fruitful meetings of this organization was held in Uppsala, Sweden, in 1911.

America had a Lutheran General Council which cultivated contacts with this general European body; a joint meeting in America was scheduled when World War I interfered. The war changed many things; American churches, previously thought of as needy "offspring" of European churches, became "giving" churches. Through the new National Lutheran Council, formed in 1918, American Lutherans worked together effectively to alleviate distress and meet the needs of war ravaged countries in Europe. Because wars have spurred the progress of the Lutheran ecumenical movement, some have referred to it as the "calamity theory" of unity.

First World Organization of Lutherans

The city of Eisenach, Germany, rich in Reformation lore, was the inspirational setting for a significant gathering of Lutherans in 1923. There were 147 delegates from 22 nations in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. The Lutheran World Convention came into being and set about giving attention to three tasks, through a six-member executive committee: (1) works of mercy; (2) foreign missions; (3) the care of migrating Lutherans. This committee consisted of two Germans, two Scandinavians and two Americans, the latter being the late Dr. John A. Moorhead, of the United Lutheran Church, and the late Dr. Lars Wilhelm Boe, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (now ELC).

Copenhagen and Paris Conventions

In 1929, Copenhagen, Denmark, was the site for an Assembly of the Lutheran World Convention. Here delegates reaffirmed the need for world-wide Lutheran cooperation and especially stressed the necessity to help needy churches "irrespective of race, language or political alignment."

In Paris, in 1935, the Lutheran World Convention expressed the desire to "bring the Lutheran churches and organizations of the world into an enduring and intimate relationship with one another to promote

oneness of faith and confession, and to ward off antagonistic and hostile influences."

The cooperative efforts had grown meanwhile to a degree which made it necessary to call an executive secretary. The office, created by the Paris Assembly, was filled in 1936 by Dr. Hanns Lilje, then of Berlin.

The fourth meeting of the Lutheran World Convention was planned for Philadelphia in 1940, but World War II prevented it. For the duration of the war the Lutheran World Convention was to a great extent paralyzed.

Lund Assembly — Organization of LWF

The Lund Assembly, in 1947, which was the first international meeting of any Protestant group after World War II, was later evaluated as "the most significant gathering ever attempted by Lutherans of the world." A spirit of thankfulness prevailed that such a thing could happen so soon and so fruitfully after an utterly devastating era of hatred and war.

At this Lund Assembly, 49 church bodies from 22 countries were represented by 184 delegates. Among

Editor's Note

Throughout these pages, and in past issues, the editor has given considerable attention to the coming Assembly in Minneapolis, almost to the point of neglecting our own coming Annual Convention in Ringsted. On this page appears still another article describing the Federation, its history and purpose. This may seem repetitious — but psychology teaches that repetition is the only sure way of getting a point across. In this case, the point is this: The Minneapolis Assembly is the **chance of a lifetime!** No one knows when the Assembly will be held in our country again — surely not for at least another generation. Attention is called to the fairly complete program in the May 5 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS. Also, since in this current issue we seem to be stressing music, we are printing in full the music program for the entire Assembly. Great care has been used in selecting this music, and if only on the basis of volume participation, the Assembly promises to be the outstanding musical festival in the U. S. this year. Five college choirs will take part, in addition to several bands, the Assembly liturgical choir, one of the twelve greatest pipe organs of the world, and directors and lecturers and musicians of the highest stature. The world-famous Minneapolis Symphony will play. The superlatives of our language seem inadequate to describe this tremendous event.... In the next issue of our paper will appear considerable information regarding our own Ringsted convention.

them were representatives from both victorious and vanquished as well as neutral countries. The war and its aftermath served to highlight the need for a strong world-wide Lutheran cooperative agency, and in 1946 the executive committee of the revived Lutheran World Convention had drafted a constitution for a new body, to be known as the Lutheran World Federation.

The late Dr. Sylvester Michelfelder, of Toledo, Ohio, was elected executive secretary of the newly organized LWF.

The LWF constitution, adopted at Lund, acknowledges the Holy Scriptures as the only source and infallible norm of all church doctrine and practice "and sees in the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, especially in the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Catechism, a pure exposition of the Word of God."

The constitution made the LWF a "free association of Lutheran churches" and, therefore, it has no legislative power over the churches belonging to it and cannot interfere with their complete autonomy, but it serves in numerous ways as a powerful instrument for a united witness to the world.

LWF Headquarters Established

A gate house at the entrance to the campus of the World Council of Churches at 17 route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland, was transformed into permanent headquarters for the LWF. Churchmen from many lands stop here to acquaint themselves with the work of Lutheran churches.

The LWF is legally incorporated in Switzerland and one writer has expressed "the hope that, in years to come, it may have all the advantages of political neutrality when dealing with the needs and interests of a world-wide communion." It is from this strategic location that world Lutherans form lines of service that "extend to many lands and circle the globe."

The Lutheran World Federation today numbers 57 member churches in 29 countries. It has an aggregate membership of 48,977,258, or nearly two-thirds of the world's estimated 70 million Lutherans — the largest Protestant denomination in the world.

Plan for Assemblies

The Assembly, which must meet every five years to determine fundamental lines of work, consists of delegates chosen by the individual member churches in numbers specified by the executive committee. In allocation of delegates the constitution requires "due regard to such factors as numerical size of churches, geographical distribution by continents and countries, adequate representation of the younger churches and the minority churches." The Assembly elects the LWF president and the executive committee for a five-year term, again with due regard to adequate representation.

The Lund Assembly elected Bishop Anders Nygren, of Lund, as the first LWF president, and an executive committee of 16.

The Hannover Assembly

The Second LWF Assembly at Hannover, Germany, in 1952, elected Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, to the office of presidency. It also decided to expand the executive committee to 20 members, stipulating

that four be laymen. The present executive committee, including the president, consists of five Americans, five Germans, five Scandinavians and five representatives from younger or minority churches.

Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, of Bethany, Kansas, was elected executive secretary for a five-year term. He previously had been serving as representative of the U.S.A. National Committee for the LWF and had taken over the duties of the executive secretary upon Dr. Michelfelder's death in 1951.

The Hannover Assembly was attended by delegates from 52 churches in 25 countries who discussed Lutheran cooperation under the general theme, "The Living Word in a Responsible Church."

This Assembly consolidated LWF work in various fields by creating four permanent departments of the Federation: Theology, World Missions, Lutheran World Service, and Information, as well as a permanent Committee on Latin America.

The chief task of the Department of Theology is furthering and promoting fellowship and cooperation in study. It coordinates exchanges of professors, students, pastors and laymen between the member churches, translates and publishes important theological and church literature and is creating a world-wide Lutheran theological archive.

The Department of World Missions is primarily responsible for strengthening younger churches and war-orphaned missions, and will extend the field of Lutheran cooperation among younger churches, orphaned missions, mission boards and societies.

The Department of Lutheran World Service, responsible for administering spiritual and material aid to Lutheran groups in need throughout the world, has assumed responsibility for various activities that were administered separately prior to the Hannover Assembly, such as inter-church aid, service to refugees, and assistance to diaspora and minority groups.

The Department of Information is responsible for LWF publicity and for various publications planned by the Federation.

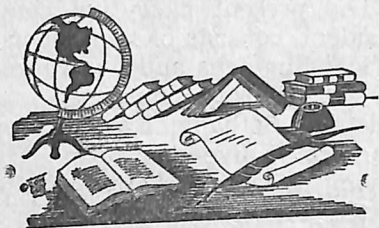
The Committee on Latin America carries out special work in that part of the world where the LWF has assumed responsibility for resettled refugees and other Lutheran diaspora groups in the predominantly Roman Catholic countries.

At present, special designated functions of the Federation are assigned to the guidance of nine different commissions, on Theology, World Missions, Lutheran World Service, Education, Students, Stewardship and Congregational Life, Inner Missions, Liturgy and International Affairs.

—Music

Music is well said to be the speech of angels; in fact, nothing among the utterances allowed to man is felt to be so divine. It brings us near to the Infinite; we look for moments, across the cloudy elements, into the eternal sea of light, when song leads and inspires us. Serious nations, all nations that can still listen to the mandate of nature, have prized song and music as the highest; as a vehicle for worship, for prophecy, and for whatsoever in them was divine.

— Thomas Carlyle.



OPINION AND COMMENT

"Every thing go smoothly at the wedding, pastor?" asked Carl, as he was sweeping up the rice. For one who by nature is normally unhappy, he appeared quite pleasant. So we decided to open the door on one of our mutually educating conversations.

"I think so, Carl. Only one hitch — the main one." This small joke was lost on him.

"I was standin' here peeking through the door and the ceremony ended so sudden I almost got trampled on when that pretty little bride and her new husband came out afterwards. Usually I kin tell when it is over by the weddin' march, but I sure didn't know any of the music at this weddin'."

"Well, far as I am concerned, it was a relief not to have to listen to 'I Love You Truly' for a change."

"Yup. During June you hear that one so often it's probably on the 'Hit Parade' these days."

"What did you think of the music, Carl? The couple asked me to suggest something worshipful and appropriate and different, so I purposely steered clear of all the outworn ones today."

"Well, pastor, now that you ask me, I'm one of these old fashioned boys who likes best what he knows best. I don't recall that I ever heard any of those songs before — or any of the organ music, for that matter."

"The songs today were both several hundred years old, and written by Bach. You don't hear them so often that you get to know them."

"You mean they don't write music good enough nowadays?"

"Did I say that? Didn't mean to. The trouble is, people will choose songs of our time which don't have any business being used in a worship service."

"Well, okay, but at a weddin'....?"

"Weddings are worship, too — otherwise, let's not have them in churches."

"Maybe you're right, at that, pastor. But couldn't we at least use 'Here Comes the Bride?' Seems like we've got to have that one. Didn't hear it today, though."

"No, the bride walked in to music called 'Messe du Marriage' by a composer named DuBois."

"Sounds like a Frenchman. Couldn't you pick something by a Dane?"

"Carl, I think you are baiting me. As usual.... Yes, we could have picked something Scandinavian. But worship at a wedding has two main purposes: First, dedicating the new family to Christian life and service; and Second, thanking God for the happiness and self-completion which marriage offers. Some weddings are too sentimentally accented — and I think this happens when people want things done in a specially 'Danish' or specially 'Chinese' way, whatever the nationality happens to be. It is so easy to

confuse what is sentimental and national in one's memory with what is worshipful."

"How'd we get off on that?"

"Well, you wanted music by a Dane. Actually, some of the music of Gade, or of Nielsen, and perhaps of Buxtehude **could** also be used. But I am afraid most people would not recognize it as Danish. Sounds much more like German."

"Wagner?"

"Well, Wagner wrote the familiar wedding march, of course.....I think it would be a good thing to get away from habit in our weddings. We don't **have** to use that march. After all, it is only 100 years old, and before that was written, people used something else."

"I still think some up-to-date music would be best."

"Well, I have heard of people using things like the Wiffenpoof Song, and the Desert Song, and tunes from operettas, like My Hero. But they certainly don't belong in a church service. Do you think they do?"

"Personally, I don't think the bride and groom are givin' much thought to the music, anyway. They're too nervous, aren't they, pastor?"

"If you'll let me revive an old witicism, I'll tell you what the bride is thinking of as she walks down the aisle toward her groom."

"Okay, I'll listen."

"She is thinking three very churchly thoughts. Aisle, altar, hymn."

"I remember that joke from my childhood. I think it must have appeared about the time of Bach, too."

"You don't look that old."

"Ha, now we're even!....Say, I didn't think much of the soloist. Who was she?"

"Some friend of the bride who insisted on donating her services. Why is it that it so often happens that when someone wants to give something to the church, it turns out to be something the church doesn't want? — Someone wanted to give the church an old overstuffed chair, the other day. I turned it down and they got pretty huffy. They didn't think it was good enough for their living room any more, but seemed to think it was good enough for the church parlor."

"I agree with you there, pastor. And you should of turned down this soloist too. But our organist was on her toes, wasn't she? After the soloist slaughtered the first verse, the organist stepped on the volume so loud we couldn't hear the singer!"

"Well, the organist is **often** one of the most valued persons around a church. Too little appreciated, too."

"Is it a tough job?"

"It takes a lot of concentration. Any little pause or hesitancy in a worship service due to an uncertain organist puts the whole congregation on edge. People notice it right away, and it spoils the worship. It's even got a technical name — a hiatus."

"Guess I'll pay a little more attention to church music from now on, pastor."

"I'll never forget what happened one time, Carl. I had just announced my resignation from a congregation, and the organist pulled out all the stops and burst into the doxology."

Music at Minneapolis

Report from the Committee on Music, Lutheran World Federation Assembly

Thursday, August 15

- 3:00 p. m.—Reception, State Capitol Rotunda. Music, Luther College Concert Band, Decorah, Iowa, Weston Nobel, Director.
- 7:30 p. m.—Processional, Luther College Concert Band.
- 8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Organist, Paul Manz. Anthem, "Blessing, Glory, Wisdom and Thanks," Gottfried F. Wagner. Twin City Lutheran Choir, Edith Byquist Norberg, Director.
- (Choirs from the following churches: Mount Olivet, Salem, Christ English, Nokomis Heights, Edina Community, Morgan Avenue, Zion, Bethany and Messiah in Minneapolis; and St. Matthews, Arlington Hills, Christ, Roseville, Reformation, and Gustavus Adolphus from St. Paul.) Hymns for procession, "A Mighty Fortress," "Praise to the Lord," "Now Thank We All Our God." Hymns for service, "Built on the Rock," "A Mighty Fortress." Introit and Gradual, Liturgical Choir, Johan Thorson and Gerhard Cartford, Directors.

Friday, August 16

- 1:30 p. m.—Lecture, Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium. Topic: "The Theological Implications of the Liturgy," Prof. Regin Prenter of Aarhus, Denmark.
- 7:00 p. m.—Banquet, Leamington Hotel. Dinner music, Robert Anderson Ensemble, Minneapolis. Solos, Jule Zabawa, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C.

Saturday, August 17

- 9:00 a. m.—Matins, auditorium. Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical Choir, Thorson-Cartford, Directors.
- 12:30 p. m.—Organ recital, Minneapolis auditorium. Warren Schmidt, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.
- 1:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. Gustavus Adolphus College Choir, St. Peter, Minnesota. Philip K. Knautz, Director.
- Lecture, Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium. Topic "Music and Theology." Rev. K Hofmann, Chm. Evangelical Lutheran World Conference for Church Music, Heilsbrunn, Germany. Dr. Vilmos Vajta, Director, Department of Theology, Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Hoelty-Nickel, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- 5:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church, Gustavus Adolphus College Choir.
- 7:30 p. m.—Concert, Auditorium, Luther College Concert Band.
- 8:00 p. m.—Public event, Auditorium. Organist, Warren Schmidt, Choir, Lutheran College Choir Alumni Chorus, Mr. Leland Sateren, Director. Anthems: "O Sacred Head," Ove Hasler-F. M. Christiansen and "Built on the Rock," Ludvig Lindeman-F. M. Christiansen. Hymns: "Jesus Lord and Precious Savior," "King of Creation." Evening prayers. Organist, Ralph Strom. Choir, Liturgical Choir.

Monday, August 19

- 9:00 a. m.—Suffrages, Auditorium. Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical choir.
- 12:30 p. m.—Organ recital, Minneapolis Auditorium. Dr. Heinrich Fleischer, organist, Valparaiso University and Rockefeller Chapel, Chicago University.
- 1:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. Augsburg College Choir, Minneapolis, Leland Sateren, Director.
- 1:30 p. m.—Lecture, Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium. Topic: "Why a Liturgical Service, With Emphasis

- on Worship?" Dr. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., Director, Department of Worship ULCA, New York, N. Y.
- 5:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church, Augsburg College Choir.
- 7:30 p. m.—Concert, Auditorium. Luther College Concert Band.
- 8:00 p. m.—Public event, Auditorium. Organist, Dr. Heinrich Fleischer. Anthems, Lutheran College Choir Alumni Chorus. Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen, Director. "Salvation is Created," P. Tschesnokoff. "How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand," Schumann's Gesangbuch arr. by F. M. Christiansen. Hymns: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," "O Day Full of Grace." Evening prayers. Organist, Ralph Strom. Choir, Liturgical choir.

Tuesday, August 20

- 9:00 a. m.—Matins, auditorium. Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical choir.
- 12:30 p. m.—Organ recital, Minneapolis Auditorium. Dr. Luther Noss, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
- 1:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. Wartburg College Choir, Waverly, Iowa, Dr. Edwin Lie-mohn, Director.
- 1:30 p. m.—Lecture, Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium. Topic: "Contemporary Church Music in Europe." Cantor Willem Mudde, Holland, assisted by Minneapolis Madrigals, directed by Fredric Hilary of Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.
- 5:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. Wartburg College Choir.
- 7:30 p. m.—Concert, Minneapolis Auditorium, Luther College Concert Band. Organist, Luther Noss. Anthems, Lutheran College Choir Alumni Chorus. Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen, Director. "O God Thou Faithful," Brahms-Douglas. "Lamb of God," Decius-F. M. Christiansen. "Praise to the Lord," Schumann's Gesangbuch-F. M. Christiansen. Evening prayers. Organist, Ralph Strom. Choir, Liturgical Choir.

Wednesday, August 21

- 9:00 a. m.—Suffrages, Auditorium. Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical choir.
- 12:30 p. m.—Organ recital, Minneapolis Auditorium. Eiji Hashimoto, Tokyo, Japan.
- 1:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. St. Olaf College Choir, Northfield, Minn. Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen, Director.
- 1:30 p. m.—Lecture, Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium. Topic: "History of the New Hymnal." Dr. E. E. Ryden, Rock Island, Illinois, editor of "Lutheran Companion" and secretary of the commission on the Common Lutheran Hymnal.
- 5:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church, St. Olaf College Choir.
- 8:00 p. m.—Public event, festival of music, Auditorium. Concert by St. Thomas Boys' Choir, Leipzig, Germany, Kurt Thomas, Director.

Thursday, August 22

- 9:00 a. m.—Matins, auditorium. Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical choir.

Friday, August 23

- 9:00 a. m.—Suffrages, Auditorium. Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical choir.
- 12:30 p. m.—Organ recital, Minneapolis Auditorium. Professor Philip Gehring, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina.
- 1:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. Gettysburg College Choir, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Parker Wagnild, Director.
- 1:30 p. m.—Lecture, Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium. Topic: "The Education of the Lutheran Church Musician and the Church's Responsibility to It." Dr. Paul Ensrud, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.
- 5:30 p. m.—Concert, Central Lutheran Church. Gettysburg College Choir.
- 7:30 p. m.—Concert, Auditorium.

8:15 p. m.—Public event, Auditorium. Organist, Philip Gehring. Music, Robert Andersen, Conductor. Anthems, Lutheran College Choir Alumni Chorus, Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen, Director. "Psalm 97," Schutz. "Laud Him," Pe-ping. "Our Father," Gretchaninoff. "Psalm 134," Normand Lockwood. Hymns, "Beautiful Saviour." Evening prayers. Organist, Ralph Strom. Choir, Liturgical choir.

Saturday, August 24

9:00 a. m.—Matins, auditorium, Organist, Paul Manz. Choir, Liturgical choir.
 10:00 a. m.—Children's Festival, Parade Stadium. Music, Luther College Concert Band. Choir, Children's Chorus, Ronald Nelson, Director. Hymns, to be selected.
 5:30 p. m.—Rehearsal of Youth Chorus, Parade Stadium.
 7:30 p. m.—Concert, Parade Stadium, Luther College Concert Band.
 8:00 p. m.—Public event, Parade Stadium, Youth Rally. Music, Luther College Concert Band. Anthems, Youth Chorus, Dr. Oscar Overby, Director. "God's Son Has Made Me Free," Grieg-Overby. "Lamb of God," Decius-F. M. Christiansen. "The Hallelujah Chorus," (Messiah), Handel. "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes," Swedish Melody arr. Sateren. "Crown Him with Many Crowns," Elvery. Hymns, "Beautiful Savior." Two to be selected.

Sunday, August 25

2:00 p. m.—Rehearsal, Massed Church Choirs, State Capitol steps, St. Paul.
 3:30 p. m.—Concert, State Capitol Steps, Luther College Band.
 4:00 p. m.—Concluding Festival, State Capitol Approach, St. Paul. Music, Luther College Concert Band. Anthems, Massed Church Choirs, Dr. Henry Veld, Director, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. "All Glory Laud and Honor," Teschner-Cain. "Praise the Lord," Wennerberg. "In Heaven Above," Norwegian Folktune arr. by F. M. Christiansen. "I Love the Church," Leland B. Sateren. "Wake Awake," Nicolai-Bach. St. Thomas Boys' Choir, Leipzig, Germany, Kurt Thomas, Director. Hymns, "A Mighty Fortress," "Praise to the Lord," "Now Thank We All Our God."

80th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church

RINGSTED, IOWA, AUGUST 6-11, 1957

The 80th annual convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held in the Ringsted Public High School building, Ringsted, Iowa, August 6-11, 1957, upon invitation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ringsted, Iowa. All the main business sessions and meetings will be held in the High School auditorium and meals will be served to the convention pastors and delegates in the dining room of the High School. The opening service will take place at the High School auditorium Tuesday, August 6 at 8 p. m. The business sessions of the convention will commence Wednesday, August 7, at 9 a. m. Sunday morning services will be at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ringsted and the St. John's Lutheran Church one mile east of town.

All delegates representing the congregations of the synod and chosen according to the by-laws of the synod must submit their names in writing to the credentials committee of the convention in time to be in the hands of this committee by July 15. The names of the delegates must be certified by the secretaries of the respective congregations. (Name and address of the chairman of the credentials committee will appear in the invitation from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church printed below.) All ministers of the synod and others who have voting rights at the convention and

intending to attend same should also have their names in the hands of the credentials committee by July 15.

The convention will deal with all the business submitted to it according to the rules laid down in the synod by-laws and those governing the institution, missions activities and auxiliaries of the synod.

All reports to come before the convention must be in the hands of the president of the synod by May 20 in order that they may be printed and distributed to the congregations and ministers for their study and consideration in due time before the convention.

Special attention is called to the following provisions in the synod constitution:

"Every member shall be privileged to submit topics for discussion to the convention. These topics shall be sent to the president of the synod, who shall publish them at least six weeks prior to the convention."

Such topics must be at the address of the president by July 1st in order to be published in the July 5th issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

The meetings and services of the convention will be open to all members and friends of the synod. Announcement concerning available facilities with respect to lodging and meals will be announced by the host congregation.

Subjects of great significance to the life and work of the synod and its congregations as well as its ministers will come before the convention. Conscientious attention by all members of the synod, especially ministers and delegates, to the content of the Annual Report of the synod and the forthcoming issues of LUTHERAN TIDINGS dealing with convention matters, is recommended.

Let us pray for the will of God to be done through the deliberations and decisions of the synod convention and may His Spirit guide us to serve the purposes of God through Christ ever more willingly and faithfully.

Alfred Jensen.

April 27, 1957

1232 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Des Moines 16, Iowa.

CONVENTION INVITATION

The St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Ringsted, Iowa, is pleased to extend a hearty invitation to pastors, delegates and members of our synod to attend the annual synodical convention which will be held here August 6-11, 1957. Our people are preparing for your coming with happy anticipation and will do their best to make your stay enjoyable.

All pastors and delegates must send their registrations and credentials to the chairman of our committee in charge of these, Mr. August Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa, by July 15.

Other convention participants are also urged to register with the registration and credentials committee by July 15. We will provide housing accommodations for all the convention personnel, pastors and delegates but may not be able to provide housing for all convention guests. We shall try to accommodate as many as may come.

In order that we may make adequate preparations we urge that you:

1. Note carefully the registration date and register in time;
2. Notify us as early as possible, if for some reason you must cancel your registration that we do not hold open housing for you which may be made available to others;
3. Notify us if you want motel or hotel accommodations reserved for you.

Registration cards will be sent to the pastors in due time. We suggest that all convention guests use these. Details about travel information will be supplied later.

Dr. LeRoy Henriksen, President.
Carlo Petersen, Pastor.

Remember that when you're in the right you can afford to keep your temper, and that when you're in the wrong you can't afford to lose it.

George Horace Lorimer.

Our Women's Work

MRS. ELLEN KNUDSEN, EDITOR

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Maywood, Illinois



Annual Convention of WMS

RINGSTED, IOWA, AUGUST 6-11, 1957

The Women's Mission Society of AELC will meet in convention, as guests of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ringsted, Iowa, in conjunction with the 80th annual convention of AELC.

This is a decisive year in many respects. Please plan to attend. Further details later.

Let us come prayerfully — and strive to work together to serve Him as we ought.

Thyra R. Nussle, Secretary.

Women's Retreat at Santa Cruz

The second District VIII Women's Retreat will be held again at Mt. Cross Lutheran Bible camp in the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains, August 5 to 8. The cost will be \$15.50 complete for board, room and registration.

The committee, with Mrs. Thyra Larsen from Solvang in charge, promises you not only a carefree vacation but also informational and inspirational meetings with much rich fellowship thrown in for good measure. Rev. Gramps from Watsonville will be staying at the camp bringing us our Bible study and devotionals. Speakers on the inter-racial and inter-national relations are being arranged for.

We know that those who attended last year will surely wish to come again, and we hope that many of you who couldn't come last year will want to arrange to do so this year.

Mrs. Harold Mathiasen.

Women's Fellowship of District IX

The District IX Women's Fellowship is now a thing of the past and I am happy to be able to report that it was a very successful and enjoyable occasion. All five churches in the district were represented, at least part of the time, and the housing committee happily appealed for more and more rooms as the registrations came in. It was wonderful to meet with such interest and enthusiasm.

We were happy to have Miss Emilie Stockholm with us. I am sure that we all have a much better understanding of WMS after attending her workshops and talks. Mrs. A. W. Ramstad's talks on women's groups of other synods gave us a basis for comparison and thus helped us to understand our own work better. The evening lectures by Dr. Solberg and Rev. Eskildsen were both very fine and thought-provoking. Miss Stockholm gave a very good flannelgraph study on the Lord's Prayer for devotions one morning. Rev. Fallgatter and Rev. Olsen shared a period of Bible study covering the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion which gave rise to a lively discussion. The only flaw in the Fellowship was the cooking arrangement which prevented some of the Tacoma women from taking part in all of the meetings.

These are only a few remarks picked from notes taken during the fellowship, with the hope that more women will become interested in attending meetings of this sort, so that there will be more and more of them throughout our synod.

E. M.

Lutheran World Federation Post Assembly Meetings

This summer the Lutherans of America will have the privilege of being hosts to the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation. Hundreds of fellow Lutherans from all the corners of the world are coming to the United States to meet with our own delegates and visitors and to discuss the chosen theme, Christ Frees and Unites.

Inasmuch as we will not all be fortunate enough to go to Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 15-25, one of the committees working for the LWF Assembly has made plans for Post Assembly Women's meetings, with foreign women guests as speakers, to be held in 12 different centers in the U. S. These centers and the dates of the meetings are as follows:

Los Angeles, California	August 27-September 5
Denver, Colorado	September 6-September 12
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	August 27-September 5
Atlanta, Georgia	September 6-September 12
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	August 27-September 5
Worcester, Massachusetts	September 6-September 12
Columbus, Ohio	August 27-September 5
Washington, D. C.	September 6-September 12
Omaha, Nebraska	August 27-September 5
Chicago, Illinois	September 6-September 12
Fargo, North Dakota	August 27-September 5
Seattle, Washington	September 6-September 12

Committees, consisting of women from the eight Lutheran constituent bodies of LWF in the designated areas, are working on the meetings to be held. Two, and in some instances three, foreign guests will be the speakers at these meetings. They represent Lutheran churches in Brazil, Japan, Germany, Finland, Hungary, India, Liberia, Holland, Taiwan and Madagascar.

The committees are planning several public meetings in each area and hope to accommodate as many women as possible by scheduling daytime as well as evening meetings. This will be a unique opportunity to hear a message from Lutheran Christians in other lands and to share the fellowship which is ours in the Gospel.

The following is a prayer written by Shirley H. Fok of Hong Kong and released to the Lutheran Publications in the United States.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy grace that Thou has sent Thy only Son Jesus Christ for the salvation of all men. We pray Thee today especially for the growing of Thy Church, the peace of the whole world and the unity of our country. May every one recognize his own need and accept the Only One Jesus Christ as his Saviour. May Thy mighty power work on earth against the evil spirit and may Thy Holy Spirit dwell among Thy children to keep them more steadfast in their faith. May Thy Holy Church be kept forever and ever. In Jesus' name we pray.



Paging Youth

American Evangelical Lutheran
Youth Fellowship

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Great Plains District Camp

All young people, aged 14 and up are invited to attend senior camp at Nysted, Dannebrog, Nebraska, beginning with the evening meal July 28 and ending with dinner August 2. Be sure to bring sheets, a pillow, blanket, towels, soap, swim suit, permission from your parents to swim (in writing), a World of Song, jack knife, and a spirit of sharing and happiness. The cost will be \$15 plus craft costs. The tentative program is as follows:

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| 7:30—Open your eyes | |
| 8:00—Breakfast | |
| 8:30—Clean rooms, KP | |
| 9:30—Worship, thought for the day | |
| 10:30—Sports | |
| 12:00—Dinner | |
| 12:30—Rest time | |
| 1:30—Crafts | |
| 2:30—Swimming or suitable activity if it rains | |
| 5:30—Free time, cleanup for supper | |
| 6:00—Supper | |
| 7:30—Singing, story time | 10:00—Campfire |
| 8:30—Folk games | 10:30—Bedtime |
| 9:30—Coffee | 11:00—Lights out |

AELyf Doin's

Muskegon, Michigan: The Greenville, Sidney and Gowen LYFs were guests of the Fellowship there for a Fellowship week end on April 27 and 28. Saturday night was spent playing games and enjoying refreshments. Sunday morning, they attended church services and enjoyed a delicious dinner. A drive to Lake Michigan closed the week end.

St. Stephen's, Chicago, Illinois: An enjoyable "Indian Dinner" was held to raise money for Operations India recently. It consisted of rice with chicken and curry. During the Lenten season, an interesting series of discussions on the subject, "What is Christianity?" was led by Pastor Wikman and a member of the Friends of Youth Committee. They also plan a "Retrospective Dinner" (a progressive dinner in reverse: starting with dessert) in the near future.

Alden, Minnesota: In the Youth Sunday service held there some time ago, Marie Erickson delivered the sermon with Erling Duus, Raymond Petersen, Judy Petersen and Elaine Simonsen leading various other portions of the services. They also held a bake sale to raise money.

Lake Norden, South Dakota: The confirmands there were the recipients of corsages and honored guests at a party. They have also visited the Luther League of Frederick, South Dakota, for a return program.

Notes of Interest

It is camp and convention time throughout the synod once again. The full Great Plains District camp schedule appears on this page. Their convention will be held in Denmark, Kansas this year from August 20 to September 1.....The Northern Lights District is having their camp in Wisconsin this year. It is at Whispering Pines on beautiful Spirit lake and has a wonderful moon, according to more romantic sources. The dates are July 8 to 16 and the approximate cost is \$16 for the week.....The Muskegon LYF is host Fellowship to the Lake Michigan District camp, July 1 through 8. It will be held at Stoney Lake Bible camp near New Fram, Michigan, about 35 miles north of Muskegon.....It rained in Seattle this week.....The sun rose at 4:42 a. m., in Tokyo yesterday.....Good Grief!!!.....Peanuts is interesting.

Over the Typewriter

Summer is a time of varied emotions and ideas. It brings to life that which has seemed dead throughout the long winter months: cold, black trees have turned to green protectors; icy waters have changed to warm swimming holes; seemingly unending school days have flown past to bring graduation to some and short vacations to others; but it is a time of "becoming".... a time of "younghness"....I include a poem written by a young lady just a year ago as she graduated from high school. I feel that in this little piece of writing is contained a feeling known by many young people of today.

In My Youngness

In my youngness
I am a wild blending
Of the known and the unknown,
Of constraint and freedom,
Of wisdom and of innocence;
In my deepness
I have a shallow fear
And a depth of greater courage;
In my puny hatred
Is compassion beyond love.
With the vividness of being
I am the cringing shoeshine man
And the hesitant, slow-stepping cripple
And the exhausted, timid wife
And the staring, all absorbing child;
I kneel and laugh and run
And running, fall and rise to run once more;
I am the old, old man
Whose faltering step is filled
With greater daring
Than the firm tread of the soldier;
I am the blank look of the baby,
The blurred mind of the child,
The bewilderment of growth
And chaotic grip of change.
I hate with passiveness
But love so ardently
That my complete compassion
Finds expression
In this wonderful confusion
Of being discovered.

The Tragedy of Hungary

Freedom's Thirty Million Dollar Bonus

James P. Mitchell

THE TELEPHONES have stopped ringing at the Joyce Kilmer Refugee Reception Center at Camp Kilmer, N. J. The crowded quarters where 1,000 workers from 22 private agencies spent long, hectic hours processing more than 30,000 Hungarian escapees are silent and deserted. The 3,600 officers and men of the United States army who manned the installation have been reassigned to other duties. The hundreds of reporters, photographers, officials and curious visitors have packed up their equipment, folded their briefcases, returned their passes and left behind a little barracks ghost town that will be long remembered by anyone who was there. The Hungarians who made the long trek from their homeland, who crossed the woods and forded the streams of the Austrian frontier and eventually boarded planes or ships for America, have now become a part of America, assimilated into her towns and cities, factories and farms with remarkable swiftness.

Only now is it possible to take stock of the achievement. The result is surprising in many ways, for America's instinctive reply to the call for help has enriched her own economy in a vital way. When the decision was made to open the nation's frontiers to the homeless and suffering of Hungary, there was little if any thought of what would be received in turn. It is now clear that America has received a valuable economic bonus.

Now, after the occupational characteristics and abilities of some 19,000 employable adults have been finally recorded, we have discovered that the great majority — 72 per cent — were in the prime working ages of life between sixteen and forty-five. Only nine per cent were over forty-five. Furthermore, 40 per cent of the group were single, predominantly male.

Finally, and most important, the largest occupational group — 34 per cent — have skills currently needed in American industry while the next largest group — some 18 per cent — are engineers, scientists, doctors and other professional people very much in demand in our country.

The National Academy of Sciences estimates that the education of these Hungarian scientists, engineers and other university graduates represents an investment of over \$30 million. In a nation like ours in which many industries are feeling the crimp of skilled worker shortage, in which the development of a skilled worker force adequate to meet the future needs of industry is a pressing concern, the addition to the ranks of such workers is welcome indeed.

That it was accomplished so successfully and so quickly is a great credit to the seemingly tireless men and women who manned the huge program from Austria through Kilmer to American communities.

On November 21, 1956, the day the first escapees stepped foot on free American soil at McGuire Air Force Base, the United States Employment Service had only two interviewers and one clerk at the Camp

Kilmer Reception Center. By December 1 less than 1,000 escapees had arrived. During that month, however, over 15,000 flooded the center, followed by over 13,000 more during January and February. All of them needed homes and jobs. The employment service, cooperating with the private agencies who shouldered the responsibility for assuring that none of the Hungarians would become public charges, called upon the affiliated state employment services in six states to detail personnel, Hungarian speaking if possible. The states cooperated fully and by December, 75 persons, including interpreters, were manning the employment service operations at Kilmer.

In order to speed the occupational classifications, five teams of Hungarian-speaking interviewers flew to Bremerhaven, Germany, and returned on five navy transports bringing 9,000 escapees. The job classifications made aboard ship helped reduce the amount of processing needed at Kilmer.

The main function of the employment service was to furnish whatever assistance was needed by the private agencies with respect to employment problems and placing the escapees in jobs. Requests from employers and employment offices throughout the country were matched against information on the escapees' employment registration form. The results were turned over to the private agencies to assist them in selecting locations to send the escapee workers.

It was only after the jam at Kilmer had been reduced and thousands of Hungarians were on their way to new jobs and new lives in America that an assessment of the country's gain could be made.

Of the 20,000 escapees willing and able to work, 5,946 were craftsmen, foremen or kindred workers. Over 4,600 were skilled operatives. More than 3,400 were professional and technical men and women. Two thousand of this group were clerical workers. Of the entire lot, less than 2,000 were unskilled.

These figures assume real meaning when measured against like proportions of the U. S. labor force as a whole. In a labor force of 70 million in 1956, only nine million are skilled. Professional and technical workers, 18 per cent of the Hungarian escapees, account for only nine per cent of the United States labor force.

In an economy short of skilled workers, the arrival of 18,000 of them out of the blue, as it were, is both a godsend and a responsibility.

The responsibility lies in seeing the job through to its finish. The escapee has been transported from the terrors of his homeland. He has been processed, examined, cleared and sent on to an American community. In most cases he is already at work learning our language and culture. Some, however, are not.

"The Detroit Free Press" recently reported that 250

Editor's Note: This rather unusual article (for a church paper) appeared in the New York Herald Tribune on May 10, and appeared to us worthy of wide reading. James Mitchell is, of course the Secretary of Labor.

Hungarian escapees were unemployed in that city. The chief obstacle: language barriers. The city, however, is not becoming apathetic about the cause of its newest citizens. A mayor's committee, with subcommittees responsible for sponsorship, housing, employment services, health services, hospital care and educational services, has begun the gradual process of education that will eventually break down the language barrier and open the doors to full opportunity for the escapees.

The task now is on the local level. There is evidence that most of America's towns and cities, like Detroit, are responding with the same determination and imagination on their own levels as the entire nation did throughout the fall and winter.

Whatever the temporary problems, the outcome is already clear. Far from being dependent wards of American society, the proud Hungarian Freedom Fighters and their families, in the spirit of the greatest of American traditions, are in the act of contributing their unique skills, aspirations and native personality to the enrichment of the main stream of American life.

The Mountain Revisited

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In a home for aged women one resident was always complaining. Another (who, confined to her room by a gangrenous foot, endured continuous pain and really did have something to complain about) said to her more fortunate friend: "Why are you always grumbling about the little things? Why don't you fix your mind on the big things? Why don't you look at the hills?" "From my room," was the gloomy reply, "I can't see any hills." "Well, then," came the unexpected response, "why don't you look at the clouds and imagine they're hills?"

This suggests not only the power of the religious imagination but also the advantage of having a hill-country of the soul. Matthew 5:1 tells how Jesus "went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him." In many artistic representations of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is portrayed as standing with out-stretched arms and pronouncing His blessing upon the people. This may be partly due to the fact that, among us, men ordinarily stand to deliver sermons, but poor translation contributes to the false picture. Earlier versions here said: "when he was set, his disciples came unto him." To be "set" now conveys the taking of a fixed position, usually upright. The runner gets set for the race. A guard is set to keep watch over the royal palace. A telephone pole is set in place.

This usage tends to make us think that when Jesus "was set," it means he was standing. Hence the common representations in art. The dictionary, however, tells us that the first meaning of "set" is "to cause to sit, to make to assume a sitting position." Webster describes this meaning as "archaic," but it is no doubt the sense in which it was used by the King James translators. The Revised Standard Version gives us the true picture: "when he sat down." Even the King James Version at Matthew 15:39 tells us

that Jesus "went up into a mountain and sat down there."

When the boy Jesus stayed behind in the temple, his parents found him "sitting among the teachers." Sitting was the usual position of a Jewish teacher, and in some Jewish lore the verb "to sit" becomes nearly synonymous with "to teach." The word "disciple" means "learner." A favorite term for Jesus was Master, which means Teacher. This teacher-pupil relationship the Revised Standard Version makes clear "when he sat down his disciples came to him."

J. Carter Swaim.

Stewardship Gems

Power of the Fifty-First Psalm — Last Days

It is impossible to comprehend the power of the Fifty-first Psalm upon the faith. Kings, scholars, and cottagers have read it with the same spiritual profit. It was the death song of the French Protestants in the times that for cruelty have had few equals. It was sung by George Wishart when taken prisoner before his martyrdom at St. Andrew's.

Its opening verse was the dying cry of the Scottish Thomas Forret, whose grave was green a quarter of a century before Scotland became free from ecclesiastical tyranny. Its cry for mercy was repeated by Lady Jane Grey upon the fateful day of her own husband's death. Its burning words broke from the lips of John Huss at the place of his execution, near Constance. John Rogers repeated its confessions and triumphant paeans on the way to the fires of Smithfield.

The words of the Hebrew Psalmist were spoken by Sir Thomas More — "who was famous through Europe for eloquence and wisdom" — as he laid his head upon the block. Its seventeenth verse, written by St. Augustine upon the wall of his sick-chamber, did not make the text any less real to the Great Reformer. The seventh verse of this same Psalm was found on a tablet of copper amid the eternal snows on the highest point near Cape Beechy, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

— Selected.

Enumclaw Dedicates New Church

Hope Lutheran Church of Enumclaw, Washington, will dedicate its new church building on June 23. Dr. J. C. Kjaer will deliver the dedication address, with district president Harold Olsen officiating. The church was designed by its pastor, the Reverend Holger Andersen. The program follows:

- 9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.
- 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship with communion. Harold Olsen preaching, H. M. A. liturgist.
- 2:30 p. m.—Dedication service. Harold Olsen, District IX President, officiant. Dr. J. C. Kjaer will deliver the dedication address. (1737 Franklin).
- 5:00 p. m.—Dedication banquet.

SUNSET HOUR

Pearl McCain Allen

Dora L. Koch

Andante

The tired winds are hushed to rest, The shadows deeper
grow; The even--ing star shines dimly Like a taper
burn--ing low; The flames of evening's altar fires light
all the western sky, And God's sweet peace broods over
all, as sunset hour draws nigh.

Note: Almost a year ago, Miss Allen's poem appeared on the cover of LUTHERAN TIDINGS. Mrs. Koch of Luck, Wisconsin, liked it so well that she wrote a melody for it, and we are happy to pass it on. The poem has a strong Jutlandish flavor and might have been written by Jeppe Aakjaer.

— The Editor.

The tired winds are hushed to rest,
The shadows deeper grow,
The evening star shines dimly
Like a taper burning low.
The flames of evening's altar fires
Light all the Western sky,
And God's sweet peace broods over all
As sunset hour draws nigh.

The herd bell tinkles down the lane,
The puppies nod in sleep,
Amid the meadow buttercups
White mists, soft-footed, creep;
The wood thrush chants his vesper
hymn,

The swallows homeward fly,
And God's sweet peace fills all the earth
As sunset hour draws nigh.

When cold and gray my sunset clouds
Hang like a darksome pall,
And round me, o'er me, everywhere,
The lengthening shadows fall,
Shine then, O heavenly altar fires,
Light all my evening sky,
And let God's peace brood o'er me when
My sunset hour draws nigh.

—Pearl McCain Allen.

Religion is Nobody's
Business

In the successful running of our Christian churches today, it is common for many to think that church business activities are identical with religion. To pay mortgages, to build new parish houses, to put on a drive for new members, to hold bazaars, lunches, dinners, and cake sales — all of this is admirable — but it is not religion.

To find the Church's true function, let's look at what the early Christians had:

First, here was a fellowship which had a soul-shaking personal experience with Jesus Christ. Christ daily stamped himself upon the disciples' minds. They knew that He was like nothing they had ever known before.

Second, the early Christians had a thoroughly genuine trust in God through Christ. It was a believing fellowship, and its belief was so powerful that it did not worry much about its own self-preservation. It worried about getting God's will done. Because it believed, it had no fear. Without fear it was enabled to confront the world with a challenge. Because it challenged, it was listened to. All of this was possible because it had simple, unswerving faith in God.

Third, they had a glad awareness of the forgiveness of sin. Trust in God brought with it a remarkably new sense of being free. The burdens of anxiety, dread, and guilt were lifted from the believer's heart.

Lastly, it was a fellowship that placed very little value on any organization or activity which did not contribute directly to three important things: worship, teaching, and the collection of alms for the needy. Being a member of this team did not mean just committee work. It meant a changed relationship to God.

Dr. John Heuss, Pastor, Trinity Church, N.Y.C.

The Impossible Can Be Done

One day in Washington as we waited on God in a small group to see what next step we could take to help bring peace between Japan and America, I told them that I had a very difficult assignment that day — I was to see someone I didn't really want to see and yet it had to be done. A layman quoted this inscription on a tombstone: "She hath done what she couldn't." I went forth with those words ringing in my heart. I kept saying to myself, "I'll do what I can't." And did! When we are completely surrendered to God we can do what we can't—we find ourselves miracles to ourselves. "I like my poems best," said Emerson, because I did not write them." He felt that he surrendered to a power that wrote through him. So he was a surprise to himself.

Stanley Jones.

Notes From My Journey

P. Rasmussen

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I was so surprised when I stepped from the train in Copenhagen to be surrounded by reporters from daily papers and photographers, Rev. Blichfeld and wife, Mr. Funk from "Danish Church in foreign lands" and especially my sister's daughter, who lives in the city, (and I have never seen her before). She surely took the lead and was she ever able to do it. I had registered at a certain hotel in Copenhagen and stayed there for a week, although that lady did not fully approve of it. She came in again and again from her own home to assist me in every way. I stayed with her the first afternoon and evening. That was Saturday.

On Sunday Blichfeld and his good wife came, and we went to service in Vartau Church. I have heard many different persons open the service with prayer, but I have never heard it in such a heartfelt way, as that Sunday morning in Vartau. Probably it had something to do with the different life on board the ship, and a Christian congregation. And the 85 year old pastor Balslev preached a spirit-filled sermon from the pulpit high above the altar. The service lasted nearly two hours with baptism and communion, but I was not a bit tired.

I went to communion with Blichfeld and I also went home with them after church. Rev. Helweg and wife came over; we spent a pleasant afternoon and evening, before they followed me to the hotel. They had been so kind and helpful to begin with, and they continued in the same manner the first days of the week. Monday evening we attended a Santal meeting, where a man from Bengal spoke English and Kamp translated the speech.

Many people had come together to hear the man. Before we went to the meeting, I had a great surprise again. Enok Mortensen and Nanna came and met me at the hotel, they had just come back from a visit to Paris. Were we ever glad to see each other!

Again Blichfeld came to show me something interesting. First we went to see a great sculpture of the Isted lion. Originally it stood at a certain place in Denmark, then the Germans moved it to Berlin, and the Americans brought it back to Copenhagen. That is not exactly the right place for it, but at present it is there. From there to "Mindelunden" by street car. These cars are more narrow than the buses in Canada.

"Mindelunden" is a burial place at the outskirts of the city. It is in one sense a sacred place. All the liberty-loving young men that rebelled against the Germans during the war, and were shot by the enemy are buried there. They gave their life for the country and they are not forgotten. Their graves are alike, flowers are blooming, names are engraved on the big wall surrounding the cemetery, and it would have taken a long time to read it all. Many visitors also from other lands come there and pay respect to these brave men.

The next day another man by the name of Sørensen took the lead as a helper for the old pastor. He is secretary throughout the whole country for the "D.K.U." I doubt that there are any congregations in the country but that he has been there. And did he take me around in his car! First to Roskilde, where we went to the big cathedral. Nearly all the Danish kings are buried there. Sarcophoga and coffins in beautiful chapels relate Danish history. We also called upon the bishop; later I spent a part of an evening with him.

Then out toward Køge to have lunch in a parsonage. Later on we picked up his wife and passed into the Deer park; went out on Langelinie by the Gefion Fountain, the little mermaid; had supper at Vedbæk Hotel, saw the Kastrup airport and finally spoke at a meeting in Ordrup about life in Canada. I rested one day or nearly a day, as Nanna Mortensen had told me to take it a little easy and not rush the way I had done so far.

And now my sister's daughter again became boss. Friday afternoon we went to a certain children's home, a man from Hartford, Conn., that had come to New York to see me off, insisted that I went out to greet this institution. The reason for this is another story. I didn't regret that I kept my promise. Then in the evening it was different altogether. The Royal Theatre where two ballets were performed! The king and queen were there and many, many others. I shall not claim that I understood it all, but it was glorious in every way.

I had planned to go to Jylland on Saturday and reserved seats in the fastest train. However they were canceled later. The reason was this, that there should be an immigrant service on Saturday afternoon at Frue Kirke, the cathedral of Copenhagen for the

200 immigrants that were to embark and sail the same evening on the same ship "Kungsholm" that I had come on. The pastor, Harold P. Madsen, the Canadian Konsul Ormond W. Dier, and I were to speak a farewell word to these people. I was very much taken up with the hymns, the collect and the arrangement. Two young girls held the Danish and Canadian flags at the entrance to the platform before the altar.

Rev. Helweg had written me, that he would come to the service and then I should go home with him. Rev. Blichfeld and his sister, married to a retired minister, were also invited. It is customary in many homes that evening, the 4th of May, to have lights burning in all windows in remembrance of what happened twelve years ago, when the Germans surrendered. I don't remember how many lights Helweg had in his home, but I remember that it was a very pleasant evening we spent together, one of those hours and moments that I shall recall in days to come. The next day, my second Sunday in Copenhagen, my niece and her husband came to the hotel early, so we could go to services in Grundtvigskirken. The Grundtvig memorial church I had not yet seen. I am not able to describe this enormous church building with its characteristic and grand architecture, but that it's a memorial both to Grundtvig and P. V. Jensen Klint is a fact.

The afternoon we spent in their cozy home, then went to the hotel to pack the suitcases ready for the trains the next morning. She so faithfully had stood by me from my arrival at the station and always wanted to know where I was, and she even came in on Monday morning to see me enter the right train. It's wonderful how good people have been to the old pastor. A man on the train claimed that the Danes have become "sour" and critical since the war. I can not agree with him.

Three wonderful days among so many others.

The background of this is as follows: At Christmas time the year 1917 a pastor in Muskegon, Mich., had died. His name is Adser Østergaard. At that time we had Ashland folk high school and a congregation to take care of. I had met them when they came from Denmark, and we became good friends. At his funeral his wife and I both spoke and a memorial was erected at his grave. "With light we come, with cross we go, we will no soul deceive." I saw that memorial at the annual convention, 1956, and had a picture taken to be sent home to his wife in Denmark, as she left for her home country shortly after his death, with four children.

I have not seen her during these many years and now she is 93. The oldest son is a minister here in Denmark. A couple years ago he wrote

me that he could remember very plainly the words I had spoken at his father's funeral. As soon as he saw in the papers that I had come to Denmark, did he ever get busy in order that I could see and meet his mother. That meeting was almost too much for both of us. But only those present will understand it. That day will live in our hearts until we meet on the other side of the curtain.

I spent three evenings and nights in his "præstegaard," for in the daytime we were out to see interesting things all around. One day I had my picture taken in front of a great granite stone erected as a memorial. And here is the story about this stone or monument:

On February 26 at midnight, 1944, seven persons in a big Halifax airplane were shot down and killed. Three of the crew were Canadians. To express the feelings of the people in the community they erected a memorial in honor of those who gave their lives also for their own freedom. Wild roses are planted there and a lane of birch and other trees leads up to the memorial, a great granite stone. The inscription is as follows:

Here perished in the night F/S.G.T. C.E. Howey, Canada; F/S.G.T.C.E. Stevenson, Canada; I.G.T.R.L. Bates, England; I.G. T.L.T. Wardell, Canada; C.G.T.A.D. McGillivray, Scotland; I.G. T.E.R. Metcalf, England; I.G.T.A.M. Munroe, New Foundland.

"Ukendt i mørket de styrtede ned, husk at de faldt for vor frihed og fred." Translated: "Unknown in the darkness they crashed; remember they perished for our freedom and peace." Then follow these words taken from Shakespeare's Henry the Eighth:

"Be just and fear not, let all the ends thou aims at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's."

On the same day in the afternoon we drove to Ribe to see the great cathedral, one of the oldest church buildings in the North. I bought a little book printed in England for the guidance of visitors; we took a tour around the church, inside the church and big tower, very interesting.

The next day we again went out, first to Askov where Enok Mortensen and Nanna have been, then down to Erik Appel's residence in Skibelund. Krat filled with memorials to any amount. The next day a former student at Dalum high school now living in Aarestrup took over, and as he had already phoned his friend, who had also been with us at Dalum, we spent a pleasant afternoon.

Wherever I came to those people, the flag was up and could be seen far off. It was such a surprise at their homes again to see the pictures from Dalum and recall what had been lived there more than thirty years ago. And so it is on my trip through the country; meet and part, hello and goodby.

OUR CHURCH

Nysted, Nebraska. A Junior Camp is to be held here at Dannebrog, July 7-12, for boys and girls aged 9-14. (Senior Camp will be held in early August.) The cost will be \$12.50, plus craft costs. Pastor Arnold Knudsen of Nysted, is accepting registrations.

Salinas, California. Pastor Paul Nussle, interim pastor in Tyler, Minn., during Pastor Enok Mortensen's European sabbatical, has accepted the call from our church here in California and expects to move west with his wife, Agnes, and two children, in late October. The Salinas church has just sold its real estate to the city of Salinas (for a municipal parking area) and expects to build a new church with funds received from the sale — amounting to some ninety thousand dollars. We understand that part of the agreement calls for the city to move the parsonage to a new location.

St. Stephen's Chicago. The congregation here had its annual sunrise outing on the beach in Jackson park early (5:30 a. m.) on Pentecost. Ministerial student Don Williams conducted the worship, with the Youth Fellowship serving coffee and providing recreational activities afterwards.

Bridgeport, Conn. A new organ will soon be purchased by Our Saviour's congregation here. Efforts are being made to have one temporarily installed on a trial basis. The old organ is being given to anyone who will remove it.

Bryam, Conn. New changes in the heating system, electrical system, etc., are now almost completed, with men in the congregation doing much of the work to keep costs down. The congregation, St. Peter's, recently was host to members of the choir of the Bridgeport church who made the trip down the coast to present a concert May 19.

Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Ernest Nielsen and his son, Brian, left June 10 for a four-week trip to Denmark. Pastor Howard Christensen has now left Grand View College, where he has been for the past six years as chaplain and instructor in religious education.

Dagmar, Montana. Nathanael church celebrated its 50th anniversary on Pentecost with special ceremonies during the day. (The community observed its 50th anniversary last year). On July 12, 13 and 14, the annual Mid-sommerfest will be held, with Pastors Harris Jespersen and Erik Moller as guest speakers.

California District. Women's Retreat will be held again this year at Mt. Cross, from August 5 to 8. (Though this date conflicts with the Ringsted convention, it was the only time available at the camp.) Cost will be \$15.50. Speakers include Mrs. Lottie Kohls of

the Berkeley campus of the university, and Pastor Dan Towler, prominent inter-racial pastor from Pasadena.

Solvang, Calif. The tennis courts at Atterdag are being renovated by the boys of the Luther League. The choir loft of the church has seen some changes, with the rear rows being elevated to permit occupants a full view of the chancel. A new layer of gravel has been poured on the church grounds. Viggo Tarnow's gym and folk dancing classes each Thursday are well attended. Another group meets on Saturdays. Between 25 and 30 people of the congregation attended recent district meeting in Los Angeles.

Detroit, Mich. On June 2, Pastor Howard Christensen was installed as pastor of St. Peter's congregation here. Pastor Edwin Hansen, district president, officiated.

Troy, N. Y. The choir recently presented its annual spring concert, with the second half consisting of the Gabriel Faure "Requiem." The director is Harry Nielsen and Pastor Einar Andersen was organist.

Marquette, Nebr. Missionary Mary Smith and her parents will visit the community July 21. Miss Smith will preach at morning services and will speak about her experience as missionary in Africa in the afternoon. Pastor Harris Jespersen has been invited to visit his former parish here in late August.

Cedar Heights, Iowa. Pastor Alfred Sorensen has recently had his first regular confirmation class in our home mission parish here. On May 26 five young people were confirmed. Previously, older youths and adults had been confirmed.

Omaha, Nebr. Pastor Marius Krog has now left his church in Omaha to begin his new work in Brush, Colo. A fine farewell party was held in the Omaha church before the Krogs departed, and many gifts were given, as well as a handsome purse.

LWF Assembly Filmstrip

Have you seen the LWF Third Assembly filmstrip? A 50-frame black and white filmstrip with accompanying script is available free in your area through your district president's office. The filmstrip is entitled, "Minneapolis 1957" and was especially produced for the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation to be held in Minneapolis, August 15-25, 1957. It would make an excellent program for your organizations or at a congregational get-together.

— LWF Headquarters.

CORRECTION

We are sorry that the name of Prof. Alfred Nielsen dropped off the book review of the book "The Organization Man" in the June 5 issue.

Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

For the month of May 1957

Towards the budget:

Congregations:	
Troy, N. Y.	\$ 200.00
Chicago, Ill. (St. Stephen's) ..	200.00
Enumclaw, Wash.	150.00
Racine, Wis.	240.00
Menominee, Mich.	37.20
Junction City, Ore.	100.00
Askov, Minn.	120.00
Greenville, Mich. (Trinity) ...	595.31
Bone Lake, Luck, Wis.	100.00
Tacoma, Wash.	70.00
Perth Amboy, N. J.	300.00
Nysted, Dannebrog, Nebr.	175.00
Cedar Falls, Ia. (Bethlehem) ...	300.00
Greenville, Mich. (First Luth. of Montcalm County)	608.43
Muskegon, Mich.	200.00
Newark, N. J.	60.00
Manistee, Mich.	100.00

Home Mission:

Congregations:	
Oak Hill, Atlantic, Iowa	49.75
Sunday School, Racine, Wis. ...	110.00
Diamond Lake Ladies' Aid, Lake Benton, Minn., for Enumclaw, Wash.	13.65

Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.:

Congregations:	
Lenten Offering, Racine, Wis. ...	100.00

Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.

Lenten Offering, Racine, Wis. ...	75.00
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Seamen's Mission:

Lenten Offering, Racine, Wis. ...	75.00
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Grand View College:

Congregation, Seattle, Wash. ...	2.00
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Lutheran Tidings:

Congregation, Seattle, Wash. ...	2.00
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Pastors' Pension Contribution:

Rev. Harold Olsen	10.00
Rev. Marius Krog	68.00
Rev. Owen K. Gramps	53.40

Rev. Ottar Jorgensen	72.84
Rev. Edwin Hansen	81.40
Rev. H. O. Nielsen	58.36

\$ 344.00

Total receipts for budget, May 1957	4,327.34
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Previously acknowledged ...	18,642.24
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Total to date	\$22,969.58
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Received for items outside of the budget:

For Lutheran World Action:

Congregations:	
Hay Springs, Nebr.	\$ 1.00
Racine, Wis., Pastor Heide ...	5.00
Racine, Wis., Self Denial Offering	243.34
Racine, Wis.	56.29
Menominee, Mich.	12.30
Junction City, Ore.	84.52
Askov, Minn.	52.25
Greenville, Mich. (Trinity) ...	141.45
Junction City, Ore., Sunday School	70.83
Ringsted, Iowa	40.89
Waterloo, Iowa	298.05
Greenville, Mich. (First Luth. of Montcalm, County)	86.20
Muskegon, Mich.	500.00
Byram, Conn.	34.50
Greenville, Michigan (Trinity Luth. Sunday School)	38.32
Seattle, Wash.	240.00

Total for month of May, 1957 \$	1,905.34
Previously acknowledged ...	1,875.68

Total to date	\$ 3,781.02
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For Eben-Ezer:

Congregations:	
Lenten Offering, Racine, Wis. ...	50.00
Ludington, Mich. (Bethany) ...	117.44

Total	\$ 167.44
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For Faith and Life Advance:

Congregation, Racine, Wis. ...	84.15
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For Old People's Home, Askov, Minn.

Congregation, Racine, Wis., Lenten Offering	34.90
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For Home Missions:

St. Stephen's WMS, Chicago ...	50.00
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For Grand View College:

Diamond Lake Junior Con- firmation Class	13.60
Danebod Junior Confirmation Class	12.08

Total	\$ 25.68
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Respectfully submitted,

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"Our Church"

The pamphlet entitled "Our Church," written by Dean A. C. Kildegaard, is available at the modest cost of fifteen cents, or only ten cents in quantities of ten or more.

Orders should be placed with Folmer Farstrup, 1232 Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

Grand View College Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee announces the following awards for the academic year of 1957-58. The S. D. Rodholm Scholarships:

Betty Sondergaard, Maywood, Calif.

Carol Jepsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa

David Nielsen, Watsonville, Calif.

The S. N. Nielsen Scholarships:

Arne Christensen, Solvang, Calif.

Tove Jespersen, Circle Pines, Minn.

Lois Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Gladys Ellen Petersen, Hampton, Iowa

Elaine Sorensen, Hampton, Iowa

Mavis Utoft, Tyler, Minn.

Additional S. N. Nielsen Scholarship awards and other awards will be made by August 1, 1957.

Registration of new students is very encouraging. Parents and young people interested in Grand View are invited to write for full particulars. Address all inquiries concerning enrolling to the **Admissions Office**, Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

Parish Education Luncheon

THIRD WORLD ASSEMBLY Minneapolis, Minnesota

On Saturday, August 17, one noon hour feature at the Third World Assembly will be a parish education luncheon at the Leamington Hotel at 12:30-2. The program will consist of an exchange of information on parish education by representatives of five foreign nations. This luncheon is for pastors, superintendents, teachers, parents — in fact anyone interested in parish education.

There are only a limited number of tickets available. The price is \$3.00 which includes coverage for the planning committee's expenses and your tips. A great demand for tickets is anticipated and we will have to use the "first there, first served" policy in regard to tickets. Procure your ticket immediately from Miss Joel, Augsburg College, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota. Checks should be made payable to: **Mildred Joel (Parish Education Luncheon)**.

Your early reservation is necessary for our successful planning!

Mrs. Stanford J. Morton
5221 Halifax Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
(Publicity Chairman)

Solvang Lutheran Home

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the handmade afghan donated us by Mrs. Jennie Lauritzen of Wilbur, Washington. It brought a total of \$293 which will be used towards new dining room tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olsen of Ventura, California, were the lucky recipients of the afghan. Again, many, many thanks to all.

Solvang Lutheran Home,
B. P. Christensen.

REV. CLAYTON NIELSEN 5-1
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New Address _____

June 20, 1957

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.