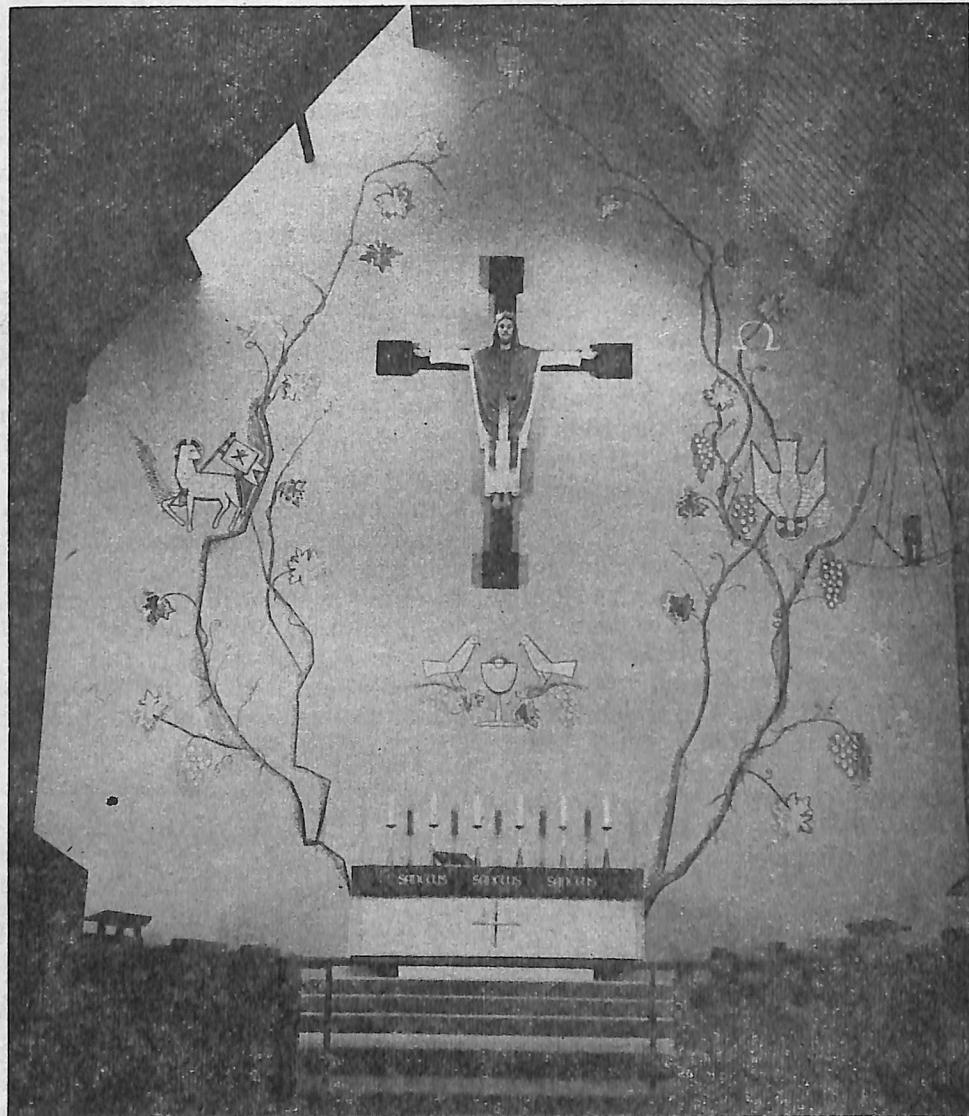


Lutheran Tidings

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Our cover picture shows the ultra-modern interior of the LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER, Los Angeles (Augustana). Prominent in the symbolism is the vine surrounding the Christus Rex taken from Jesus' own words "I am the vine, ye are the branches." Other symbols of lion, ox, eagle, dove, etc., all richly portray much of the tradition of the Christian Church.

The Mountain Revisited

"The Storms Come to All"

(Sermon on the Mount as translated in RSV)

XXV

Modern medicine has come up with a series of drugs known as tranquilizers. These are supposed to quiet the nerves. Students take them before going into an examination, business men before entering a conference, homemakers facing some ordeal. There are those who regard religion as a tranquilizer: it can bring us peace of mind, peace of heart, peace of soul. This, however, is not the picture of religion which we get in the Sermon.

The Parable of the two Builders reveals that one was wise and one was foolish. The foolish man "built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house." This is precisely what we should expect. A wrong course of action does precipitate a flood of evils: drenching torrents and winds that are hard to resist. It was proverbial wisdom among the Hebrews that "the way of the faithless is their ruin" (Proverbs 13:15). When evil men run into trouble, we say, it serves them right.

In the parable of the Sermon however the good man also has his troubles. He who was wise "built his house upon the rock." But he had to face precisely the same adversities, weather precisely the same storms. Matthew 7:25 relates of the wise man's house, as of the other: "the rains fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house." Good foundations do not keep away bad weather. The difference was not in the conditions that had to be met, but in the way the two men prepared to meet them.

The one built carelessly: his house fell, "and great was the fall of it." The order of the Greek words here puts the adjective last: "the fall of it was great." The other house underwent the same violence at the hands of the elements, "but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock." The testing is the same — but one is equipped to meet the test.

When the evil man loses his job, becomes ill, or suffers disappointment in his children, we can understand that. But goodness is no guarantee of unemployment, freedom from illness, or children who will unfailingly reflect honor on their parents. Good people sometimes cannot find work, are overtaken by strange maladies, and have thankless children. Adversity therefore is not proof of God's displeasure, nor prosperity the sign of His good favor. All is for our testing. When the going becomes hard the evil collapse. The home of the good man, too, may look weatherbeaten, but it has foundations that enable it to outlast the storm.

J. Carter Swaim.

We build statues of snow and weep to see them melt.

Walter Scott.

The Bible's Day

Fifty-seven years ago a conference of the representatives of the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that the auxiliary Societies should endeavor to induce all the churches in their territory to devote one service in the year to the presentation of the Bible Cause"

The next reference to a special day for the Bible Cause was in connection with the celebration of the centennial of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Sunday nearest the anniversary date, March 8, 1904, was endorsed by all the leading denominations in this country as The Bible's Day. Special worship services were held across the country celebrating the international aspects of the two Bible Societies.

In 1915, in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, there was held a World's Bible Congress, August 1-4, Sunday the first being Bible Day. The November 1918 issue of the BIBLE SOCIETY RECORD, however, gives December eighth as Universal Bible Sunday and speaks of a growing practice to celebrate the second Sunday in Advent as Bible Sunday, thus giving thanks for the written Word prior to our praise for the Word Incarnate.

For the past fifteen years this day has been the high point of the Worldwide Bible Reading program initiated by the American Bible Society. This year the emphasis of the program is being stressed for an entire week, called Universal Bible Week, so that every church, liturgical and non-liturgical, may celebrate a special day for the Bible that will fit into their church program. The dates are December 7 to 14, and the theme of the program is THE BOOK THAT LIVES.

THE DEVIL'S BEST TOOL

By B. N. Miner

An old country legend tells the story of a sale, by the devil, of all his tools. He laid them out in a row, with a price tag on each — Envy, Jealousy, Hatred, Greed, etc., were in the display.

One much-worn tool was priced higher than the others. "That," explained the devil, "is Discouragement, and I have priced it higher than the other tools because it has been the most useful to me." The legend adds that it was priced too high, and no one was able to buy it. As a result, the devil still owns Discouragement, and it continues to be his most useful tool.

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Work on Constitution Begun in Four-Way Merger

Chicago—(NLC)—Preparation of a constitution and by-laws for the new Lutheran Church that is expected to result from a four-way merger was begun here by the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity.

The commission, composed of 50 leaders of the four Lutheran bodies negotiating the proposed union, held a two-day meeting, November 6-7. Represented were the United Lutheran Church in America, Augustana Lutheran Church, Suomi Synod and American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Together they will have more than three million members.

At its session, the sixth since discussions were launched in December 1956, the JCLU received the first report of its Constitution Committee, headed by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the ULCA, as chairman.

Dr. Fry told the commission that it will be a "long, hard and laborious job" to prepare a constitution and set of by-laws. He predicted that many drafts will be necessary before the final versions of the documents are accepted by the JCLU.

He said it was hoped by the committee to keep the constitution "relatively brief," confining the contents to fundamental principles, such as those providing for and defining the doctrinal basis of the Church, its structure and character, its basic powers and polity.

The JCLU approved a tentative list of topics for inclusion in the constitution and by-laws of the merged Church and also empowered the committee to draft a model constitution for synods.

It was reported to the commission that efforts would be made to complete the union documents in 18 months for submission to the conventions of the negotiating Churches in 1960.

According to spokesmen in the AELC, Augustana and Suomi, final adoption of the constitution and by-laws by their general bodies will require favorable action at two successive annual conventions in 1960 and 1961.

Under these circumstances, they said, the earliest date for merger would probably be 1962 or 1963, assuming no major changes in the documents are necessary.

In the ULCA, the constitution and by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds vote at its biennial convention in the fall of 1960. The action would then be submitted to the 32 synods in the spring of 1961. It could go into force when ratified by 22 of the synods.

MIRTH

Mirth is God's medicine. Everybody ought to bathe in it. Grim care, moroseness, anxiety — all this rust of life ought to be scoured off by the oil of mirth. It is better than emery. Every man ought to rub himself with it. A man without mirth is like a wagon without springs, in which everyone is caused disagreeably to jolt by every pebble over which it runs.

— Henry Ward Beecher.

JCLU Ends Second Year of Merger Negotiations

(See pictures on following page)

Chicago—(NLC)—The Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity completed here its second full year of negotiations toward merger of four church bodies into one Lutheran Church of some three million members.

At a two-day meeting, the JCLU received and discussed a dozen reports on the progress of union deliberations which began in December 1956 between the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Suomi Synod and United Lutheran Church in America.

A highlight of the session were reports presented by the presidents of the negotiating bodies — **Dr. Alfred Jensen of the AELC**, **Dr. Oscar A. Benson of Augustana**, **Dr. Raymond Wargelin of Suomi**, and **Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of the ULCA**.

All detailed actions taken by their respective Churches on merger matters at their conventions this year. All said that delegates voiced enthusiastic endorsement of the proposed merger and urged that the new Church be consummated as soon as possible.

Appointment of two special committees was authorized by the JCLU, one to make preliminary inquiries into the future alignment of theological seminaries with synods of the merged Church, the other to make a similar study with respect to colleges.

The commission asked its Committee on Doctrine and Living Tradition to prepare a statement on the theological presuppositions of such articles of the constitution as clearly rest on theology of the Church. Included would be the call to the ministry, the ecumenical obligations of the Church, the universal priesthood.

In another action, the JCLU asked the Committee on Church Papers to join with editors of the present periodicals in the negotiating Churches to draw up preliminary plans and recommendations for papers to be published by the merged Church.

Tentative approval was given by the commission to a proposed constitution for the pension and death plan that will be operative in the new church body.

Other reports discussed by the JCLU were made by committees assigned to constitution and by-laws, conventions, Canadian matters, publications, and auxiliaries.

Announcement was made during the session of the death of the Rev. Carl J. Tamminen of Cloquet, Minn., Suomi Synod representative on the commission. Dr. Tamminen was secretary of the Synod and a former editor of its periodical, the Lutheran Counselor.

Presiding at the session here were Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, vice president of Augustana, as chairman, and Dr. Raymond Wargelin, president of Suomi, as vice chairman. Secretary of the commission is Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen of Gettysburg (Pa.) Theological Seminary, with **Dr. Johannes Knudsen**, dean of Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood, Ill., as assistant secretary.

The next and seventh meeting of the JCLU will be held in Chicago, March 5 to 7, 1959.



Dr. Henry Bagger (ULCA) and Dr. Alfred Jensen (AELC) discuss the report on pensions with Mr. L. Edwin Wang, (Augustana).



Dr. Malvin Lundeen (Aug.), Chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity and the Rev. Raymond W. Wargelin (Suomi), Vice Chairman of JCLU.



Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, President of Augustana College.



Dr. Franklin Clark Fry arriving at the meeting with all the "documents."

Candid
Camera
at the
Chicago
J.C.L.U.
Meeting in
November



The Rev. Otto A. Olson (Aug.), Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, President of the Canada Conference and the Rev. Dr. Johannes Knudsen, (AELC) Maywood, Ill., members of the sub-committee on Canadian Matters discuss the report of their committee which was presented by Pastor Olson.



The Rev. Dr. Oscar A. Benson (Aug.), Minneapolis, President of the Augustana Lutheran Church and the Rev. Dr. Alfred Jensen, (AELC) Des Moines, Iowa, President of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We Return Thanks

Alfred Jensen

(President AELC)

PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE written: "Do we return thanks?" or: "We should return thanks." However, yesterday was national Thanksgiving Day and with the experience fresh in mind of sharing in God's house with his children the gratefulness for His manifold blessings, I prefer to assume that in one way or another members and friends of our synod followed the suggestions of our president: "On that day let us, in our homes and in our accustomed places of worship, give due expression of our thanks for the blessings which have signalized our lot as a nation, and let us ask for guidance in our striving for a better world for all men." And the president stressed among the things for which we should return thanks: "the plentiful yield of our soil, the blessings of food, clothing and shelter . . . the beauty of our land, every brave and generous act of our fellow man, the counsel and comfort of our friends . . . the preservation of those ideals of liberty and justice which form the basis of our national life and the hope of international peace, the many spiritual benefactions betokening God's goodness." For all these the president urges us to offer up our prayers of gratitude.

Every day is a day of thanksgiving for every person, who knows and believes in our Lord Jesus Christ and whether expressed or implied such gratefulness enfolds all of life, whether in the home, in church or place of work. But such daily gratefulness instead of making a special day of thanksgiving superfluous, builds up one's desire for the return of thanks, and the feeling of sharing with the entire community of God's children enriches the experience. The absence of table grace, in so many homes, is actually impoverishing our spiritual life and it is a confession of lack of communication with God, when it is allowed to become a formality. Our hearts should overflow with gratitude for "His goodness and tender Mercies." "What do you have," says the apostle Paul, "that you have not received." If there is any criticism to be attached to the president's Thanksgiving Proclamation, it should be, that he does not ask us to give thanks for the losses, the sufferings, the trials and troubles that at times torture both the bodies and souls of man. Perhaps more than anything, we should be thankful for God's gracious forgiveness of our sins for the sake of His son, Jesus Christ. There can be no deeper reason for the return of thanks to God, our Father.

Christian Stewardship a Return of Thanks

To some people the financial support of the congregation and especially the benevolences supported by contributions to the various endeavors carried

on through the sponsorship of the Synod represents something akin to paying taxes which never can claim much popularity. The reason for this is primarily to be found in the fact that payment of taxes is compulsory. There are few people who would want to be without the many activities and institutions supported through taxes. Likewise few people in the Synod would want to be without the activities supported through contributions to the synodical budget: Opportunity for Christian Education for our young people, the training of men for the Christian ministry, pensions for retired ministers and their widows as well as disabled ministers, the bringing of the Christian gospel and the Church to new communities in our growing nation, providing homes for children and for old people in need of such, the means of communication by way of publications in support of the work of the church and its program, the cooperation with other Lutheran and Protestant churches in making more effective the work of the Church, the outreach of our synod to the people of India with the gospel of love and light, and the necessary administrative cost to carry out this program. No individual congregation could exist for long without sharing in these activities. The reason for this is not primarily that it must have a place where it can find a trained minister to serve it, or where its old minister obtains a pension. The main reason is that it must return thanks to God, who has so loved and blessed all of His children, granted remission of all their sins, given them assurance of eternal life, and showered them with earthly blessings, with spiritual guidance and comfort in days of trouble and sorrow and sickness. That is why we return thanks to God by making our gifts of a material kind in order that God's concern for all of His children and His service to them may be made manifest. To be in His service is to be in the service of love and our hearts when fired by the love "that has created and does sustain us from day to day" respond with gratitude and thanks to Him who loved us first, that we might reach out in love to others. What really makes the contributions to the Synod benevolence program compulsory should not be that each congregation must pay its proportionate share of the budget to be in good standing, but that its sense of obligation to the service in His kingdom becomes an expression of thanksgiving, a return of thanks to God the Father.

Synod Stewardship in 1958

The following information was furnished by the Synod Treasurer to the meeting of the Synod Board November 10 and shows what has been contributed to the Synodical budget up until October 31 or during the first ten months of this year:

1958 total Synod Budget:	Receipts Oct. 31, 1958	
\$96,500 allocated to congregations	\$60,414.01	or 62.60%
6,500 allocated to pastors	3,565.55	or 54.84%
10,000 allocated to friends of		
Santal Misison	4,427.65	or 44.27%
880 Miscellaneous gifts	1,046.69	or 118.94%
<hr/> \$113,880	<hr/> \$69,453.90	<hr/> 60.90%

Although comparison with October 31, 1957 receipts is very misleading, since the Santal Mission was not on the 1957 budget (as it is in 1958 with \$4,200 allocated to congregations and \$10,000 to friends of the Santal Mission) it should be stated that a year ago receipts totaled \$53,074.54 or 61.75% of an allocated budget to congregations of \$85,941.00.

1958 Lutheran World Action goal: \$18,291.00 or \$1.20 per confirmed member.

Receipts October 31, 1958: \$10,794.49 or 59.02%.

In comparison the 1957 LWA goal was \$17,650.00 and the amount contributed by October 31, 1957, was \$10,226.08 or 58%.

Remarks:

1. It will be noticed that whereas the pastors of the Synod, who are members of the Synod Pension program, (both the old and the new) are obliged to contribute for the 1957 old program and for the 1958 new program, less than 45 per cent has been paid in by Oct. 31. May I remind those pastors with 1957 unpaid contributions to take care of this obligation before 1959 comes around and also may I remind all congregational treasurers that they are to remit 2 per cent of their pastor's 1958 net salary to the synod treasurer before 1959 if they have not already done this, that is if their pastor is a member of the Synod Pension Program started this year and referred to above as the new program. The \$6,500 on the budget for pastors' contributions is admittedly an estimate, but if everyone does his part, I believe this estimate will prove very nearly correct.

2. May I especially remind all friends of the Santal Mission, congregations, women's organizations and others that if we are to reach the goal of \$14,200.00 (including both \$4,200.00 allocated to congregations and \$10,000.00 from earmarked receipts) a real wave of gifts in support of this mission must be rolling in before January 1, 1959. God has been good to us in giving us this opportunity to serve His children in India, who if it were not for the sacrificial service of the missionary pioneers of Børresen and Skrefsrud and the many missionaries following in their footsteps, would still remain just a jungle people. Now, as the Santals have taken over the leadership and the responsibility for carrying on the work of the Eben Ezer Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, we must not fail them. The day may come soon, when the door leading into India may be shut. Let us work, pray and give with grateful hearts to God for the opportunity to bear witness to His love for the Santal, Boro and Bengal peoples in India.

3. The General Fund of the Synod is the surplus

and deficit fund. As of October 31, there was a total of \$2,789.03 in this fund. Over the years this fund has been kept in good shape due to oversubscription of the budget on the part of the congregations. For that reason it has never been necessary to budget for the payments of traveling expenses paid to one delegate from each of the congregations in Districts 1, 8 and 9 and the congregations in the south and in Canada to the synod conventions. Likewise the General Fund has paid the expenses of the travel of the members of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity and the expenses involved in travel of an extraordinary heavy type of Home Mission Council members and Convention Officers to the synod convention at Seattle. The five delegates to the Fifth World Order Conference at Cleveland, just completed, also had their expenses paid out of the General Fund. May I ask you to consider this and to let the amounts assigned your congregation to the synod budget definitely be a minimum goal?

I know very well that there are many worthy objectives begging for our contributions besides those we will want to make to our congregations and to our Synod Budget and Lutheran World Action. We should not forget any of them but give to them all. I am certain that ordinarily no one among us should feel he has done what he should do unless he has also taken care of his share of the pledges outstanding to Faith and Life Advance. The glow of the fervor with which this cause was accepted still lingers among us and will warm our hearts and call us forward to serve God's cause in all fields of endeavor. May we return thanks to God for "the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Should not we, His children and disciples serve in this spirit?

In case there are those who do not recall the details of the synodical budget for 1958 as it is broken down into its various units, here it is:

Home Missions	\$ 14,560.00
Publications	12,460.00
Grand View College and Grand	
View Seminary	28,230.00
Pensions	20,000.00
Welfare	2,900.00
Councils and Committees	8,180.00
Administration	13,350.00
Santal Mission	14,200.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$113,880.00

Advent is a two-fold approach: God's approach to us and our approach to him in response. May we advance in all matters pleasing to God and thus "increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man," even as the boy Jesus did.

Des Moines, Iowa
November 29, 1958

That we are alive today is proof positive that God has something for us to do today. Let us ask ourselves as we arise each morning, "What is my work today?" — Anon.

The Plight of the Underprivileged

Ove R. Nielsen

More than half the people now on earth are underfed and only one-sixth of humanity has an adequate diet. Of the 92 million babies born this year, more than one-half are undernourished. Many will die in infancy; others will die of malnutrition or outright starvation.

This situation exists despite the fact that worldwide food production has increased one per cent more than the growth of population. The reasons are various. In some areas of the world, population has increased faster than the rise in production of food. In other places earthquakes, violence, droughts and floods carry increased hardship and suffering in their wake.

The Church is concerned about the plight of people who lack food. Happily, we in America can help at least some of them. Our land has no under-production of food; quite the contrary, in fact. Wheat and corn, held in surplus by the government, is available to the Lutherans in America for shipment in the form of flour and cornmeal. The amount is fantastic: through the farm price support program, the government has 776 million bushels of wheat, 991 million bushels of corn, and 139 million pounds of powdered milk. For this food there is no ready market either at home or abroad.

The government surplus food is for those who need it most — without discrimination as to race or creed. The government makes it available to the Church. Through Lutheran World Relief it is being shipped to the needy in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Jordan, Yugoslavia, Austria and Germany — places where it can be distributed to the refugees and the other needy people.

Individually we would not withhold food from hungry people. As a Church we must not. At the least, that would be incompatible with what we profess as Christians. Yet the glistening bins of food, dotting fruited plains from Poughkeepsie to Eugene, and from Duluth to Brownsville, are not accessible to the hungry people in the indigent areas of the world unless we provide the money so that the Church can receive the food in America and distribute it in the chasms of hunger overseas.

With a five dollar bill, Lutheran World Relief is able to receive three-quarters of a ton of food for

distribution to the most needy in other lands. For a lowly dollar, 300 pounds of nutriment can be received here for distribution to those who need it most in Asia or Europe. With such an opportunity before us, the guiding hand of Christian responsibility is placed squarely on our shoulders. It must not be shrugged off. The lives of too many people are dependent on our response.

Today, approximately 2,059,000 people can say, "I was hungry and you gave me food." Lutherans of America, through their gifts, are the crucial link in making surplus food available to that number of hungry people. Even more hungry people should be reached with bodily nourishment — and Lutherans in America have the means to provide for them. Other American Christians, Protestant and Catholic, are also helping. The flow of food must continue to increase as long as hundreds of millions of people are undernourished.

The disquieting knowledge of the circumstances of our brothers and sisters, impoverished and helpless, presses in upon us. We dare not shrug our shoulders and say, "So what?" If we dare to ask ourselves why it is happening, if we have the courage to think it through, we will come to see that the steadfast love which Christians profess for their fellow men must be experienced tangibly by the underfed and underprivileged of the world. We may not shut up our compassion within us. We must not keep the food in American storehouses while more than half of the world's people need it.

The guiding hand of Christian responsibility is on our shoulders.

He Had Compassion on Her

Many years ago there languished in the ward of a French hospital a fine boy, slowly dying of cancer. It was before the age of anesthetics, and little could be done to alleviate his anguish.

By the bedside of the boy sat a benign old man, tenderly holding the hands of the suffering child. He promised, if possible, to find some relief for him. Finally he rose to go, but before leaving the sufferer he bent down and kissed him on the forehead.

The white-haired doctor was the renowned Nelaton, the greatest surgeon of his time. As the students and nurses watched the old doctor's reverent tenderness, they detected the secret of his great success. He felt for his patients. He had compassion; and like all true compassion, his compassion meant a hand outstretched. Such is the compassion of Jesus.

Sunday School Times.

LOVE IS CHEAPER THAN HATE

The cost of making the first two atomic bombs was \$2,000,000,000. That much money would have put 10,000 missionaries on the mission field for 100 years.

The whole cost of the war to America was \$30,000,000,000. This money would put 1,500,000 missionaries out for 100 years.

Editor's Note: This article under the title "A Five Dollar Bill" appeared also in the Lutheran Herald (ELC).



Paging Youth

American Evangelical Luth.
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The President Speaks

It is with a sense of honor, service, and opportunity that I accept the national presidency of the American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Thanks to you, the members of AELYP, for expressing this confidence in me. I pledge to you all that I have to offer in the way of energy and ability in order that together we may grow and serve in the activities of AELYP.

Not adequately, but very briefly, let me once again on behalf of AELYP thank Lavern Larkowski for his many hours of service and his progressive leadership in his two terms as our president. I could comment much, much more on the tremendous job that he has done, but space does not allow this. Instead I hope that the gift you received at convention and these few words convey to you our deep gratitude, Lavern.

There are several areas of LYF activity that your national board thinks should be uppermost in the minds of all LYFers right now. YULE: For only 75c we once again can offer an outstandingly high quality Christmas magazine. What did your local LYF do to create excitement about selling YULE this year? Are the boys competing against the girls for sales and the losers putting on a party? Or are the profits your group makes by selling YULE going to some service, such as a Christmas basket of groceries for a needy family in your community? If your YULE-selling campaign isn't already organized in some way that will make it more interesting, it's high time you're doing something about it!

YOUTH SUNDAY Youth Week is January 25 to February 1 this year. Most churches observe one of the two Sundays included in the above dates as Youth Sunday. Is your LYF taking over the Sunday morning worship service on that Sunday, including the sermon, music, prayers, ushering, etc.? What other activities, such as programs or service projects are you doing to let the people of your community know that there are active Christian youth in your community? An idea-packed Youth Week Packet is available from United Christian Youth Movement headquarters at 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., if you don't already have one. This Packet contains worship service programs, a radio play, a TV play, poster, publicity material, etc. Make Youth Week more than just a row of numbers on the calendar! Plan and act now!

AELYP HANDBOOK For the past couple of years work has progressed on a handbook that local LYF's

can use in their activities and organization. This was presented to the convention at Detroit in an unfinished form. The Handbook will come out in January with a cover bearing the AELYP Emblem. Watch for it and use it!

FILM STRIP CATALOG AELYP has in the film library at GVC many top film strips which you can use for LYF programs. A catalog listing these and giving a brief description of each is now being compiled and should come out soon.

OPERATION INDIA Efforts are being made to bring a girl student from India to GVC. The Santal Mission Board has recently encouraged us along these lines. Of course it will probably be at least a year before a girl from India could be brought to the United States by AELYP, but it's a goal well worth working for. In the meantime your Operation India activities should be concentrated on raising funds for specific items such as recording tapes, typewriters, adding machines, etc., which can be sent to India for the use of people such as Anil Jha and Gora Tudu. We'll send you more details on this soon.

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD SCHOLARSHIPS If you are a high school senior, you should be thinking about a college education. One of the things you will have to consider is: Where will I get the money to go to college? Believe me, money is very necessary for a college education but there are many resources to tap if you know where to find them. One of these is right before your nose in AELYP. Each year we are given two \$150 scholarships by Lutheran Brotherhood, which may be used at any Lutheran college. Last year, we only had seven applicants for these scholarships. Either our LYFers who go on to college have a lot of money or they are not using all the sources of financial aid that they can get. Watch for more information on how you can apply for these scholarships!

Some of you by now might be wondering when I'm going to outline my ideas on the purposes of AELYP and my philosophy of it. My philosophy of AELYP is contained in the lines above. — I think AELYP should be packed full of **CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY**. Pay attention to both words. **CHRISTIAN** living and worthwhile **ACTIVITY** are never left out of a sound youth program.

Dick Jessen.

Over the Typewriter

Some of the news that has been coming in has been crowded out due to the convention reports, etc. There was a big work week-end at Nysted, Salinas is planning a carnival, and I have received a good reaction to "The Triangle." Keep the news coming....I'll get it into print as soon as there is space available.

I hope all of you are planning big YULE selling parties and will follow Dick's advice. I also hope each of you had a splendid Thanksgiving and remembered to be thankful for the many blessings God has given us. Send in reports of your YULE sales, especially if you had parties and contests.

Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



District VI Meeting

September 20, 1958

The WMS held its meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church at Badger, South Dakota.

The meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn, with Mrs. Nanna Mortensen leading us in devotion. Miss Joy Christensen rendered a solo, "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Mrs. Alma Meyer, our president, presided. She asked Mrs. Agnetha Pedersen to act as secretary due to the absence of Mrs. Keller.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Mrs. Alma Meyer explained the financial report and informed us that in the Jubilee Drive, District VI totaled \$514.75 which goes into the Scholarship Fund which is our WMS project for 1959. All offerings and envelopes at Seattle brought a total of \$3,504.75 which also goes toward a \$10,000 Scholarship Fund to be used for Seminary and other students who are training in other church or missionary work.

She also brought up the question of dues, which are now 10 cents per member. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we raise dues to 25 cents per member of our women's organizations to be sent directly to the district treasurer and she in turn will forward it to our national treasurer.

Balance on hand in our District Treasury was \$17.40. The treasury book was audited by Mrs. Jess Larsen and Mrs. Burton Hansen.

Mrs. Meyer read a letter from Emilie Stockholm with greetings and also giving us details of the work at our national convention.

We were informed that the National Meeting of District Presidents would be in Des Moines, Iowa, perhaps in October. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we pay the President's traveling expenses to this meeting.

The president reminded us to send all contributions to the district treasurer and also explained that our fiscal year will now be from January 1st to January 1st.

It was decided that the offering should go to the District Treasury.

Mrs. Meyer urged all local organizations to discuss changing the name "WMS" to "AELC Church Women." She encouraged us to stress mission work in our groups and to remember to get all reports from our Key Women.

Mrs. Chris Johansen gave a report on the Jubilee banquet and program at Seattle. Mrs. Nanna Mortensen spoke about the Women's Retreat and urged women of the District to attend and take part in the outstanding programs presented. Although the turnout this year was disappointing, they will try again next year and it is planned for some time in June. It is

hoped that the women of District VI and women of neighboring districts will remember this and make plans to attend.

The ballot consisted of names sent in by different organizations.

Mrs. Jorgen Krog, Lake Benton, was elected Treasurer and Mrs. Chris Johansen, Tyler, Secretary-Vice President.

The meeting extended a Thank You to Mrs. Roy Keller and Mrs. G. O. Johnsen for their work in the past year.

The meeting adjourned and we closed with singing "Lord I Wish to be Thy Servant."

Mrs. Chris Johansen,
Secretary-Vice President.

WMS Quarterly Financial Report

July 1 — October 31, 1958

Acct. No.	Account	Previously Received	Total to this Qtr.	Date
101	General Fund	\$1,290.42	\$ 81.18	\$1,371.60
102	Home Missions		34.30	34.30
103	Dormitory Beds		285.00	285.00
104	Membership		16.00	16.00
105	Santal Mission		36.50	36.50
107	Golden Jubilee			
	Scholarship Fund	2,439.53	1,904.77*	4,344.30
108	Seminary			10.00

TOTAL\$6,097.70

Ida C. Christensen, Treasurer.

* Includes \$215.26 — National convention offering

WMS Executive Board and District Presidents' Meeting

The meeting was held in Luther Memorial church parlors, Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, October 25, 1958. All members of the Executive Board were present and all District Presidents except District I.

Miss Stockholm called the meeting to order and led in devotions. She then presented the agenda for the day, which was accepted. I will simply point out a few of the many points discussed during the day, as for instance the subject of "associate membership." It was decided, after much discussion, to leave it exactly as it is.

Please remember to send ALL contributions to your District Treasurer. Then your District Treasurer can forward the contributions once a month or every two months, depending upon the amount she may receive, to the National Treasurer.

It was suggested that we make our district meetings more informative. For example — explain that

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December 5, 1933, prohibition was Repealed

Alcoholic Balance Sheet

William B. Lipphard



ONLY NINE MONTHS and fifteen days were required for the 48 states to ratify the repeal of the 18th amendment, then known as the Prohibition Amendment. This had been proposed by Congress on February 20, 1933 and the 21st amendment which repealed the 18th amendment was proclaimed adopted December 5, 1933. Thus 20 days before Christmas a mighty sluiceway was opened for the flow of beverage alcohol. Wines, whiskeys, brandies, and other hard liquors were again legally offered for sale. Meanwhile, by Congressional action on request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, beer was permitted to be sold in April, 1933, or eight months prior to the actual repeal of the amendment. The brewing industry moved fast. Within 15 years the breweries in the United States produced 889,068,689 barrels of beer. Since each barrel holds 31 gallons, that meant 27,551,129,359 gallons.

The year 1958 thus brings an ominous 25th anniversary in American life. In this anniversary year a balance sheet of the American liquor situation makes dreadful reading.

Of course it must be acknowledged, and credit must be given where credit is due, that there are a few assets and credits, as well as huge liabilities and debits in this balance sheet.

The credit items are easily recognizable. (1) Repeal of the amendment, with the imposition of license fees, produced new revenue for municipal, state, and the federal governments. Since the year 1933 marked the bottom of the great depression, such additional revenue was heartily welcomed. Today the total number of taverns, saloons, bars, or whatever you call them, and of retail stores exceeds the combined total of churches and schools by nearly 30,000, and the ratio of liquor outlets to American homes across the United States is one liquor store or bar to every 80 American dwelling units. The license fees from these establishments brings in a substantial revenue. Moreover, the real estate taxes on breweries, distilleries, wineries, vineyards, and on the retail outlets, likewise swell the coffers of the local, state and national treasuries. According to John M. Morehouse in THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, the drinking of tax paid alcoholic liquor is now the second largest source of revenue to the Federal Government as well as one of the largest revenue producers for the states.

Moreover, during these 25 years the liquor industry has spent more than 15 billion dollars on farm products, corn, hops, malt, barley, and other grains, and for bottles and tin can containers, and for the construction of new breweries and distilleries. The brewing industry claims that it has appropriated 38 billion dollars for such expenditures and has injected that colossal sum into the American economy. Furthermore, as anybody is aware who reads a newspaper or a magazine or sees a billboard, many millions of dollars

are spent each year in advertising. (2) These hundreds of thousands of establishments produce rent income to their landlords who in turn pay state and federal income taxes on the rent received. (3) All these establishments, retail and wholesale, give employment to a substantial number of people. Back in the years of the depression with its millions of unemployed, this new employment was likewise welcomed. Although some 1,200,000 people are thus employed, by comparison with the total labor force in the United States, computed to be about 65 million, the total employed in the liquor traffic is really quite small. In addition, about 400,000 are engaged in the illegal industry known as bootlegging.

Such are the credit items. They are more than offset by the costly, terrifying, tragic debit items. Whatever assets there may be in this alcoholic balance sheet become negligible when contrasted with the huge liabilities instantly recognizable by anybody who looks realistically at the American liquor scene today. There are at least eleven such overwhelming, bankruptcy producing debits and liabilities.

(1) The past 25 years have witnessed an immense, indeed incredible increase in the number of people who drink. In a well documented study the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that naturally has much at stake in the number of deaths directly or indirectly attributable to the consumption of beverage alcohol, states that there are now 65,000,000 people in the United States who drink. That easily approximates more than 60 per cent of the adult (over 18 years of age) population. Nothing comparable to this was true 25 years ago.

(2) The past 25 years have witnessed a steadily mounting rise in crime, directly or indirectly due to liquor. There is hardly a city across the land that has not had to increase its forces for the maintenance of law and order to cope with the increase in murders, rapes, burglaries, assaults, and other crimes, attributable to the use of liquor. Typical of the high cost of crime due to alcohol is the experience of a city in Michigan. In 1950 the city collected in license fees

Editor's Note: We have noticed that a number of our monthly church papers in our synod have carried articles recently on alcoholism. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Repeal of Prohibition (today) seems a suitable time to check on the current status of American alcoholism. Prohibition was a massive failure. According to Mr. Lipphard, Repeal has been likewise disastrous. Mr. Lipphard is former editor of "Missions Magazine" and is now Executive Secretary of the Associated Church Press.

The recent pronouncement of the Episcopal Church on social drinking has shocked most other Christian denominations by its liberal attitude. It said in part that Christians who drink moderately with due regard for the feelings of their fellow men and with a "conscience care for the claims of God, can drink with thanksgiving to Him for these blessings."

\$57,573 from the liquor traffic, whereas expenditures due to crime related to drink totaled \$246,000, represented by judicial, police, and jail expenses, relief and welfare to dependent families, aid to neglected children, and industrial loss due to alcoholic absenteeism, a net loss to the city of \$188,000.

(3) The dangerous rise in juvenile delinquency is front page news in every town and city. And while today's feeling of economic and political insecurity, resulting from wars and rumors of wars, is philosophically interpreted as a background for juvenile delinquency, most of it is due to delinquent homes, neglectful parents, unhappy marriages, poverty, and other conditions in which liquor is the factor. Much of it is due directly to the ability of youth to obtain liquor in spite of the legal prohibitions against selling liquors to minors. THE NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM, March 29, 1958 published a full page feature article revealing that teen-age drinking and drunkenness had become a national problem. Surveys thus far made showed percentages from 18 to 90 in teenagers who drink.

(4) The enormous consumption of grain, fruit, sugar, and other food elements in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages constitute an immense waste of natural resources. This is especially true at a time when millions of people in the United States do not have enough good food in spite of our high standard of living and our economic prosperity. And the food consumed in the making of alcohol could be of immense help in relieving the hunger of many millions of people in Asia and Africa who never know what it means to have a satisfying meal.

(5) The liquor traffic has never achieved distinction as a law abiding industry. While most retail establishments obey regulations and the majority refrain from selling liquor on Sundays, on election days, and on other prohibited holidays, yet there are many violations. Moreover the lack of a uniform national law about selling to minors permits immense violations. For example, in New York the age limit is 18 whereas in New Jersey it is 21. All that is needed for boys and girls of 19 in New Jersey to saturate themselves with alcohol is to ride the ferry across the Hudson River or travel by bus through one of the tunnels.

(6) The prevalence of bootlegging and moonshining, notwithstanding the glib promises and assurances given by the liquor interests that repeal of the 18th amendment would do away with this illegal liquor traffic, is another debit. According to Donald I. Rogers in THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, bootlegging is now higher than at any time within the past 25 years. This hits three ways. First, it deprives state and federal governments of tax revenue. Second, it takes away profits from the legalized liquor industry. Bootlegging and moonshining are reputed to produce and distribute double the quantity of liquor made available by the legalized industry. Third, it compels the employment of an immense force of state and federal police agencies to hunt down hidden liquor stills and close up illegal retail disposal outlets. These law agencies work day and night. The illegal traffic

is well organized by racketeers and fabulous fortunes have been made in it.

(7) All across the land the jails are overcrowded. Alcoholic rehabilitation institutions are taxed to capacity. The organization known as Alcoholics Anonymous does a thriving business and renders a sadly needed service in redeeming multitudes of people caught in the frightful throes of alcoholism. No such institution was known 25 years ago. No one has calculated the huge public and private expense necessary to maintain these institutions for the housing and retention, or the possible cure of hordes of drunken bums and sots that are cast by the liquor traffic upon the human trash heap. Moreover, absenteeism from industrial plants and other factors of alcoholism now cost American industry one billion dollars a year.

(8) What is inexpressibly sad to contemplate is the increasing number of women drinkers. Many are known as "solo" drinkers. Take a walk through any cocktail lounge of a hotel during the afternoon or evening cocktail hours and observe the many women, victims of the liquor habit, who set there without female companions or male escorts. Their lone presence evidences that something is wrong with their personalities. Instead of consulting a competent psychiatrist they vainly try to remedy their maladjusted personalities with more and more alcohol. The woman "solo" drinker was an unknown phenomenon in American life prior to the repeal of prohibition.

(9) Terrifying is the steadily increasing number of confirmed alcoholics, now estimated at five million. According to the U. S. Department of Public Health, alcoholism is now the fourth most prevalent disease among the American people, exceeded in number of patients only by heart disease, cancer, and mental illness. The old term "alcoholic" has become something new in the American vocabulary. What makes this so ominous for the future of the nation is that ten years after repeal, one out of eight confirmed alcoholics was a woman. **Today one-fourth of all alcoholics are women!** And the "quacks" are crowding in on these unhappy, wretched people, seeking to profit from their affliction. In its issue of March 22, 1958 THE NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM carried a feature article on these charlatans and quacks, and the fraudulent, so-called "rest homes" for the victims of alcoholism. All seek to mulct the afflicted and their confused and distressed families with vain promise of remedying the illness.

(10) The advertising industry merits severe condemnation in creating a liability and a debit in this alcoholic balance sheet. Gone is our previously cherished American privacy. Violated is the security and the sanctity of the home which from time immemorial the American has regarded as his castle. Through radio and television, by magazine and newspaper, every home today is invaded by the seductive pleas of the liquor traffic. In a recent full page newspaper advertisement the brewing industry proudly boasted that beer is now served in two out of every three American homes. What a colossal tribute this is to the pernicious power of American advertising. Of course, any American can shut off his radio and

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News from Ludington, Michigan

Bethany Lutheran Church celebrated its 80th anniversary and the dedication of the new annex to the church Sunday, October 16.

It was a very joyous day, as we gathered in the morning for our usual worship service, and then again at noon in the spacious dining room for a fellowship dinner, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

In the afternoon a number of friends from Trinity Lutheran Church, our sister congregation in Victory Township, and also a goodly number from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Manistee joined us for our special service in the afternoon.

The Dedication service began at 2 o'clock with a processional by the chancel choir singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." The Invocation was given by Rev. Donald Holm of Manistee. Rev. Edwin E. Hansen of Central Lutheran Church, Muskegon, officiated at the Dedication service, followed by the choir singing "Bless This House." Rev. Hansen gave a very inspiring sermon, after which K. V. Christoffersen, president of Bethany Lutheran Church, called on various members to give a resume of the history of the church, summarizing the activities of the various pastors who have served this congregation during the past 80 years.

It is during the past five years that the need of more teaching space for the Sunday school became evident, as there are approximately 150 children enrolled, with an average attendance of about 125. The new annex consists of six rooms, providing ample space for privacy in teaching the various grades, of which there are ten. It also has given additional space to the nave and the dining room.

Much of the interior work has been accomplished by faithful volunteer workers from the various church groups, so that within one year our hopes and dreams of many years have been fulfilled. A new gas hot water heating system was installed which lends to the comfort of all our gatherings.

We are thankful to God for all that has been done and hope and pray that the fellowship and cooperativeness demonstrated during the past year will continue for many years to come.

The service closed with the choir singing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." The Be Loyal Club served coffee and anniversary cake in the dining room to our many members and guests, where we enjoyed a social hour in visiting.

E. C. S.

People With a Purpose

This is the name of a recruitment film produced by the Division of Welfare National Lutheran Council.

Jesus once said to his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." What was true then is equally true today. . . . Not only is there a great need for pastors, but a great need for social workers as well.

The Committee on Recruitment and Placement of the Division of Welfare, with Dr. Magnus Dahlen as

chairman, and Miss Marjory Peterson as consultant, have worked hard in preparing the script for this film in an effort to put social work before our young people with the hope that many will choose social work as their life work.

It is a sound film produced by Rusten Film Associate of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and runs for about 18 minutes.

"People With a Purpose" is the stirring story of a social worker helping a teen-age boy with his problem in the home.

Our Synod has been given one copy of the film for use among our young people. It can be loaned through the Grand View College Film Library for only the return postage.

We are eager to have this film shown to all our young people. Therefore, when you have your LYF meeting either in your own church or especially at youth rallies, build a program around this film. Soon a descriptive promotional folder as well as a discussion guide will be available for speakers or leaders. We will also have recruitment brochures for distribution to the young people.

Our copy of "People With a Purpose" is now at Grand View College Film Library eager to be on its way to tell its story. So write to: Grand View College Film Library, Grand View Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa, for the film.

For information in regard to recruitment materials write to: Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, 1003 Grand View Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa.

Holger P. Jorgensen,

Division of Welfare Representative.

The Value of Appreciation

One day after business hours, a Christian merchant sat at his desk in a mood of deep depression. He was a faithful Christian worker, yet could see but few encouraging results of his labors. As he despondently looked over his desk, he noticed a letter which he had forgotten to open. It was from a young man who had worked in his store but had settled in the West.

The young man, now in business for himself, thanked his former employer for his kindness and, in particular, for having been to him a pattern not only in business but also in religion. He at all times had set him a good example in honest business practice had religious zeal, and so by imitating his former master he was succeeding both in business and church efforts.

When the merchant had read the letter, a new light shone in his face, and he cheerfully went home, thanking God for the encouragement He had given him.

C. C. Wylie.

Reckon the days in which you have not been angry. I used to be angry every day; now every other day; then every third and fourth day; and if you miss it so long as thirty days, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

— Epictetus.

OUR CHURCH

Newington (Hartford) Conn. Children here are trying a new plan at Christmas this year. Instead of the children receiving gifts, they are going to bring gifts to be given to needy children. As part of the planned program called "White Christmas," the children will march up and place their gifts all wrapped in white under the tree. These gifts will be sent abroad, and are to include such things as socks, underwear, mittens, soap, etc.

Chicago (Trinity) Ill. Pastor Erik Moller has accepted the call from our church in Danavang, Texas, and plans to move there in early spring.

Withee, Wis. Pastor Clayton Nielsen has resigned his call here in order to accept a call from our congregation in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bridgeport, Conn. Pastor Viggo Hansen plans to retire during 1959 and has tendered his resignation to the Bridgeport and Byram congregations which he serves.

Enumclaw, Wash. Pastor Holger Andersen has resigned his pastorate here in order to resume studies at the University of Washington. He will continue to serve Enumclaw until a new pastor arrives.

Cedar Falls (St. Paul's) Iowa. The recent "every member" canvass was a very successful venture both spiritually and budget-wise. An average of \$126.50 was subscribed by the members which amply meets the needs of the new budget. In addition, \$100 has been received from the WMS and an additional \$100 was received from the Rev. Alfred Sorensen Fund to the Sunday School. A new flag pole has been erected on the property.

Waterloo, Iowa. Pastor Richard Sorensen has resigned from the office of District President of District IV for reasons of health. He has for some months been bothered by a coronary condition. Pastor Holger Jorgensen, Des Moines, has been made president of District IV.

Salinas, Calif. The congregation here will dedicate its new church on Sunday, December 14, with all-day ceremonies beginning with a communion service at 10:30 a. m. At three o'clock the dedication will be held. Pastor A. E. Farstrup, vice president of the AELC will represent the synod.

Gowen, Mich. The congregation here will dedicate a new social and educational addition to the Settlement

Church on December 7. The new \$25,000 addition will be dedicated by Dr. Alfred Jensen, Synod President. The church was moved in the building process. Beryl Knudsen is pastor.

Oak Hill, Iowa. Our congregation here recently decided to move to the town of Brayton and to merge with another congregation there.

Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. John G. Johnson, 4436 Bloomington Avenue South, is interested in Scandinavian American literature and would like back copies of LUTHERAN TIDINGS. His file is complete from 1950 until the present, but he would like copies from 1934 through 1949.

Cedar Falls (St. Paul's) Iowa. On November 30, St. Paul's celebrated its fifth anniversary. Pastor Alfred E. Sorensen, first pastor of this congregation, was the guest speaker. The program consisted of special music by the choir, a special story time for the children, and a reception in the afternoon.

"K. V."

He was a man to admire and love. Already in his youth Karl Valdemar Andersen (Badger, South Dakota) was built to large measures, like a Samson. He could out-lift, out-wrestle and out-gym those of his age, and he out-interested them as well. Even his heart was out-sized; but he never wore it on his sleeve. As a descendant of Jutlanders he was typically reticent about taking anybody into his innermost confidence; but to those who were permitted into his personal sanctorium he grew still bigger of soul and spirit.

Already as a young man he became a leading person both in the community and the congregation. He was the first president of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator and the Co-operative Lumber Yard. He was among the board of directors of the town's bank. In the congregation he served first as treasurer and later as president through many years. He was largely instrumental in getting a new and up-to-date parsonage built early in the century. More than once when the congregation was faced with a special problem he would drive by horse and buggy, or ride by horseback, across the prairie ca. 250 miles until he had visited all the members and talked things over with them. That made for unity and strength and note-worthy accomplishments.

He was progressive in the matter of child-rearing long before the movement of progressive child guidance got started.

As it was a memorable experience to see him apply his great strength and his big heart so it was pitiful to see him wage an agonizing battle against the scourge of cancer. Here his enormous strength was to little avail. The suffering tried his faith to the utmost but the best in him won out at last. And thus the epic of "K. V." became a living illustration of "the grandeur and misery of man and the victory in Christ."

Marius Krog.

WMS Meeting

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all groups, regardless of name (Ladies' Aid, Guild, Circle, etc.) are members of the National WMS if their organization pays the \$2 membership dues.

Many districts have mimeographed copies of the reports from their women's groups, the presidents report, and the financial statement, to give to each woman who attends the district convention. It is suggested that all districts consider doing it.

The treasurer showed us the new bookkeeping books and explained the new system of keeping records. She also showed us the new receipt books, and it was decided to have receipt books made for the district treasurers, and suggested that districts pay for same. It was also suggested that if the district treasurers would like to have the national treasurer help them set up their books, write to Miss Ida Christensen, 1631 Birch, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Perhaps you would be interested in the Dorcas Project sponsored by Lutheran World Relief? Through the Dorcas Project you can obtain pre-cut cloth at cost, and instructions for sewing 12 dresses for girls and 12 shirts and 12 short pants for boys. The clothing will be sent to refugee children in the Holy Land. You can order a unit for \$25 from Dorcas Project, Lutheran World Relief, New Windsor, Maryland. Several groups have already completed one unit or more.

Please send your key women's names to your district president so she may send them to our assistant secretary, Mrs. Esther Sorensen.

We enjoyed a tour of the new science building, girls' dorm and the new periodicals reading room, as well as the meals in the college dining hall and thank all who made our meeting in Des Moines possible, and our stay so pleasant.

Eileen Paulsen,
President District VII.

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Lutheran News from Around the World

DANISH CHURCH ORDAINS SIXTH WOMAN PASTOR

Copenhagen—(NLC)—The Lutheran Church of Denmark received its sixth woman pastor when Solveig Bording, a former folk high school teacher, was ordained by Bishop Halfdan Hogsbro in Maribo Cathedral.

Miss Bording, 50, has had no theological training, according to Church News from the Northern Countries, but a special committee of three bishops said she was qualified for holy orders. She has been appointed curate to the congregation of Norre Orslev on the island of Lolland-Falster, where one of the three first women to be ordained in the Danish Church has worked for a number of years.

Women have been eligible for ordination in Denmark since 1948.

DANISH BISHOP HEADS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Copenhagen—(NLC)—Bishop Halfdan Hogsbro of the Diocese of Nykobing-Falster in the Church of Denmark has been elected president of the Northern Missionary Council for the next four years.

Bishop Hogsbro was named to the office at a recent four-day meeting in Helsinki, Finland, at which current mission problems were discussed. The Council is a joint agency of the various national missionary councils in the Scandinavian countries.

FOREIGN PASTORS FORBIDDEN TO BAPTIZE IN DENMARK

Copenhagen—(NLC)—Refusal of the Danish Ministry of Church Affairs to permit a German Lutheran pastor to perform a baptism in Denmark has aroused considerable furore for a change in the law forbidding such ceremonies.

The action, taken in the case of a German pastor who asked permission to baptize his grandchild, born in Denmark, in one of the churches of the Danish Lutheran Church, was defended by Mrs. Bodil Koch, director of the Ministry.

She explained that according to the present wording of the law a baptism conducted by anyone but a pastor of the State Church or by a minister in one of the recognized Church communities is not legally valid.

In an editorial, the "Kristeligt Dagblad" (Christian Daily) described the Ministry's decision as "peculiar" and asked whether it should be a "necessary consequence" of the present law.

In that case, the paper said, the law must be altered as quickly as possible as such a ruling "is quite unreasonable, not to say disgusting, from both a human and a Christian point of view,

and not the least the point of view of the Church."

Referring to the fact that both midwives and others are allowed to baptize infants in emergencies, the paper said it should be quite natural for a Danish pastor of the Lutheran Church to authorize a colleague of the same confession to baptize a child on his behalf.

Should it be necessary for the sake of church order to obtain prior approval of such baptisms, the paper added, permission ought to be granted as a matter of course by the bishop, except in most exceptional cases.

FULL FREEDOM BY 1965 SEEN FOR SANTAL CHURCH

Oslo—(NLC)—The Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Santalistan in India should be able to assume financial responsibilities and become completely independent by 1965, it was predicted here.

The opinion was expressed by the Rev. H. E. Wisloff, president of the National Council of the Santal Missionary Society of Norway, which opened the field in 1867. Since then, Danish and American mission groups have also joined in the work.

The Ebenezer Church, which numbers nearly 35,000 members, was organized in 1950 by merger of three native churches of the Santal Mission. At the close of this year it will take over administrative responsibility and be constituted as an indigenous church body.

The first step in that direction was taken early this year when the Rev. Munshi M. Tudu was elected general superintendent or president of the Ebenezer Church. He succeeds the Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand of Radcliffe, Iowa.

The first Santal to visit America, Norway and Denmark, Mr. Tudu speaks Santali, English and Hindi fluently and converses in several other languages. He has been a teacher at the Santal Divinity School at Benagaria.

When the Ebenezer Church becomes completely autonomous, according to Mr. Wisloff, the Santal Missionary Society plans to take up new work in other mission fields.

LWF GENERAL BUDGET SET AT \$203,220

Strasbourg, France — (LWF) — A Lutheran World Federation general fund budget of \$203,220 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1959, was adopted here October 30 by the LWF Executive Committee.

The committee also approved a revised budget of \$198,480 for the current fiscal year. The audited financial report submitted here by Treasurer Ru-

dolf Weeber of Stuttgart, Germany, showed that general fund expenditures totaled \$176,688 for the year which ended last April 30.

Only Geneva staff and office operation are included in the federation's general fund. Field operations such as those of the Departments of World Service and World Mission are covered by special funds whose budgets are not subject to Executive Committee action.

The two-year rise of \$26,532 in the general fund budget was described as "normal" by LWF officials. To cover it, the Executive Committee voted to ask the federation's member Churches in the United States, Canada and Germany to increase slightly their contributions in 1959-60.

The combined North American contribution was raised \$1,500 over the 1958-59 figure of \$50,000, while the German amount was increased \$1,240 over the current sum of \$31,100. Other 1959-60 askings include \$15,000 from Sweden, \$7,200 from Norway, \$6,000 from Denmark and \$5,700 from Finland.

In addition to these requests addressed directly to the member Churches, in accordance with prevailing practice the American, German and Swedish National Committees of the LWF will be asked to contribute \$27,000, \$13,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

The financial report presented here by Dr. Weeber included also the movement of LWF special funds which brought the total of expenditures up to \$982,955. It did not include, however, the field operation of the world service department, whose audited financial report showed WS general fund expenditures totaling \$1,662,325 in the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Of the special funds covered in Dr. Weeber's report, the one through which the largest total of expenditures was made was that of world mission grants-in-aid, whose total was \$682,856.

DR. BOLEWSKI RENAMED "LUTHERAN WORLD" EDITOR

Strasbourg, France — (LWF) — Dr. Hans Bolewski of the Evangelical Academy, Loccum, Germany, was re-elected editor of the "Lutheran World," bi-lingual quarterly of the Lutheran World Federation, at the annual meeting of the LWF Executive Committee here, October 30.

Dr. Bolewski has since 1953 edited the "Lutherische Rundschau," whose parallel edition in English was started the following year. During the first several years of his staff service with the federation, he was director of its Department of Information. Last year, however, that department was abolished, and the periodical and the LWF

News Bureau became separate operations.

Since 1955, Dr. Bolewski has been concurrently director of the Loccum institution, with residence there. He maintains liaison with the federation's central offices through his American assistant, Harold Remus, who prepares the English translations at Geneva. Mr. Remus is a theological graduate of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

FINNISH CHURCH POSTPONES ACTION ON WOMEN PASTORS

Turku, Finland — (NLC) — The Church Assembly, legislative organ of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, postponed action here on the knotty problem of admitting women to the ministry.

By a vote of 75 to 45, delegates to the quinquennial conference recommended the issue to a special committee for further study and report to the Church's next assembly in 1963. The committee has been studying the question for the past five years.

Expressing its opposition to placing women on an equal footing with men as pastors, the committee recommended instead that women be given a special ecclesiastical status.

Under its proposal, women who are theological graduates would be eligible for ordination as "curates" or "vice pastors" and would be permitted to engage in all regular congregational duties except administering the Sacraments.

In unusual circumstances, however, with the approval of the cathedral chapter, women would be allowed to give Communion to persons in hospitals and prisons who cannot attend regular church services.

A high proportion of women are studying at the theological faculties of the Finnish Church, 91 at Helsinki and six at Turku, it was reported, but the number has dropped over recent years from one-third to 28 per cent of the enrollment.

It was also reported that of the 252 women theological graduates now in Finland, only 42 are directly employed in the service of the Church. Another 51 are married to pastors. Of the rest, 32 work for various religious organizations and 110 are employed in schools.

REPORT RECORD ENROLLMENT AT 12 ELC SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

Minneapolis — A record total enrollment of 9,129 students at twelve educational institutions operated by The Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) was reported here by the Rev. Dr. Sidney A. Rand, executive director of the 1,082,809-member body's Christian Education department.

Dr. Rand's report, covering two seminaries, five colleges and a junior college, and four secondary schools, showed an overall 4.6 per cent enrollment increase above the 1957 student total of 8,725.

Luther Theological Seminary, St.

Paul, one of the nation's largest Protestant ministerial-training institutions, this fall marked up an 18.7 per cent enrollment rise, with a record 569 young men preparing to become pastors, compared to 513 a year ago.

The education report included some 55 seminary and pre-seminary students at Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask., recently merged with Lutheran Theological Seminary in the same city, the latter school formerly operated by the United Lutheran Church in America (ULCA). A year ago, 23 students attended the ELC school, and the current enrollment at the merged institution includes young men from six Lutheran synods.

Enrollment at the ELC's five senior colleges and one junior college climbed 3.3 per cent, rising from 7,617 students in 1957 to 7,870 this fall, Dr. Rand's report indicated.

Largest enrollment increase was at Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Wash., which this year increased by 8.9 per cent to 1,554 students, compared with 1,427 a year ago.

ULCA ADOPTS RECORD \$26,596,560 BUDGET

Dayton, Ohio — (NLC) — A record budget of \$26,596,560 for the 1960-61 biennium of the United Lutheran Church in America was adopted by the church body's 21st biennial convention here.

The 1958-59 "double apportionment" 40th Anniversary biennium budget is \$25,113,400.

The convention approved expenditures in 1960 of \$12,380,160, and in 1961 of \$14,216,400.

The largest share of the approved 1960-61 budget will be for the Board of American Missions, which will receive \$3,880,000 in 1960 and \$4,680,000 in 1961. In addition, the convention authorized this board to borrow up to \$8,000,000 during the three-year period from 1959-1961.

The ULCA's Board of Foreign Missions will receive \$2,451,100 in 1960 and \$2,877,900 in 1961.

ULCA TO BORROW \$8,000,000 FOR CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

Dayton, Ohio — (NLC) — The 21st biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America here authorized the church body's board of American Missions to borrow up to \$8,000,000 to help finance a three-year \$24,350,000 church extension program.

The board asked for permission because "the inflationary trend and rising costs of land and building has magnified the problem of the board, particularly in view of the fact that the present philosophy in the location of church buildings is to select prominent rather than inferior sites."

CANADIAN SEMINARIES MERGED BY LUTHERANS

(NY) Saskatoon, Sask., — Two Lutheran theological seminaries have

merged here in the latest demonstration of cooperation and unity among 86,000 Canadian Lutherans.

The new school represents the combined facilities and administrations of the United Lutheran Church in America's Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Evangelical Lutheran Church's Luther Theological Seminary.

Enrollment in the united seminary includes 55 students from six Canadian Lutheran bodies. Thirty-one are full seminary students. The others are pre-seminary students taking the majority of their courses at the nearby University of Saskatchewan.

The faculty of the new Luther Seminary includes six professors from four Lutheran churches.

In addition to the ULCA and ELC, the seminary is supported by the American, Augustana and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

UNITED LUTHERANS LAUNCH NEW ADVERTISING PROGRAM

New York, October 29 — The United Lutheran Church in America reported that it was beginning a new advertising program in cooperation with its 4,500 congregations in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Charles C. Hushaw, executive director of the ULCA's Department of Press, Radio and Television, said a new series of 14 newspaper advertising mats in two-column widths, is being made available without charge to all ULCA congregations. The advertising will be placed by local congregations in community daily and weekly newspapers.

The unique new illustrated advertising series was prepared by a United Lutheran clergyman, the Rev. Charles D. Moser, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Merrick, L. I.

"These ads have been designed for double duty," Pastor Moser said. "They can be used to publish the parish program for each season of the church year and to acquaint the non-Lutheran with the design of our liturgical calendar. The drawings and texts deliberately illustrate the primary doctrines of the Lutheran Church in the framework of its devotional life.

"They also can be used as a primer in basic Lutheran doctrine for the non-Lutheran public. Until now, most 'ad' evangelism has been of a defensive tone, sometimes creating the impression that the Church's message is chiefly apologetic. These new sketches attempt to state positively the Lutheran faith in the Truth of the Gospel. Actually this approach emphasizes the central doctrine of the Lutheran faith in its proper place in dealing with the articles of the ecumenical creeds."

Mr. Hushaw said that plates of the new advertising series will be made available to the seven other Lutheran bodies in the National Lutheran Council, cooperative agency representing 5,000,000 Lutherans in the United States.

Alcoholic Balance Sheet

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television and he can cease reading; but what a price he would thus have to pay for maintaining his freedom from liquor invasion! And if he seeks to escape it by a drive into the country, the omnipresent billboard advertisement claims his attention and seeks to lure him to drink. In its promotion of the use of alcohol the liquor traffic is guilty of the most brazen effrontery, of lack of good taste, indeed of offensive sacrilege. I have before me a half-page newspaper advertisement in which appears the following highly revolting suggestion:

May we suggest champagne for your Sunday breakfast? Orange juice may be adequate for weekday breakfast. But comes Sunday, you owe yourself a little of that feeling of ineffable luxury that comes only from a bottle of champagne before Sunday noon. A couple of glasses of this beverage with your late Sunday breakfast and you will spend the rest of the day with your feet planted firmly in the clouds.

Thus while many Americans regard Sunday forenoon as the time for worshipping God in church or synagogue, the advertising industry suggests a substitute, champagne for Sunday breakfast. And surely by this time, after 25 years of it, the American people have become altogether too hardened to the vicious Christmas advertising campaign which saturates every magazine and newspaper with its full pages, which begins early in the fall, and persistently seeks to persuade the American people that the best of all Christmas gifts is a bottle of whiskey! Fortunately some national

magazines like THE SATURDAY EVENING POST* and THE LADIES HOME JOURNAL, and to them special appreciation is forever due, have not yielded to the temptation of this seductive advertising liquor revenue, in terrific contrast to others like TIME and LIFE whose liquor advertising, especially around Christmas runs into many pages.

Thus far all efforts to curtail liquor advertising, especially through radio and television have been futile. A bill introduced into the Senate a year ago by Senator William Langer never emerged from the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. A few public hearings were scheduled but these were largely a sop to people opposed to liquor advertising. Said the Senator as he introduced his bill, "Alcoholic beverage advertising is educating Americans to turn their homes into drinking places and their children into juvenile delinquents."

(11) Finally, the huge casualty list on the highways constituting a frightful indictment of the liquor traffic adds unspeakable tragedy to the balance sheet, because alcohol and gasoline do not mix. Even the liquor industry itself recognizes some responsibility for highway tragedies and mutilations, as evidenced by the now familiar New Year's Eve distillery advertising, "If you must have one for the road, make it coffee!" For it is now a well established fact that one for the road really means one for the morgue. And to protect themselves, the liquor interests also admonish you, "If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive."

How many thousands and thousands of people of all ages have been horribly mutilated, crippled for life, or instantly killed on the streets and highways across the United States because somebody was driving while under the influence of liquor, will never be known. Some day a life insurance actuary, in order to cultivate new life or accident insurance rates, will make it his business to calculate these highway casualties. According to THE HARTFORD COURANT, the United States with its highway death of 23.4 per 100,000 outranks every other nation on earth. The mere fact that one large insurance company offers accident policies at considerably lower rates to people who do not drink, evidences that liquor driving has become a frightful menace. There seems to be a studied effort, a stern determination in the newspapers not to publish the grisly statistics, and to play down any publicity whenever a highway casualty is discovered to have been due to liquor.

What is more serious is the absence of pressure on the part of municipal authorities to hold such drivers responsible. In my own county of Westchester in New York State, THE YONKERS HERALD STATESMAN, reports

that in 10 years hundreds of motorists have escaped criminal prosecution for alcoholic driving fatality cases because of failure of municipal authorities. Yet more than half of the 589 automobile deaths in the county during the ten year period, were definitely traceable to driving while under the influence of liquor. There has not been a single conviction. Many officials admit privately, said this newspaper, that the pressure upon them and on doctors, lawyers, judges, to hide the evidence "is terrific." In New York City in 1957 more than half of the automobile drivers who were instantly killed or who died within 24 hours after their accidents, according to THE NEW YORK TIMES, were under the influence of liquor.

A recent cartoon in LIGHT pictured these assets and liabilities, these credits and debits in the alcoholic balance sheet in picturesque yet grim fashion. The cartoon showed a small retail liquor store with a halo over the roof and angelic wings attached to its side walls. The sign over the door read, "Little Innocent Liquor Store." Below the building was the caption, "What the liquor traffic would have YOU believe." Then beside the little store the cartoonist had pictured the street with a huge bag being emptied of its contents. The caption read, "The Actual Cost of the Little Innocent Liquor Store." Out of the huge black bag fell an immense array of evil things. I list them only partially, vice and crime bill, alcoholic hospitals, adult delinquency, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, lost working hours, wasted resources, insane asylums, reformatories, jails, drunken driving, accidents, property damages, and highway deaths.

Here is indeed a grim, sorry, disillusioning, tragic alcoholic balance sheet. In the realm of corporate finance any business concern whose balance sheet showed such a preponderance of liabilities and debts against assets and credits, would instantly be haled into court as bankrupt. How many more years must pass before the American people come to realize that their liquor policy has brought about social and moral bankruptcy? This is the situation and this is the question that confronts them on this 25th anniversary of repeal.

God's Shawl of Tenderness

God's tenderness enfolds me like a shawl,

That I draw close to feel its blessed warmth!

I sense a bond of understanding then,
With Him as it is wrapped around my form.

We can commune together now and speak

Our secret language and His presence fills

My heart with overflowing happiness!

Thelma Allinder.

* The Saturday Evening Post recently began accepting such ads. Editor's Note.

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.

December 5, 1958

I am a member of _____ the congregation at _____

Name _____

New Address _____

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