

Lutheran Tidings

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Advent of Spring

Goodbye, Winter! Enter, lovely Spring!

Days are getting longer — makes one want to sing!

Cardinals in the lilac bush, whist'ing all around,

And, lucky me! — a mourning dove, a-strutting on the ground.

Hello, Sunshine! Lighten up our day,

Make the swelling tree-buds their varied green display.

Waken bush and sleeping bulb, for Easter's on the way,

And Spring must have her flowers, to brighten up His Day!

DAGMAR CHRISTENSEN,

Detroit, Michigan.

Lutherans Suggest National Policy

Enunciate Moral Principles That "Make for Peace"

The National Lutheran Council at its 41st annual meeting in Milwaukee, approved an ethical yardstick to measure the nation's domestic and foreign policies and offered it to "our fellow Americans for thoughtful study."

The document enunciated a series of moral principles which the Council said it believed "are in harmony with God's law expressed in love and justice and embody policies essential to the national interest."

The Council said the document was submitted to fellow Americans "to consider and test in the light of the lessons of history and of their own insights and convictions."

It was accompanied by the Council's prayer that "ultimately the power of such ideals will seize us and all men, leading us to experience 'the things that make for peace'."

Entitled "Toward a Statement of National Policy," the original draft was prepared by Dr. Paul E. Empie, executive director of the NLC, and the final version was recommended by the Committee on Social Trends for approval by the Council.

Ethical Yardstick of Propositions

The Council's statement outlined seven propositions as an ethical yardstick against which the policies of government can be measured. These are:

1. That our nation's interests, responsibilities, and welfare are not only inter-related but also inextricably intertwined and interdependent with those of sister nations throughout the world.

2. That our nation's policies, domestic as well as foreign, should be designed to further purposes consistent with the well-being of the whole family of peoples and nations. In the long view her true "national interest" is best served by advancing the "international interest," the common well-being of the whole community of nations.

3. That our nation's course of action should be determined not arbitrarily, not in isolation, nor in reliance primarily on economic or military power, but in recognition of her obligations toward others and in harmony with universal standards of law and justice.

4. That our nation's conduct and policy should strive to develop in partnership with other nations increasingly adequate structures of international organization and law to achieve justice, order, peace and disarmament.

5. That our nation's posture in military and

economic affairs should be designed to support an international equilibrium which is dynamic rather than static, involving not only powerful nations but also national groupings or agencies within or outside of the framework of the United Nations designed to develop political, economic or military co-ordination until such time as agencies or international law and justice are sufficiently established to preserve world peace and order.

6. That our nation's efforts to maintain her standard of living, involving such matters as immigration, trade, tax and fiscal policies, as well as her treatment of racial, cultural and economic minorities within her own borders, should manifest a sense of moral responsibility consistent with a recognition of man's individual dignity and worth and also of his membership in the one human family.

7. That our nation's "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" depend in important measure upon her willingness to share mutually and responsibly with other nations in developing the latent resources and potentialities with which these nations are endowed. Both governmental and voluntary channels need to be used to insure for the peoples of the world opportunities for lives that are personally satisfying, socially enriching, economically productive, and responsibly independent.

An introduction stressed that "free men in our society, earnest and responsible in their citizenship obligations, should participate in provocative conversations now and in the years ahead, in an effort to develop a consensus as to just how the 'best interests' of the United States are to be defined."

"Only in the light of principles thus defined," it said, "can the wisdom and rightness of our nation's foreign policy — including United Nations relationships, defense and disarmament, trade agreements and foreign aid — and domestic policy, involving such issues as the treatment of racial and minority groups, immigration and protective tariffs, be evaluated."

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Merger Commission Meets Again

Dr. Johannes Knudsen

The Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity met again in Chicago, March 5, 6 and 7, with one major item on the agenda. Other items were considered, some of them quite important, but they were quite overshadowed by the fact that a constitution was in the making. It was quite imperative that the constitutional draft be thoroughly considered at this meeting, if any sort of time-schedule be met, for the constitution must precede work on the by-laws, the synodical constitution, and the various model constitutions, plus a number of other things.

The Commission worked long and hard, and after three days it had finished the work it set out to do. Most of the articles in the constitution had been adopted provisionally, and the number of items sent back to committee was not so great that they can not be ironed out by the next meeting in May. The time has not yet come to give a detailed report of the constitution, for some things may yet be changed, but the new document corresponds in the main to the principles previously adopted and presented to the public a year ago. When it will be considered ready by the Commission will depend on future work, but it will again be studied by the Commission in May and in July.

The reason why a major step could be taken at the March meeting is that the Constitutional Committee had done a remarkable piece of work since December. Of this committee Dr. Alfred Jensen is a valuable member, but it is to the discredit of no other members to say that the main contribution was made by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry. Dr. Fry had applied his great insight, experience and energy to

this monumental work, and unfortunately he had given out to the extent that he collapsed after the meeting with a serious kidney ailment. Reports at the time of this writing are, however, that he is again on the mend.

Because the constitution absorbed so much time, the committee on seminaries, whose personnel overlapped that of the constitution committee, did not have much to report, but two new committees with major assignments, got under way. The one was the legal committee, which is to untangle and clarify the many legal entanglements, and it has engaged an attorney as legal counsel. The other was the committee on colleges, and of this committee Dr. Erling Jensen is the chairman. He appeared before the commission with a preliminary report, and as usual he made a fine impression by his competence.

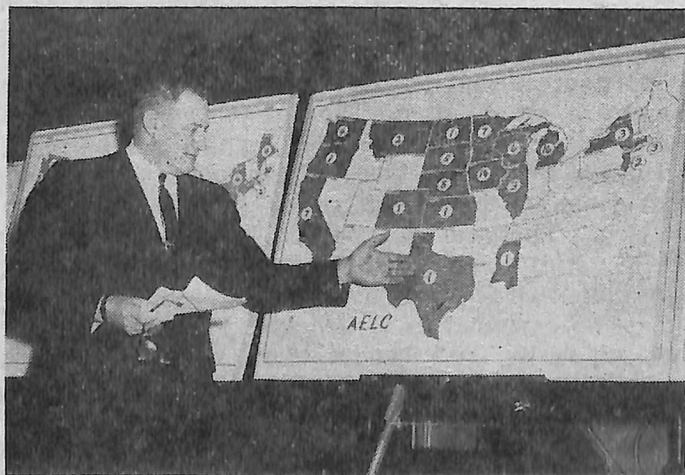
A committee, which is to prepare the way for the church paper of the merged church, gave a report, although its chairman, Dr. Joseph Sittler, was not present. It was authorized to conduct a research poll in order that it might have objective information on which to base its recommendations. The committee on auxiliaries, on which Enok Mortensen is our representative, also reported. It is quite far along with its work, but it still has a few knotty problems to solve.

Progress reports were also given by the following committees: Geographical Boundaries, Eleemosynary Institutions, Doctrine and Living Tradition, Pensions and Canadian Matters.

It may seem to the reader that my report is dull, and there were times when the meeting itself seemed nothing but hard work. Hard work, however, is the order of the day, and therefore "progress" is a favorable report. The time is not long away when reports of accomplishment will appear so that the public can be fully informed. In the mean time it is quite evident that the members of the commission are working well together with a growing understanding and harmony. It is also evident that the many sub-committee members who represent our church have made a real and lasting contribution to the church that is in the making.

As mentioned above we shall meet in the middle of May and again in July. At that time we hope to report further progress.

AELC President Reports



The Rev. Dr. Alfred Jensen, president of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, discusses the American Mission program of his church with representatives of the other three bodies involved in the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity at the annual meeting of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church held recently in Minneapolis.

I Am Sought By God

Less and less, I think, grows the consciousness of seeking God. Greater and greater grows the certainty that He is seeking us and giving Himself to us to the completest measure of our present capacity There is such a thing as putting ourselves in the way of God's overflowing love and letting it break upon us till the response of love comes, not by struggle, not even by deliberation, but by necessity, as echo comes when the sound strikes the rock.

Winfred Rhoades in *To Know
God Better* (Harper)

Partnership in the Gospel

Pastor Thorvald Hansen

(Phillippians 3:1-6)

TO TAKE A PHRASE out of context is always a questionable procedure. We have recently gone through a period in our land where many a man has been much maligned because something he has said or written has been judged apart from the whole of which it is a part. Taking Biblical phrases out of their context is perhaps especially questionable. They can easily be misunderstood if they are taken alone and are not seen in the light of the total passage, letter or gospel. There have been many misinterpretations and distortions of scripture and much harm has been done by taking a phrase or sentence out of the total passage of which it is a part.

Having said this, I must go on to add that, nonetheless, I intend to do precisely that today. I am interested in one particular phrase in the passage which I have chosen for a text. However, there is no need to twist or distort the phrase. It is, I am confident, a phrase that can stand alone.

Paul, in writing to the church at Phillippi, says he is "thankful for your partnership in the gospel." This phrase "partnership in the gospel" is an excellent and meaningful expression.

There are other renditions of these words. The King James Bible speaks of "fellowship in the gospel." The American Standard version has Paul say that he is thankful for the "fellowship in the furtherance of the gospel." Moffatt interprets Paul as being thankful "for what you have contributed to the gospel." One Danish translation uses a word that means "sharing" in the gospel. But, of all these, the Revised Standard Version seems to me most meaningful, "partnership in the gospel." And, surely, the RSV is as reliable a translation as any and more reliable than most.

This reference to "partnership in the gospel" is particularly relevant on an occasion such as this. Pastors and congregations must ever be mindful of the fact that they are partners in the gospel. And, it is our prayer that you who today begin your work together as pastor and congregation may never lose sight of the fact that, in all you do from day to day, you are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This partnership is one that is possessed of a great treasure. There is an old story, concerning which I can recall no more than that a mother and a child somehow become possessors of a cream pitcher that could never be emptied. The gospel is like that. It is an inexhaustible source of blessings. The pastor and his congregation share these blessings from day to day. Each aids the other in bringing those blessings to light and life.

The pastor is to preach, teach and interpret. He is, through the functions of his office, to enrich the life of the congregation. A pastor who fulfills his spiritual task can make the blessings of the gospel ever more meaningful to his people. But this is not a one way

*Installation Address at Omaha
for Pastor Clayton Nielsen on
Sunday, March 1, 1959*

street. Out of the life of the congregation can, and must, also come new experiences and new insights that will inspire and enrich the common life of pastor and people.

There is no need to belabor the point of the greatness of the treasure shared by the partners in the gospel. Suffice it to say that it is centered on the truth of God; that it is built on the rock of Christ and that it is empowered by God's own Holy Spirit. Such is the gospel in which pastor and people are partners; such is the treasure which they share. In this gospel they find hope in place of despair; faith instead of fear; joy conquering sorrow and love displacing self-centeredness. In a word, as partners, pastor and people share in Christ.

But as partners in the gospel they also work for Christ. And work there must be. The gospel is a source of blessings but it also bears with it a responsibility. This responsibility must be shared. "Partners," whatever else it means, must also mean co-workers. The partners may do different things; they may serve in varying ways, but they must serve the same ends. Nor are those ends merely the attainment of a maximum blessing on their partnership. Partners in the gospel must never forget their constant obligation to work together for the furtherance of the gospel.

Pastor and congregation are, each in their own way, missionaries. However they may go about it they are witnesses to the gospel. Each pastor, each member of the congregation is at once a child of God and a servant of God. As a child of God he may enjoy the blessings of the gospel but as a servant of God he is to employ the gospel. Each is to bring the gospel to bear on his own life and, in so far as possible, on the lives of those around him. He is to make the gospel felt in the community. He is to do his part to see that an ever growing number will be brought under the compulsion of the gospel and will come to know and share its blessings.

How is this to be done? This question may have many answers but it is really not the important question. The real question is "why is this to be done?" And the answer is very simply that it is to be done that the best interests of the kingdom may be served. When this is the end, the goal, the purpose, of pastor and congregation working together the "how" will take care of itself. When the partners in the gospel are effected by the gospel they will be effective for the gospel. Effected people are effective people.

This, it should be emphasized, is not the work of the pastor alone. He may work in a special way; he may lead, guide and direct but all must share the responsibility. You have, as far as I have been able to determine, done well as a congregation, in carrying on during your period of vacancy. Now that you have

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A Voluntary Work of Mercy

Hospital Chaplaincy

Pastor Gudmund E. Petersen

Menominee, Michigan

SINCE QUITE A FEW have asked me to write an article pertaining to my work as a hospital chaplain I am doing so but not without some hesitancy. It is hard to put my feelings into words, space does not permit me to go into many of the psychological and religious details which are pertinent. Another reason for my reluctance is that I am simply a pastor who has had very little professional training in this field.

Hospital chaplaincy is a relatively new field in the sense of present day understanding. Until recently it was a work for a retired pastor. Today the church recognizes it as an important ministry which requires as much energy as any congregational work. We also realize that not every pastor is qualified to minister in the sick room. There is a need for understanding medical terms, hospital ethics, psychology and sociology. Economics certainly cannot be overlooked either.

I have been the Lutheran Chaplain at the local hospital for nearly a year, and in that time I have served over 800 patients. The majority of these have been Lutheran, though I have served patients from almost every denomination in the area. The chaplaincy is offered to anyone upon request and every patient who does not designate a church affiliation is contacted. Many Roman Catholics who have a full-time chaplain have asked me to visit and minister to them. The services include anything from conversation, listening and to the administration of the sacraments. I have even been asked to go down town to buy a pair of shoes for a patient.

Though I have always felt this service was very important, it was not until after I took over the work that I really knew how much it meant to the people. One day when I was unable to be at the hospital a couple of ladies wondered what had happened to me. The following day when I came back they told me they had looked in the papers and had tuned in to every local radio broadcast because they were afraid I had been in an accident. After that I made it a point to let the patients know if I would be unable to come to the hospital on the following day.

As one might well expect the experiences are not always pleasant. I have often sat at the bedside with relatives and friends of a patient who was ill. I have sat there during the long hours before a loved one has been taken out of this world. It is always difficult for people to say the final farewell and a chaplain can often help make it a little easier.

Last summer a middle-aged couple, who had been in an auto accident, was brought in. They were in a strange town over three hundred miles from their friends and relatives. For three days the man was on the critical list, while his wife, less seriously hurt, lay in another room with a broken leg and lacerations.

These were anxious hours for both of them since they received only a limited amount of information about the other. I acted as pastor, delivery boy of their messages to one another, secretary by writing short letters to their closest friends, as well as getting their more important belongings gathered together. They were anxiously waiting each morning for me. For three months they were in the hospital and it is needless to say that a wonderful friendship was established.

One morning I came into a room where a man lay dying. No one was with him as his wife had gone home to rest. He couldn't last long, so I stayed. A short time later his pastor happened to come by. Feeling that he should take over I told him I would leave, but he begged me to stay. I noticed his nervousness and the excuses he made, telling me of other things he should go to do. I reminded him that there wouldn't be time if he wanted to stay with the patient, and I promised to stay with him at the bedside. I have never seen a pastor more helpless, and finally I took over. I offered prayer and shortly thereafter the man passed out of this life. Maybe I also helped a pastor meet such a situation for some future time, as he will certainly be faced again with similar situations.

I usually encourage the patient's pastor to minister to the sick as much as possible but often it is hard for them to be there every day or even once a week. It is at times like this that the chaplain is most often appreciated. Many times I have come along when a patient is in a great deal of misery and so many have told that they tried to pray but were too sick. A short prayer expressing their feelings is appreciated so much, and often it is little things like this that are most important. I recall how a family was gathered around their father who was not expected to live. I sensed a tenseness over all of them and finally one of the sons called me aside and said, "It is hard because some of the family belong to another religion." Later I returned as if I knew nothing about the religious difference and asked that we all bow our heads in prayer. I was not sure what I would say, but one should never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit because the right words seemed to come out and I felt the sudden unity between all gathered there. Tears that before had been held back now flowed freely and a beautiful peace seemed to have settled over the room.

Many people have the peculiar notion that a chaplain enters the patient's room, opens his Bible to read a little, says a prayer and then leaves again. It shouldn't be like that, though many pastors do that very thing, because both Scripture and prayer must be used with discretion. If it is done otherwise it may have adverse effects as in the case of a woman

who had been admitted for a checkup because of chest pains. X-rays had been taken a few hours before her own pastor came to visit her. The next morning when I came she was frantic and almost screamed as I entered the room, "Pastor, tell me, is my condition that serious?" I wondered what she was talking about until she told me that her pastor had come in, expressed his sympathy and had then proceeded to read her the Twenty-third Psalm. Then after a long prayer he had left her without another word. I checked with one of the nurses who told me her pain was due to some arthritis but was not serious. I was then able to assure the lady that she had nothing to worry about. I didn't offer prayer but when I left I told her I would see her on the following day, if she was still there. I find it far better to know a few Scripture passages and to keep my New Testament in my pocket than to carry it in my hand.

There are other times when the Bible is useful. Since I always contact all patients without a church affiliation there are times when they want to ask questions or want proof on some specific thing. Often times this leads to instruction much the same as I give in an adult Confirmation class. Here I no longer hide the Bible but bring it out and use it unsparingly. It is important that you are able to give satisfactory answers to their questions in order to gain their confidence. Often these questions if answered properly can be a turning point in their lives. Some have actually forgotten what they learned in their confirmation instruction and ask to become clear on the question. Many have wondered about these questions for many years but not until they realize that death may be a possibility even for them do they seek the answer.

Many of these that have no church affiliation were at one time members of some church. I have several times found that for some reason they lost confidence in their church. One man told me how he had been a member of a church until after he was married. Because the congregation was small the small group was unable to have a full-time pastor. Many of the members later joined a lodge because they opened their meetings with a devotional period, and they felt that gathering together even for a little religious service was better than only having an occasional church service. They felt this little additional message supplemented the regular church work. However, when the pastor came and heard what they had done he said, "I can continue to preach to you but I will never be able to conduct your funerals." This one man lost respect for the church and judged them all accordingly. Several weeks had gone by before he confided enough in me to tell his story. We had our first devotion together and afterward he asked me if it would be possible for him to receive Holy Communion. This was arranged for the following Sunday afternoon. Tears of gratitude flowed down his cheeks as he took part.

The administration of the sacraments also enters into the hospital work. Though it is not as common in the hospital as the other pastoral work, it is nevertheless of great importance. I came into the maternity ward one morning after a baby had been delivered only a few hours earlier. The mother was crying as

she told me that the doctor feared her child would not live. They had tried to contact her pastor but had been unable to locate him. Now the Roman Catholic sisters were preparing to baptize the child but she would prefer to have a Lutheran pastor do it. I told her I would gladly do it if she wanted me to. A few minutes later I baptized the child and the sisters were its sponsors. Having experienced a similar situation in our own home I knew how hard it was for this young mother so I stayed for quite a while with her and her husband, trying to give a little comfort. I explained how we felt that we had been drawn closer to God through our little boy. We seemed to have sort of an investment in heaven and we knew God loved the same child we loved. But no matter how we may try we cannot fully understand a mother's situation at such a time. The child she has carried so long, the prayers and the preparation she had made now all seem so futile. Words are so empty because something has been taken out of her life. I have found that the baptism is the greatest comfort and time alone with good Christian friends heals the wound.

Special calls to the hospital for occasions such as this are quite common. One evening after supper I was called to give a patient Holy Communion. He knew he couldn't live much longer and wanted communion before the end came. Since this is Christ's invitation he felt he could as well call on me as to have his own pastor drive thirty miles to administer the sacrament. Afterward we talked for quite a while and it seemed as if he sensed this would be the last time we would talk together, and he was right because the next morning he passed away.

Another man asked me to come to his home so he and his wife could receive communion. He had a serious heart condition. "My pastor no longer visits us because we are not able to contribute much to the church," he said, "and maybe you won't want to come either since we won't be able to pay you." The second day after he left the hospital I drove the three miles to his home and gave them communion. About a month later he made his final trip to the hospital where he was placed in oxygen. When I came to the hospital he clasped my hand, and said in gasps, "Well pastor, I won't see you here again but we will meet again some day. Thanks for everything."

Though I also serve a congregation I still never refuse a call to the hospital at any time since the ministry goes beyond the bounds of a congregation. I have always felt that in my ordination more than the hands of the pastors were upon me. Since I felt that God too gave me his blessing, my congregation is all of humanity. So when patients, or their families, call me to the hospital during the night I feel obligated to go to them as I would go to the congregation which pays my wages. There have been quite a few calls made long after midnight. I have even had people call on me at midnight because they had to talk to a pastor. This happened to me last fall. A lady came to the door as I was ready to crawl into bed. She had suddenly become aware of the fact that her husband couldn't live and she needed help to find assurance so she could face the whole ordeal without losing faith. We talked for over an hour and when she left

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A Guide to Family Worship

By the time this is read, it is expected that the congregations of the synod will have received copies of A GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP for distribution.

This modest little booklet has been prepared by Pastor Peter Thomsen, the synodical secretary of Evangelism, at the instigation of the Home Mission Council. The mechanics of publication have been handled by the Board of Publication.

A GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP is not intended to supply the content for family devotions. Such a project would hardly be feasible from a financial standpoint and it would also have a more limited value. Daily devotional booklets, while serving a very real purpose, are more restrictive in nature than this booklet is intended to be. Such booklets generally supply both form and content while this booklet suggests forms and contents. In short, it is just what the title implies, a guide.

A GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP outlines reasons for family worship — and good reasons they are. It offers practical suggestions as to the "how," "when" and "where" of such worship. An outline for family worship is suggested as are also various prayers and graces. An article on the use of the Bible and a list of fine and useful devotional books round out this little guide.

It was the intention of the Home Mission Council in sponsoring the project that the practice of family worship should be fostered and that specific help should be given in this area. We believe Pastor Thomsen's efforts will serve this end very well. Read and used, A GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP will encourage the practice as well as point the direction and pave the way for family devotions.

As will be noted on the back cover of the guide, additional copies may be ordered from the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1232 Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

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Church World Service Issues Children's Kit

Mrs. Elizabeth Allstrom, well-known writer in the field of Christian education, is the author of a new Church World Service Children's Kit just published by the relief and reconstruction agency for use in inter-denominational vacation schools, weekday schools, day camps, and similar educational projects for children.

The kit, according to its author, is designed "to help boys and girls to understand a particular way that the church works around the world, providing food for the hungry, the sick and the needy." It is also planned to enable "children to recognize that they

too, have a responsibility in this world task" and to help them to find ways "to carry it out and thus to understand through practice what it means to be their 'brother's brother'."

The kit takes the place of the Children's Kit which has been issued for some years by the Christian Rural Overseas Program, and supplements promotional materials used in many inter-denominational vacation schools on behalf of the Share Our Surplus program.

The kit includes background information for teachers on the relief ministries of the churches, services of worship, stories, lists of resource materials, songs and singing games, picture stories, and things to make.

Sample copies may be obtained, free of charge, from Church World Service, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York or CROP, 117 West Lexington Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana.

Bible Brevities

With an increasing number of overseas students enrolled in two colleges in Kansas — the Kansas State Teachers' College and the Presbyterian College of Emporia — the American Bible Society has been providing these students with Testaments or Bibles in their own tongues. Some of these, Mohammedan and others, have never had access to our Christian Scriptures. This year translations of the whole Bible in Arabic, Persian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Dutch, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian are being placed in the William Allen White Library at the Teachers' College and in Anderson Memorial Library at the College of Emporia.

A first edition of the Small Volume of Scripture Passages in French on two Talking Book records has been prepared by the Blind Department of the American Bible Society.

The American Bible Society has a new motor launch which is assisting the Society in its work of Scripture distribution in Thailand. The Bible launch will bring the Scriptures to thousands living on the waterways of Thailand. A loud speaker, given to the Bible Society by a friend interested in its work there, brings many people to the river front for a copy of the Scriptures.

The Saga of the Bible, an outstanding filmstrip in color, has been produced by the American Bible Society. In dramatic fashion this educational program presents a procession of characters and events which had to do with the writing, translation and printing of the Bible down through the centuries. The filmstrip is so designed that it appeals to Junior, Young People and Older Folks.

I divide the world in three classes — the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no notion of what happens.

Nicholas Murray Butler.



Paging Youth

American Evangelical Luth.
Youth Fellowship

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Program Planning, Plus !

The LYF of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago, has an interesting and fine way of publicizing and presenting their programs for the next few months. They have a mimeographed sheet with each meeting date listed. This sheet is sent to each member of the congregation (not just to Fellowship members) so that all may know what they are doing.

On this sheet is included the program which will be presented, who is in charge of it, the name of the person in charge of devotions and the refreshment committee. This sheet should make it impossible for anyone to say, "I didn't know I was supposed to do anything."

Some of the programs included film strips and study under the direction of the pastor and youth advisor during Lent. They plan a special welcome for new confirmands, a special parents night when dating will be discussed, a "Work Camp" when all will eat pizza and wash walls, and a sunrise service at 4:30 a. m. (mind you, that's in the morning!) Other events include a camp in their back yard, a regressive dinner, a joint outing with the choir and elections.

If every Fellowship would plan their meetings in such a way and hold to them, LYF would be a much more enjoyable gathering. It would be truly "fellowship" with a purpose, not just a haphazard get-together. Try it in your diet!

AELYF Doin's

Greenville, Michigan: Our youth fellowship is sponsoring an "evening of pleasure" on April 26, which will feature slides of Scandinavian countries. The special guest is Miss Susan Nyblad, an exchange student from Denmark. She is attending a high school near by and is sponsored by the Michigan Council of Churches. We are also busy selling "World of Song" and enjoy doing so very much. Our Sunrise Service for Easter was a grand success.

Hartford, Connecticut: Here are some details on our trip to New York and the tour of the United Nations building.... We were guided for a full hour, visiting first the Assembly Building which contained the Book Shop, Souvenir Stand, Post Office, and etc. Next we went to the Conference Building, containing three chambers. These three include the Economic and Social Chamber, given by Sweden, the Trusteeship Council Chamber, designed by Denmark, and the Security Council Chamber, given by Norway. The Secretariat Building has thirty-nine stories with many offices. We were fortunate enough to sit in on a meet-

Easter from Pentecost

"Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed! There is no doubt about it. Our hurry scurry lives sometimes forget that fact as soon as Easter Sunday is over and the new dress and the new suit aren't new any more. They've been sent to the cleaners and probably the idea of Easter went with them. Christ rose so that we might have eternal life....that doesn't need cleaning, pressing, or even brushing. But it needs saying. We have to use that glorious hope every day if it is going to be worth anything.

Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, is soon upon us. The coming of the Holy Spirit means that we are not alone in our struggles. Getting that math test out of the way, writing that rough English theme, all that seems impossible. But these are kid stuff compared to beating down selfish desires, keeping our desires for physical satisfaction under control. Sometimes it seems like it just isn't worth all the trouble! It seems like it would be just as well to give in to that pesky boy who keeps pawing and petting. Sometimes it seems like a guy could just as well forget about morality and let loose.

But Christ died! He did that much for us. And then he beat death and the devil and rose again. And then the Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost. Are we going to chuck all that for selfish motives? The Church means fellowship....love and concern. What kind of concern is it when we play loosely with our morals? Are we really caring about what our parents think? Are we really thinking about our future, not to mention the future of our partner in the affairs?

It is not easy to recall what Christ did for us. We are so, so busy. But we must remember! And when we do remember, we must recognize that we have a responsibility. We are given so much, yes, called children of God. We must profit from past experiences and not let the future be so dismal.

The cross and Easter and Pentecost.....they go hand in hand. And our duty to lead a disciplined life is obvious. No, it's not easy. But it's worth a good try. Only squares and cubes give up. The right guy keeps in there though!

ing of the Trusteeship Committee of the General Assembly. They discussed the reunification of the Cameroons, a small country on the east coast of Africa. It was a thrilling trip and we thank our sponsors for making it possible. We wish all you readers could have a similar experience. Our canvassing is almost finished here. How about hearing what others are doing?

Omaha, Nebraska: We are very small in numbers, but we hope to grow. We had the pleasure of serving the Easter Breakfast this year, and hope that this will get us rolling.

Solvang, California: ??????

Minneapolis, Minnesota: ??????

Luck, Wisconsin: ??????

All the rest of you: ??????

There are many active leagues in the synod with few reporting. We know that many of you are carrying on interesting projects....let the others know!

Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



Notice

District VII plans Fellowship week-end for April 24-26. An interesting program is planned. Please plan to attend.

Greetings from Valborgsminde

(AELC Home for the Aged)

Occasionally when we discuss letter writing one may hear the remark "there's so little to write about, nothing happens." 'Tis true, there is little news for the front page, but things do happen here; our days are filled. With what?

The bell rings for meals — promptly, one is in the elevator. She holds it on the floor until all are in and ready to go to the dining hall. First they come from third floor, then second, and first floor last. In the dining room, you observe how various ones are waiting to help another get seated and help prepare the food for their neighbor, who has difficulty, either from lack of sight or use of hands. Likewise, when leaving the dining hall, wheel chairs appear to be pushed while the one following is helped; being steadied by the wheel chair. Remaining in the dining hall you note many busy hands carrying out food; stacking and bringing dishes to the dishwasher, or washing and resetting the tables. In a short time all is left in order and we feel good about having it done, and appreciate the fact that we can be of assistance.

You visit the rooms; you see activities of various sorts. Some enjoy radio and television, others have much correspondence or handwork. Besides being occupied with their own, they also find time to read to someone else, do little errands, wash, rip, mend, darn, sew — and they enjoy doing it. When a general invitation comes, for all to share in a project, there are many volunteers. We baked peppernuts and made Christmas ornaments together; we stuffed 20,000 March of Dimes envelopes; we made items for the church women's bazaar, (we assembled all these and had them on display. There was quite an array of attractive, useful gift items.) We made and dressed dolls to make some little girls happy, and our latest project — assisting the Luther Memorial Church Women with their allotment of the Dorcas Project for Lutheran World Relief. We had only a few garments, but they were completed in short order.

For entertainment; We have had guests, some renowned, as the members of the State Radio Symphony Orchestra of Copenhagen; an actress from the Royal Theatre of Copenhagen (Louise Jorgensen, who read for us), Carlo Christensen, the Cultural Attaché of Danish Embassy in Washington, D. C. Others, too, from our synod or church, who have lectured, read, sung or played for us. The Danish Reading Circle have their Christmas meeting with us, which is very festive, and we all sing our good Danish carols. A weekly catechism class was held through the winter months and daily reading periods, sometimes Danish, sometimes English, sometimes serious, and at times humorous. All these make a break in the day, which could otherwise have been dull.

We have lost some members of our family. We are saddened; there's an empty chair and an empty room. Soon we have a new guest who is introduced to us all, and we are busy getting acquainted. Promptly they are one of us, taking over little duties and we feel one with them and they with us.

Morning and evening devotions are held daily in the living room. These are a source of inspiration. All enjoy singing our much-loved hymns and songs, which we sing with gusto despite our quaking voices.

Thus we have a full day, even though it's not front page, nor earth shaking news, we can appreciate it and tell about it.

Mrs. Gertrude Sorensen.

How Much is Enough ?

The Everetts — who live in a \$30,000 suburban home belong to the country club and take costly vacations — say worriedly, "Taxes are ruinous. Keeping up the mortgage and car installments, the insurance and the kids' educational fund keep us broke. No matter how we try, we haven't enough."

The Carsons who sleep in a one-room screenless migrant shack with their three youngsters and pick vegetables from sun-up to dark with no comforts or even enough food most of the time, ask with deep anxiety, "Is 'stoop' labor in the fields good enough for us, while others have easy lives? Why can't we, too, have a doctor when our baby is sick? Is six years or two years enough schooling for our kids? Or none at all?"

What are some of the answers to the Everett and Carson disparities?

American church women will ask themselves just that during the next few months. They will set up informal conversation groups among themselves and others to establish, if possible:

What is enough for a decent standard of living?

What does my family consider enough for our needs?

If we have more than enough, what is our responsibility?

Does the rest of the world have enough?

In choosing the basic query, "How much is enough — and enough for what?" as the project for May Fellowship on Friday, May 1, United Church Women will assess the present economic situation in America.

For many months before and after May Fellowship Day church women will conduct forums, discussions, study groups and public meetings, calling in civic leaders and experts to help acquaint the public with the true facts of poverty and wealth in their own communities.

They will weigh what happens to individuals and to homes during alternate cycles of "boom" and "bust," and try to arrive at methods by which these can be avoided.

United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches, believes that the shopping and home-making sex should consider spending and sharing habits, budgeting, and how much each family is justified in spending on itself, as well as the basic reasons why many people have insufficient income to satisfy their needs.

It is pointed out that women could change national thinking on spending and sharing if enough of them **cared**.

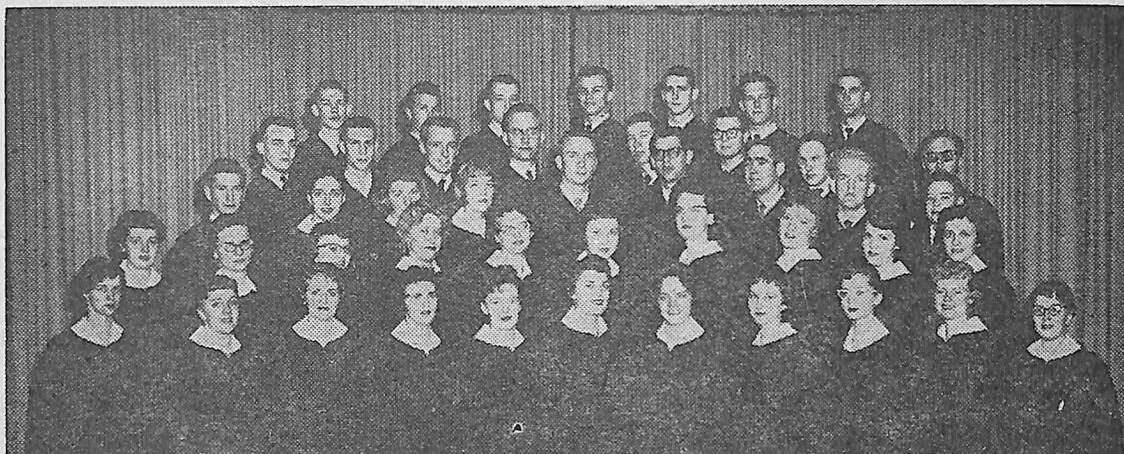
What they need to do is study the causes of economic inequities, in the light of the May Fellowship theme, and then press for action.

—Geraldine Sartain.

General Dept. United Church Women.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

Alexander Pope.



Grand View College A Cappella Choir Tour

For its 12th consecutive year, the 51-voice Grand View College A Cappella Choir will embark April 10th on its annual midwestern tour performing in nine cities in as many days.

The choir is under the direction of Robert M. Speed who is well known in midwest music circles. He received his Master's Degree in music education from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Prof. Speed has studied organ with the eminent organist, Dr. Marilyn Mason, and has studied abroad. He is active in music circles in Des Moines, and, in addition to teaching at Grand View College, he is organist at the Central Presbyterian Church of Des Moines. Under Mr. Speed's direction, the choir has gained an enviable reputation.

The present tour will commemorate 12 years since the founding of the choir. Last spring's tour included an itinerary of cities throughout Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. In past seasons, the choir has appeared before the Chicago Sunday Evening Club at Orchestra Hall in Chicago, Illinois, and has also been featured over a nationwide broadcast for the Columbia Church of the Air. This year the choir will sing concerts throughout the states of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Composed of students from nine states representing a rapidly-expanding enrollment of some 470 students, the Grand View Choir has been a source of inspiration and pleasure to all who have heard it.

The choir entourage, traveling by bus and two cars, consists of 55 persons, including the 51 voices, an accompanist, Prof. Speed, Harry Jensen, tour manager, and John Rex, his assistant. Included in this year's itinerary are: Newell, Iowa, April 10; Ringsted, Iowa, April 11; Tyler, Minnesota, April 12; Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 13; Askov, Minnesota, April 14; Luck, Wisconsin, April 15; Withee, Wisconsin, April 16; Alden, Minnesota, April 17, and Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 18.

The choir program includes:

Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee.....Nicolai-Bach
 Heavenly Light.....Kopylow
 In Mirth and In Gladness.....Niedt
 Adoramus Te.....Rosello
 Four Songs for Christmas
 (a) Fanfare.....Shaw
 (b) Wind Through the Olive Trees.....Pyle
 (c) Dejlig er den Himmel Blaa.....Christiansen
 (d) Boar's Head Carol.....English-Shaw
 Save Us, O Our God.....Foltz
 In Peace and Joy.....Fetler
 Alleluia.....Thompson

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O Eyes of My Beloved.....Di Lasso
 Two Songs.....Hindemith
 A Swan
 Since All Is Passing
 Where, O Where Is the Good Elijah.....Jordan
 O Mistress Mine.....Murray
 Flow Gently Sweet Afton.....Robt. Shaw
 Oh, Susanna.....N. Cain
 De Animals a-Coming.....Spiritual
 Let Us Break Bread Together.....Spiritual
 Soon-ah Will Be Done.....Spiritual

The annual tour, always regarded by the students as one of the high spots of their college year, also provides a marvelous opportunity for the members of the AELC to see just one of the many examples of the fine educational program embodied in Grand View, the college of the AELC.

Someone Might See It !

An American was explaining to a British visitor the construction of an electrical advertising sign his concern was about to erect on Times Square in New York City. "It will contain," he said, "20,000 red lights, 17,000 white lights, and 10,000 blue lights, and there will be a central burst of green and orange."

The Englishman was quite impressed, and his first comment was: "Most extraordinary." And then he added, "But don't you think, old chap, that it will be just a bit conspicuous?"

College News

In the month of March the students at Grand View College begin to get busy with preparations for the annual Studenterfest. To give the friends of the college a short resume of some of the many things that have taken or are taking place at the college we present a series of news items.

Grand View College's new Art Club is attracting considerable attention. The club sponsored a very excellent exhibit during the first week of February. A second exhibit, limited exclusively to religious art, was shown in Luther Memorial Church under the auspices of the Des Moines area Council of Churches. A third exhibit by Mr. Robert Mead, art instructor in the college, is planned for the second week of April.

The faculty wives now meet informally once a month. They are making plans for assisting the college in various ways. Special service projects will be one of their primary objectives as a group.

Dean emeritus Alfred C. Nielsen was honored on his 70th birthday, Sunday, February 15. A surprise party was held in the parlors of Luther Memorial Church. More than 100 friends were present.

Mr. Robert Burham and Mr. Robert Van Arkel both have received a National Science Foundation stipend for summer study. Mr. Burham, who teaches chemistry, will pursue his advanced study in chemistry at Emory University, a well known Methodist institution, and Mr. Van Arkel, who teaches courses in the field of engineering, will take his work at the School of Engineering, Iowa State College.

Speaking of the faculty's interest in their professional growth, we may mention also that Mr. A. C. Nielsen, Mr. Wilber Williamson and Mr. Gerald Rasmussen will attend a conference of historians to be held at Omaha, Nebraska.

At the beginning of the fall semester we started the operation of the evening college. The initial experiment was sufficiently successful for us to enlarge the course offering for the second semester.

The other area in which we are making a significant educational thrust is in our attack upon the dual problem of meeting the needs of two categories of high school graduates. To meet the needs of high school graduates who could benefit by a special college preparedness and improvement program as well as making arrangements for able and superior students to enroll in courses for which they have the required ability, we are establishing a six-week summer school, which will open June 15 and continue through July 25. For high school students who need to improve their abilities to handle courses in basic fields before entering college in the fall, we are offering the following subjects or courses: Remedial English composition, a special course designed to improve reading comprehension and speed; elementary algebra for students who must know mathematics but who have not had the necessary preparation in high school; and basic mathematics for students whose percentile rank for mathematic skills falls below the satisfactory

score. For the able and superior student the summer school offers the advantage of enabling him to broaden his academic program. For such students courses will be offered in English, mathematics, chemistry, biology, history, sociology, government, marketing, money and banking, and business law. The academic load is six semester hours. To our knowledge we are the first college in Iowa to set up this type of a program, which we regard as a unique educational opportunity. We are hopeful that the summer school will become popular. Its value lies in the fact that it will give the student the opportunity to make the kind of progress which is most important to him at the present stage of his educational program and intellectual growth.

Our people in the churches of the synod should be greatly encouraged by the many indications of serious concern among educators to improve the quality of our work. One can safely predict that we shall see a great development at Grand View College over the next 10 to 15 years.

We know that many parents and high school students throughout our synod do have questions about transfer of credits. On this point we can assure students that they do not need to have any fears on this score. Every effort is made to provide the student with reliable guidance in the choice of courses which may fit into his total college program. The hundreds of graduates of Grand View College who have transferred successfully to other institutions throughout the country are the best testimony to the fact that transfer constitutes a problem in exceptional cases only.

This spring our offerings in the department of athletics and physical education have been expanded to include track. We have been fortunate in obtaining a competent track coach on a part time basis. It is highly probable that we shall be represented at the Drake Relays. Speaking of athletics, friends of the college may be delighted to learn that our present athletic field has been expanded considerably by the purchase of additional land.

While speaking of athletics, we must not forget to mention that the basketball team plays its first game in the Regional Tournament at Eagle Grove, Friday evening, March 13.

Enrollment figures for the second semester are as follows:

- 407 total in the day college
- 40 total in the evening college
- 358 are students who were registered last semester
- 49 are new students
- 327 full-time students (12 hours or more)
- 80 part-time students (including student nurses)

High school seniors who plan to attend college, remember Grand View is your church college, make it the college of your choice also. Register early. Write for information. Tour of the campus and a visit with members of the staff can be arranged at your convenience.

Read the announcement in this issue about Studenterfest, May 2 and 3.

The members of the 1959 A Cappella Choir are:

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The Church Situation in New England

Holger O. Nielsen

This is the land of the Pilgrim fathers no more. We the heirs of the Faith of the Reformation are in the minority, except in the rural areas. But rural New England does not impress me. We have more stones in our fields than Askov, Minnesota, but we build our stone hedges in a neat and nice manner. "Good fences make good neighbors" wrote Robert Frost many years ago but "Mending Walls" in New England belongs to an era which is no more.

The church which in New England has reputation, tradition, history and wealth is the Congregational Church. Harland G. Lewis from Connecticut writes with sharp insight in the Christian Century of February 18 as follows: In Connecticut the image of the church is still the colonial church on the green, white steeple rising in Puritan simplicity of line and dominating the village. This image has force, though it is largely remembered force. There is a certain romantic mythology about it; a nostalgia for simplicity, face-to-face ways, uncomplicated morality, elementary and frugal economics, town-meeting politics. All these are no more. There is in the steeple image a reverence for ancestry, a respect for heritage — both good things up to a point. But at the same time that it symbolizes all this, it stands for a certain unreality. It represents the imprint on a culture of a Protestantism once in the majority but now slowly diminishing to minority status. The steeple says something to the Protestant man who deals with "new" groups and forces in politics and business but retires into his church of a Sunday to pull about him a comfortable symbol of much that no longer is.

Its church polity is weak and so is its theology. "I preach a Unitarian sermon and use an Episcopalian order of service" said a Congregational pastor and in so doing he described a large segment of the reformed preaching in New England, today.

The Lutheran Church has an opportunity here. There is a growing desire to hear the Gospel preached and have the children taught the lessons of the Bible. Projects, be they ever so interesting and clever, such as cutting crosses out of soap, be the soap ever so white, is a poor substitute for Bible stories and Luther's Catechism.

District One of the AELC has suffered some severe losses when our congregations at Portland, Maine, and Brooklyn, New York, left us. Troy, New York and Bridgeport, Connecticut are calling pastors. Theodore Thuesen who has served Newark, New Jersey, will soon leave us. District One stands as did the people in the vision that Paul saw, a man standing across the straits waving and crying, "Come and help us." Substitute the name of New England for Macedonia and you have guessed it.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.

Lowell.

Information on Presidents of Eight Bodies in NLC

DR. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY. Born August 30, 1900 in Bethlehem, Pa. President of United Lutheran Church in America (2,396,000 members) since 1944. Served six two-year terms and current term of six years will expire in 1962. Has headquarters in New York City.

DR. FREDRIK AXEL SCHIOTZ. Born June 15, 1901 in Chicago, Ill. President of Evangelical Lutheran Church (1,083,000 members) since 1954. Current term of six years will expire in 1960. Has headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

DR. HENRY FREDERICK SCHUH. Born May 30, 1890 in Tacoma, Wash. President of American Lutheran Church (973,000 members) since 1951. Current term of six years will expire in 1962. Has headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

DR. OSCAR ALGOT BENSON. Born April 7, 1891 in Derry, Pa. President of Augustana Lutheran Church (576,000 members) since 1951. Current term of four years will expire in 1959. Has headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

DR. JOHN M. STENSVAAG. Born June 1, 1911 in Bergen, Norway. President of Lutheran Free Church (77,000 members) since October 1, 1958. Current term of three years will expire in 1961. Has headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

DR. WILLIAM LARSEN. Born May 19, 1909 in Racine County, Wis. President of United Evangelical Lutheran Church (65,000 members) since 1956. Current term of three years will expire in 1959. Has headquarters in Blair, Nebraska.

DR. RAYMOND WALDEMAR WARGELIN. Born June 25, 1911 in Republic, Mich. President of Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America or Suomi Synod (38,000 members) since 1955. Current term of four years will expire in 1962. Has headquarters in Hancock, Michigan.

DR. ALFRED JENSEN. Born January 6, 1893 in Brenderup, Denmark. President of American Evangelical Lutheran Church (23,000 members) since 1936 and full-time president since 1942. Served ten two-year terms and current term of four years will expire in 1960. Has headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa.

Togetherness

The minister was talking to the children in the Sunday School class about kindness to animals, and told them how the Bible enjoined us to be kind and merciful to all animals.

"Now," he said, "suppose one of you saw a bad boy cutting off a cat's tail. What would you say to him, out of the Bible, that would convince him that he was doing something very wrong?"

One of the small boys called out, "I would tell him, 'What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder'."

— Pulpit Treasury of Wit and Humor.

In Memoriam

Henry Henricksen, Rosenborg, Nebraska, was laid to rest in the family lot at the Rosenborg cemetery February 27, 1959. Henry and Marie have lived close to the church in more ways than one. Retired from farming they moved into their cozy little home back of the church. In and out of this home moved freely not only their children and children's children, but neighbors and friends as well, and they were many and always welcome. They needed this fellowship. And now that Marie is alone she will need it even more.

They were always active, and perhaps even more so during the years of their retirement. They had more time to devote to community and church projects and they gave freely and heartily of what they had. During the summer months the cemetery had the appearance of a beautiful garden tenderly cared for by loving hands, for they had known most if not all of those who rested there. And Sunday after Sunday for a number of years Henry faithfully rang the church bell calling young and old to worship, and when he had lit the candles on the altar the worship service had begun.

Henry was about a year old when the Rosenborg congregation was organized and this fall the congregation is planning to celebrate its 75th anniversary. A lot of work and love have gone into the building of that church; challenged by the pioneers, the present generation stands dedicated to continue the good work.

A Friend.

Day Spring of Eternity

When I left Vancouver on the evening train "The Canadian," weather was cloudy, rain fell and everything was wet outside. "Even the nature is weeping," I said to my host. I went to bed early as there was nothing special to see, not even from the dome above.

But when I woke up the next morning, and pulled the curtains apart, so I could look out, what a change, what a surprise, what a panorama! New fallen snow a foot deep, as pure and white as snow can be, covered every thing from the highest mountain peak to the smallest plants, with this beautiful white blanket. No wind to disturb the still air nor to blow the snow from the branches. It was still snowing a little, but looking up I saw a break in the clouds here and there and then the blue sky way up as far as the eye could see. What was the most beautiful of the two, the snow below or the blue color above?

I said to myself, how quiet it must have been before the train came rumbling along and also after it had gone; a person could be tempted to get off and stay for a day in this great temple of beauty, to enjoy God's wonderful creation. But a whisper in the soul said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Oh, if my heart was pure as the mountain snow! I also thought of Brorson's hymn: "Be hold the mighty white-robed band, like thousand snow clad mountains stand," and the psalmists' statements! I lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence does my

help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Even if I could not stay, but had to go on with my journey, it was like a blessed dedication to a new day whatever that would bring of experience.

Thank God also for nature's beauty.

P. Rasmussen.

Come to Studenterfest

One looks at the red and black numbers on the school calendar tells us that soon it will be spring. Spring.....when orange-breasted robins hop in brilliant green back yards, when little boys in faded blue jeans cry "Batter up" from muddy field, and when students, faculty, and alumni of Grand View College prepare for Studenterfest — the annual homecoming.

The gathering this year of past and present Vikings will take place the week-end of May 1, 2, 3 on the Grand View campus. The list of activities on which the committee is now busily working includes performances given by the folk dancers, the gymnastics team, and the choir; a banquet and dance Saturday evening, May 2; and the presentation of a play, "Another Language," by Rose Franchen.

What with the mixture of facts and good sounding rumors that are floating around campus, this year's Studenterfest is going to be so great that no one will want to miss it. **Alumni, register now with the Studenterfest Registration Committee at the college** for the biggest and best homecoming yet. A special invitation is extended to the graduating classes of 1949, 1934, and 1909. Until then — see you at Studenterfest.

Sandra Gjellesten.

The Way of Persuasion

When we hear a statesman say that no man has a right to be wrong, when we pay those who rely on the method of force the compliment of imitating them as we do when we say that we cannot combat totalitarianism except by totalitarian methods, when in the professed interests of security we are in danger of destroying the way of life which we want to protect and thereby of undermining the national security which we wish to safeguard, freedom and science are in danger and it behooves their friends to gird on their armor. The way of persuasion is hard and long but it is the only way of hope for a tortured and perplexed humanity; for we cannot bring about a desirable state of affairs by means which are inconsistent with the end which we pursue.

A. Macbeath, A Plea for Heretics.

SERVICE

The old doctor had never refused a call, from rich or poor, but now he was tired.

"Have you any money?" he asked the midnight caller.

"Certainly," he replied.

"Then go to the new doctor. I'm too old to get out of bed for anybody who can pay for it."

OUR CHURCH

Brayton, Iowa — The Brayton Lutheran Church was officially organized January 26, 1959, and is a combination of members of St. John's church of Exira and Oak Hill church near Atlantic. The congregation has now made arrangements to buy land on the north edge of the town of Brayton. The lot has a nearly new 3-bedroom house which will be the parsonage for Joseph Sibert, Grand View Seminary senior, who will become the pastor in June. Services and other church activities are being held in the Legion Hall in Brayton.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada — Pastor Peder Rasmussen will temporarily be pastor in Vancouver replacing Pastor Kronborg who is leaving for Denmark April 5th. A permanent replacement will come from Denmark later this year. This will be the third time Pastor Rasmussen has helped out in Vancouver.

Minneapolis, Minnesota — Pastor Michael Mikkelsen has retired from his last pastorate in Rosenberg, Nebraska, and is now living at 5916 Penn Ave. S., Minneapolis 19, Minn. The Mikkelsens are planning a trip to Europe for three months, leaving New York in May. Their son, Vern, has for many years been a star member of the Minneapolis Lakers Basketball team, and as this goes to press is participating in the Series against Boston for the Professional Championship.

Des Moines, Iowa — Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Frost have spent the past two years in numerous residences but have now sent us a more-or-less permanent address. It is 3105 E. 8th St., Des Moines 16, Iowa. Pastor Frost is still recovering from a nerve ailment, but hopes to be able to preach again.

Chicago, Ill. St. Stephen's — Pastor Harry Andersen of Marlette, Michigan, will be moving to Chicago in late summer to take up his new work as pastor there.

Withee, Wisconsin — Pastor Beryl Knudsen of Montcalm County, Michigan, will also be leaving the state to move to his new charge in Withee, Wisconsin in the fall.

Chicago, Ill. Trinity — Dr. Johannes Knudsen will serve Trinity church on Sundays during the vacancy brought about by the recent move of Pastor Erik Moller to Danevang, Texas. It is reported that Dr. Knudsen will also serve St. Stephen's church on the third Sunday of the month when Communion is held, and that a Seminary student from Maywood will preach on other Sundays.

Grayling, Michigan — Pastor Harald Knudsen has been hospitalized for surgery of a serious nature and is now home again.

Chicago, Ill. St. Stephen's — A farewell party for Katrine and Paul Wikman and their children, Hanne, Margaret and Friedrik, was held dur-

ing March, with a fine program including a "This is Your Life" episode and magnificent gifts completing the evening. The Wikmans have now left for Denmark.

Fresno, California — Dagmar Jensen, daughter of Synod President, Alfred Jensen, has been gravely ill in St. Agnes hospital here, facing the possibility of brain surgery. Mrs. Alfred Jensen has been with her the past month and her brother, Herluf, recently visited her. Alfred Jensen will be in California later this month.

Minneapolis, Minnesota — St. Peder's church here observed their 75th Anniversary the week end of March 13-15. Pastor Enok Mortensen was Banquet Speaker and Dr. Alfred Jensen preached at the Festival Service Sunday morning, and in the afternoon former pastor, J. C. Aaberg, was principal speaker.

Los Angeles, Calif. — Pastor (and editor) Verner Hansen has returned home after a month in Chicago, where he was hospitalized for a virus heart disease. Services have been conducted in the Los Angeles church by various pastors, especially Pastor Steven Mogenssen. It is expected that Pastor Hansen will resume preaching April 12th.

Newark, New Jersey — Mr. Donald Baron will serve the Bethesda congregation during the summer and thereafter part-time while he studies at Yale U. He is a graduate of Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Pastor Thuesen preached his last sermon here Easter Sunday and then left for Iowa to attend Pastors' Institute and visit his family before going on to his new congregation, Hope Lutheran of Enumclaw, Washington.

Minneapolis, Minn. — The Redevelopment program in this city calls for the razing of the Phoenix Building and so the office of the Santal Mission will have to be moved. Prior to moving the Santal Mission will try to dispose of some books on hand and offers "In the Land of the Santals" by M. A. Pedersen in paper at \$1.00 and cloth at \$1.50 and also "Unto the Least" by Dr. E. Ostergaard at 50c. Until further notice the address remains 803 Phoenix Bldg., Minneapolis 1, Minn.

Cedar Falls, Iowa — On Sunday, February 15, 1959, the North Cedar Lutheran Mission organized as the "St. Peter's American Evangelical Lutheran Church" with District President Holger Jorgensen officiating. Officers for the congregation are Arthur K. Hansen, president; Bernard Ove, vice-president; Mrs. Wayne Boysen, secretary; Willard Hansen, treasurer; and Elmer Becker, trustee. The building committee appointed at the pre-organization meeting is working on building plans for a parsonage-type chapel. It is hoped that plans can be developed to the point where a building fund drive can be completed in District IV during the month of May and actual construction started in June. The building site will be on two lots lo-

cated near the North Cedar Public School. These lots have a combined frontage of 150 feet and are 205 feet deep. They were purchased several years ago through the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. V. S. Jensen.

Salinas, Calif. — The new parsonage has now been completed alongside the new church and its address is 14 Pajaro Way. Pastor and Mrs. Paul Nussle had Open House March 15 in the afternoon and evening, and a brief Dedication ceremony was held following morning worship services that day.

Tyler, Minn. — A beautiful white and green ship made by Dr. F. N. Thomsen was installed and dedicated February 8. The ship is a common symbol in churches of Danish attachment.

Newington, Conn. — The church choir recently sponsored a dinner to raise money for new choir robes.

Solvang, Calif. — Twenty-one young people were confirmed here on Palm Sunday. The choir earlier in the month presented a Candlelight Musicales with a program of song and dance, with the proceeds going to the Organ Fund.

Cozad, Nebraska — On March 1, 1959, the entire service was conducted by young people in the absence of Pastor Thorvald Hansen who was in Omaha. Meanwhile work has been nearing completion on the new church being built here. The auxiliaries of the church have purchased many copies of the new WORLD OF SONG and constructed a carrying case for them.

California Convention

District VIII

MAY 1, 2 and 3, 1959

Salinas, California

Friday

8:00 p. m.—Opening Meeting — Dr. Alfred Jensen, Speaker

Saturday

9:30 a. m.—Devotions — Pastor Niels Nielsen

10:00 a. m.—District Business

12:00 noon—Luncheon

1:30 p. m.—Solvang Lutheran Home Board Meeting

3:00 p. m.—Coffee Break

3:30 p. m.—District Business, concluded

4:30 p. m.—Panel Discussion, four laymen with Pastor Nussle as Coordinator

6:00 p. m.—Supper

8:00 p. m.—Entertainment — Drama and Music

Sunday

10:30 a. m.—Communion Service—Pastor Hansen or Pastor Gramps

12:30 p. m.—Dinner

1:30 p. m.—Speaker — Pastor A. E. Farstrup

Announcement

The Annual District Convention of District VIII will be held the first week end in May on invitation of St. Ansagar's Congregation of Salinas. The entire district will look forward to this opportunity to visit Salinas and see the

new church and parsonage recently completed by our friends there. The Synod President will be our special convention guest. Each congregation is invited to send a full slate of delegates (1 for each 25 members or fraction) and as many visitors as can make the trip. Early registration is advised, and may be sent to Pastor Paul Nussle, 14 Pajaro Way, Salinas. Let us meet in the Spirit of God and for the sake of His Kingdom.

Verner Hansen,
District President.

Fellowship Week End NYSTED, NEBRASKA

Program

Friday, April 24

- 2:15—Welcome and Opening Devotions, Pastor Lavern Larkowski
- 3:45—Pastor Clayton Nielsen in charge
- 8:00—Group Singing
- 8:30—A film "The Two Kingdoms" A dramatic story of changing Communist minds to Christian hearts
- 10:00—Evening Devotions, Pastor Folmer Farstrup

Saturday, April 25

- 9:00—Morning Devotions, Pastor Thorvald Hansen
- 9:30—"The Meaning of Baptism," Dr. Rueben Swanson, Grand View Seminary, Des Moines
- 11:00—"Some Lessons We Could Have Learned From the Indians," Mr. Franklin Fenenga, University of Nebraska
- 1:45—"The Meaning of Communion," Dr. Swanson
- 3:30—Two Meetings, Women's Meeting: District WMS President Mrs. Paulsen in charge
Men's Meeting: Pastor Carl Laursen in charge
- 8:00—Pastor Thorvald Hansen, District President, in charge
- 9:00—"A Festival of Fun," directed by Pastor Folmer Farstrup
- 10:15—Evening Devotions, Pastor Carl Laursen

Sunday, April 26

- 11:00—Morning Worship
- 2:00—"What Is the Mental Health Problem?" Dr. Marshall Jones, University of Nebraska
- 3:30—Coffee and Farewell

College News

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Allsteadt, Norma—Des Moines, Iowa
Andersen, Edith—Inglewood, Calif.
Bess, Samuel—Freeport, Ill.
Beyer, Carol—Hampton, Nebr.
Breining, James—Botna, Iowa
Buch, Nile—Storm Lake, Iowa
Buck, Sandra—Minneapolis, Minn.
Christiansen, Arne—Solvang, Calif.
Christiansen, Diane—Minneapolis, Minn.
Crowley, Robert—Des Moines, Iowa
Danielsen, Elsa—Newell, Iowa
Day, Dennis—Des Moines, Iowa
Doop, Jimmy—Des Moines, Iowa
Duus, Erling—Alden, Minn.
Esbeck, Dave—Kimballton, Iowa

Evans, Lloyd—Des Moines, Iowa
Foged, Wayne—Cozad, Nebr.
Fox, Mary J.—Dallas Center, Iowa
Hansen, Daniel—Minneapolis, Minn.
Hansen, Judy—Des Moines, Iowa
Hays, Jerry—Des Moines, Iowa
Ibsen, Joy—Viborg, S. D.
Jensen, Elizabeth—Des Moines, Iowa
Jensen, Joy—Hampton, Iowa
Jespersen, Tove—Circle Pines, Minn.
Johnson, Vernon—Cedar Falls, Iowa
Jorgensen, Henry—Helena, Mont.
Jurgensen, Janis—Des Moines, Iowa
Kildegaard, Ted—Grand Rapids, Mich.
Kraft, Marjery—Hampton, Iowa
Kreutzkamp, Shirley—S. Barbara, Cal.
Laursen, Leota—Marquette, Nebr.
Madsen, Lois—Cedar Falls, Iowa
Madsen, Margaret—Solvang, Calif.
Melso, Eric—Des Moines, Iowa
Molgaard, Leland—Alta, Iowa
Mortensen, John—Chicago, Ill.
Moody, John—Des Moines, Iowa
Muller, Elsa—Minneapolis, Minn.
Nedegaard, Leon—Askov, Minn.
Nyboe, Kathrine—Racine, Wis.
Olsen, Alice—Ruthton, Minn.
Olsen, Glen—St. Paul, Minn.
Olsen, Nancy—Madrid, Iowa
Pedersen, Sonja—Minneapolis, Minn.
*Petersen, Ruth—Des Moines, Iowa
Reed, Kenneth—Fresno, Calif.
Schmidt, Jean—Menominee, Mich.
Sondergaard, Linda—Maywood, Calif.
Sorensen, Elaine—Oak Terrace, Minn.
Thomsen, Elsie—Des Moines, Iowa
Zehngraff, Paul—Minneapolis, Minn.
*Accompanist

Ernest D. Nielsen.

Hospital Chaplaincy

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she said she felt sure of herself now. She did well and has ever since adapted herself to the life of being alone and still never alone.

Quite often relatives of a hospital patient will come to me rather than to their own pastor for consultation. Another lady came to me because she had to talk to someone right away. She couldn't go to her own pastor because he didn't want to have anyone bothering him before 10 o'clock in the morning. Then she added, "Somehow I think he is more interested in the business part of the church than he is in the problems of his members."

It is very common for a patient to ask me to come to say a prayer for them before undergoing surgery. It relieves a tension and they seem more at peace and doctors have often recognized the importance of it in their recovery. Doctors who used to resent the chaplain are today welcoming him, especially if he has some medical understanding. The little I have had has helped me tremendously and the fact that I have taught nurses for many years has also given me a better understanding of the nurses' importance. None of this work could be accomplished without the cooperation of the hospital staff and doctors. Doctors thank me and often discuss problems with me, especially where they feel I can help more than they can. The

work is now done as a team with each one playing his part but always depending on the other.

Nowhere have I enjoyed the ministry more than I do here because I feel I am doing the work for which I was trained. Here it is more than being a custodian of odd jobs which pertain to the church work. I feel the work has a real purpose and that each call I make is more than a duty. You soon discover that the job is much bigger than yourself. It is not a work that makes headlines but it does give a satisfaction which is worth more. There is no pay for the work and in fact all expenses, though small, I pay for. It is a much needed ministry which in the past has been neglected.

The work does have its problems. Some of the pastors of the cities here resent me. One pastor called me and told me not to visit any of his members because my visits always "upset" them. I had a friend make a survey of this and found that everyone which I had contacted from his church appreciated my calls and hoped I would continue the services. Another pastor told me that it put him on the spot because I often called on his members before he did and it was embarrassing. One told me it forced him to visit his patients more often. One said, "Yes, I am not surprised that my patients would sooner have you call than they would me because I would have a good opportunity to reprimand them which you won't do." I believe all are poor excuses and since the call to the ministry is above catering to men's desires I still call on every person who asks for my help. Some thought at first it was a means of gaining members for my congregation but I have never gained one in this way. Maybe God has and if He has, or if someone's faith has been strengthened, the work has not been in vain.

Partnership in the Gospel

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a pastor again it is no time to shift the load but rather take up a greater load and go forward together in your partnership in the gospel.

One further point should be mentioned. Paul, in the passage cited, goes on to say, "I am sure that He who began the good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." This is Paul's word of encouragement to the church at Philippi and it is a fundamental word of encouragement to any partnership in the gospel. For it must never be forgotten that there is another partner also — the eternal, living God.

May you, therefore, as you begin your sharing together in Christ and as you begin your working together for Christ, find your partnership in the gospel strengthened in the knowledge that God is also a partner and that "He who began the good work in you" will, in one way or another, "bring it to completion. . . ."

Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

For the month of March, 1959

Towards the Budget:

Unassigned: (by congregation)	
Tacoma, Wash.	\$ 37.39
Bone Lake, Luck, Wis.	100.00
Askov, Minn.	230.00
Edison Township, New Jersey ..	200.00
Racine, Wis.	358.77
Minneapolis, Minn.	201.00
Grayling, Mich.	157.00
Troy, New York	400.00
Clinton, Iowa	200.00
Newell, Iowa	730.40
Newark, New Jersey	180.00
Muskegon, Michigan	290.00
Watsonville, Calif.	109.31
Menominee, Mich.	65.18
Des Moines, Iowa	466.18
Bridgeport, Conn.	100.00
Hampton, Iowa	200.00
Brayton, Iowa	250.00
Vesper, Kansas	366.12
Detroit, Mich.	918.00
St. Paul ELC, Cedar Falls, Iowa	159.74
Newington, Conn.	150.00
Marquette, Nebr.	450.00
Solvang, Calif.	647.12
Seattle, Wash.	600.00
Enumclaw, Wash.	300.00
Junction City, Ore.	200.00
Manistee, Mich.	41.00

Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.

From Denmark Sunday School, Vesper, Kansas	11.33
In memory of Margaret Sorensen, from St. John's Memorial Fund, Ringsted, Iowa	1.00

Seamen's Mission:

Ladies' Aid of St. John's Lutheran church, Hampton, Iowa ..	7.95
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President's Travel:

Congregation: Minneapolis, Minn.	35.00
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Santal Mission:

Denmark Sunday school, Vesper, Kansas	16.55
Brush, Colo.	9.00
Racine, Wis.	5.00

For Ribers' Work:

In memory of Steven Howe, from St. John's Memorial Fund, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill.	40.75
Ladies' Aid, Wayne, Alberta ..	21.40
Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
In memory of Niels Wodder, Marquette, Nebr., by the Wm. Dues and Chris Nelsons, Ex- eter, Nebr.	4.00
St. John's Sunday school, Hamp- ton, Iowa	57.50
In memory of Margaret Sorensen, from St. John's Memorial Fund, Ringsted, Iowa	3.38
Pioneer Lutheran Aid, White, S. D.	10.00
St. Stephen's WMS, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
Marquette, Nebr.	29.65

Home Mission:

St. Stephen's WMS, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
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Total Budget Receipts from Congregations	\$8,474.72
Previously acknowledged	8,533.70

Total to date, 3-31-59	\$17,008.42
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Other Budget Receipts:

Pastors' Pension Contributions:

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa	\$ 19.25
Menominee, Mich.	18.00
Des Moines, Iowa	21.62
Hay Springs, Nebr.	15.48
Los Angeles, Calif.	18.00
West Denmark, Luck, Wis. ..	13.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	21.50
Detroit, Mich.	24.00
Roscommon, Mich.	7.50
Newington, Conn.	22.20
Fredsville, Iowa	18.50
Ringsted, Iowa	24.00
Marquette, Nebr.	20.00
Danevang, Texas	25.96
Parlier, Calif.	3.00
Seattle, Wash.	21.00
Bethlehem, Cedar Falls, Iowa ..	29.36
Synod President	31.50
Waterloo, Iowa	22.50
Synod Vice-President	6.25
Circle Pines, Minn.	19.50
Synod Secretary	1.25
Bone Lake, Luck, Wis.	5.00

Total for month	\$408.37
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Previously acknowledged	245.49
	\$653.86

Total receipts for budget to date, 3-31-59	\$17,662.28
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Received for items outside of Budget:

For Lutheran World Action: (by congregation)

Racine, Wis.	\$ 5.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	39.30
A Friend in South Dakota	200.00
Watsonville, Calif.	22.50
Menominee, Mich.	13.34

Des Moines, Iowa	92.10
St. John's Sunday school, Hamp- ton, Iowa	60.00
St. Paul ELC, Cedar Falls, Iowa ..	29.10
Seattle, Wash.	200.00
Manistee, Mich.	6.00
Bone Lake, Luck, Wis.	87.60

Total for month	\$754.94
Previously acknowledged	472.09

Total to date, 3-31-59	\$1,227.03
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For Santal Mission:

In memory of Mrs. Ole Chris- tensen by Miss Elizabeth Christensen, Portland, Maine ..	5.00
From Denmark Sunday school, Vesper, Kansas	93.31
A Friend in South Dakota	100.00
Ladies' Aid, Wayne, Alberta ..	3.60
From St. John's Sunday school, Hampton, Iowa	13.50
In memory of Margaret Sorensen, by St. John's Memorial Fund, Ringsted, Iowa	8.62
In memory of Henry Henriksen, Rosenborg, Nebr., for Santal Mission-General, by Friends	30.00
Santal Mission-Work Among Children, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearson, Genoa, Nebr.	5.00
Congregation, Marquette, Nebr.	62.40
Axel Thomsen, Sr., Marinette, Wis.	50.00
For Mohulpari hospital Unit, from St. Stephen's WMS, Chi- cago, Ill.	25.00

Total	\$396.43
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Received from Danish Brother- hood in America for Chil- dren's Home, Chicago, Ill.	\$289.81
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For American Bible Society, from Victory Trinity Luther- an Sunday school, Ludington, Mich.	10.00
For Faith and Life Advance, from Congregation, Racine, Wis.	7.25

For Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa:

In memory of Henry Henriksen, Rosenborg, Nebr., by friends ..	25.00
St. Stephen's WMS, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
	\$ 50.00

For North Cedar Building Fund:

from Mrs. Ethel Hansen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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For Lutheran World Food Re- lief: from Mrs. Ethel Hansen,

Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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District IV, AELC Home Mission:

Received from District Treas- urer for St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	175.00
N. Cedar Lutheran Mission	50.00

\$225.00

Respectfully submitted,

American Evangelical
Lutheran Church,

M. C. Miller, Treasurer.
79 West Road,
Circle Pines, Minnesota

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.

April 5, 1959

I am a member of
the congregation at _____

Name _____

New Address _____

City _____ State _____

PETERSEN, ANDREW K. 6-4
TYLER, MINN.