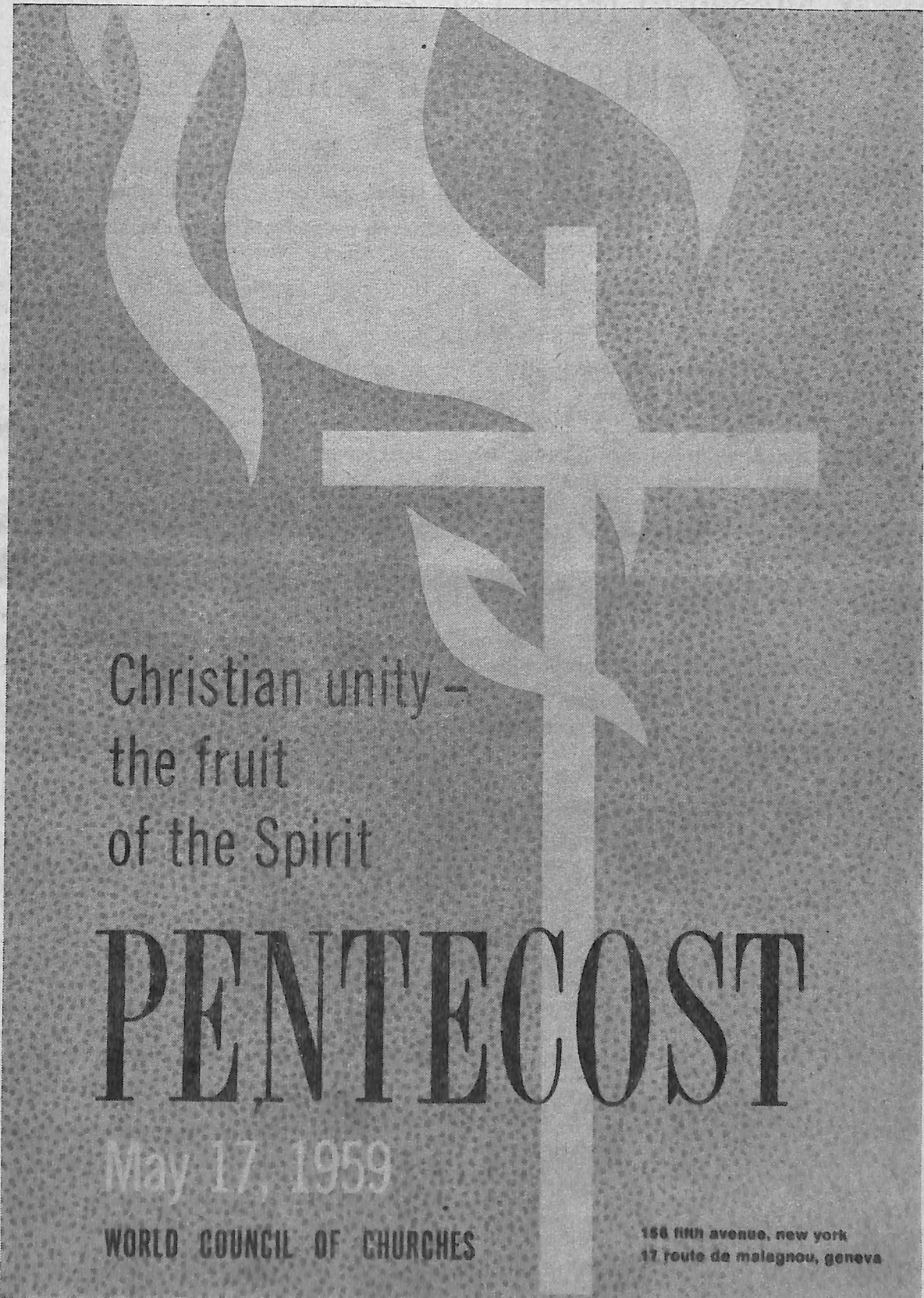


# Lutheran Tidings

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Christian unity -  
the fruit  
of the Spirit

## PENTECOST

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## A Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

Whitsunday — or Pentecost — is the festival of the Holy Spirit and the festival of the Church. For these two belong together. St. Paul states that relationship in these words:

"For by one Spirit we were baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves and free . . ." (I Cor. 12:13 RSV)

The Holy Spirit has created the Church. The Holy Spirit is the life of the Church today. As we pray that the Holy Spirit may come into our own lives, we pray at the same time that we may become living members of the one Body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which is constantly at work to heal the divisions which obscure the wonderful truth of the oneness of Christ's Body and which gathers all the baptized together into the one family of God.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of renewal, which overcomes the dimness of our vision, the routine of our piety, our easy acceptance of the ways of the world, and gives new life to the congregations and their members who open their hearts and minds for the gifts of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of witness and mission which urges us to cease being pre-occupied with ourselves and sends us out into the world with its crying spiritual and material needs in order to proclaim by word and deed that humanity is surrounded by the love of God in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of reconciliation which overcomes misunderstanding and estrangement among the Churches and enables them to become a force for peace between nations and races.

Let us, therefore, rejoice in the presence of God's Holy Spirit. Let us witness anew to His all-transforming power. Let us glorify God and enjoy the fruits of His Spirit Who has come to lead us to greater fullness of life, this day and evermore.

A prayer by Archbishop William Temple:

O Blessed Jesu, Love and Truth of God incarnate, cleanse us from all that hinders or distorts our vision of Thee. So fill us with trust in Thee that we cease from our striving and rest in Thee. Thou Light of the world, so shine in our hearts that the rays of Thy brightness, now known to us in our separation, may be gathered into the pure radiance of Thy glory manifested through us in our unity in Thee. Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, wash our spirits clean from sin. By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation, by Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat, by Thy Cross and Passion, by Thy Glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, unite us with Thyself and in Thyself one with another, that we may be one with and in Thee as Thou art one with the Father, that the world may believe that Thou art its Saviour, God blessed for ever.

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# Christian Unity - The Fruit of the Spirit

Samuel McCrea Cavert

Editor's Note: This article is by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, former executive secretary of the New York office of the world Council of Churches and before that the chief executive of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Cavert was one of the architects of both these councils.

N THINKING OF PENTECOST we naturally turn to the Book of Acts (Chapter 2) where we read of the movement of the Spirit that led to the emergence of the Christian Church. But we shall appreciate its significance more fully if we first turn to the story of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) as a picture of the human condition that the Spirit at Pentecost overcomes.

## Babel

The account of the tower of Babel is a fascinating illustration of the way in which a symbolic story can communicate ultimate truth more deeply than a literal record of fact. It has to do with man's proud assumption that he can, without any reference to God and His will, build a civilization that shall "reach to heaven." It drives home the point that all such self-assertive and self-centered efforts end at last in chaos. They result not in the longed-for welfare and peace of society but in discord and confusion.

We usually refer to the Biblical story only in terms of "the tower" of Babel but the narrative in Genesis speaks of men as building "a city and a tower." The "city" is a symbol of men in their associated life, as the "tower" is a symbol of their vaulting ambition. The Babel of the story was the primitive parallel of our modern metropolis with its skyscrapers. The word "Babel," of course, by a play on words, suggests Babylon, the proud capital of the ancient world, the city of which Nebuchadnezzar said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:30) Like the vain-glorious monarch of Babylon, the people who set out to build "the city and the tower" of Babel said, "Let us make a name for ourselves!"

The old story is one that has clear relevance for any secularistic age, most of all for a nuclear age which has reached such a zenith power that the self-assertiveness of man can completely destroy his civilization. In Babel man was putting himself in the place of God. He was set on achieving an imposing culture without a recognition of any power or purpose higher than his own. But thus estranged from God, man soon found himself estranged also from his fellow-man. His proud effort ended in chaos. Under the judgment of God "Babel" became a "babble." Instead of a great social achievement there was such division and strife that people could "not understand one an-

other's speech" and they were "scattered abroad over the face of all the earth."

## Pentecost

Over against this Babel which comes from man's ignoring God and rebelling against His will stands the reality of Pentecost. Pentecost affirms that there is a Holy Spirit in the world which can overcome man's self-centeredness and his consequent estrangement from both God and his fellows.

The Spirit at Pentecost brings into being a new kind of community, a *koinonia* (to use the new New Testament word) which is centered around the mission of the living Christ. This community, the Church, is not something merely of man's devising, like Babel, but is a way of fulfilling the will of God.

Whatever else happened at Pentecost, the permanent result was the emergence of the Christian Church as a distinctive fellowship. Of this the New Testament as a whole is evidence. This *koinonia* meant a depth and quality of experience which the English translation "fellowship" only partially and faintly conveys. What we call Christian fellowship today is often hardly more than the sociability of those who sing "the more we get together the happier we'll be" or who enjoy a chummy atmosphere in a service of worship or at a church supper.

*Koinonia* in the New Testament, however, is the experience of those who know themselves bound together not by their own gregarious impulses but by their common relation to Christ. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the young German martyr of the last war put it, our community with each other as Christians "consists solely in what Christ has done for both of us."

This means that the fellowship which the Spirit creates may be a fellowship with people with whom, on the level of merely human preferences, we might prefer not to have any fellowship at all. It is only as we find, in our common relation to Christ, a oneness so deep that the natural differences of culture, class, sect, race, and nation no longer divide us into exclusive and self-sufficient, or even conflicting, groups

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*Can We Accept the  
New Hymnal?*

## A Comment on a Comment

J. C. Aaberg

**I** WAS naturally very interested in reading my good friend Mrs. Kjaer's comments on my review of the ULC's new Service Book and Hymnal, which some time ago appeared in LUTHERAN TIDINGS. Her article was both informative and well-written, although it seemed to me that a considerable part of it had no real bearing on my review and to some extent conveyed a misapprehension of it.

Mrs. Kjaer declares my statement that the service book "to accommodate different usages contains three complete and partly different liturgies for the regular Sunday service," to be incorrect. But the committee did prepare and print three partly different liturgies for this service — as Mrs. Kjaer herself admits. And my statement is incorrect only in this that, while the third liturgy was prepared for those who might wish to use it, it was not included in the regular edition of the service book.

In commenting on my regret that the adoption of service book would — among other things — deprive our church of our beautiful opening and closing prayers, Mrs. Kjaer is mistaken in taking these to be merely the prayers of individual worshippers. They are, it is true, individual in form, but they are read — or should be read — aloud by the deacon at the opening of the service as a prayer of the whole congregation for The Lord's blessing upon its service, and, at its conclusion, as a thanksgiving for what it has now received. And the prayers are, therefore, no more individual than, for instance, the pastor's confession of the creed is individual.

It is true that these prayers are used only in the churches of Denmark, Norway and their descendant churches in America and other lands. But should that in itself make them less acceptable? Or are we, in order to become acceptable to the proposed new organization, to surrender everything, our form of worship, our hymns, our use of the Apostolic Creed, our second series of texts, etc., that we have inherited from the church from which we came? Luther himself demanded no such conformity from the churches that grew out of his work. On the contrary, he was perfectly willing to let these churches develop their own forms of worship as long as these did not conflict with the teachings of the Gospel.

Nor am I opposed to all differences and changes in liturgical forms. I had something to do with the order of service presented in the revised edition of Hymnal for Church and Home, for I believed, with other members of the committee for this work, that our liturgy could be enriched by the addition of certain parts, some of which had been eliminated from it during a rationalistic period in the church of Denmark. I also favored the inclusion of the Common Service in the book to make it available for such of our congregations as wanted to use it — which I believe few, if any of them, have. So if Mrs. Kjaer

prefers the use of the Nicene to the Apostolic creed in the confession of faith, it is all right with me, though I must confess that I am wholly unable to understand why anyone should wish to do so. In my opinion, the Nicene creed is simply a clarification of certain parts of the Apostolic which had been perverted by the Arian heresy. What I am against is a compulsory change of our liturgy, and especially the statement in the new service book, that the Nicene creed "shall be used on all festivals and whenever there is communion." I am unalterably opposed to dictation in these matters.

I have never, I believe, been rated as an orthodox Grundtvigian. And I have not wished to be, for I have wanted to be free to accept whatever I found to be good in what God has given to our church, no matter from what source it came. But what astounds me is that none of the people who have claimed to be Grundtvigians, has not only not opposed these dictated changes in our liturgy, and especially the substitution of the Nicene for the Apostolic creed in the confession of faith, but appears to be actually working for them.

Considering the new service book as a whole, my objection to it is that it seems to convey a different and more ecclesiastical spirit than the simpler and yet dignified order of service that has so far been used in our churches.

Mrs. Kjaer's sketch of the development of Lutheran hymnody is interesting, but has, as far as I can see, no bearing on my review of the new hymnal. Having for many years been something of a student of hymnody, I am not unaware that Lutheran hymnals, like those of other Protestant church bodies, contain hymns from many sources, both Catholic and Protestant. Nor am I — within limits — opposed to that. My objection to the new hymnal is simply that it, as a Lutheran hymnal, contains far too few Lutheran hymns and a disproportionately large number of hymns from other sources, and especially from the Anglo-Catholic movement within the Church of England.

I am well aware that this movement produced a considerable number of very excellent hymns, both translated and original, which it would be unthinkable to exclude from any hymnal printed in the English language. But I see no good reason why so many hymns from this one source should be included in a supposedly Lutheran hymnal that they far outnumber, not only the Lutheran hymns in the book, but the hymns from any other single source. Is it not peculiar, for instance, that while the hymnal contains something like a hundred and seventy original or translated hymns from writers connected with the

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Pastor Aaberg's original article on the New Service Book and Hymnal appeared November 5, 1958. Mrs. Maria Kjaer's article was in the February 5, 1959 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.







the Orthodox period of the Danish church expressed itself in Kingo's hymnal, the Pietist in Brorson's, the Rationalist in the Evangelical Christian Hymnbook, the Grundtvigian in Grundtvig's hymns, and in the general attitude of the church in Roskilde Convent's Hymnal, which correctly, I believe, gave expression to this by presenting a well balanced collection of hymns from all the outstanding hymnwriters of the church. And the hymnodies of the Reformed church in England and America have invariably followed a like course. So there is no better way of appraising the spiritual movements within a church than a study of the hymnals to which it gave birth. Thus Henry Ward Beecher has well said that "he who knows the way the hymns flowed, knows where the blood of true piety ran, and can trace its veins and arteries to its very heart."

Why then should the Lutheran church in this country — and we with it — adopt a hymnal of which not far from one-third of its hymns are from Anglo-Catholic and less than one-sixth from Lutheran sources? I just can't believe that such a collection represents the true spiritual attitude of the Lutheran churches in this country. The compilers of the book themselves state that they worked under a strong pressure for the inclusion in it of more Lutheran hymns, and that they rejected the pressure because the translations of these hymns were not up to its required literary standard.

I showed in a former article how untenable that contention was, and that it was disproved by the fact that the new Missouri hymnal contains about two hundred and fifty Lutheran hymns. For no one can make me believe that the body would select men for compiling a hymnal who did not know good English. In addition to this, I may perhaps also be excused for mentioning the hundreds of approvals of the translations of our Danish hymns that I have received, both from people in and outside our own church. Among these kind appreciations, I remember in particular one by Dr. Overby, a professor at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minnesota, and a member of the committee that compiled a new edition of the Concordia Songbook, published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Dr. Svend O. Sigmund, then pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in New York and president of the committee, came to me in Minneapolis to consult me about the work. And he was, after talking with me a whole afternoon, kind enough to invite me to attend the opening session of his committee. I accepted the invitation and was asked to give a talk in which, among other things, I said that there were some who held that a hymn could not be translated. To which Dr. Overby remarked, "I believe that your own translation disproves that."

In relating this, I fear that I may be accused of blowing my own horn. But I have never considered my own work to be in any way superior to the work of others. So I take these approvals to include their work as much as my own. What really puzzles me is that our church now, on the mere say-so by a small group of men about whom most of us know nothing, seems ready to throw it all out of the window.

In regard to the new hymnal, I cannot help won-

dering how our church came to be named as one of its sponsors. I have it on good authority that an invitation to us to be represented on the committee was turned down by stating that we were not interested. So we had nothing at all to do with the preparation of the book. And the only official action that our church has taken in regard to it is the adoption at our last convention of a resolution to prepare a supplement for it, an action which can hardly be construed as an official adoption of the book itself. And **I do think that such an adoption should be made before our present authorized hymnal can rightly be discarded for the new book.**

It has been said that we have to adopt the new hymnal because our own is nearly out of print. I have, however, been informed that the publishing house still has a good supply of unbound copies of it on hand, which it is willing to bind as orders for it come in. But even if this supply should eventually become exhausted, the plates for the music edition, at least, are still available, and the cost of a reprint would not be excessive. In case of a reprint, the hymnal could also be revised. The present translations could either be corrected or replaced by the improved translations the committees for the supplement are expected to obtain, and some original English hymns added. This would cost some money, but probably not a great deal more than the publication of a supplement. And I believe that such a book could be produced and sold for no more than the cost of the new hymnal.

It was with a somewhat mixed feeling that I some time ago read a report describing how one of our congregations had said good-bye to our own and welcomed the new ULC hymnal by singing one of our favored hymns from the former and another such hymn from the small number of these in the latter. The report was quite touching, until one recalled that the ceremony was not a welcome but a farewell to the hymns that our people have so long cherished and acclaimed. Recalling this, the procedure became something like telling an old friend how much we loved him, but that, sad to say, he had now become too old fashioned and uncouth for us to have anything more to do with him.

Yet I cannot help believing that many of our people still love the hymns that we have so long proclaimed to be one of the greatest treasures of our church. And one can not avoid wondering what they expect to find in the new hymnal to compensate them for the loss of it. The book certainly contains little that is new — except pickings from other churches.

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### F r u i t i o n

He toiled and strove and daily dreamt of fame;  
But time, the callous, soon forgot his name.  
Yet his true self, though unidentified,  
Shone in his work and gathered world acclaim.

Stanton A. Coblentz.

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If you are vexed or angry you will have two troubles instead of one.  
Spanish proverb.



# Lutheran Chosen for First Effort by U. S. to Send a Human into Outer Space

Charles De Vries

ONE OF THE SEVEN MEN chosen for America's first attempt to send a human being into outer space is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He is Captain Donald K. Slayton of Sparta, Wis., an Air Force test pilot for the past four years, who looks at space travel as "a natural expansion of flight" and considers his selection for the project as "an excellent opportunity to be in on something new."

Captain Slayton and the other astronaut volunteers arrived here in mid-April to begin an intensive period of training which, according to officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will culminate with manned space flights in two years.

Sometime in 1961, Mercury Astronaut No. 1 will be blasted aloft by an Atlas ICBM in an attempt to orbit the earth 125 miles high at 18,000 mph. If all goes well, the spaceman finally selected for the pioneering venture will circle the globe two or three times before hurtling back to a landing in the Atlantic Ocean.

Asked if he had ever thought about flying into space before the announcement was made of Project Mercury — the name NASA assigned to the development of space exploration techniques for the U. S. — Captain Slayton said that he had.

Some months ago, before he had heard of the project, he was asked by a writer whether he would like to be the first man into space. "I would give my left arm to be the first man in space," he replied.

Since entering the Air Force as an aviation cadet in 1942, the 35-year-old astronaut has been in service continuously for all but five years. During that time he received a degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Minnesota and worked for the Boeing Aircraft Co.

When the seven pilots, chosen from an original list of 500, were asked if they were confident of coming back from outer space, Captain Slayton answered in the affirmative, as did the other six.

To the question of how important a role religion plays in providing a sustaining faith to take part in the new adventure, the Lutheran pilot had this to comment:

"I don't feel that any particular extra faith is called for in this program over what we normally have."

He said he has been flying in the Air Force for

seventeen years and while many people think flying is hazardous, he doesn't. In fact, he said he doesn't think that test flying is especially hazardous.

"To me," he added, "it is just a normal extension of flight."

Stating his primary motivation for accepting his role in Project Mercury he said, "I feel that this is the future of not only this country but the world. We have gone about as far as we can on this globe, and we will have to start looking around a bit."

A veteran pilot with 3,400 flying hours, of which 2,000 have been in jets, he holds the Air Medal with Cluster. His experience has included 56 combat missions in B-25's in Europe and seven combat missions over Japan.

In addition he has been an instructor for several types of aircraft, a fighter pilot, a maintenance flight test officer and a technical inspector. His last assignment was that of an experimental test pilot in which he has flown all jet fighter type aircraft built for the Air Force.

Captain Slayton is married to the former Marjorie Lunney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lunney of Los Angeles, Calif. The Slaytons have one son, Kent 2.

When asked about his wife's attitude toward his being an astronaut, Capt. Slayton said his profession is pretty much his own business and the decisions he makes regarding it are generally acceptable to her.

"My wife isn't too concerned about what I do professionally," he said. "She is more concerned with whether I can find a baby sitter and whether there is a commissary nearby to buy groceries and that sort of thing. I could be running a filling station."

The 160-pound, five feet, ten and one-half inches tall astronaut said the most difficult thing he had to do during the various tests to determine his desirability for his Project Mercury, was to swallow a rubber tube into his stomach for gastric analysis.

Born in Sparta, Wis., on March 1, 1924, he was baptized that year and confirmed in 1938 in a small ELC church in the village of Leon, Wis. Since that time the Leon church has been discontinued.

Captain Slayton now has his membership in Trinity Lutheran church (ELC) in Sparta, where the Rev. O. M. Skindrud is pastor.

He has three brothers and three sisters. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Slayton, reside in Sparta.

## Mother

Of all the men I have known, I cannot recall one whose mother did her level best for him when he was little who did not turn out well when he grew up.

Frances Parkinson Keyes.

It is a general rule of life that should you touch mud with your gloves, it is never the mud that becomes glovey.

George Mikes,  
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## Paging Youth

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### Atlantic District Convention

#### Friday, May 22

- 7:00 p. m.—Registration begins
- 8:00 p. m.—Informal welcome, coffee, devotions
- 9:00 p. m.—Free time

#### Saturday, May 23

- 8:45 a. m.—Devotions
- 9:00 a. m.—Official welcome, business meeting
- 12:00 Noon—Dinner at Church Hall
- 2:00 p. m.—Picnic at Beardsley Park (softball, etc.)
- 5:00 p. m.—Picnic supper
- 8:00 p. m.—Meet at the church
- 9:00 p. m.—Dancing: modern and folk, refreshments
- 11:30 p. m.—Dance terminates

#### Sunday, May 24

- 10:30 a. m.—Service with Communion
- 12:30 p. m.—Dinner at Church Hall
- 2:00 p. m.—Guest speaker: Dr. Mahesh, Yale University Research Fellow, on "Young People in India"
- 3:00 p. m.—Summary—Farewell, coffee and cake

The Bridgeport Fellowship is hosting this convention. Delegates are expected from Newark and Perth Amboy, New Jersey; Troy, New York; and Hartford, Connecticut. The chairman is Fred Klein, assisted by Norma Bernerd, Ray Bernerd, Peter Ernsky, Bill Shermer, Lester Burdge, Carl Burdge, Carl Hansen and Kathy Christensen. Get your registrations in right away to Norma Bernerd, 2400 Barnum Ave., Stratford, Connecticut.

### God-Home-Country Award

Miss Carol Irene Sorensen, of rural Enumclaw, Washington, has been announced as a winner of the coveted God-Home-Country award this year. She is one of four young people who have won in the state of Washington in the years 1951-58. In the seven years AELyf members have been entered, only four have been fortunate enough to win. Congratulations to Carol Sorensen of Enumclaw, Washington!

### Meditation by the Ocean

You must spend at least two evenings in your life on a sandy beach. Until you have silently sat by an ocean at night and witnessed the beauty of one of God's greatest creations in its glory, your life is not complete. The sea may be wild with breaking waves on the shore at high tide, or very still and serenely peaceful at low tide. Either can set a mood which will carry you far away to a different world.

As I spent part of a night on the wild, stormy

shore of the ocean, I felt a surge of strong, exultant emotion. The fiercely breaking waves seemed to be challenging me with the sounds of their explosive pounding near the shore line. Walking out on the dock, which extended far out into the water, I could look directly down and almost become a part of that great body. I envisioned a completely different world way down in the bottom of the deep.

Now I spend an evening on the quiet beach and become a dreamer. The moon glistening on the waters gives a reflection which must be seen in the heavens. The stars glide quietly over the waters as the underwater plant growth glides at the surface. It moves toward the sandy beach and back into the water again. My ears hear whisperings of comfort from the peaceful waves. They seem to be saying, "Tonight all is well; God is watching over you." At times like these, in face of all the trouble of the world, I remember the words of the psalmist, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Contributed.

### Iowa Convention Schedule

#### Friday, May 29

- 7:30 p. m.—Register and get acquainted; nominating and auditing committees organize

#### Saturday, May 30

- 9:00 a. m.—Morning worship, Ralph Andersen
- 10:00 a. m.—Business meeting
- 10:50 a. m.—Song break, Rev. Carlo Petersen
- 11:10 a. m.—Business, Election of Pres. and Treas.
- 12:00 Noon—Lunch
- 1:00 p. m.—Singspiration, Rev. Carlo Petersen
- 1:45 p. m.—Discussion, Everett Nielsen
- 2:30 p. m.—Outdoor games
- 6:00 p. m.—Banquet (Speaker to be announced)
- 8:00 p. m.—Folk Dancing, Rev. Ronald Jespersen
- 9:30 p. m.—Devotions, Rev. Charles Terrell

#### Sunday, May 31

- 9:45 a. m.—Bible Study, Marvin Seehusen
- 10:45 a. m.—Morning worship, Rev. Willard Garred, liturgist; John Johansen, speaker
- 12:00 Noon—Dinner and last announcements

Theme: "Man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15.

Send registrations (\$1 must accompany it) to Dick Paulsen, Latimer, Iowa. Additional costs will be \$3 to be paid on arrival. Delegates should obtain a pre-convention bulletin from their pastors. They have directions on how to reach St. John's Church, Hampton, Iowa.

### National Officers News

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jessen, the national president and his wife, are proud parents of a baby girl, Vicki Lynne. She was born the 23rd of April. The Jessens will be moving to Des Moines as soon as school is out. Mail should be sent to 1100 Boyd, Des Moines, at that time.

Miss Carol Ann Beyer, national treasurer, is being married to Harold Sorensen on June 6 in Kronborg, Nebraska. Their address for the summer will be announced in the next issue.



# Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



## Retreat Plans

Plans for Women's Retreat, to be held at Danebod College, Tyler, Minnesota, June 23 to 26, with opening meeting at 8 p. m. on the 23rd and closing at breakfast on the 26th, are being formulated at this time. We will give you some of the highlights of the tentative program.

Bible hour by Rev. Carlo Petersen of Ringsted, Iowa. He will also enliven us at mealtime and contribute to our evening coffee hour. Two morning lectures and one evening lecture by Dean A. C. Kildegaard, Grand View Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa. Evening lecture and evening devotions by Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn. One afternoon period by Orena Cooper, librarian at Brookings, S. D., with one of her famous Book Reviews. Agneta Hagen, Librarian, Askov, Denmark—here in the U. S. on Exchange—has been extended an invitation to be with us and will contribute at an afternoon period.

Still in planning stages, something of a practical nature, possibly from a leader, at Minnesota Extension Division, for one or two periods. We hope to familiarize each and every one with the New World of Song during our daily Song Fests.

A very SPECIAL FEATURE—Mrs. Nanna Mortensen has ordered Danish Embroideries that the women will enjoy to start sewing on during their leisure time.

Doesn't all this sound interesting? It is time to start planning, and all women of the AELC are invited to participate. We especially urge the women near by—in Districts 4, 5 and 6—to come. The campus at Danebod College has a beautiful playground in summer for children—bring them, there will be supervised play and care for them. Watch for complete program and information in a later issue. Come and share in Worship, Inspiration, Fellowship, and Fun.

Women's Retreat Committee,  
by Mrs. Hans Meyer.

## Women's Mission Society

### AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Quarterly Financial Report

January 1 - March 31, 1959

Statement of All Funds

Acct. No.	Account	Balance as of Jan. 1, 1959	Received this quarter	Total to date
101	General Fund	\$ 819.49	\$ 717.57	\$1,537.06
102	Home Missions	190.97*	144.90	46.07*
103	Dormitory Beds	55.24*		55.24*
104	Membership	51.00	73.00	124.00
105	Santal Mission		25.60	25.60
106	Seamen's Mission		15.00	15.00
	Golden Jubilee			
107	Scholarship Fund	4,543.58	128.07	4,671.65
	Dist. Rec. Bks.		2.60	2.60
	TOTALS	\$5,167.86	\$1,106.74	\$6,274.60

When the printed report appeared in LUTHERAN TIDINGS, an error was made in the total of the first line. It should read \$5,175.33 instead of \$517.33.

Expenditures during the first quarter are:

Home Mission	\$34.30
Santal Mission	50.00
ULCW Dues	10.00
	\$101.06

\$6,173.54

\* Indicates Red Balance

## Women's Retreat - District IX

In fear and trembling the committees went about their planning for the two-day retreat — up until the last week we had less than ten women registered! Then finally, by dint of a little arm twisting, baby sitting aid, and eloquent pleading the number was swelled to 26 full-time retreaters and it was felt that with extra ones coming for a half or a full day, we could juggle the finances and somehow pay for the minimum of thirty, plus the guest speakers' meals. Altogether we had fifty-four full and part time retreaters and six guest speakers.

We had our retreat at Pilgrim Firs, a Congregational Christian Conference camp on the peninsula, about 20 miles from Tacoma across the Narrows Bridge, 35 miles from Seattle via the ferry. It is a new camp, with none of the buildings over four years old, and the facilities are wonderful. One large building houses the chapel, fireside room, a couple of smaller rooms for classes, etc., that we didn't use, a very large dining hall, and a modern kitchen with walk-in freezer and cooler, and a dishwasher. The cabins each had a living room with fireplace (and did we ever enjoy the roaring fire our early riser built on those chilly mornings!), and a bedroom on either side with five double bunks each. AND indoor plumbing—two bathrooms for each cabin! There is a lovely little lake and the grounds are heavily wooded, making a beautiful setting.

We had invited the women of the merger churches in this area to share in the retreat and had two ULC women from Tacoma with us for the full time, Elsie Fagerlin and Mary Nestegaard. Merging with them is definitely not going to be a hardship! We had other ULC women and some from the Augustana synod with us for part of the time and felt that we all gained a great deal from the fellowship. It was disappointing that the Suomi representative was unable to come.

We had talks by Gloria Knudsen of Junction City — We Are Stewards; Mrs. Harold Leraas of Tacoma — Our Altar, its appointments and floral arrangements; Mrs. Haavik of Ballard—Church Symbols and Liturgical Colors; Miss Lillian Franzen, recently retired from the Pierce County Lutheran Welfare, — Family Relations and the Christian Home; Dr. Golda Kendrick of Seattle Pacific College — On Being a Woman; all of them very well presented and thought provoking. What a sense of humor the last two mentioned speakers had!

The morning devotions by Ruth Elwell and Bodil Sorensen of Seattle were wonderfully inspiring. We hope these two women complied with our request and sent their talks to Our Page in LUTHERAN TIDINGS. Three women from the Annex Club in Seattle gave a very interesting picture of the Middle East, with Ellen Whitaker speaking on the historical and political background, Maria Kjaer on the religions of the Middle East, and Viola Ure on the sociological and Christian aspects and prospects. Our district president, Adelaide Fynboe, and Mrs. Peter Winderling of Tacoma (Augustana) shared an hour, Mrs. Winderling telling us something about the women's organizations in her church, First Lutheran of Tacoma.

Mrs. C. A. Grahn of Seattle, Elsie Fagerlin of Tacoma, and Gertrude Mortensen of Seattle, each spoke about the development, structure, work methods and characteristics of her own synod, Augustana, ULC, and AELC, respectively.

All of the talks were really outstanding and we only wish that more of you could have been there to hear them.

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## 81st Annual Convention of the American Lutheran Church

AUGUST 11-16, 1959

The 82nd annual convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will take place at the Greenfield Methodist Church, 19370 Greenfield Road, Detroit 35, Michigan, upon invitation of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19900 Greenfield Road, Detroit, 35, Mich. The business sessions, the main meetings and services will be held at Greenfield Methodist Church. The opening service of the convention is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 8, August 11. The business sessions of the convention will commence Wednesday, August 15, 9 a. m.

All congregations belonging to the Synod are urged to be represented at the convention by delegates chosen according to the by-laws of the Synod and all pastors are likewise urged to attend. Registration should be in the hands of the credentials committee of the convention not later than July 15. All delegates must be certified by the secretaries of their respective congregations. Name and address of the chairman of the registration and credentials committee appear in the invitation from St. Peter's Church printed below.

The convention will deal with all business submitted to it for action according to the rules governing the convention and found in the Synod by-laws as well as those governing the institutions, missions, councils and committees of the Synod.

The reports to be presented to the convention must be in the hands of the president of the Synod by May 20 in order that they may be printed in the Annual Report and distributed to the congregations and ministers for their study in due time before the convention.

Any member of a congregation or any congregation or pastor of the Synod may submit topics for the consideration of the convention according to Article VIII, par. 5, if such topics are received by the Synod president in time for publication in the July 5 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

Members and friends of the Synod are invited to attend the meetings and services of the convention. St. Peter's Lutheran Church will make announcement concerning the lodging and meals of delegates, pastors and guests.

May God guide, instruct and inspire us as we prepare ourselves for work and fellowship as offered by the convention. Only as we willingly and faithfully accept our responsibilities as members of the body of Christ will we experience His blessing. May God grant us a fruitful convention.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 24, 1959

### Convention Invitation

The Congregation of St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit, Michigan, is pleased to extend a hearty and sincere invitation to pastors, delegates and members of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church to attend its Annual Synodical Convention, which will be held here from August 11-16.

We are fortunate in having secured an excellent

convention site at Greenfield Methodist Church, which is just two blocks south of our church. We are actively engaged in preparations and are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the Convention.

All pastors and delegates must send their registrations and credentials to our Registration Committee no later than July 15. The Registration Committee Chairman is Mr. George Everson, 19900 Greenfield Road, Detroit 35, Michigan.

We will provide housing for all the Convention personnel, pastors and delegates and will to the best of our ability accommodate guests.

We of the Detroit Congregation are pleased to have this opportunity to perpetuate the work of the Lord. May this Convention as its predecessors be an enriching Christian experience through its fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

Paul J. Blinkilde, President.

Howard Christensen, Pastor.

### The Tide of Faith

So faith is strong

Only when we are strong, shrinks when we shrink.

It comes when music stirs us, and the chords,

Moving on some grand climax, shake our souls

With influx new that makes new energies.

It comes in swellings of the heart and tears

That rise at noble and at gentle deeds.

It comes in moments of heroic love,

Unjealous joy in joy not made for us;

In conscious triumph of the good within,

Making us worship goodness that rebukes.

Even our failures are a prophecy,

Even our yearnings and our bitter tears

After that fair and true we cannot grasp.

Presentiment of better things on earth

Sweeps in with every force that stirs our souls

To admiration, self-renouncing love.

—George Eliot.

A young midshipman reported to the commanding officer of a battleship for duty. The officer was a gruff old sailor who had worked his way up through the years. He sized up the young man and with anything but a friendly air, and said, "Well, young one, I suppose that as usual, they've sent the fool of the family to sea."

"Oh, no sir," replied the midshipman, candidly, "they've changed all that since your time, sir."



# "Ronnie"

Agnes Lund Hansen

**R**ONALD ALWAYS LOVED GOD, as a boy he sought Him not only in Sunday School and Church but in the great out of doors, as well as in the hearts of boys and of all the people whom he met. He took long hikes into the country and often alone, and later writes to his brother how he met God out there in His wonderful creation.

As a Boy Scout he led the boys upward. He had the quality of leadership and the boys loved him. When Ronnie went away to Des Moines the mothers of these young boys often inquired, "How is Ronnie?" and then "there never was anyone like Ronnie with the boys." And the fathers would tell us when on overnight trips they would make ready to take the boys to their separate churches on a Sunday morning, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant, only to find the boys already gathered in worship under the open sky in some beauty spot of nature under the leadership of Ronald.

The Scout Master, Bob Preston, said to me recently "Ronnie's whole life was a ministry" and went on to tell me how one day on an overnight hike one of the boys had been telling an off-color story. Ronnie overheard, strode into the center of the group and grabbed him by the collar (he was a small boy) spun him about and strongly told the boys this sort of talk would not be tolerated and to remember a Scout's Honor. I remembered him well, a small boy of Italian descent who came here so often looking for Ronnie; he adored Ronnie and followed him like a lovable, devoted puppy.

We are also told how Ronnie would not fight a drunken man who molested him one day while he was playing outdoor games with his Patrol — but when the drunk attacked the smaller boys — Ronnie let him have it and in no uncertain terms. Ronnie became "Eagle Scout" and was elected into "The Order of The Arrow." In Elementary School he was elected President of the school — 800 pupils — winning the election by a landslide. He was in the school orchestra playing the clarinet and won the school's award for music. Ronnie loved music and when he heard beautiful music his eyes would often fill with tears and he would get "goose pimples" as the melodies filled his heart and soul. He was highly attuned to the beauties from above.

In the summer time Ronnie sailed with the Military Sea Transportation Service of the Navy to earn money to help him through school. He sailed up over the Arctic Circle seeing sights that few men have ever seen. He told of an experience on that ship after which according to all natural laws he should have been dead. He had stepped on some high voltage wires, and Ronnie knew that at that very moment God had intervened and spared

*Exactly One Year Ago, Seminary Student Ronald Hansen Died, Two Weeks Before He Was to be Ordained. His Mother Tells of His Letters Home Before His Illness.*

his life. The men aboard were all amazed. Ronnie was deeply moved and made haste to thank his God on bended knees whom he well knew had spared his life.

From one of these trips aboard the "Golden Eagle U.S.N.S." September 13, 1953, while sailing up near Thule and the coast of Greenland — Ronnie writes — "Yesterday I took a hike into the interior. I walked at least fifteen miles. I climbed a mountain and came out so I could look right down upon the ice cap. It was a trip I'll not forget! I also felt so close to God out there in the stillness. The only sounds were those of little snow birds, water falls, and the wind, and the beating of my heart....Now we are on our way again....My heart is very lonely out here. I've given lots of thought to all the plans and decisions I've made, and am very sure of them all. The seminary is what I want to do. I know God has spoken to me in His own way. I just feel and know it's what I must do....and about Ellie, too, I've heard so many young and older men's stories. I've given it plenty of thought. We've both prayed about it and are willing to work hard and sacrifice too, to make our lives and goals high, we will reach them all! The love I have for her and the help she gives me will help to make all come true. Soon this will all be over and I will be content to become a land lubber again. Yes, I still love the sea, but I believe I was meant to be a 'land man'."

Of Grand View he writes, "I can't thank you enough for sending me here. I don't think there is a nicer school anywhere." Another letter later, "This is the best school I think you could ever go to. It doesn't look like much outside, but when you've been there a while, it's a real second home." Also, "Grand View doesn't look like much from the outside, but inside the people are the greatest!"

On June 27, 1954, Ellie and Ronnie were married — The heat of that summer day did not dampen the love and happiness that radiated from their faces. About a year later Ronnie was graduated from Drake University and then his eager work in Seminary began.

He served Aurora Chapel joyfully although the living conditions were poor and the pay only half what he earned serving as a janitor for the telephone company. The following summer he assisted Reverend Sorensen of Cedar Falls surveying the community of North Cedar — preaching in a school rented for that purpose — His joy would be great to see that the new church there is a reality now. May God's Holy Spirit dwell there always upon the people and its Pastors. Ronald truly believed God's word which says "Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

Near Atlantic, Iowa, Ronnie served two





churches. At Oak Hill he served a rural church and a few miles away he served the church of Exira, where he tried to start a Sunday School and Adult classes in the evening. He loved to direct the nurses' choir at Grand View College as well as the choir at Oak Hill.

On September 26, 1957, he writes: "Today is Thursday and I have driven out to Oak Hill this afternoon. It's beautiful in Iowa, the colors are just coming. They have had several inches of rain while we were gone. So we've had a prolonged Fall, Indian summer in its fullest beauty. The corn is ready to pick and shell, beginning tomorrow, says the State Extension Office. It's an unmatched beauty, that of the activity of God's natural creation".....later....."It makes one sick to see the way we treat other humans. Even if we think we like them, we still never give full quality. It points up our need for God's forgiveness as we abuse in thought, word and deed His creation. I cried the other night over what I saw on T.V. God forgive us." (Negro incident)

Again from Oak Hill he writes December 30, 1957: "God has guided us in innumerable experiences that we'd never dreamed of. Each one has helped us grow in the knowledge of His will. I believe the hours traveling may also be a chance for genuine reflection and meditation. How badly we need it!

"We all were so wonderfully blessed this Christmas and were glad to share our day with God. It was good to have the Westergaards with us again this Christmas. It can be a lonely place, to be in a city and yet know no one. Bethlehem must have been much the same way, that blessed night, lots of people but nobody saw what was happening for them except those whom God chose to reveal it to. It's the same for us. We are the ones set aside, blessed by Him, with a Divine purpose in so doing. The law of chance in billions of people on this earth, only tends to make us more amazed, as we wonder, 'Why was I so lucky, to be born in a Christian Home?'

"As to my life's calling, of course you influenced me, perhaps more than anyone else, which is only natural, being your son. You encouraged me to make a choice, and best of all you showed me many different possibilities. All those trips we made and the many things we saw could inspire all kinds of vocational callings. I believe in the last analysis, that God singled me out and it really wasn't my choice. I can't relate a story of supernatural expression to the call of the ministry. Mostly it's all the people I've known. I feel my wife had a part, without ever saying or thinking it. So did Bedstefar and Pastor Derr and others. But mostly my home.

"Church records show that so many potential men are lost at this time because they have been rushed. And for a young man, he's labeled once he makes a decision like that. His actions to his classmates are much more carefully observed.

"I know from my own experience and my classmates, not till we were enrolled in Seminary did it become known that was what we wished to do. It's

a subtle thing, but hard to explain later why he didn't go on in Seminary (like Billy Goetz). He doesn't maybe know why. But this choice has to be free to the young man to make and follow through on his own, and without getting into it too much more. The fellow who goes into Seminary has to be willing to make sacrifices. I know that they are compensated for because I've had the taste of a Parish Ministry while still in school.

"Friday we're going to Omaha to see the church leaders there, for we too must put our trust in God's choice for the future. I tell you, it's no easy thing to know that there are several churches that want you to serve them and each feels they need you most and there are vacant pulpits. It causes a great deal of strain, the feeling of unsettledness and tension for what the future holds, is hard on everyone. We go humbly to Omaha, for they do need a man and very soon, but so does Oak Hill and St. John's."

Again from Oak Hill he writes: "We've never been happier or felt a keener growth in our life with God. The beauty of the land and the chance to look out and see the horizon instead of maybe looking up and seeing skyscrapers"....."My greatest moment of joy has been giving Holy Communion which I did the first Sunday. I felt it was something beyond myself....The Holy Spirit....that brought about this blessed act. I had the feeling of being an intermediary and speaking as a Jeremiah, like a mouth-piece of God."

Ronnie was to have been ordained May 25, 1958, together with Folmer Farstrup, Donald Holm and Lavern Larkowski. This was not to be — for on May 9th he was called to his home on high with God. He suffered four weeks from high fever and chills which doctors at the Lutheran Hospital could not diagnose and after four weeks of relentless testing which was always negative he was transferred by ambulance plane to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. His heart had suffered much and was very bad at this time but he stood the trip and the emergency room was ready to receive him. He was immediately given an oxygen tent which relieved the strain on his heart. For three weeks the merciless testing for every conceivable disease went on. But the mystery was too great. God was calling our beloved Ronald, who had always been a joy to his parents, and quietly he slipped into the great beyond on the morning of May 9, 1958.

His ordination was only about two weeks away. Ellie, his wife said to me, "He will be ordained in heaven," and as we flew out that day to attend his funeral I seemed to see Ronnie walking with his slow steady tread up—up—up to the throne of God—I saw him from the back in his ministerial robe, his Bible in his right hand at his side — on either side of him were hosts of angels — and I could hear them singing as a thousand voices — Behold a host, arrayed in white. Nothing could be more glorious than to be ordained in heaven and by God Himself — but our aching hearts longed to have him here with us —

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Mother is the name for God  
in the lips and hearts of  
little children.

—William Makepeace  
Thackeray



we his parents and family were so eagerly looking forward to his home-coming. His church in Hartford, which he had accepted, — what a struggle that was for Ronnie! Omaha needed him so badly, Oak Hill needed him too. It was for Ronnie a great prayerful conflict — it seemed so hard for him to get the answer — but when it came it was Hartford and we were so happy. Seven years he had been away attending college and seminary and now he and his dear family were coming home. But this joy was not to be fulfilled.

Ronald seemed so young and he loved his work so much and he was so eager to serve God as a minister — He said to me when I visited him at Oak Hill together with his sister Anine in the summer of 1957, "This is for me. I love this work." And so we try to remember it is not the length of life that matters, but how it is lived. That is the thing that counts. It is not "how long" but "how well." Jesus died at 33. Ronnie was 24 while in his last illness. And so our Lord's promises become ever more dear as we grasp them to our hearts. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die" John 11:25, 26. But the words that brought me perhaps the greatest comfort were Ronnie's own words. I had forgotten them, but the day we flew out for his funeral they came ringing back to me. Standing in his parish yard at Oak Hill overlooking the beautiful countryside and church, Ronnie told us of a young man who had passed away. Involuntarily I said, "Oh! that's too bad!" And Ronnie looked searchingly at me and asked, "Why, Mother?" Surprised that he should ask me, I said, "He was so young," and then Ronnie's wonderful answer, "But the greatest is to be with God." Amazed I said, knowing how much he loved life, his family, and all people — "Would you feel that way?" Ronnie stood quietly and with profound sincerity he said simply, "Yes, I would." I knew Ronnie had achieved stature in Christ, and beside him I felt very small. A dear friend has given me a plaque for my wall inscribed with Ronnie's message "The Greatest is to be with God." Two stalks of wheat meet at the bottom.

And so in closing, Ronnie's own words written in his "Vita" of March 1958 — "Now I know for sure that something would be missing in my life if I could not serve my God as a Pastor. My desire is to be able to tell other men of the Grace I know. I wish to tell all of His goodness and the depth of His love. I would if it be His will, to bring the message of salvation, into the hearts of all men, because He has first loved me, I must tell others."

And so we believe that in that fuller life Ronnie now knows God more completely and serves Him more fully in Jesus' precious name.

P.S. — John McGuigan who is now assistant pastor in Baltimore, Maryland, came to tell us (after Ronnie had passed away) that it was Ronnie who had led him into the ministry. John was then about 15 years old.

Make no mistake about it, responsibilities toward other human beings are the greatest blessings God sends us.

Dorothy Dix.

## Danebod Activities

Here is a calendar of some of the main events at Danebod Folk School this summer. We have tried to preserve the folk school tradition and we have found it most practical to arrange short time camps or institutes. Please feel free to write for more detailed information about any of these activities.

**Women's Retreat** — June 23-25. Program printed elsewhere.

**Leisure Time Workshop** — July 19-25. Emphasis on crafts, folk dancing and folk singing. This is for families as well as for individuals.

**Family Camp** — August 9-15, sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.

**Danish Folk Meeting** — September 1-6.

For hundreds of individuals as well as families, a week at Danebod has been an enriching experience. For many years now the school has been a meeting place for those interested in strengthening folk living, exploring cultural and spiritual opportunities, and building a better world. People from all walks of life, regardless of race or creed have found Danebod an ideal place to combine an inexpensive vacation with opportunities to learn new skills and to widen one's horizons.

Write to **Enok Mortensen**, Danebod, Tyler, Minn.

## Ordination

Candidate Joseph Burdette Sibert will be ordained in the church of our Synod at Waterloo, Iowa, Sunday, May 31 at 3 p. m., for the service of God in our Church.

**Valdemar S. Jensen**, Ordainer.

## Church Library Workshop

There will be a church library worship for church library committees, staff members, church leaders and others interested in church libraries. No credit given or prerequisites necessary.

**Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library**  
**Gustavus Adolphus College**  
**July 10-11, 1959**

For further information write: Dr. Wendell Swenson, Director, 1959 Summer Session, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota.

I have always said, I always will say, that the studious persual of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers and better husbands.

— Jefferson.

## "Our Church"

The pamphlet "Our Church" is now on sale for only five cents in quantities of 20 or more. Write to:

**Grand View College Bookstore**  
**Grand View College**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**



## OUR CHURCH

**Cozad, Nebraska.** St. John's Lutheran Church (Thorvald Hansen, Pastor) will dedicate the new church building on May 24. Dedication will begin at 10 a. m., followed by the regular morning service. A potluck dinner will be held at noon, and a meeting in the afternoon at 2:30. Dr. Alfred Jensen, Synod President, will officiate at the dedication service. Guests will be very welcome.

**Waterloo, Iowa.** Mr. Joseph Sibert will be ordained at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church Sunday, May 31, at 3 p. m. After his ordination, he will be installed as pastor of the Brayton, Iowa Lutheran Church, formed by the merger of Oak Hill and St. John's congregations.

**Tyler, Minnesota.** On Sunday, April 19, Pastor Enok Mortensen celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination. A festive occasion was planned by the congregation, with a musical program by the church choir, and speeches by Dr. Alfred Jensen and all the pastors of the district. A large monetary gift was presented to Pastor Mortensen.

**Manistee, Michigan.** Our Savior's Lutheran Church here is celebrating its 90th birthday on May 24. This church was recently pictured on the cover of LUTHERAN TIDINGS, being the oldest church in our synod.

**District IX.** Pastor Willard Garred, our synodical secretary, visited this district in May. His itinerary: Junction City, May 6; Tacoma, May 7; Enumclaw, May 8; Seattle, May 10; and Wilbur, May 12.

**Grayling, Michigan.** We are happy to report that Pastor Harald Knudsen's health has improved since his recent hospitalization, and that he is able to preach again.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** Mrs. Anna Gravengaard, recently a resident of the Old People's Home here, and wife of the late Pastor N. P. Gravengaard, passed away the latter part of April.

**Newell, Iowa.** Mrs. Haakon Jorgensen, wife of retired Pastor Haakon Jorgensen, passed away in April. Dr. Alfred Jensen will be present on May 10 when the congregation observes its 75th anniversary.

**New York, N. Y.** Pastor Ove Nielsen is presently on an extensive field trip for Lutheran World Relief. His tour takes him through central Europe the Middle and Far East, as well as Denmark. He returns to New York on May 19.

**Newington, Conn.** Pastor Holger Nielsen was guest speaker at the Finnish Lutheran Church of Chassell, Michigan, recently, at which time he baptized his granddaughter, Kameron Joah Zeckzer. His son-in-law, William Zeckzer, plans to enter ministerial training this coming fall.

## Lutheran News from Around the World

### LWR SHIPS SUPPLIES VIA NEW ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

New York—(NLC)—More than four million pounds of supplies from Lutheran World Relief will be aboard the first U. S. trans-Atlantic flagship to pass eastward through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Scheduled to sail May 2 from Milwaukee and May 5 from Chicago, the steamship Extavia, of the American Export Lines, will carry 3,816,000 pounds of powdered milk and 60,000 pounds of clothing for Yugoslavia and 280,000 pounds of corn meal for Austria.

The Extavia, a 16½ knot cargo ship, sailed from Naples late in March on its inaugural voyage from the Mediterranean to Chicago and back to the Mediterranean via the new Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway route.

Later in the month, the Extavia's sister steamer, the Exceller, will transport 185,000 pounds of powdered milk headed for Austria, and 2,852,000 pounds of the same commodity for

Yugoslavia, for use in Lutheran World Relief's supplementary feeding programs in those countries.

Also traveling through the new seaway during May will be LWR goods totaling 2,600,000 pounds of food surpluses and 60,000 pounds of clothing bound for Germany on foreign flagships. The foods include government-donated milk, corn meal and flour.

"The employment of vessels to carry cargo on the Great Lakes makes for substantial economy in our freight transportation costs," it was said by Mr. Carl Lorey, administrative secretary of LWR.

The 135-mile artificial waterway, five years in the building, will be officially opened on June 26. Queen Elizabeth II and President Eisenhower are to join in the opening ceremonies.

Lutheran World Relief is the material aid agency for the eight church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council and for the Board of World Relief of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

### California Women's Retreat

JUNE 29 TO JULY 3

The annual women's retreat is set for the above dates and will be held again this year at the Mt. Cross camp in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, north of Salinas.

All women are invited and registrations may be sent (as early as possible) with a \$3 registration fee to:

Mrs. Maren Sorensen  
235 Reata  
Salinas, California

### WOMEN

The reason that the Christian nations of the world have made more progress than the others toward public justice and public happiness: They have a higher estimate than the other nations have of the intellectual and moral capacities of women.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot.

### Christian Unity — The Fruit of the Spirit

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that we learn the unifying work of the Holy Spirit and the full meaning of the New Testament *koinonia*.

So Pentecost marks not only the beginning of the Church as an organized society but also the recognition of its unity. Since there is only one Lord, from whom the Spirit comes, there is only one Body of Christ's people. What

this means in practice may be only dimly perceived. How to express it adequately we may not yet know. But that there is a basic oneness of the Christian community is a reality which Pentecost never allows us to forget.



"You certainly gave us away—asking how much were the programs!"

An embarrassing moment; but soon forgotten. More important, it reveals this couple obviously has no church home. Could they but foresee the times of crises ahead, which inevitably come to all—and know the comforting strength of a permanent church affiliation—one thing is sure. This very day would witness their commitment to its loving care, and a willing acceptance of their share of the accompanying responsibilities.



## Danish Days

With less than three months remaining before the Danish Days celebration, all committees are hard at work planning the many activities that will be of interest to thousands of visitors to Cedar Falls on July 3 and 4. When Danish Days was planned for 1958 the steering committee consisted of Harriet Jessen, chairman; Harald Holst and Rev. Holger Nielsen. The committee, realizing that adequate time was needed to plan such a celebration, agreed to postpone the celebration until 1959. Three additional persons were added to the steering committee at that time. The three were Alma Turnbull, Richard Skidmore and Marvin Calvert. Also Philip Jennings. Don Eells, Jr., remained as advisor and Rev. Homer Larsen replaced Rev. Nielsen on the committee.

The Danish Days activities will be varied and interesting. Activities in the downtown business area will consist of street and window displays, parade, and in Overman Park a duplicate Tivoli, patterned after the famed Tivoli in Copenhagen, will be constructed on a temporary basis. Danish food, displays, musical and choral groups will entertain, folk dancing, gymnastic exhibitions and other entertainment features will be displayed. Æbleskiver will be served only at the club house of the Cedar Falls Women's club.

A top national speaker is being arranged for to speak on July 4. Both the Democratic and Republican political parties have been contacted to furnish one of the top men in their respective parties.

Mr. Carlo Christensen, Cultural Attache of the Danish Embassy in Washington will speak at the Iowa State Teachers College auditorium on July 2 and 3 preceeding the Danish historical and musical program. The celebration opens on Thursday evening, July 2, with the auditorium historical program. The show will be repeated again on Friday evening, July 3. Harald Holst and Rev. Homer Larsen are in charge of this part of the program and from the plans the committee is working on at present every person attending this part of the celebration should find it well worthwhile.

On July 4 a variety show will be presented in the afternoon and evening. This will take place in the men's gymnasium of Iowa State Teachers College and will be headlined by Carmel Quinn of the Arthur Godfrey show, comedian and emcee Gary Morton, the Poni Tails, a trio of young girls who have made a big name for themselves in the last two years, plus two more acts and a name orchestra still to be confirmed by General Artists Corporation, the agency furnishing all the entertainment. The only two activities where an admission will be charged are at the college, both the auditorium and men's gymnasium shows.

Many residents of Cedar Falls are working on the various committees of the celebration. Mrs. C. B. Jensen is chairman of the Danish Cook Book, her committee is composed of Mrs. Thorvald Johnson, Mrs. T. J. Andersen and Mrs. Peter Refshauge. Mr. and Mrs. Hart Madsen are serving as food coordinators, Martin Holst is working on the promotional materials committee, and John Kyhl heads the very important finance committee. Miss Margaret Michaelsen is chairman of the Danish sandwich booth at Tivoli.

The steering committee has spent 13 months preparing for Danish Days and Mrs. Harriet Jessen, chairman, believes that the celebration will make the residents of Cedar Falls proud of their city.

Every man who is high up loves to think that he has done it all himself; and the wife smiles, and lets it go at that.

James M. Barrie.

## Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

For the month of April, 1959

### Received for the Budget:

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| Unassigned: (by congregation)                           |           |
| Byram, Conn. -----                                      | \$ 171.25 |
| Diamond Lake, Lake Benton, Minn. -----                  | 200.00    |
| Omaha, Nebr. -----                                      | 180.00    |
| Edison Township, N. J. -----                            | 162.25    |
| Victory Trinity, Ludington, Mich. -----                 | 74.75     |
| Trinity, Chicago, Ill. -----                            | 458.72    |
| Ruthton, Minn. -----                                    | 97.98     |
| St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. ----                       | 300.00    |
| Clinton, Iowa -----                                     | 200.00    |
| Brush, Colo. -----                                      | 139.00    |
| Menominee, Mich. -----                                  | 65.18     |
| Viborg, S. D. -----                                     | 250.00    |
| Ringsted, Iowa -----                                    | 423.80    |
| Dannebrog, Greenville, Mich. ----                       | 100.00    |
| Racine, Wis. -----                                      | 453.27    |
| Salinas, Calif. -----                                   | 400.00    |
| Troy, New York -----                                    | 200.00    |
| Danevang, Texas -----                                   | 389.00    |
| Tacoma, Wash. -----                                     | 100.00    |
| Muskegon, Mich. -----                                   | 575.00    |
| Newington, Conn. -----                                  | 150.00    |
| Trinity, Greenville, Mich. -----                        | 193.00    |
| St. Paul, Cedar Falls, Iowa ----                        | 159.74    |
| Minneapolis, Minn. -----                                | 166.00    |
| Nysted, Dannebrog, Nebr. ----                           | 295.00    |
| Willbur, Wash. -----                                    | 51.08     |
| First Lutheran of Montcalm County, Sidney, Mich. -----  | 500.00    |
| Edison Township, N. J. -----                            | 200.00    |
| Volmer, Dagmar, Mont. -----                             | 287.00    |
| White, S. D. -----                                      | 150.00    |
| Omaha, Nebr. -----                                      | 180.00    |
| Bridgeport, Conn. -----                                 | 100.00    |
| <b>For Pension Fund:</b>                                |           |
| (by congregation)                                       |           |
| Byram, Conn. -----                                      | 51.00     |
| Luck, Wis. -----                                        | 77.95     |
| St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill. -----                      | 3.00      |
| St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill., by Miriam Showalter ----- | 5.00      |

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| Dwight, Ill., Easter Altar Offering -----                                    | 79.81 |
| Sidney, Mich. -----                                                          | 5.00  |
| <b>For Children's Home:</b>                                                  |       |
| (by congregation)                                                            |       |
| Ruthton, Minn., Easter offering -----                                        | 23.33 |
| Ruthton, Minn. -----                                                         | 10.00 |
| Sidney, Mich. -----                                                          | 11.00 |
| Sunday School, Troy, N. Y. --                                                | 10.00 |
| <b>Seamen's Mission:</b>                                                     |       |
| (by congregation)                                                            |       |
| Sidney, Mich. -----                                                          | 10.00 |
| <b>President's Travel:</b>                                                   |       |
| Brayton Lutheran Church, Brayton, Iowa -----                                 | 37.50 |
| <b>Santal Mission:</b>                                                       |       |
| (by congregation)                                                            |       |
| Brayton, Iowa -----                                                          | 42.16 |
| Diamond Lake, Minn., To send a Santal Child to School ----                   | 30.00 |
| Omaha, Nebr., by Mr. and Mrs. Marinus Larsen -----                           | 5.00  |
| Edison Township, N. J. -----                                                 | 37.75 |
| Ruthton, Minn., in memory of Hans C. Pedersen, from friends and family ----- | 15.00 |
| Ruthton, Minn., Easter offering -----                                        | 3.96  |
| Sunday School, Viborg, S. D. -----                                           | 9.00  |
| Dwight, Ill., by Mrs. Olga Seaman -----                                      | 1.00  |
| Salinas, Calif. -----                                                        | 75.00 |
| Bethany, Ludington, Mich. --                                                 | 59.00 |
| Bone Lake, Luck, Wis., in memory of Mary Ann Belisle -----                   | 5.00  |
| Solvang, Calif., in memory of Harold Harkson, by Mrs. Harkson -----          | 10.00 |
| In memory of Harold Harkson, by Mr. and Mrs. Holger Stub -----               | 10.00 |
| In memory of Harold Harkson, by Mrs. Ingeborg Duus -----                     | 1.00  |
| Solvang, Calif., Sunday School -----                                         | 50.00 |
| Newington, Conn. -----                                                       | 65.00 |
| St. Paul ELC Sunday School, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----                          | 26.85 |
| Sunday School, Cordova, Nebr. -----                                          | 33.19 |
| Sidney, Mich. -----                                                          | 14.00 |
| <b>For Tyler Old People's Home:</b>                                          |       |
| Ruthton, Minn., Easter offering -----                                        | 23.33 |
| Ruthton, Minn., in memory of Hans C. Pedersen, by friends and family -----   | 20.00 |
| <b>For Lutheran Tidings:</b>                                                 |       |
| First Lutheran of Montcalm County, Sidney, Mich. ----                        | 11.00 |
| <b>Total budget receipts from congregations -----</b>                        |       |
| <b>Previously acknowledged -----</b>                                         |       |
| <b>Total to date -----</b>                                                   |       |
| <b>Other Budget Receipts:</b>                                                |       |
| <b>Pastors' Pension Contributions:</b>                                       |       |
| Byram, Conn. -----                                                           | 3.40  |
| Nathanael, Dagmar, Mont. --                                                  | 22.00 |
| Diamond Lake, Minn. -----                                                    | 13.95 |
| Omaha, Nebr. -----                                                           | 7.32  |
| Brush, Colo. -----                                                           | 15.00 |
| Victory, Ludington, Mich. ----                                               | 4.00  |
| Ruthton, Minn. -----                                                         | 13.00 |
| St. John's, Fresno, Calif. ----                                              | 9.00  |
| Grayling, Mich. -----                                                        | 10.50 |
| Dwight, Ill. -----                                                           | 21.99 |
| Cordova, Nebr. -----                                                         | 20.00 |
| Wayne, Alberta -----                                                         | 18.00 |



## Women's Retreat - Dist. IX

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We think our program and planning committee, Maria Kjaer, chairman, out-did themselves.

The fireside hours each evening were delightfully relaxing — singing from the World of Song — stories and poems, some funny, some serious (we haven't decided yet whether the one about the monkeys, disowning the human race was sadder than it was funny!) and the devotions just before going to our cabins put the finishing touch on each day.

The craft classes were all popular — there should really have been more time for this activity — we had such a hard time deciding on which craft to concentrate. Gertrude Mortensen and Bodil Sorensen demonstrated weaving—very fascinating; Gloria Knudsen taught peasant painting; Lorraine Hall of Seattle, ceramic jewelry; and Martha Falck of Seattle, wood fiber flowers. Several ambitious women finished painting a wooden plate and got the first coat of varnish dry. Lorraine had a number of earrings to take home to "bake" for her pupils. By the time we came up for air, the KPs had cleared the tables to set them for supper and we only got to see Martha's lovely flowers from a distance.

There was time for walks to the other side of the lake, the weather cleared after a cloudy beginning, and the two days we were there were lovely and sunny with the clouds gathering again just as we were preparing to leave. We couldn't have been luckier! The meals were delicious and everyone shared in KP duties which included setting and clearing the tables, and serving the food. We all enjoyed Elsie Fagerlin's moving speech when she presented Adelaide Fynboe with a beautifully wrapped box of soda (she had mentioned earlier in the day that she had been so worried about the success of the retreat that she had used up half a box of soda and apparently someone was afraid that she wouldn't have enough left to plan next year's retreat.) Watching some of the uninitiated getting into their upper bunks was most amusing! There was the most wonderful feeling of good fellowship we've ever experienced anywhere and we all felt our lives had been greatly enriched by attending the retreat, and we came home to attack our daily duties with renewed vigor.

E. M.

## Retreat in District III

There is a beautiful spot reserved in Palos Park, Illinois, for the District III Women's Retreat. The dates are June 19-20-21. Come for singing, listening and good fellowship with the women in our District.

The Committee.

|                                                          |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Solvang, Calif. ....                                     | 29.00     |
| Tacoma, Wash. ....                                       | 16.50     |
| Kimballton, Iowa ....                                    | 18.00     |
| Junction City, Ore. ....                                 | 20.50     |
| Salinas, Calif. ....                                     | 15.00     |
| Grand View College ....                                  | 57.51     |
| Bethany, Ludington, Mich. ....                           | 15.28     |
| Brown City, Mich. ....                                   | 2.00      |
| Rev. Thorvald Hansen ....                                | 15.00     |
| National Lutheran Council<br>(for Rev. Ove Nielsen) .... | 106.00    |
| Viborg, S. D. ....                                       | 15.00     |
| Muskegon, Mich. ....                                     | 21.00     |
| Hampton, Iowa ....                                       | 16.98     |
| St. Paul, Cedar Falls, Iowa....                          | 19.25     |
| Sidney, Mich. ....                                       | 30.00     |
| Edison Township, New Jersey                              | 22.90     |
| Synod President ....                                     | 10.50     |
| Synod Secretary ....                                     | 1.25      |
| Total for month .....                                    | \$ 589.83 |
| Previously acknowledged ....                             | 653.86    |

\$1,243.69

Total Receipts for Budget to  
date, 4-30-59 .....\$26,494.96

Received for Items Outside of  
Budget:For Lutheran World Action:  
(by congregation)

|                                                                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Ringsted, Ia., Sunday School..\$                                                  | 26.84  |
| Diamond Lake, Minn. ....                                                          | 55.00  |
| Victory Trinity, Ludington,<br>Mich. ....                                         | 16.75  |
| Ruthton, Minn., in memory of<br>Hans C. Pedersen, from<br>friends and family .... | 25.00  |
| Ruthton, Minn. ....                                                               | 25.00  |
| Brush, Colo. ....                                                                 | 35.70  |
| Menominee, Mich. ....                                                             | 13.34  |
| Ringsted, Iowa ....                                                               | 77.40  |
| Dannebrog, Greenville, Mich....                                                   | 68.00  |
| Viborg, S. D., Sunday School                                                      | 35.00  |
| Racine, Wis. ....                                                                 | 351.46 |
| Racine, Wis., from Pastor<br>Heide ....                                           | 5.00   |
| Alden, Minn., Sunday School,<br>for Lutheran World Relief                         | 20.00  |

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| Salinas, Calif. ....            | 75.00  |
| Danevang, Texas ....            | 147.60 |
| Newington, Conn. ....           | 62.30  |
| Trinity, Greenville, Mich. .... | 44.00  |
| St. Paul ELC, Cedar Falls, Ia.  | 29.10  |
| Minneapolis, Minn. ....         | 39.30  |
| Nysted, Dannebrog, Nebr. ....   | 72.00  |
| Sidney, Mich. ....              | 52.00  |

Total for month .....

Previously acknowledged ....

Total to date .....\$2,502.82

## For Santal Mission:

|                                                                                                                                                                       |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sunday School, Ringsted, Ia..\$                                                                                                                                       | 121.00 |
| St. John's Memorial Fund,<br>Ringsted, Iowa, in memory<br>of M. S. Nelson ....                                                                                        | 10.00  |
| Ruthton, Minn., Easter offer-<br>ing ....                                                                                                                             | 19.38  |
| Ruthton, Minn., congregation..                                                                                                                                        | 7.02   |
| Racine, Wis., Pastor Heide....                                                                                                                                        | 5.00   |
| Sister Katherine, Eben-Ezer,<br>Brush, Colo., in memory of<br>A Dear Sister ....                                                                                      | 10.00  |
| Dagmar Miller ....                                                                                                                                                    | 5.00   |
| Bethany, Ludington, Mich. ....                                                                                                                                        | 24.17  |
| Newington, Conn. ....                                                                                                                                                 | 13.00  |
| In memory of Mrs. Jorgen P.<br>Hansen, Gardner, Ill., by<br>Ingrid Kildegaard, Richard<br>Kildegaard, Theodore Kilde-<br>gaard, Axel Kildegaard and<br>Elna Carr .... | 25.00  |
| St. Paul ELC, Cedar Falls, Ia.,<br>Sunday School ....                                                                                                                 | 15.44  |
| St. Paul ELC, Cedar Falls, Ia.,<br>Congregation ....                                                                                                                  | 3.50   |
| Sina Petersen, Owen, Wis., in<br>memory of Mother ....                                                                                                                | 10.00  |
| Rev. Alfred Sorensen ....                                                                                                                                             | 4.00   |

Total .....\$ 272.51

## For Eben-Ezer:

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Diamond Lake, Minn., Easter<br>Offering .... | \$ 29.00 |
| Dwight, Ill., Easter Offering..              | 79.81    |
| Bethany, Ludington, Mich. ....               | 83.17    |

Total .....\$ 191.98

## For Faith and Life Advance:

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Congregation, Racine, Wis. ....  | 18.50 |
| Congregation, Sidney, Mich. .... | 2.00  |

Total .....\$ 20.50

For North Cedar Lutheran  
Mission:

|                                                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Fredsville Lutheran Church,<br>Cedar Falls, Iowa .... | \$ 17.25 |
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## For American Bible Society:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| St. Paul ELC., Cedar Falls, Ia.,<br>Sunday School, given to aid<br>the distribution of Braille<br>Bibles .... | 61.31 |
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District IV AELC Home Mis-  
sion:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Received from District Treas-<br>urer for:<br>North Cedar Luth. Mission.. | 50.00  |
| St. Paul ELC .....                                                        | 175.06 |

Total .....\$ 225.00

Respectfully submitted,

American Evangelical  
Lutheran ChurchM. C. Miller, Treasurer  
79 West Road  
Circle Pines, Minnesota

I am a member of  
the congregation at \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

May 5, 1959

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.

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