

# Lutheran Tidings

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Missionary Mary Riber, and her four children, Chris, Emmy, Karl and John, arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on June 25, shown above. She will be joined by her husband, Harold, in the fall. (See page 3.)

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# Our Wonderful Lutheran Faith

Joy Ibsen

The views put forth in Martin Luther's **TREATISE ON CHRISTIAN LIBERTY** are thought provoking and satisfying. Many answers are to be found in the teachings of Luther.

Many times we are questioned about morals in relation to Christianity. What do we think about a person who did this or a person who does that? Are they being good Christians?

I do not believe that there is such a thing as a GOOD Christian. A Christian is a Christian. A Christian knows what he can do and what he cannot do. He feels in his heart what is right for him. He knows whether he can smoke or play cards or go to night clubs. He knows this because he has the freedom of faith. A Christian has a certain perspective. As a child of God he acts in a certain way and does certain things because he IS a child of God. He is entirely free. He is free to do the things that he believes are right, because he has faith in God and in himself and in his fellow man. He can go through earthly hell and come out standing straight and tall because he knows that his redeemer lives.

Martin Luther can help one to rediscover the nature of sin. I have heard many conceptions of sin, and I have also forgotten many, but a new knowledge of what is right and wrong is to be found in these words — "This is the beginning of sin, that a man fall

away from God." **Anything** that keeps a man or a woman from God is sin. It may be self independence; it may also be self hatred. It may be drinking; it may also be the wrong kind of moralizing. Whatever keeps one from God is sin.

Christian freedom is a truly beautiful thing; it is paradoxical for it is only to be found by consenting to do God's will. A Christian knows the truth of the words that made up the motto of my high school graduating class: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

I have often wondered about the "peace that passeth all understanding." I had come to believe that it did really not exist, or did not exist for me at any rate. But now it would seem to me that the peace that passes all understanding is freedom — freedom through faith.

As I read the words of Martin Luther I thought for the first time what a really wonderful thing our Lutheran faith is. Certainly, it is not the only good faith, but its simplicity, its freedom, its strength and its stress on faith make it truly great.

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**Editor's Note:** Miss Ibsen wrote this as a Grand View College freshman. She is a daughter of Pastor Harald Ibsen of Viborg, S. D., and has been awarded a Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship for the coming Grand View year. Her field of interest is dramatics.

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## "Pop's Prayers"

The pastor of a little rural church met with severe affliction one winter. His wife and two children fell ill, and being penniless — his modest salary having been unpaid for months — he was naturally in need.

The leaders of the church decided they would meet at the pastor's home for a prayer service. While they prayed, a knock was heard at the door. A cheerful, ruddy-faced farm lad stood before them. He was not one of their congregation.

"I've brought Pop's prayers," he grinned.

"This is no time for levity," admonished an elder. "What do you mean?"

"Well, you see," explained the boy, "Pop heard as how the preacher's been havin' a spell of bad luck, and that you folks was all prayin' for him tonight, so he sent me over here with his prayers."

In a few minutes it was discovered that "Pop's prayers" consisted of a load of potatoes, flour, bacon, corn meal, turnips, apples, warm comforters, and a lot of jellies and other delicacies for the sick ones.

—Selected.

Charity is never lost: it may meet with ingratitude, or be of no service to those on whom it was bestowed, yet it does a work of beauty and grace upon the heart of the giver.

## No More War

We of the mid-twentieth century live in a most extraordinary time. We are living through that unique epoch in the history of civilization when war will cease to be the means of settling great world problems. We shall soon enter upon the continuing period of peace, a period when there will be no more war, when disputes between nations will be settled by the application of man's power of reason, by international law.....The forces that can destroy the world must not be used.

**Linus Pauling**

In NO MORE WAR (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

The noblest contribution which any man can make for the benefit of posterity, is that of a good character.

—Winthrop.

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# Interviewing Mary Riber

— By the Editor —

**Here Are Some Questions You Might Like To Ask Mary Riber, Now Home On Furlough, And Her Answers. Pictures Are From Her Collection.**

Question: I can see you and your children look just fine. How is Harold?

Answer: He was very well when I left him last week. Pretty sad looking, though.

Q. I'll bet he was! When did you leave?

A. Five days ago, on your calendar. Actually, it took six days to get this far, but I gained a day by crossing the International Date Line.

Q. I've crossed it four times myself, and I still don't quite see how that works. Did it really take that long to fly here?

A. Well, I came from Calcutta by way of Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Honolulu.

Q. You didn't stay long in any of those places, I suppose.

A. I stayed two days in Japan. And I'll have two days here in Los Angeles. It was planned that way mostly to give the children a little rest on the long flight, and give me a chance to reorganize.

Q. Can't you stay here longer than that? I wish you could speak in the church here on Sunday. And next week we have Women's Retreat.....

A. Don't you think I should get home to see my mother?

Q. Of course. How long is it now, since you were here?

A. Almost five years.

Q. Are you planning to go back?

A. Yes, oh yes. Our home is India.

Q. Will you have trouble getting back into India? I understand the government there.....

A. We don't expect any trouble. The rules say that you may return if you have spent the previous five years in India without leaving. That is why Harold isn't with me now. He had to stay the full five

years. In the case of women and children, the government is more lenient. The officials realize that children have to keep school schedules. But it is true that Americans (from the U.S.) are not very welcome in India now. Canadians have no trouble, however.

Q. Is it really five years since you left here? Doesn't seem that long — but I suppose it does to you!

A. Sometimes time seems long, but it has really gone fast. It will be five years in July since we left the United States. We didn't go directly to India, then, of course.

Q. You didn't? Which way did you go? I remember you went to Denmark.....

A. Yes, we went to Denmark, and then to Hamburg, Germany, and then by a Norwegian freighter airplane.....

Q. A what?

A. It was a freight plane that had room for a few passengers. We took it for convenience's sake. We went through the Middle East.

Q. What are your plans now?

A. Right now? I just want to get home to Des Moines. We'll stay there for about six weeks, I think, and then we will go to Harold's home town, Dwight, Illinois, where we have a house waiting for us. We plan to live there until one year from now when the furlough is over.

Q. Harold won't have a very long time home, this time, then?

A. No, he is getting ready to take up a new work — managing the Mornai tea estate.

Q. Sounds like a complete change. How does he feel about that?

A. He is very eager about it. It is a very responsible work. The tea estate has about 1500 people, or more, most of whom are Christian. The manager has an important job keeping the estate going, in a business way, but especially in being a kind of magistrate, and superintendent, in settling disputes among workers, and things like that. Then, too, the



Preparing vegetables while hungry children and puppies watch.



John Riber, 3, a few days before leaving India, shows a lithe technique.



A typical Santali family. Man and wife are elementary school teachers.



tea estate has its own hospital and a school up to the 5th grade. The estate is owned by the mission, and the profits, if there are any, are used for charitable work in Assam.

Q. Will you be moving far from Grahampur where you have been living?

A. Only about two miles. But it will mean a whole new life for us — and most likely a life-long position with a good deal of performance about it. It takes so long to train a man for this work that the change is not made very often. Pastor Eie, who is manager now, has been there for many, many years. He will be retiring now and returning to Denmark.

Q. What about your children? What will be their future?

A. When they get to late high school and college age they will probably have to come to the United States for school. Then they will have to decide for themselves if they want to live in India or here in the States. That is the usual procedure with missionary kids.

Q. This must be quite an adventure for them, coming to the states. Chris and Emmy must remember it from your last furlough, don't they?

A. Chris remembers television. They want to get to a t.v. set — which speaks English. We saw t.v. in Japan for a couple of days, but I couldn't make anything out of it.

Q. Do your children speak English, all of them?

A. Yes, they do now. Most of them grew up learning Santali first, then English.

Q. Were all four born in India?

A. Oh, yes. And they were all four born in different provinces in India.

Q. That's really interesting....Tell me about your living conditions. Do you have any modern conveniences?

A. We can't complain. It will be nice to have a gas refrigerator in our new house. And I especially appreciate that our new house will be all on one floor. Our other house, which we have just left, had all the bedrooms upstairs. Twenty-eight stairs up! (I counted them often!) We had no bath tub or shower. We poured water over ourselves from a pitcher. The kids will probably be spending a lot of time in bath tubs here, if I can get them away from the t.v.

Q. Any electricity?

A. No.

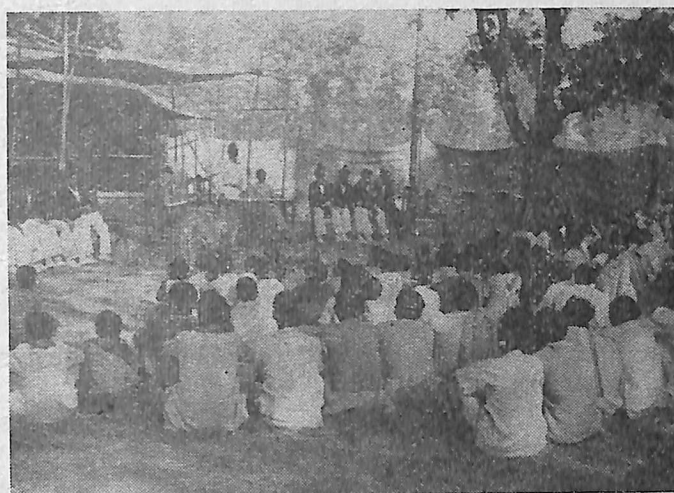
Q. How old is Harold?

A. Thirty-six.

Q. Do you have any hobbies, any pleasurable pastimes?

A. I play phonograph records on an old hand-winding gramophone. I have lots of Pat Boone records. As for the kids, do you have hula hoops here? You should see John in a hula hoop. I think I have a picture of him.....here.

Q. Is it awfully hot in India?



Christian rally in Santal, India, with emphasis on Stewardship. Note the band. Guests are seated outdoors on the ground.

A. There are hot, humid periods. We vacation in November and December — those are nice months.

Q. What about food?

A. Eggs and chicken, chicken and eggs. Things have improved recently, though. We now order our shopping items by mail — we send to Calcutta for them. Then they are flown or trucked up to us. But we have to go to Calcutta to buy our clothes. We fly there. It is about 400 miles and takes a couple of hours by plane. We don't go often, and usually just when the children are on their way to school, or on their way home.....They go to school in south India — there aren't many American schools over there to send them to.

Q. How do you feel about your mission work. Any regrets?

A. No, certainly not. We have a wonderful life and we live and work with wonderful people.

Q. Are you going to travel widely, now, to tell our churches about it?

A. Not as extensively as we did last time. We aren't decided just what Ribe will do while he is home. He talks a little bit about going to school for a while — he has lots of interest that he wants to brush up on. By the way, he'll be coming home by way of Moscow.

Q. Will you be going to our Detroit convention?

A. I'd love to. But I can't very well leave the children, and how can I take all of them with me?

Q. Mary, it has been wonderful to see you, and to find you looking as youthful and vivacious as ever. I'll print this interview in LUTHERAN TIDINGS and try not to misquote you too badly, from my notes. Have a good trip to Des Moines, and greet the Eck's in Denver, if you see them. I'll send your pictures back, as soon as I can.

A. Thanks for coming to the airport, Vern. Harold asked me if I had let you know I would be coming to Los Angeles, and I told him no. You found out about it though!

Q. Yes, your mother let a few people know, here and there. The rumor got out!



## *A Day With Harold Riber*

Pastor Ove R. Nielsen

ON A RECENT FIELD TRIP for Lutheran World Relief, which included visits in India, the Middle East and several European countries, my travel companions and I had the distinct pleasure of spending a day with Pastor Harold Riber in Assam. In the extreme northeastern part of India, Assam is located north of East Pakistan and has a population of some 9 million people and an area of about 85 thousand square miles. The population density in Assam is considerably less than in other parts of India.

Of the roughly 9 million inhabitants, about 1 million are Christians. Among the Christians, about 18 thousand are members of the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly the Santal Mission), which is made up of Santals, Boros, and Bengalis. The Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church has twenty ordained Indian pastors in Assam, and is supported by the churches of Norway and Denmark, and by the Lutheran Free Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church — the latter three being American church bodies.

About half of the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church members live in Assam. The other half are located in the Bihar area, south of the geographical corridor, which since the partition of India links Assam with the rest of the nation. Both Dagmar Miller and Muriel Nielsen were missionaries in Assam, though at different points. Dr. Erling Ostergaard served in Santal Parganas in the province of Bihar.

The climate of Assam is equable, but the rainfall is very heavy, especially in the southern section. Annual precipitation is more than 420 inches. A large part of Assam is still covered with jungle in which elephants, tigers, leopards, and other wild animals are found. Agriculture employs about 89 per cent of the people. Assam is the center of tea culture in India. Rice ranks next in importance as an agricultural staple. Silkworms and cotton are also produced in Assam, which has an agricultural potential that exceeds most areas of the world. Farming methods, however, are largely very primitive.

On an early morning in April the Reverend Edwin A. Nerger of Fort Wayne, Indiana (Chairman of the Board of World Relief of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod), the Reverend Jack G. Steinhoff (Lutheran World Federation representative in India), and I boarded a DC 3 in Calcutta for Assam. When we landed at Rupsi Airport at 8:45 a. m. and emerged from the plane at the air field, which had been constructed by America during the war, we were met at the foot of the ramp by Pastor Riber. A few evenings earlier we had met Mary Riber and the two youngest children at the railroad station in Madras. They had been en route to Kodaikanal, where most India missionary children attend school for ten and a half months of the year. Missionary families generally vacation there to enjoy the high altitude and favorable weather.

As I saw Pastor Riber standing there at the foot of the ramp, tanned and smiling, I felt a surge of joy for what his and Mary's presence, and that of other missionaries, must have meant to the indigenous people through the years. Following the joyful reunion, as we walked from the plane to the shack, which serves as airport offices, officials greeted Pastor Riber as a special kind of friend, whom they looked forward to seeing soon again.

Within minutes we were crammed into a 17-year old jeep and joyfully bouncing along one stretch of the Burma Road. The Ribers live in the village of Grahampur. As the "little monsoons" had begun a few days earlier, it was necessary for us to travel a 35-mile route from Rupsi Airport to Grahampur, rather than the customary distance of 14 miles. As we rattled along, breathing the hot, humid, oppressive air, so common to India (Riber considered it a cool morning), we viewed the landscape, which we found reminiscent of southern Louisiana and Mississippi. However, here farmers worked behind their teams of bullocks, plodding patiently through the morning hours as their ancestors had plodded in other parts of India for centuries. We had driven but a few miles when Pastor Riber announced, "Elephant tracks." Soon we discovered the animal which had left them. There Pastor Nerger was photographed with his first India elephant.

As we entered the Santal colony, in which Grahampur is located, Pastor Riber focused our attention on the churches seen here and there as we traveled along. The colony is seven miles long and four miles wide. Pastor Riber is superintendent of the Santal colony and principal of the Grahampur High School. Within the colony are some ten thousand people, of whom roughly 80 per cent are Christian. They live in 45 villages in the small area comprising the colony.

Arriving at the Santal colony we first visited the hospital and met Dr. E. Haugstad, who is the surgeon and was in the process of performing a hernia operation. We were invited to observe the surgery being performed by that capable Norwegian lady, Miss A. Fiske, also from Norway, is her main assistant.



A recent picture of the Ribers taken in India.



Dr. Haugstad's husband is a pastor and missionary. Following a tour of the hospital, which is new and excellent, we were invited to the Haugstad home for coffee and sandwiches. We learned that seven miles from Grahampur is the girls' school at Haraputa, headed by Miss Austad and a Miss Krohn from Denmark is the nurse. Miss Krohn treats from 16 thousand to 18 thousand out-patients a year.

Following our visit at the Haugstad's, Pastor Riber took us to his home. It was built 65 years ago and shows it. When we had seen the house, we visited the Grahampur High School where classes were taught with diligence by consecrated teachers. One teacher is a member of the Assam legislature. I was impressed by the entire teaching staff and the pride which they exhibited in their labor. Some students live in dormitories. Some of the food for them is supplied through the Church World Service-Lutheran World Relief program in India, as it is for students at the Porto Novo Mission, and hundreds of other schools throughout India.

Pastor Riber announced that we would be the luncheon guests of a Santal family in one of the villages. We had already discovered that whenever we passed or met a Santal on the road, in a group, or in an institution, there would be a wide grin of greeting for Pastor Riber. Deep affection showed on the faces of the people whenever they saw our friend. His face showed equal affection for them. Arriving at the appointed village, we were greeted by the old man who was head of the house where we would be guests for luncheon. He escorted us to an elevated porch on the building, which is used for sleeping quarters. The porch had been thoroughly scrubbed with cow dung, which serves the useful purpose of being a disinfectant because of its ammonia content. Within a few minutes the man's wife came forth bearing a brass bowl filled with water. She set it on the porch to symbolize that we were welcome. After this ceremony the whole family lined up and came forward to greet each one of us individually. Pastor Riber, who was the first one of us to be greeted, bowed deeply to each Santal who was older than he. We followed his lead.

After the first formal greeting, a daughter-in-law of the household came bearing a basin and a brass urn filled with water. Pastor Riber told us she would perform the foot-washing ceremony, which had become a custom because the Santals go barefoot and need the refreshment of foot washing after a journey. When she had washed Pastor Riber's second foot, she suddenly grabbed his ankle with both hands, in a crab-like vise. As she clung to him in that manner, Pastor Riber explained to us that by this gesture she was inviting him to become her brother. If he wished that, he must respond by dropping a coin into the basin. Riber tossed a coin into the basin and his foot was released. Pastor Riber and the lady conversed briefly in Santali and it was then my turn for the foot washing. Soon, she also clasped my ankle. Pastor Riber then explained to me that she had asked

him whether there was any point of relationship between him and me. He had explained to her that my name was Nielsen and that his name was Harold Nielsen Riber. Pastor Riber then laughed uproariously while I fumbled for a coin. Finding only an English one, I dropped it into the basin. The coin sufficed.

After each one of us had our feet washed and dried, the old farmer, whose name was Asmen Soren, asked us to accompany him through the little village to meet his neighbors. The houses lay very close together. As we visited each house, we saw men looking on while some of the women operated a crude apparatus which pounded rice in order to remove the hull. Pastor Riber told us that the women could operate the heavy apparatus for hours on end with their feet, and not tire. We were told that the boys of the village were expert marksmen with bow and arrow. This was demonstrated for us when a boy aimed quickly and hit an upright bamboo pole some 50 feet distant. I have never seen such archery. That kind of marksmanship brings down many birds.

Asmen Soren led us back to his home. There we were served chicken, curry and rice. A basin was brought so we could wash our hands before eating. When we proceeded with the feast, we used our fingers for spoons, which is customary there. Pastor Riber warned us that if we got curry beyond the second joints of our fingers, we were pigs at the table. The three of us, who were special visitors, were very careful. At the close of the meal, Pastor Riber exhibited his own fingers, and laughed heartily. He had used the full length of all his fingers on the right hand.

After the delightful luncheon we visited for awhile with the Asmen Soren family. The old man told us he had not been able to find a husband for his daughter, and so he had bought one. The purchase price had been two acres of land, two bullocks, ten yards of cloth, and forty rupees. A similar arrangement prevails if a child is born out of wedlock. Then the father of the child must pay the girl's father two acres of land, two bullocks, ten yards of cloth, and forty rupees. With this payment, the girl's father can then purchase a husband for his daughter.

After ceremonious farewells to the Asmen Soren family, we drove to the Tea Estate, which was purchased by the Santal Mission in 1890 and has been operated by it ever since. The Reverend Olaf Eie of Denmark is manager of the 1,500-acre estate, on which the government of India exercises acreage control so that only 500 acres may produce tea at one time. Called the "Morai Tea Estate," it is the only estate in Assam which does not use child labor. Sixteen hundred people live on the estate. Each family has a very attractive cottage-type home. Of the 1,600 people, some 800 of them work full time. Additional people are employed at certain times of the year, with the workers picking two leaves and a bud each time they pluck from the trees, which are kept down to a height of about four feet in order to produce the best tea. There are two churches (Lutheran) on the

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One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests.

John Stuart Mill.



# Greetings at Rebuild National Park

Ezra Taft Benson



IT IS A GREAT HONOR and a high privilege to celebrate this occasion with you. I bring you special greetings from the Danish-American people of the United States, and from all our citizens. We have warm regard for you and your country and a deep appreciation of the heritage of freedom, initiative, and progress that is characteristic of all the Scandinavian countries.

In my own case this affection runs especially deep. As a boy, I recall so well the fine Danish people who lived in our community in Idaho. They spoke English with a delightful accent, but what was far more important they were wonderful people — the salt of the earth.

Many of my boyhood associates were of Danish ancestry. I prized their friendship then, and still do today.

Danish culture has had a profound impact on most families in the United States. I wish I had time to tell you, for example, how big a part the tales of Hans Christian Andersen have played in the education of our six children, as well as in our family recreation. Your art has impressed us, too. In my office at the Department of Agriculture I have a large picture of Thorwaldsen's statue of the Christ. I remember how profoundly the original stirred me when I saw it for the first time in Copenhagen.

We are indebted to your philosophers and scientists. The writings of Soren Kierkegaard still exercise great influence in philosophy and religion today, more than a century after his death. Niels Bohr, your great Danish physicist, was the recipient of the first Atoms for Peace Prize.

But my personal debt to Denmark goes even deeper.

I owe far more than I could ever repay to a Dane whose name was Carl C. Asmussen (later changed to Amussen). He was born at Koge. He became Utah's first successful watchmaker and jeweler. Like many Danes of yesterday, and today, his eyes were on distant horizons. Migrating to the United States, he became one of the pioneer settlers of the West. In Salt Lake City, Utah, he established a thriving jewelry business. At Logan, Utah, he helped to build a new city. A successful businessman, a civic leader, a man of great depth of feeling and experience, Carl Amussen was my wife's father.

Yes, when I was a young man and the time came for marriage the wife I chose was of Danish ancestry. Through all these wonderful years my Danish-American wife has been at my side — just as she is with me today, sharing in your gracious hospitality.

With this background, is it any wonder that my heart is touched today?

All that I have seen of Denmark through the years has been good.

I visited here several times in 1946 when I was on a European mission for my church. I returned to your beautiful country in 1955, and I was tremendously impressed at that time by your agriculture and by

my visit to your experimental farm where I saw your work in hog breeding. So, I repeat, it is a great honor, a high privilege, to be with you today.

Denmark has given much to my country.

As a people you are venturesome, law-abiding, freedom-loving, God-fearing. Through Americans of Danish ancestry you have helped pass on to the United States these fine qualities — and for this we are grateful.

In America, our large surpluses of a few crops have arisen partly because we tried to solve economic difficulties by government edict. It cannot be done. But though this imbalance — this surplus — creates problems, we look upon our ability to produce agricultural abundance not as a burden but as a blessing to the world. This blessing, if wisely used, can and will make a substantial contribution toward the solution of the great problems of our time arising from hunger, insecurity, and fear of war.

Food can work for peace. And peace — with freedom — is our constant goal, not only for ourselves but for all men. We seek not a fitful, tenuous peace based on compromise and expediency, but a real and lasting peace founded on the recognition of human rights. True peace springs from within. It must be born in the hearts of men and nurtured on freedom. The real basis of peace is Righteousness and to achieve Righteousness, we must so conduct ourselves individually and collectively as to earn the loyalty and devotion of other men and the blessing of a kind Providence.

We want to live in the world community protecting our own ideals and allowing all men the same privilege! We desire only that they know us — that they honestly appreciate our true intent — and that they then follow the course dictated by their own true selves. We wish to live in a community motivated by love and brotherly kindness, by trust and forbearance, by understanding and the willingness to consider the other man's, or the other nation's, side of every question.

Such a community is not easily achieved. And one of the reasons is that not all of the world's people are so fortunate as we are in Denmark and the United States. In my mind I still retain the stark picture of human misery that I saw somewhat more than a year ago on a visit to the Near East and the Far East. I saw refugees by the thousands in Hong Kong, Calcutta, and Karachi. In most areas that I visited, I saw masses of people with too little food, too little clothing, and inadequate shelter. For such

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Mr. Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, was guest speaker from America at the 4th of July Festival at Aalborg, Denmark, this year. Denmark is the only nation which observes the U. S. Independence Day. Mr. Benson is a lay preacher and has spoken in many churches. He was preacher at Easter services in Hollywood Bowl this year.





## Paging Youth

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### Californians Congregate

Young people from Solvang, Fresno, Salinas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco attended a youth camp at Sierra Lutheran Camp near Northfork, California, from June 21-27. Five counselors and the Synod Youth Activities Director led the forty-three well tanned Californians in a week of fellowship and fun.

The ride to the mountain camp was a hot one for the thermometer read 114 degrees....in the shade. Cool temperatures invaded the camp the next day.... way down to 104. Additional swimming periods were added to combat the heat, and discussions often centered around a stray cloud, rather than the subject under study.

Such highlights as a tour of the lumber mill nearby, with one group walking an extra mile because they didn't look over the hill; a three mile hike up the mountain to see beautiful falls as the river cascaded over the sheer rock; skits and discussions of dating, relationships with our fellow men, and of program planning, will long be remembered.

The Bible study and campfires gave everyone an opportunity to learn more about God, and the relationships established between everyone helped all to learn the Christian way of living.

There were moments of hilarity: when a few boys tip-toed out of the dorm, shoes in hand, and claimed to be "getting a drink of water without waking anyone." And when two girls at 4 a. m., got up and claimed to be cold, the sharp-eyed pastor's wife hurried them back to bed and wrote a cute mystery about their escapade. And when one young man who was asked what was wrong as he stumbled through the dark dorm, opening a closet door trying to climb back upstairs escaping a counselor and said, "Nothing, nothing." And on and on the tales could go.

But, the serious moments had their place, too, and will long be remembered. The last campfire was perhaps the most impressive, with much singing of songs learned during the week, a story of vision in an Indian setting, a summary of the week's campfires, some hymns, and a reminder of the grandeur of God's nature and man's place in it as seen in the eighth Psalm.

California is a beautiful setting for a camp, especially one which was as well-planned as this one. The director, Rev. Paul Nussle of Salinas, and his helpers, Rev. and Mrs. Farstrup of Solvang, Miss Harriet Christensen and Ashby Bauer all deserve a vote of thanks for their part in making this an experience well worth remembering and re-seeking in the years to come.

### The Thumb Talks

The "Thumb" of Michigan is an ideal camping spot and some 60-70 campers from the Lake Michigan District have proved this for themselves. The full week of activities was well-planned by the director, Rev. Beryl Knudsen and his assisting pastors. The Marlette LYF and its host pastor, Rev. Harry Andersen are to be congratulated for a fine week.

Heat and mosquitoes dominated the first day of activity, but a cold wave struck down both the next night, driving campers deep into their sleeping bags if they were lucky enough to have them. Some of the "brighter" ones froze under a sheet or light blankets.

A full staff of pastors kept the campers well occupied with Bible study, singing, swimming, discussing, folk dancing and athletics.

A unique use was made of the free time. Counselors were made available for crafts, dramatic or creative talents, singing and the camp newspaper. Thus, campers who were interested had an opportunity to use their free time as they wished. It seemed to be a very successful plan.

The closing of the camp was held at Marlette, with an inspiring church service putting an impressive finishing touch on a fine week of fellowship. (Watch this page for a report of the convention.)

### Scholarships Awarded

The American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship is happy to announce that two of its members have received scholarships of \$150 each to be used at a Lutheran college. After considering several applications very thoroughly, the Misses Janice Madison of Gowen, Michigan, and Ginger Olsen of Chicago, Illinois, were chosen. These awards are made by the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company.

These two girls, both of whom have been very active in high school activities and their local LYFs, will attend Grand View College. They both rated high academically and were well recommended by their high school advisors. Both attended the Lake Michigan District Camp reported on this page.

### Over the Typewriter

Your editor, as Synod Youth Activities Director, is very happy. We have just attended two fine camps, one in California and one in Michigan. As we write this, the typewriter is on a picnic table in a cabin in the woods of Sleeper State Park in Michigan. As you receive this issue, we will be in Luck, Wisconsin, for still another camp.

Congratulations to Jan and Ginger. They are very deserving of the honor bestowed on them. We hope to have a short article from each of them in the near future.

Congratulations are also in order for the Roscommon LYF, Harald Knudsen, pastor. This Michigan LYF has just been accepted into full membership for the coming AELYF year. Welcome to the fellowship.



# Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



## Notice

All women of the AELC are welcome at the WMS Convention at Detroit. Local groups are reminded to send elected delegates to the meetings.

Business sessions will be held Friday, August 14, at 6:30 and Saturday, August 15, at 6:30 p. m.

The meeting Saturday at 8 p. m. will be sponsored by the WMS.

Reeta A. Petersen, Sec.

## Evangelism

The following interesting talk on evangelism was given by Mrs. Elwell at Women's Retreat. She opened by reading the story "What If They Had Quit?" (A Dream) by C. K. Ober and taken from "Christ and the Fine Arts." Then she continued as follows:

And while we are still in the spirit of the dream, let us recall Paul's first letter to the Christians at Corinth 14th chapter, 34th verse: Let women be silent in church; they are not to be allowed to speak. They must submit to this regulation, as the law itself instructs. If they have questions to ask, they must ask their husbands at home for there is something indecorous about a woman's speaking in church. This from Phillips translation of the New Testament into Modern English. Now we can take this information literally or figuratively and either way I'm afraid Paul might be aghast at today's woman. Not only may she preach in a pulpit of most denominations but in the business world she has gained for herself well over 50 per cent of today's wealth. And as is always true, where we have gained such favor, also we have gained tremendous responsibility. Especially is that true of the admonition "Go therefore into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled." Webster tells us a highway is a public road. A public road is open to the use of all and people on it as a rule are outgoing — they are happy to be with other people. Obvious highways to evangelism would be the parents of our Sunday School youngsters. These people have acknowledged a responsibility by the very presence of their children in the Sunday School. Often all they need is a kind word and an invitation to the various activities of the church. The same is true of the members of the Bible Study classes which this year will be related specifically to evangelism. To a lesser degree perhaps, the same is true of the attendants at various organizational meetings who have not affiliated themselves with the Church. These people are all potential material for membership and should be offered the opportunity.

But what of the hedges? Webster says when we hedge we encircle or obstruct or skulk, meaning we withdraw into a corner for concealment, and here in these corners may be found some of our hardest work and also some of the most rewarding if we are able to show results. Reaching our inactive members — these people who have withdrawn into a corner for some reason or other. Why have they withdrawn? Has our congregation as a whole or have we women specifically in some way failed them?

We should make a detailed study of these people. What do we know about them?

1. What are their approximate ages? Possibly there is a gap in the church program which accounts for some of the problem.

2. How long have they been members? Is there any possible connection between the length of membership and their inactivity?

3. What responsibilities have they been given? Are many members given real responsibility and if so have they been thoroughly instructed in their duties beforehand? On the other hand, have some been given too much responsibility to the point where only a few run everything?

4. What are their special interests and talents? Has the congregation taken the time to appraise the abilities of the inactive members, to note their interests and to encourage them?

5. Do they have friends in the congregation? What opportunity is there to develop friendship? Do members really care for one another? Is there a true feeling of fellowship?

6. What have been their attendance habits from the beginning? What is done to help members worship regularly? Is there an attendance check? (Started immediately upon joining because we know if we train up a child in the way he should go when he is old he will not depart from it.)

7. What is their Communion record? Do people understand the meaning and significance of this Sacrament and their need of it? Is there understanding of what a Christian is and the privileges and responsibilities of church membership?

What really happens when a member becomes inactive? Is he held in contempt, considered a disgrace to the congregation, or is he viewed as a blot on the annual report? Or do we have feeling and concern for him? Are we quick to place the blame on someone — especially someone else? A congregation is composed of individuals and we are all responsible for each other. Delay in visiting persons who show signs of becoming inactive or failure to visit them after inactivity is apparent, only decreases the possibility of any solution to the problem. There are two ways in which visits can be effective. The first is scheduled visits where all inactive members are visited for a specific purpose — to come to Holy Communion, for instance — and this can be done once or twice a year, regularly. Or the second way is an individual visit timed because of a crisis. In this instance, usually friends can be of great help. Statistics show most members have contact with a church first through friends, so the contact by friends often helps when difficulty arises.

Another hedge may be the non-resident member transferring to a congregation in a new community where he will reside. We are told our Lord came to seek and to save the lost — the lost for our particular purposes meaning the transient membership of the church in America. In 1957 the united Lutheran Church lost over 45,000 persons, and it is reasonable to assume the major portion was lost through change of residence. More than 30 million Americans change their addresses each year. Some go a few blocks, some within the county, but a goodly number migrate to distant places. In many cases a pastor who stays in the same parish for ten years has an almost wholly new congregation to serve. In our complex civilization it is easy to get lost. It was the concern of our Lord to find the lost and bring them back into life with Him. This same responsibility belongs to us and ideally it should be a natural part of our everyday living — to share with others our joy in being Christians. A congregation is a part of the whole Christian church. Loyalty to Christ and His church precedes loyalty to a single congregation. The

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*Across The Ocean — No. 1**The Communion of the Saints*

Paul C. Nyholm

Editor, DANSK NYTAAR

**T**HE WEEK INCLUDING PENTECOST and Trinity Sundays has given my wife and me a renewed feeling of fellowship among God's children.

We began our Pentecost in the small town of Selfoss, Iceland. It was past midnight when Pastor Sigurour Pálsson, whom we had met about two years ago in Dubuque, Iowa, took us to see his beautiful church, dedicated just a few years ago. Its unique altar picture portrays the threefold ministry of Christ. Right under the ceiling, on the walls that divide the main nave from two narrow side aisles, are beautiful friezes of church symbols. The church, which seats 300, was erected mostly through free will subscription from people in the parish at a cost of 1,200,000 Icelandic crowns. This sounds like a great deal of money, but it is the equivalent of just \$40,000. The parsonage was built by the pastor himself since there was no money available for it from others.

From the study one may overlook snow covered mountains and through the picture window in the living room there is a glorious view of the fall of the river from which the town receives its name. The church is located near the heart of town and yet stands isolated on a spacious and beautiful site alongside the river.

Pastor Pálsson has visited Denmark several times and has spent a year of study in the United States; we felt very much at home in his cozy parsonage. He showed me several rare and very old Icelandic Bibles and I discovered that he very shortly will write an article about Icelandic Bible translations. It will be printed in the new Lutheran World Encyclopedia for which I had translated articles some two weeks before on Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish and Lappish translations, but we had had no information about Icelandic translations!

It was a special joy in the Selfoss parsonage to meet Pastor Fridrik Fridriksson who a few days later celebrated his ninety-first birthday. This unusual man has been the leader of the Christian Youth Movement in Iceland. DANSK NYTAAR carried an article about him a few years ago. His radiant joy was a real demonstration of how those "who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

The summer nights in Iceland are short and light. When we got back to our hotel in the capital city

of Reykjavik at 2 a. m., it had already started to dawn.

The morning service in the cathedral was very impressive. Although I could only understand some of the Icelandic, when the pastor read Scripture or when we sang familiar hymns, I still felt that wonderful feeling of the communion of the saints as I worshipped together with the devout and attentive congregation. But I must admit that listening to a sermon without understanding more than just a very few words reminded me of how important it is for the church to feel its responsibility that each person should have opportunity to hear the good news in his own tongue, as was the case on the first day of Pentecost (Acts 2:8).

Pentecost afternoon my wife and I had the pleasure of visiting with the newly elected bishop of Iceland, Dr. Sigurbjörn Einarsson, and his wife, who wore a beautiful Icelandic dress. Both speak Danish so there was no language barrier to overcome. The Icelandic Church has of course its problems but the Spirit of God is at work. Two new churches have been erected in the capital within the last two years, and four are being built, one of which will seat 800 people. Most of the building cost is obtained through free-will donations.

Our next stop was **Scotland**. It was not so easy to get a place to stay in Edinburgh for two great conventions were in session here. The British Co-operative Society had 2,137 official delegates and the Presbyterian General Assembly over 1,600 — besides wives and other visitors.

The Presbyterians in Great Britain are more theologically conservative than in the United States, and I felt very much at home among them, both during a session I attended and in private conversation. One of the evening sessions I attended was "Home Board Night." The cause of Home Missions was presented with great warmth and power by four speakers, three pastors and a layman who had the common subject, "In Town and Country — the Witness of the Church." It was, of course, a "wee bit" different from an AELC meeting. The speakers told far more (and better?) jokes than we Lutherans generally do at such an occasion, and the audience which packed the large hall in the General Assembly Building ap-

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Dr. Nyholm, of Trinity Seminary, and Wartburg, in Dubuque, Iowa, has promised to send several letters from "Across The Ocean."



plauded continuously, either by clapping of hands or tramping of feet. But through it all one sensed the spirit of John Knox: "Give me Scotland or I die!" His stern face is seen on his statue in the spacious court of the Seminary building adjoining the meeting hall. His spirit still glows in the hearts of many a good Scotchman.

We would have liked to attend the big Youth Rally Saturday night or to have heard the discussion about church union to which so many looked forward. In many ways they seemed to have similar programs and problems as we have. Reluctantly we left the historic capital of Scotland, but on the other hand it was with much anticipation that we looked forward to seeing the center of learning which is Oxford, England, where we arrived in time to spend Trinity Sunday.

Here we experienced again the fellowship of the saints. We attended "the university service" in the morning. It is as a rule held in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, but since it was Trinity Sunday it was conducted in the chapel of "New College." It seemed a little strange that prayers were offered for people who had died long ago, for example, the founder of the college. Yet it was a reminder of the fellowship we have with those who have gone before us. The impressive altar picture pointed to this fact also, for its exquisite carvings portrayed a great number of prophets, apostles and saints. The choir anthem, Tschaikowski's "Blessed Angel Spirits," was exceedingly beautifully rendered, and the sermon was most stimulating. It brought out that man reaches his highest attainment in worship. It was believed by the Vicar of St. Mary, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Lee, whose distinguished dark skinned face indicated that he is of Australian and Chinese origin.

We had dinner in the home of Dr. William Hulme of Wartburg Seminary, at present Lutheran chaplain and visiting professor at Mansfield College, where he preached that morning. In the afternoon I went with him to a fellowship meeting for Congregational students. After the inevitable British tea (that gives a good opportunity for conversation) Dr. Hulme gave a talk on "Living with Yourself" to which the students listened most attentively. It was followed by a discussion that revealed spiritual maturity and inquiry.

Afterward we saw the Library of Mansfield College which has been made the Lutheran University center in Oxford. The section of Lutheran books is as yet pitifully small but it is hoped that donations will continue to increase it. Mansfield chapel is probably the most ecumenical in Oxford. Lutherans are represented in the art glass windows by pictures of Melancthon, Chemnitz, and Schleiermacher. A statue of Luther himself is seen next to the pulpit. On the other side stands John Knox, and along the opposite wall are statues of Calvin and Wyclif.

The number of Lutheran students at Oxford is as yet very small, but with Mansfield as a center an important contribution may be made in the future. The Principal of the college, Dr. John Marsh, is most sympathetic to Lutheranism and is known as an ecumenical

leader and Bible scholar. I had the privilege to hear him lecture and to visit with him.

In the evening of Trinity Sunday we saw some of the twenty-one famous old colleges in Oxford and also the industrial area with its huge automobile plants. Of special interest was an open air service conducted on a busy street corner in the university center in front of St. Aldate's Church which is definitely "low church" and evangelical. Several students gave brief testimonies about how they had come to a personal faith in Christ in this church. It was a clear indication of the fact that there is a great variety of forms of Christianity within the Church of England, ranging from extreme sacramentalism, very close to the Roman Catholic Church, to evangelical, almost Methodist convictions. It seems, however, that even the free churches here give much more attention to the sacraments than is usually done in the United States. Although St. Aldate is "low church," its bulletin board announced two Holy Communion services on most Sundays and twice each Wednesday. Even more characteristic of the sacramental and liturgical emphasis was the fact that the topic for the "luncheon services" held each day from 1:10 to 1:30 p. m. was the meaning of the names of the various Sundays in the church year (Ascension Sunday, Rogate, etc.). These services are held after an inexpensive luncheon is served to which "city workers" are especially invited. God has many kinds of children, and it is enriching to meet some of the various types.

This travel letter is probably already too long. In closing I shall only add that my feeling of the fellowship of saints was strengthened also during visits to classes and at a meal in one of the dining halls to which Dr. Hulme kindly invited me.

### Horses Should Also be Segregated

Picture of a Negro law student, who in obedience to a court order was permitted to sit where he could see and hear the professor, but was not allowed to sit with the white students, reminds us of the story told about the great Negro orator, Frederick Douglass.

When he was making a speaking tour of the states, he and his companion were segregated in the dining room of a Janesville, Wisconsin, hotel. They were seated at a small table far off from the other guests.

Douglass, using his fine oratorical voice, said to his companion, "You know, John, it is a funny thing, but I was in the stable today and I noticed black and white horses eating from the same manger. Most unusual was the perfect harmony between the animals."

Human nature showed at its best. The guests who heard that remark first looked a bit foolish. Then they began to laugh. In a few minutes the seating was rearranged.

"We don't want the horses of Janesville to be more civilized than its citizens," someone remarked.

Thomas Dreier, in The High Road.



## 81st Annual Convention of the American Evangelical 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.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 24, 1959

Alfred Jensen.

### 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.

### Topic for Discussion No. 1

That The Synod Representative for Eben-Ezer Lutheran Home and Hospital, Brush, Colorado, be chosen at the District VII Convention,

That The Synod Representative for Pioneer Memorial Home, Askov, Minnesota, be chosen at the District V Convention,

That The Synod Representative for the Des Moines Old People's Home Board be chosen at the District IV Convention,

That The Synod Representative for the Tyler Old People's Home be chosen at the District VI Convention,

That The Synod Representative for Solvang Lutheran Home, Solvang, California, be chosen at District VIII Convention,

And that the rules concerning such institutions be changed to accord with these changes.

Arnold D. Knudsen,  
Junction City, Oregon.

### Notice

The Board of Directors of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary proposes to the Annual Meeting of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary (August 14, 1959) that the following amendment be added to Article I of the By-Laws of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary as Section 8.

"The report of the secretary of the Board of Directors to the annual meeting shall contain, among other things, information regarding salaries, the number of students, and other statistical information. This report shall be considered by a findings committee appointed by the chairman and assistant chairman of the annual meeting. The rules for this findings committee shall be the same as those pertaining to the findings committees of the convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church."

The hands that help are holier than the lips that pray.  
Robert Ingersoll.



## OUR CHURCH

**Chicago, Illinois.** The Danish Lutheran Children's Home here will have completed 75 years of service to orphaned, dependent and neglected children on August 12th. Congregations throughout the synod will help observe this anniversary at services on August 9. . . . On July 16 the Home will need a new secretary-bookkeeper. A reasonable salary and full maintenance are offered, with a first-floor room. Also needed is a housemother, who will be able to begin work August 31 or September 1. The housemother (she is not the only one) is required to live on premises and supervise the daily activities of 8 to 12 girls between the ages of 6 and 12. Full maintenance is provided.

**Cedar Falls, Iowa.** A member of our congregation here, John Jessen Kyhl, has been awarded the Knight Cross of the Order of Dannebrog in recognition of meritorious service to promote Danish-American relations by H. M. King Frederik IX of Denmark. . . . Pastor Vagn Duus and family moved to this community to begin work in the home mission congregation in the so-called "North Cedar" area.

**Chicago, Illinois.** J. K. Jensen, member of Trinity Church and known to many in our Synod as treasurer of the Pension Fund, has been knighted by King Frederik IX of Denmark for his service to Danes in the Chicago area. The Order of Ridder af Dannebrog was presented by Paul Scheel, Consul General, at the Danish Consulate on May 15.

Mr. Jensen is recognized as a leader in welfare circles of Chicagoland. He is President of the Danish Aid and Relief Society, President of the Board of Directors of the Danish Lutheran Children's Home and First Vice President of the Lutheran Charities Federation of Illinois.

## The Little Rebild Festival in Denmark

Former professor at Grand View College and president of Atterdag College, Solvang, California, Pastor Evald Kristensen, started an annual gathering for Danish-Americans in the parish he served in Denmark, Taars, North Jutland. It is generally held a few days after the Fourth of July celebration at Rebild but is a two day meeting of much more intimate character. It began this year with a memorial celebration July 8 at the grave of Pastor Evald Kristensen, where short talks were given. Lectures were delivered by member of Parliament C. Ladefoged, former minister of church affairs Dean Carl Hermansen, former member of Parliament C. Appel, Pastor Paul Wikman and Professor Paul C. Nyholm.

## Danish Folk Meeting at Danebod, September 1-6

The annual Danish Folk Meeting at Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minnesota, will be held September 1-6. The meetings begin Tuesday night and close Sunday afternoon.

The Bible talks this year will be given by Rev. Ottar Jorgensen of Minneapolis, Minnesota. There will be lectures by the Pastors Aage Moller of Solvang, California, P. Rasmussen, Canada, John Enselmann, Badger, S. D., Harald Ibsen, Viborg, S. D., Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn., and Dr. Otto C. Højbjerg of the University of Nebraska. Thyra Nussle of Chicago, Ill., will be in charge of the festive singing sessions. All the talks except those by Dr. Højbjerg will be in Danish.

Participants who desire to live in the dormitory are asked to register as soon as possible. The last few years we have had to house the overflow guests in the immediate neighborhood and our facilities are limited.

**Enok Mortensen**  
Danebod Folk School  
Tyler, Minnesota

## Greetings at Rebild National Park

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people the ideal of "freedom" will have little meaning until hope of a better future comes in sight.

During May of this year there was held a Food for Peace Conference in Washington, D. C. We of the United States met with representatives of the four other major wheat exporting nations. Our purpose was to explore means of using food to reinforce freedom and peace. We made progress at this conference, and still further advances in additional meetings held last month. We have set in motion some efforts that can yield tangible benefits to the free world in making more effective use of our food supplies in assisting nations less fortunate than we are. Not only will these supplies help to feed needy people — they will help to supply the resources and the energy for carrying out programs of economic development.

We were unanimously and firmly agreed at the Food for Peace Conference on the need for safeguarding commercial markets of other exporting nations. We feel that normal commercial movement of foodstuffs is just as much in keeping with the Food for Peace philosophy as is food exported under concessional transactions and donations. Like other forms of distribution, commercial sales in regular market channels help to close the gap in food supply and food demand.

Perhaps in the near future it will be possible to hold similar conferences regarding other foods. It is vital that surplus food producing countries use

their abundance in the interests of peace.

Thus far we have been discussing the challenges confronting our governments. What about the challenges that face us as individuals? For these also we must be prepared.

We must maintain, and continue to strengthen, our systems of education — and in saying this, I pay particular tribute to the world renowned folk schools of Denmark started by N. F. S. Grundtvig. We must maintain, and continue to strengthen, our systems of cooperation — and here I pay special tribute to the strong, effective cooperative movement of Denmark. Much of my adult life has been spent in working with farmer cooperatives in the United States. We have studied your set-up — your cooperatives — and we have imitated many of your innovations.

We must continue, as individuals, to keep well informed, to think straight, and to give wise counsel to our leaders of government — for in our free systems it is what we as individuals believe that will determine the courses of our governments.

Today we pay our sincere respects to the brave Danish people who went forth from this land, who helped to tame a wilderness and build a new America. Their contribution was magnificent — but it did not mark the end of pioneering. New demands — new challenges — new dares — confront our generation today.

Our great and new challenge is to maintain and expand that state of freedom in which man best can grow — a state of freedom in which man is the master of his own destiny, and in which government is his servant.

If we, now or in the future, shrink from facing up to this basic challenge, there will always be others willing to find answers for us. But their answers may not be the answers we seek. They might cost us not only peace but freedom, too. Instead of growing, mankind all over the world would then decline.

The new pioneering is difficult. It calls for the utmost self-discipline. It demands that we seek wisdom, act with integrity, and accept individual responsibility.

We of the free world have a blessed heritage of freedom, placed in our custody by the Almighty. Ours must be a special and constant crusade to promote His plan of a brotherhood of men on earth, in which there is freedom, tolerance, and recognition of human dignity — in short, a climate conducive to growth.

With God's help, we shall preserve in this free world a climate in which men can grow. Here with Abraham Lincoln let all of us who prize freedom say: "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master." And here let us resolve, "But I will be free — free to worship, free to speak, free to grow."

God grant it may ever be so.



## Evangelism

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so-called "housekeeping" details of membership always should be kept secondary to the spiritual gain of the individual.

What can we do about the "lostness" of the souls of these members on the move? As a congregation we have specific responsibilities:

1. To instruct members regarding transfer and explain the necessity of prompt transfer to a church in a new location.

2. To visit members before they move. Express thanks for the part they have taken in the congregational life. Encourage them to unite with a Lutheran congregation near their new home and to make this easier for them provide them with the necessary transfer forms which are available through Lutheran channels.

3. Acknowledge their departure. In the Sunday morning service the pastor may acknowledge the members about to move and include a prayer of blessing. It helps members to appreciate church membership and encourages other members to follow good procedures when they move to a new place of residence.

4. Write to the pastor of the church near their new residence.

5. Correspond with the family. A warm, personal letter from the Evangelism Committee or the pastor can do much to encourage them to transfer to another Lutheran church.

6. Review the membership. The Evangelism Committee and the Council should go over the membership at least twice a year and list those who have permanently moved, those temporarily away and of course those who are inactive but still reside in the parish. The permanently moved group we are concerned with at this point. Members who have not written for their transfer should have a follow-up letter.

And finally the Evangelism Committee of the Receiving Church also has two responsibilities.

1. To welcome them. Greet them cordially at the services, get their names on the mailing list. Specific groups should invite them to their activities. Kindness and imagination can go far toward helping them to make the adjustment.

2. Help them get settled in their new church home. A team of lay visitors should call upon them and invite them into membership. Explain the pastor's class. Plan with them how the family can become acquainted and take part in the worship, educational service, social and recreational life of the congregation.

Admittedly some of the ideas are not in practice by existing Evangelism Committees but they are goals toward which we can work. And with the Easter message "Go and Tell" ringing in our ears, now is the time to make a beginning.

Our Heavenly Father, we realize it is so much easier to know that which we should do than it is to DO that which we should do. Help us in the beauty of these surroundings to restore our zeal and our enthusiasm for those things which make for a better world in which we live. Help us to develop our sense of humor and our sense of fair play. As women we know it is our responsibility to become increasingly more patient, more kindly, that our example will reach out to our families, our church, our synod, to other Lutheran women and to all women everywhere. Make strong our faith and accept our gratitude for every good and perfect gift. These things we pray in our Master's name who taught us when we pray to say "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Mrs. Talmage Elwell.

## A Day With Harold Riber

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tea estate, and there is a large new social hall.

Resembling a neat suburban factory in the United States, the tea estate has very large processing plants in which the tea is properly cured, sifted, and otherwise prepared for marketing. We were told that some of the tea is sold to the Lipton Company. (It can also be ordered from the Santal Mission office in Minneapolis.) The mission also provides good schools for all the children on the large estate.

According to Pastor Riber, the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church will soon be an independent Lutheran Church of India. Since January 1, 1959, the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church has taken over administration of all the trust property except the tea estate and the missionary houses. However, all profits from the tea estate not turned back into the enterprise will be turned over to the new church. The trust property will likely be turned over to the new church in 1960. It is most significant that the calling and placing of foreign missionary personnel is now being done by the indigenous church, in consultation with the mission.

In the evening we had dinner at the home of Miss Fiske of the hospital staff. It was a delightful evening for all of us, even though lightning blazed through the sky and torrential rains belched from the clouds at intervals throughout the several hours. The climax of the evening came when Miss Fiske brought forth her string instrument and we sang Negro spirituals, Norwegian and Danish songs and

hymns, and whatever is sung when missionaries from three nations gather for fellowship in a Christian outpost in far-off Assam.

Because it was necessary for a Santal messenger to board a midnight train, Pastor Riber drove him the several miles to the station. I went along. The cloudbursts had rendered the road and trails almost impassable. We lumbered along, most of the time at a snail's pace, a couple of times through rushing water when it was necessary to use the four wheel drive. We reached the little station more than an hour late, but the train was later still.

Edging back toward the Riber home in Grahampur, we saw a large pair of eyes, native to jungle life, piercing in the glow of the head lights. Quickly, then, the animal dashed off into the foliage. Pastor Riber thought it was a leopard. In that moment of thrilling excitement I could sense in Pastor Riber the quick emotion of the hunter at the sight of big game. Missionaries in Assam are frequently called upon to destroy the fauna of the region. Often it requires tethering live bait and then sitting in a tree for many hours of the night, waiting for the leopard or other animal to leap on its prey, and for a brief moment becoming a possible target.

Finally, returning to Pastor Riber's home, we settled ourselves comfortably in chairs in the living room and talked and talked. The night was creeping toward morning before we finally went to bed. When you live in Assam, you have many questions to ask of the occasional visitor from the homeland and from your circle of friends. The infrequent visitor has so much he wants to learn during the few hours set aside in a grueling travel schedule for a visit with a friend, who, with his family, is giving his years on the very frontier of Christian love, but who considers the opportunity a special kind of blessing.

The following morning Pastor Riber drove us about 35 miles, part of it through dense jungle, to a spot where we could stand and look across a river and over the foothills of the Himalayas in the land of Bhutan, whose people are Mongolian and whose religion is Buddhism of the Tibetan form. Old, old customs still prevail. Europeans are not admitted. Even now, when those giants of the Himalayas suspect a woman of containing an evil spirit, they are known to place her in a coffin of rocks so that she will bake to death in the sun.

Returning to Rupsi airport, we bade farewell to Pastor Riber, as the DC 3 settled down on the runway and we prepared to board it. We left Pastor Riber in hot and humid Assam, once more to devote all his time and energy to his beloved Santals, Boros, and Bengalis. As we left, the expression on Pastor Riber's tanned and smiling, but mature, face seemed to say: "I belong here!"



## Junior Camp Cancelled

Due to the unproportionately high incidence of polio cases reported in the Des Moines area during the month of June, the directors of the Grand View Junior Camp have cancelled the 1959 camp session which was to have met July 19th through 26th.

After consultation with both state and local health authorities, Dr. Ernest Nielsen said it would be inadvisable to hold the camp this year. According to the authorities, it would be advisable to hold the camp only if all the participants had received the required two or three virus inoculations. Since the time was limited before the camp was scheduled to begin, there would undoubtedly have been many who could not obtain the shots in time.

Although the cancellation is regrettable, the risk of having any of our young people contract the disease is not one to be taken lightly. However, the cancellation pertains only to this year's camp period. Plans are already under way to make the 1960 camp bigger and better than ever.

John Rex,  
Camp Director.

## Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

(For the Month of June 1959)

### Received for the Budget:

Unassigned: (by congregation)	
Omaha, Nebr. ....	\$ 180.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	65.18
Racine, Wis. ....	399.77
Newell, Iowa ....	508.40
Victory, Ludington, Mich. ....	74.75
Dannebrog, Greenville, Mich. ....	126.00
Danevang, Texas ....	389.00
Parlier, Calif. ....	200.00
Muskegon, Mich. ....	220.00
Edison Township, New Jersey ....	200.00
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	200.00
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	201.00
Bridgeport, Conn. ....	100.00
Detroit, Mich. ....	900.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	466.18
Tyler, Minn. ....	500.00
Seattle, Wash. ....	500.00

### For President's Travel:

Cozad, Nebr. ....	30.00
Newell, Iowa ....	25.00

### For Santal Mission:

(by Congregation)

Omaha, Nebr. ....	47.75
In memory of Mrs. N. P. Graven- gaard, from E. A. Kramme family, Des Moines, Iowa ....	5.00
Fred Lauritsen family, Des Moines, Iowa ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Louie Olesen, Fredsville, Iowa ....	1.00
In memory of Mr. Don Fluss, from St. Stephen's Ev. Luth. Sunday School, Chicago, Ill. ....	5.00
Luck, Wis. (by Rasmie An- dreasen) ....	5.00
West Denmark, Luck, Wis., Pentecost Sunday Offering ....	38.25
In memory of Mrs. N. P. Graven- gaard, from Mrs. Dagny Petersen, Des Moines, Iowa ....	10.00

Des Moines, Iowa ....	2.00
Tyler, Minn., Sunday School ....	100.00
In memory of Mrs. Carl David- sen, Los Angeles, Calif., from Aage and Johanna Knudsen, Norwalk, Calif. ....	5.00

Total Budget Receipts from Congregations ....	\$ 5,509.28
Previously acknowledged ....	30,120.38

Total to date ....	\$35,629.66
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### Other Budget Receipts:

#### Pastors' Pension Contributions:

Newell, Iowa ....	\$ 20.00
Victory, Ludington, Mich. ....	3.00
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	18.00
Detroit, Mich. ....	24.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	21.62
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	19.50
Synod President, May & June	21.00
Seattle, Wash. ....	21.00

Total for month ....	\$ 148.12
Previously acknowledged ....	1,319.09

\$1,467.21

Total Receipts for Budget to date ....	\$37,096.87
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### Received for Items Outside of the Budget:

#### For Lutheran World Action:

(by Congregation)

Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's ....	\$ 72.00
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's Sun- day School ....	25.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	13.34
Racine, Wis. (by Pastor Heide)	5.00
Newell, Iowa ....	222.00
Byram, Conn. ....	34.80
Victory, Ludington, Mich. ....	16.75
Muskegon, Mich. ....	180.00
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	39.30
Erling Andersen, Gjelsted, Fyn, Denmark, for Lutheran World Relief ....	10.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	92.10
Des Moines, Iowa, for Lutheran World Relief, from Danish Group ....	31.00
Tyler, Minn. ....	100.00
Tyler, Minn., by Helga Buhl	10.00
Tyler, Minn., by Sunday School	120.00
Residents of "Valborgsminde," Des Moines, Iowa ....	39.74
Seattle, Wash. ....	214.00

Total for month ....	\$1,225.03
Previously acknowledged ....	3,593.83

Total to date ....	\$4,818.86
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### For Santal Mission:

(by Congregation)

Racine, Wis. ....	\$ 41.85
Racine, Wis., by Pastor Heide	5.00
Residents of "Valborgsminde," Des Moines, Iowa ....	8.75
WMS, District V ....	25.60
WMS, District IX ....	12.35
WMS, District IV ....	116.08
WMS, District VII, in memory of Mrs. Haakon Jorgensen and Mrs. Walter Hansen ....	15.00
YPS Convention, Bridgeport, Conn. ....	17.35
Miss Dagmar Miller ....	5.00
Sina Petersen, Owen, Wis. ....	5.00
West Denmark, Luck, Wis.,	

Pentecost Sunday Offering	15.00
Estate of Hans J. Dixon, El- lensburg, Wash. ....	165.71
Residents of "Valborgsminde," Des Moines, Iowa ....	3.00
Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00

Total ....	\$ 445.69
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### For Solvang Lutheran Home:

Friends of Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa ..	27.50
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### For Faith and Life Advance:

Racine, Wis. ....	21.00
Seattle, Wash. ....	100.00

Total ....	\$ 121.00
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### From Bethania Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis.:

For LWF Deaconess Work	53.91
For Luth. Welfare Society of Wisconsin ....	50.00
For Lutheran Student Founda- tion, Wisconsin ....	50.00
For Chicago Children's Home Jubilee Fund ....	16.65

### For Tyler Old People's Home:

In memory of Mrs. Andrew Jensen and Mrs. Kristian Os- tergaard, by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ostergaard, St. Paul, Minn. ....	100.00
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### For Seamen's Mission:

WMS, District II ....	15.00
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### For Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.:

St. Ansgar's Evangelical Lu- theran Church, Lindsay, Nebr. ....	25.00
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### For District IV Home Mission:

(from District treasurer)	
St. Paul ELC ....	175.00
N. Cedar Lutheran Mission	50.00
N. Cedar, Building Fund (Bethlehem, Cedar Falls) ..	1,554.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Prayer for a Teacher

By Dorothy Littlewort

Father, between Thy strong hands  
Thou hast bent  
The clay but roughly into shape, and  
lent  
To me the task of smoothing where  
I may,  
And fashioning to gentler form Thy  
clay,  
To see some hidden beauty Thou hast  
planned  
Slowly revealed beneath my laboring  
hand;  
Sometime to help a twisted thing to  
grow  
More straight; this is full recompense,  
and so  
I give Thee but the praise that Thou  
wouldst ask,  
Firm hand and high heart for the  
further task.



## Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

### For the Month of May

#### Received for the Budget:

Unassigned: (by congregation)	
Manistee, Mich. ....	\$ 100.00
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's ..	200.00
Clinton, Iowa .....	400.00
Racine, Wis. ....	291.09
Menominee, Mich. ....	65.18
Withee, Wis. ....	100.00
Alden, Minn. ....	300.00
Cedar Falls Iowa, Bethlehem	1,000.00
Askov, Minn. ....	200.00
Waterloo, Iowa .....	800.00
Luck, Wis., Bone Lake .....	100.00
Brown City, Mich. ....	32.00
Newark, New Jersey .....	120.00
Newington, Conn. ....	150.00
Edison Township, N. J. ....	200.00
Bridgeport, Conn. ....	100.00
Manistee, Mich. ....	50.00
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	201.00
Tacoma, Wash. ....	87.25
Wilbur, Wash. ....	27.04

#### For Pastor's Pension Fund:

(by congregation)	
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's ....	\$ 3.00
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's, from Mr. and Mrs. John Jen- sen, West Palm Beach, Fla. ....	2.00
Askov, Minn. ....	75.00
Des Moines, Iowa .....	10.00

#### For the Children's Home:

Danish Ladies' Aid, Grayling, Mich. ....	\$ 10.00
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#### For the Santal Mission:

In memory of Emmet Laurit- zen, Viborg, S. D., by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hybert- sen, Centerville, S. D. ....	1.00
In memory of William Ander- son, Detroit, Mich., by Vic- tory Trinity Lutheran Sun- day School, Ludington, Mich., for Riber's work ....	5.00

Congregation, Askov, Minn. ....	17.00
From Annex Club, Seattle, Wash., for General Fund ..	20.00
for Scholarship Fund .....	60.00
In memory of Henry Henrick- sen Rosenborg, Nebr., and Mrs. Haakon Jorgensen, Newell, Iowa, by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Petersen, Cor- dova, Nebr. ....	4.00
From Mr. and Mrs. Hans Clau- sen, Chicago, Ill. ....	3.00
From the Senior Confirmation Class, Tyler, Minn. ....	12.00
From the Birthday Party dona- tion, Ladies' Aid of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash. ....	14.20
Newark, N. J. (congregation)	16.00
Dwight, Ill., Pentecost Altar Offering .....	32.50
In memory of Mrs. Graven- gaard, Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa ..	5.00
For Care of a Santal Child, from Sunday School, Alden, Minn. ....	50.00
from Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn. ....	5.85

Total Budget Receipts from congregations .....	\$ 4,869.11
Previously acknowledged ....	25,251.27
Total to date .....	\$30,120.38

#### Other Budget Receipts:

<b>Pastors' Pension Contributions:</b>	
Manistee, Mich. ....	\$ 18.00
Alden, Minn. ....	18.00
Askov, Minn. ....	18.00
Clinton, Iowa .....	21.40

Total for month .....	\$ 75.40
Previously acknowledged ....	1,243.69
Total .....	\$1,319.09

Total Receipts for Budget to date, May 31, 1959 .....	\$31,439.47
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#### Received for Items Outside of the Budget:

##### For Lutheran World Action:

(by congregation)	
Manistee, Mich. ....	\$ 50.00
Trinity Luth. Sunday School, Greenville, Mich. ....	26.85
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's ..	24.75
Chicago, Ill., St. Stephen's by Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen, West Palm Beach, Fla. ....	5.00
Racine, Wis. ....	2.88
Racine, Wis., by Pastor Heide	5.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	13.34
Withee, Wis. ....	219.55
In memory of Emmet Laurit- zen, Viborg, S. D., by Mr. and Mrs. Niels Jespersen ..	1.00
In memory of Niels Wodder, Marquette, Nebr., by friends	22.65
From Mrs. Minnie Mathisen, 1101 Grand View Ave., Des Moines, Iowa .....	10.00
Newark, N. J. ....	46.67
Muskegon, Mich. ....	325.00
Manistee, Mich. ....	50.00
Sunday School, Dwight, Ill. ....	150.00
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	39.30
Denmark Ev. Luth. Church, Vesper, Kansas, Ladies' Aid	10.00

Sunday School .....	18.40
Congregation .....	69.12
Wilbur, Wash. ....	1.50
Total for month .....	\$1,091.01
Previously acknowledged ....	2,502.82

Total to date .....	\$3,593.83
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#### For Santal Mission:

In memory of Christian Pot- holm, by Dagmar Petersen, Portland, Maine .....	\$ 25.00
Pastor Heide, Racine, Wis. ....	5.00
In memory of Niels Wodder, Marquette, Nebr., from friends .....	22.60
For TB Unit at Mohulpara, from Mrs. Minnie Mathisen 1101 Grand View Ave., Des Moines, Iowa .....	15.00
Miss Dagmar Miller .....	10.00
In memory of Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Gravenegaard, by Erik Nissen, Marquette, Nebr. ....	5.00
From the Birthday Party Do- nation, Ladies' Aid of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash. ....	78.25
In memory of Mrs. Anna Grav- engaard, by residents of "Valborgsminde Home," Des Moines, Iowa .....	5.75
Congregation, Newark, N. J. ....	18.25
Dwight, Ill., Pentecost Altar Offering .....	51.50
For Care of a Santal Child, by Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn. ....	19.15
In memory of Mrs. Herman Petersen, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Chris J. Nelson, Ring- sted, Iowa, by Mr. and Mrs. Iver S. Nelson Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00
In memory of Mrs. F. Walter Hansen, Hampton, Nebr., by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grav- engaard, Central City, Nebr., Mrs. Cora Gravenegaard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoegh, Mar- quette, Nebr. ....	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith, Hampton, Nebr. ....	3.00

Total .....	\$ 271.50
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#### For Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute:

Trinity Church, Brown City, Mich. ....	\$ 5.00
In memory of Mrs. F. Walter Hansen, Hampton, Nebr., by Miss Della Peterson, Aurora, Nebr. ....	1.00

Total .....	\$ 6.00
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#### For District III WMS Children's Home Jubilee:

Willing Workers Society, Dwight, Ill. ....	\$ 25.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill. ....	25.00

Total .....	\$ 50.00
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#### For Faith and Life Advance:

Congregation, Racine, Wis. ....	\$ 40.25
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#### For District IV Home Mission:

Received from District Treas. ....	225.00
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American Evangelical  
Lutheran Church,  
M. C. Miller, Treasurer  
Circle Pines Minnesota

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

July 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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