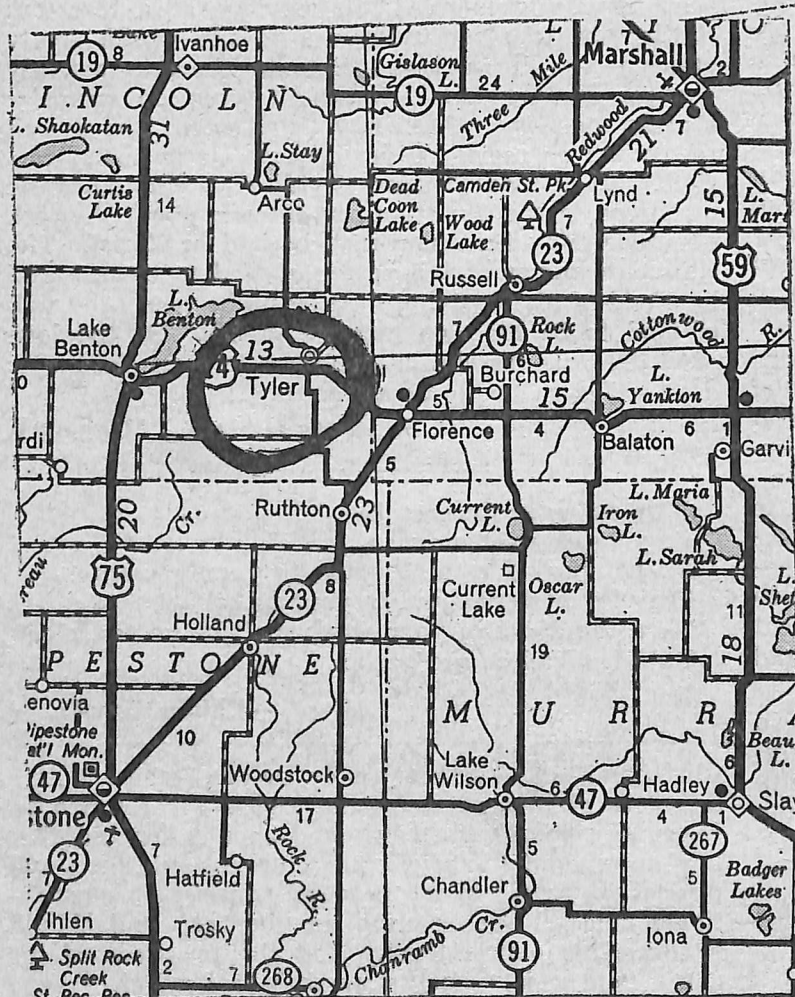


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Resolution: An Appeal to Christian Conscience

*Approved by the General Board of the
National Council of Churches*

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Lack of enforcement of the law and mob violence in recent days have revealed that the ominous tragic pall of racial discrimination still overshadow our nation and smother and choke the free expression of human dignity. The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has said, "Above all, the principle of segregation is a denial of the Christian faith and ethic which stems from the basic premise taught by our Lord that all men are created the children of God. The pattern of segregation is diametrically opposed to what Christians believe about the worth of persons and if we are to be true to the Christian faith we must take our stand against it."*

In the light of that affirmation the General Board of the National Council of Churches affirms its belief in the justice and sincerity of the purpose of the non-violent movement. The principle for which the movement strives remains valid and its realization is urgent. Through commitment to non-violent action it seeks to exercise the constitutional rights of all people to freedom of movement in interstate travel on a non-segregated basis. The forthright non-violent action which has characterized this movement in the face of great danger and hatred has won world-wide admiration and praise.

We condemn mob violence in every form. Yet in doing this we call attention to the fact that the segregation of any group anywhere for any reason perpetuates a system of continuing violence. It is itself both a form of violence and an invitation to mob violence. For it compels people of many minority groups to live in slums that all too frequently are dangerously substandard, disease-ridden and open invitations to juvenile delinquency. It either limits or denies their young people equal opportunity for a good education and a decent job, and it transgresses the rights of all to live with a sense of freedom and dignity.

The General Board of the National Council of Churches commends all those who are working, often with great fortitude and courage, to provide human rights for all, and especially those facing situations of serious tension and difficulty. Every Christian can and should participate vigorously in this struggle.

What can be done? In every place where the

* **The Churches and Segregation.** An Official Statement and Resolution by the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in Chicago, Illinois, June 11, 1952. Page 5.

Church Membership

Widespread among church members is the opinion that the church exists to provide services for its members. The pastor is hired as a general manager to see that the membership is kept satisfied and that the members receive due "interest" on their investment. Obviously, if this view prevails then any member not completely satisfied has a right to pout, sputter and shop elsewhere for a better product.

But if membership in the church means membership in the Body of Christ then members are to serve rather than be served. The church is not a closed shop rendering membership services at a discount. Rather she is a service center to the world, freely offering herself in love. Her membership actively engages in the most important vocation, namely, sharing the gospel of Christ with all men. The church recognizes no racial, cultural, economic or social barriers. When these barriers divide and tear the fabric of humanity the Christian sets himself about the task of proclaiming the oneness to be had in Christ. The Christian knows of the power of God to cleanse and heal and of his forgiving love. And he trusts the will of God to be his own purpose in life. So the love of God constrains church members to serve faithfully even as Jesus came to be servant of all.

St. Stephen's (Chicago) Messenger.

O do not pray for easy lives!
Pray to be stronger men!
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers.
Pray for powers equal to your tasks!
Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle.
But you shall be a miracle.

—Phillip Brooks.

Christian has a voice and a vote, he can be an effective agent to obtain constitutional rights for all people. Every Christian citizen can and should demand that law enforcement officials prevent mob violence and protect all people in the peaceful exercise of constitutional rights. Each church member can and should examine his own integrity and the practices of his church and seek reconciliation with his brother. Above all, each Christian can offer himself in the active struggle to achieve human dignity for every man in this land and in all the world.

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HISTORY

*There is a Spirit that is
"immune to erosion"*

by: Pastor Aage Moller

The formation of a world order is so stupendous and fluttery that we become mute. We seek refuge our specialty, in localism, in stubborn adherence to usage, in pipe dreams and in isolation. Many did the same when U.S. nationalism was in a teen age stage. Some fled to Nova Scotia to get away from the mess, some became rigidly conservative, some found a haven in the flourishing sects, and some sold their souls to schemes of piling up money.

The nation has now become a province in a one world and must find its place not over but beside all the other nations. How all the nations and tribes shall be united in a one world order with a common law is the current problem and the solution is seemingly impossible. It can't be done, is the common verdict. Again we try to keep the craze away from our doors. Let us cultivate our own garden and pay no attention to the world. If that is not sufficient we must use **poison as we do in the gopher holes**. We must exterminate the Jews, who in spite of their clannishness, are universally minded. We must brew a public opinion against the churches which are not bona fide nationalistic. First of all we must put a stop to communism for it is out to conquer the world. We must continually say to ourselves and to others that the whole thing is impossible. The idea that Chinese and U. S. representatives should sit in the same legislative hall, that a voodoo tribesman from Africa should vote with a highly intelligent man from Harvard, that a proud "free enterprise" man Bethlehem Steel should be on equal terms with a drummer from Stalingrad is not acceptable. No, let us be sensible and keep aloof from lunacy. What is the use anyway? The earth is but a tiny spot in the galaxy and most likely it will soon be destroyed in fire. Humanity is but a disturbed ant heap. So let us go and have a gin tonic. Tomorrow I am going to marry Gladys.

In spite of all that, the making of history does touch each one of us and as usual it touches on tender spots. A one world order meet us with requirements that do not please us at all. It requires that we scrap state statutes which are not in harmony with the federal constitution in regard to race relationships and this cannot be deferred till a later date. It has to be done now. There are times in history when postponement is out of question. The freedom riders understand that and so does the National Council of Churches which has approved of the people taking a risk in defying the state ordinances. Our likes and dislikes, our fear of losing property and prestige, our prides, and conservatism cannot take priority over law enforcement on this score. I know that we cannot force a white man to respect a colored man as his equal but we can realize that we do live our lives under the law.

A world order requires that we make a start in a

disarmament direction. Impossible we say. We are industrially and economically geared to an increase in armaments. There will be hard times if we change the course. In order to protect ourselves against an adversary we must not curb the national military pride. Yet it is necessary. A colossal military monopoly in one country does not jibe with a world constitution. Again this calls for immediate action.

The U. S. attorney general is in a hazardous position but in spite of that he comes near being a national priest in saying that there is no way ahead unless we turn away from materialism and commence to combine production, commerce, sports, etc., with ethical principles. Our amoral gamble has come to an end. We must face the truth that human life can no more eliminate ethics than it can do away with food. Kennedy may be familiar with Paul the apostle who said that the law increases sin, but there is no chance of evading it.

No longer can we ride on the imperialistic one language ideology and say with Ford that all people should talk English in order to facilitate the sale of Ford cars. It is realized that the Peace Corps ambassadors must live themselves into the language of the people whom they are to serve. We have seen a glimpse of the truth that in a world order the national and tribal languages with their dialects must be equally respected, so must all the varieties in customs and folklore.

I have written this because I cannot wriggle myself away from what has been given to me as an inner conviction that the life word, not only of the church, but of the world is reality and not a supplement to reality. What we can see and experience, what has happened in human history, is a reflection of this reality. There is a Spirit which is free from what is being called rulership, powers, dictatorial decrees. It is free from all ideologies and opinions and even necessity. It is not a category and a part of a system but is a whole; it is the entirety of all life. What it does and makes it immune to erosion.

The Spirit is the very soul and heart of Trinity. During the Christian era we have incessantly been impelled to talk and sing about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How many have found that in these words the meaning of life has come as close to us as it can come and not be counted. The Father is that which is beyond human words. It is incomprehensible. I have seen it in nature and behind history. I have seen it in art and in human aspirations, yet I cannot place it on the table and say here it is. The Father is the oneness both in the visible and invisible existence, and there is not even an indication plagiarism in it. It is created. Every word and thought which is infinitely of the oneness was created. The Son is the person, the one who feels, thinks, speaks and acts personally. The Christ revealed the oneness but also the person. He was the first one who unreservedly said, "I am — I am life; I am light; I am truth; I am

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84th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 15-20, 1961

The 84th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minnesota, beginning with a Worship Service at 8 p. m., on August 15, and ending Sunday evening, August 20.

The congregations of the AELC are hereby asked to elect and register delegates no later than July 15. Registrations are to be sent, for all pastors and lay delegates, to the Credentials Committee, c/o Mr. Harald Petersen, Tyler, Minnesota, by the above date. The election of all delegates is governed by the Synod Constitution, Articles VIII and IX and by the By-Laws, Article VII, 7a, b, c and d.

Attention is called to Article VIII, Paragraph 5 of the Synod Constitution entitling all members of the Church to submit topics for consideration by the convention. These must be in the hands of the Synod President by July 1 in order to be published for the first time in the July 5 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

Reports from District Presidents, institutions, council and committees will go to press June 1, and should be in the hands of pastors and delegates in time for study and review prior to the convention. Members are urged to acquaint themselves thoroughly with these reports.

Pastors and delegates should bear in mind that the question of our Church merging with the Augustana Lutheran Church, the United Lutheran Church in America and the Suomi Lutheran Church will come before the convention for final consideration and action. (Cfr. Minutes of 83rd Annual Convention, page 20, column 1). The four merger documents distributed last year, prior to the 83rd Convention, are still valid and should be studied further by pastors and delegates and discussed in the congregations.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand View College and Seminary corporation will convene on Friday morning of the convention meeting. The attention of the churches is called to the decision of last year's meeting to the effect that the Board of Directors might enter into merger negotiations on behalf of our Seminary with representatives of the boards for the Chicago Theological Seminary, the Augustana Theological Seminary and the Suomi Theological Seminary. Merger documents have now been worked out and will be mailed to all pastors and delegates during the first weeks in June — action to be taken at the Annual Meeting.

We are grateful to Danebod Lutheran congregation for hosting this 84th Annual Convention and I urge all pastors and delegates to give them all possible assistance by registering early and giving full details about time of arrival, etc., as may be requested on the registration blanks. While the host congregation is obliged only to the extent of meals and lodging for delegates and pastors, friends will certainly be welcome and accommodated so far as possible if they

register in advance, and in the order of their registration.

It has been with gratitude to God for all His gifts that we in the past have gathered in His name to discuss the work and welfare of that branch of His Church into which we have been placed. It is with confidence in His continued blessing upon His people that this call to meet in Tyler in August is issued.

A. E. Farstrup.

Welcome to Danebod !

Danebod Lutheran Church at Tyler, Minnesota, which this year observes its 75th anniversary, hereby extends a cordial invitation to delegates, pastors and other guests who plan to attend the 84th Annual Convention of our Synod here August 15-20, 1961.

Registration cards and information on transportation and housing will be sent soon to all congregations. Public transportation to Tyler is most inadequate and we hope that most people will come by automobile. However, more detailed information on bus, train and air schedules is provided below.

Please mail all registrations and inquiries to Mr. Harald A. Petersen, chairman of the committee on registration and housing.

Carl Whingelby, President of the Congregation.

A. N. Utolf, Chairman of the Convention Committee.
Enok Mortensen, Pastor.

Public Transportation to Tyler

There are no trains, buses or planes arriving at Tyler. If informed of time of arrival we shall, however, call for guests either in Brookings, South Dakota; Marshall, Tracy or Lake Benton, Minnesota.

BROOKINGS, S. D.—Planes arrive

from Fargo, N. D., at 9:25 a. m.

from Omaha, Nebr., at 11:23 a. m.

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 3:23 p. m.

from Omaha, Nebr., at 8:03 p. m.

MARSHALL, MINN.—Buses (Greyhound) arrive

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 10 p. m.

TRACY, MINN.—Buses (Greyhound) arrive

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 10:11 p. m.

from Minneapolis, Minn., at 12 Noon.

LAKE BENTON, MINN.—Buses (Jack Rabbit) arrive

from Fargo, N. D., at 1:15 p. m.

from Sioux Falls, S. D., at 4:45 p. m.

Please remember that Minnesota has Daylight Saving Time.

Resolution to the Convention

Whereas, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Ill., will have its roots in all of the four merging churches as no other educational institution has, and, whereas, this Seminary will offer to students graduate work which will include research in the history of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, and, whereas, scholarships have been planned to those students of this Seminary who in the future write publishable papers of the history of the AELC, be it therefore resolved that the Archives, which are the property of the AELC, be moved from the basement of the girl's dormitory of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Ill., whenever adequate facilities are available, and proper financial arrangements have been made for transportation, care and maintenance at the new location. Be it furthermore resolved, that members of the synod board in consultation with Dean A. C. Kildegaard and Dr. Johannes Knudsen be authorized by the 84th convention of the AELC to implement such action as is stated in this resolution or with such changes as the convention might wish to make.

Holger O. Nielsen.

An Exciting Prospect

The New Lutheran Seminary at Chicago

by: Dean Axel C. Kildegaard

Church merger involves many agencies and activities. Beyond the activities of the local congregation, there are many responsibilities in which the Church is involved. Welfare agencies, mission programs, educational institutions, and many service ministries serve the Church and are means of the Church's service. Each of the four merging churches has been aware of these responsibilities. Each has served and been served according to their particular needs and abilities through their respective institutions during their years of independent existence. Now that the historical justification of the separate continuance of these four churches is past and it has become increasingly obvious that they can better serve and be served by merger, the history, life, and purpose of each agency also comes up for review and redefinition.

The four Lutheran bodies that met beginning in December of 1956 to consider and draft plans of church merger were, at least through their representatives on the Joint Commission of Lutheran Unity, aware from the very start that not only was the hour of fulfillment for four separate traditions at hand, but also that there were exciting new needs and possibilities confronting a new church. Old patterns and forms had served well in the past but even as we cherished their memory the future Church and community were to be served.

Among the most central responsibilities of the Church is that of providing means for the preparation of men for the ministry, and to practice in a theological seminary what has been termed "the intellectual love of God." The life and the tradition of each of the four merging churches has been intimately related to their respective theological seminaries. The Suomi Church with its seminary at Hancock, Michigan, Augustana involved in the responsibility of preparing men for the ministry at Rock Island, Illinois, and the AELC with its school at Des Moines, Iowa, have each tended to view these locales as the headquarters of their church. The ULCA has a number of seminaries throughout the land, significant among them being the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood, Illinois. These four schools, all within the same geographical area, have each played definite roles within the history of their respective churches. Two of the schools, Suomi and Grand View, have already affiliated with CLTS at Maywood with very satisfactory results.

It was obvious from the beginning that a unique opportunity faced the emerging church in this particular area. A primary necessity of one church as drawn from the experience of three of the merging bodies was one ministry, one theological school. If the latter could not be achieved, at the very least there could be one such theological seminary in the Chicago area. The goal soon became: one school in this area and all

seminaries of the new church to be significantly strengthened. A Seminary Committee of the JCLU tackled the problem nationwide and within two years of the formation of the JCLU an independent committee representing Augustana, Suomi, Chicago, and Grand View seminaries was also at work. During the course of the next three years many meetings of the representatives of these four schools were held to discuss and consider various possibilities and patterns for the exciting new venture.

Should three of the present schools close and the fourth be expanded? Should it be built upon a spacious new campus on the outskirts and away from the pressures of the metropolis? Both of these alternatives were soon eliminated. The new seminary would be a new school — a valid merger of four traditions and not representing absorption of the other three schools by any one. That meant an opportunity to think things through from the ground up with respect to the relationship to the church, the curriculum, the faculty, the constitution, the physical needs and many other details. The new seminary was also to be in the midst of and involved with the problems and complexities of our world and its most vital academic activities.

For many months the committee wrestled with the question of the two major campuses in the Chicago metropolitan area, both of which have had a historic concern with theological education. Should the new school be located at Evanston in proximity to Northwestern University or in Hyde Park adjacent to the University of Chicago? Faculties were polled, consultants from the American Association of Theological Schools were engaged. The two universities were visited and quizzed (for some months we were wooed by two suitors), civic planning authorities and long-range specialists were interviewed and the debate continued within the committee. At length the inquiry was as complete as our imaginations could envision and the decision was made. Having vacillated back and forth from Evanston to Hyde Park, the committee could honestly claim that the decision was not predetermined. The final choice of the University of Chicago simply represented the overwhelming result of a very comprehensive investigation.

With the decision upon location came also a choice of name. Again several alternatives had been before us but none so happily and unanimously received as the dignified and straight to the point: "Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago." It was one of our last decisions. Final documents including historical statements, constitution for the new seminary, and necessary legal considerations and steps were completed during the past spring. Since that time, the boards of the four schools have approved of these and passed them on to their respective synods for acceptance. This affirmative action has been taken by all of the bodies involved save the AELC whose convention is the last of those concerned to be held. It is

Axel Kildegaard is Dean of Grand View Seminary, which is currently affiliated with the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood, Illinois.

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This is Tyler



The new high school auditorium where meals will be served during the convention

Danebod Membership (1960 Report)

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| Baptized | 1,070 |
| Confirmed | 814 |
| Voting | 598 |
| Contributing | 360 |
| Sunday school enrollment | 150 |

TYLER

Tyler is a small town located in the southwestern corner of Minnesota, on U. S. Highway 14, between Pipestone and Marshall and directly east of Brookings, South Dakota.

Although numbering only some 1200 inhabitants in the village proper, Tyler is a progressive town with fine streets and modern buildings. A tornado destroyed the business section in 1918 and consequently most of the stores are relatively new and modern. Since the Second World War at least fifty new homes have been built. It has a fine public school with an auditorium built as recently as last year. It also has a new well-equipped hospital in addition to the old hospital which is now a nursing home, and our Synod's old people's home. The town has an excellent golf course with nine grass greens. It has an old but clean and comfortable hotel as well as a new motel. The town has a small airport. There are seven churches in the village of Tyler, two other Lutheran churches besides our own Danebod Lutheran Church where the synodical convention will be held.



The Stone Hall at Danebod — erected 1889



Pastor Mortensen

and Danebod



Bird's-eye view of Danebod — 1951

Danebod in Brief

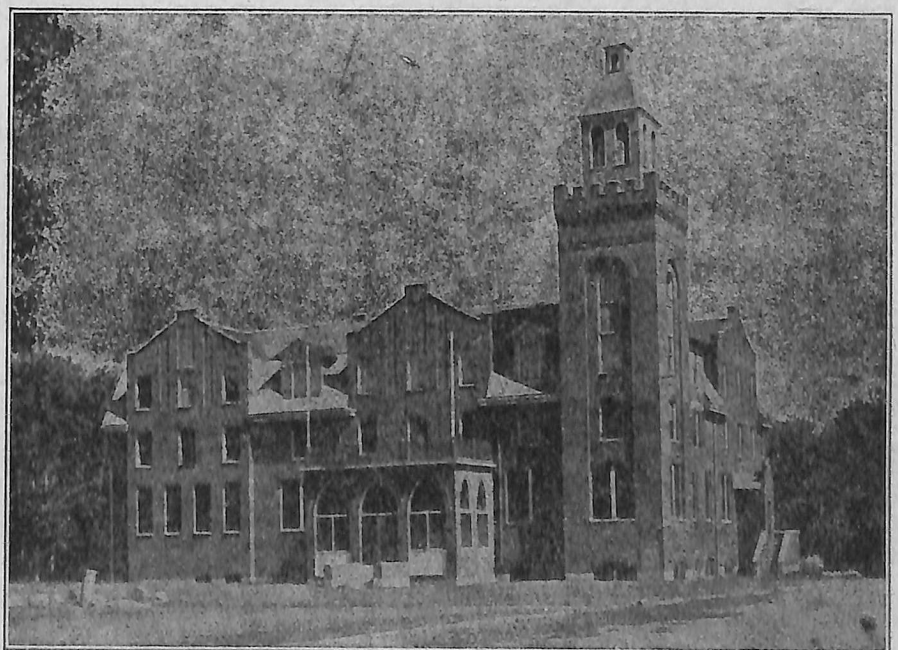
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| Congregation founded | 1886 |
| Folk School opened | 1888 |
| Stone hall built | 1889 |
| Church dedicated | 1895 |
| Parsonage acquired | 1903 |
| Gym hall built | 1904 |
| New parsonage built | 1915 |
| Folk school fire | 1917 |
| Folk school rebuilt | 1917 |
| Major church improvements | 1947 |

DANEBOD

The congregation at Danebod recently observed the 75th anniversary of its founding. The full story of Danebod has been well told by Pastor Mortensen in a book, written for the anniversary, called "75 Years at Danebod." It is from this book that many of the pictures on these pages are reprinted.

Danebod is a congregation but, in a sense, it is more than that. The Folk school has given it an added dimension. Though the Folk School does not function as such today many meetings in the Folk School tradition are held at Danebod each year. The influence of this tradition continues to radiate far beyond the confines of the community and even the AELC.

For many years Danebod has been, and still continues to be, the largest congregation in the synod. The present pastor, Enok Mortensen, has served there since 1943. He has resigned, effective September 1st, at which time he will take up the work at Luther Memorial congregation at Des Moines, Iowa. He will be succeeded by Jerome Nilsen, a graduate of the seminary at Maywood, who will be ordained at the convention.



The Folk School — 1918

Convention Program

The 84th Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church Tyler, Minnesota August 15 - 20, 1961

CONVENTION THEME: "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM"

PROGRAM

(Monday, August 14: Meeting of the Synod Board.
Tuesday morning and afternoon: Meeting of the Home
Mission Council and of various Findings Committees)

Tuesday, August 15

8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Liturgist: Pastor Howard Christensen, Detroit, Michigan; Sermon: Pastor A. Einar Farstrup, Des Moines, Iowa: "Blessed Are The Ears That Hear"; Welcome: Pastor Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minnesota.

Wednesday, August 16

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Willard Garred, Hampton, Iowa; Sermon by Pastor Harris Jespersen, Circle Pines, Minnesota: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)
10:00 a. m.—Opening of business session by President A. Einar Farstrup.
4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "What the Merger Will Mean to the Congregations." Leader: Pastor Holger O. Nielsen, Newington, Connecticut; Speakers: Pastor Erik K. Moller, Danevang, Texas, and Mr. Harold Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
8:00 p. m.—Leader: Pastor Holger O. Nielsen; Talks by Dr. William Scott, Missionary to Santalistan, India, and by Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Illinois.

Thursday, August 17

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Gordon Miller, Ringsted, Iowa. Sermon: Pastor Folmer Farstrup, Cordova, Nebraska: "I Am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)
9:45 a. m.—Business session continues.
4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "What the Merger Will Mean in the Field of Missions" Leader: Pastor Richard Sorensen, Waterloo, Iowa; Speakers: Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska: "American Missions;" Mrs. Frances Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa: "World Missions."
8:00 p. m.—Leader: Pastor A. Einar Farstrup. Scripture reading and prayer: Dr. Alfred Jen-



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sen, Des Moines, Iowa. Speaker: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York, N. Y. (High School Auditorium)

Friday, August 18

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Harold Knudsen, Grayling, Michigan; Sermon: Pastor Robert Hermansen, Dagmar, Montana: "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)
9:45 a. m.—Grand View corporation meeting.
4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "What the Merger Will Mean in the Area of Parish Education." Leader: Pastor Howard Christensen, Detroit, Michigan. Speaker: Pastor Verner Hansen, Philadelphia, Pa.
8:00 p. m.—Leader: Pastor Harry Andersen, Chicago, Illinois. Speaker: Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. "Inspired by Hope."

Saturday, August 19

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions. Liturgist: Pastor Carlo Petersen, Solvang, California; Sermon by Pastor Harold Petersen, Askov, Minnesota: "I am the True Vine" (John 15:1-9)
9:45 a. m.—Business session continues.
11:30 a. m.—Memorial Service. Liturgist: Pastor Owen K. Gramps, Watsonville, California; Sermon: Dr. Alfred Jensen.
6:30 p. m.—WMS Business session (Church)
8:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society Meeting (Church) Speaker: Mrs. Howard S. Bechtolt, ULCW, Chicago, Illinois, "Adventures in Living."
8:00 p. m.—AELYF Youth Rally (College Lecture Hall) Leader: Pastor Everett Nielsen, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Panel discus-

sion: "Puzzled Parents and Troubled Teens."

Sunday, August 20

8:30 a. m.—Danish Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor P. Rasmussen, Canada; Sermon by Pastor Michael Mikkelsen, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
10:00 a. m.—DANEBOB LUTHERAN CHURCH: Holy Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor Peter Thomsen, Chicago, Illinois; Sermon by Pastor Ronald Jespersen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH: Worship service. Liturgist: Pastor Ivan Westergaard, Greenville, Michigan; Sermon by Pastor Holger P. Jorgensen, Alden, Minnesota.
RUTHTON: Holy Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor Edwin Hansen, Muskegon, Michigan. Sermon by Pastor Eilert C. Nielsen, Clinton, Iowa.
DIAMOND LAKE: Holy Communion Service. Liturgist: Pastor Charles Terrell, Newell, Iowa. Sermon by Pastor Harald Ibsen, Marquette, Nebraska.

2:30 p. m.—Ordination Service. Liturgist: Pastor Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minnesota. Intimation sermon by Pastor Holger Strandkov. Readers: Pastor Harald Ibsen, Marquette, Nebraska, Pastor Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Pastor Alfred Sorensen, Des Moines, Iowa and Pastor Donald Holm, Manistee, Michigan. Ordination by Ordainer A. Einar Farstrup of the following candidates: Ralph D. Andersen (Kimballton, Iowa), Hans R. Nelson (Brush, Colo.), Harold N. Sorensen (Fredsville, Iowa), and Jerome W. Nilssen (Danebod).

7:30 p. m.—Concert.

8:00 p. m.—Closing meeting. Leader: Pastor A. Einar Farstrup. Speaker: Pastor Erik K. Moller, Danevang, Texas, and greetings by the four newly ordained pastors and others.



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The Voice of our County by HAROLD OGREN

Editor's Note: Harold Ogren was valedictorian of his high school class in Gerrish-Higgins High of Roscommon, Michigan. He is an active member of the youth group there, and has helped to conduct Sunday services. His twin brother, John, was salutatorian, and has received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy. This essay won the Michigan Week Essay Contest at Harold's high school.

From the breeze that swept the early morning land came a voice that grew and swelled and rolled as I heard it say, "Stand quiet and listen, for I am the land about you; the land of your father and your grandfather and I have much to say, for I am Roscommon County.

"Here I stand with green-girded loins and laughing face and wind-blown hair. Look at me, I am your home and the home of thousands before you. I have endured the ages past and will last through the future. I have seen the primeval seas cover me and then retreat to leave the green, lush forests of fern, and I have seen the glaciers plow their way across my surface and sculpture my land for eternity. I have seen these changes and many others, and during all this time I have been waiting — waiting while the snows of winter entombed me, and while my trees were razed by blistering fire, I have been waiting, waiting for eons.

"I have waited while the first moccasined peoples trod my soil and built their homes; while the lumbermen came and stripped me of my very essence and left me to burn and erode; and while my land became settled by people from across the sea, who tilled my soil and sifted it and let it blow away. And while these people, too, built their homes, I have been waiting.

"I have been waiting for you to see my timber as more than lumber, and my land as more than harvest; waiting for you to see the troops of animals in my forests as more than game, and my beautiful river, the AuSable, with its clear water and ever-changing scenery for what it really is, the most beautiful river in Michigan; and my lakes with their pure water and myriads of fish for their beauty, too. I have been waiting for you to see my real beauty and my ultimate purpose.

And my waiting goes on, for I wait with a purpose. But when will you see? And when will my waiting end?"

AELFY Doin's

Newell, Ruthton-Diamond Lake, et al.... The Caravan was here! Where will it be next?

Grayling-Roscommon, Michigan: In the middle of June, the youth groups from our churches in Grayling and Roscommon enjoyed a four-hour canoe trip down the south branch of the AuSable River. Beginning in the late afternoon near Roscommon, the group stopped at a lovely little chapel on the banks of the river where a few moments were spent in quiet devotion. Canoe harbor lay at the end of the voyage, where we enjoyed a warm camp fire, hot dogs and pop. On June 20, the Grayling LYF invited the congregation to a Family Night for a sandwich supper. After eating, the group gathered in the auditorium to view the movies, "Ambassador in Bonds" and "A Date With Revolution."

Brayton, Iowa: Plans are already being made here for a progressive supper in September. The confirmands will be invited as special guests.

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Plans are being completed here for an outing with the LYF from Newington at Lake Quassapaug, with boating, swimming and roller skating, as well as an amusement park. We also hope to have a discussion after lunch.

DJ -- Wait for the Day!

Odds and Ends

In looking around, we find that several things are in the works which may be of interest to you. The American Lutheran Church announced that at least 11,000 young people will show up in Miami Beach, Florida, for a visit August 15-20. The occasion is the fifth annual convention for the Luther League. Interesting sidelights show that as early as June 1, 11,000 were registered (limit is 14,000), and among them were eight Richard Johnsons and Karen Andersons, six Mary Johnsons, seven Mary Olsens, five Richard Larsons, and so on. How would you like to be the post man trying to deliver the mail to the right person??? Areas of discussion at the conclave will include such questions as these: "Do Scriptures speak to our turbulent world?" "How does discrimination affect our lives?" "What forms do prejudices take?" Among the speakers will be Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany.

Also of interest on the national level is the news that the constituting convention of our own new Luther League of the Lutheran Church in America, will be held in San Francisco. Recently, representatives of the AELFY, as well as the other three bodies met in Chicago to discuss the new constitution.

One other note: Plans are being laid for a Youth Night at the Synod Convention in Tyler, August 15-20. More details will be coming your way.

OPINION AND COMMENT



THESE LINES are being written at the Junior Camp at Nysted. We are in the midst of the largest such camp ever held here. The buildings are practically bulging with children. Imagination and ingenuity have been taxed to the limit to cope with the physical difficulties involved in handling the one hundred campers. Some have every reason to complain because of poor beds, cramped quarters and crowded tables. But we have not heard a word of complaint about any of these things. An older, more sophisticated group might complain but not these Juniors. Of course, we expect that as they grow older, they, too, will catch the adult habit of grumbling and complaining but for the moment they are quite satisfied and happy. Here again we see demonstrated what we know so well to be true. Children, almost instinctively, put the emphasis in life where it belongs. They find their joy and happiness in their relationship with others. Conveniences, gadgets and possessions are secondary. Sometimes, in our impatience, we may expect children to act like adults. But, in our better moments, we may thank God that they do not. Very often, though they would not even know what is meant by the expression, they have a better sense of values than do their elders.

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A HUE AND CRY has gone up in a certain Mid-western state because a man prominent in public life made a speech in which he was very critical of that state. Partisan politics are involved and the criticism was therefore undoubtedly exaggerated as are the cries of those who purport to be insulted. This matter of being insulted is a strange thing. Most of us are quite easily insulted. Collectively it is even worse. States and nations are very touchy. At all costs, honor and pride must be maintained. Many a war has been fought because a nation has felt itself insulted. Very often the cry is the loudest when the shoe fits best. There is a question in our minds as to the relationship between maturity and the tendency

to be insulted. We must be aware that we pay a price, and sometimes a high price, for the dubious satisfaction of crying "insult." If a criticism is not valid, we but lend dignity and strength to it when we call it an insult. If, on the other hand, the criticism is true, to cry "insult" is to dismiss an opportunity for self-examination that may be very much in order and that is a part of maturity. The mature person, state or nation can take criticism in stride and deal with it intelligently. The immature see it only as an insult and respond with little more than a loud noise.

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SOME MONTHS AGO we ran a number of articles on work with the aged in the AELC. One of these articles was written by Mrs. Alfred Sorensen. When we first asked for that article we had



Mrs. Alfred Sorensen

no idea that Mrs. Sorensen was ill and much less that hers was a terminal illness. Then, while in Des Moines, in January we talked with her and learned that she was quite ill. But we also learned that she was quite determined to complete the article and she did indeed do so. This, we believe, was typical of Mrs. Sorensen for whom death has now come. As a mother, as a pastor's wife in busy congregations and, in later years, as the matron

and nurse at "Valborgsminde," the Old People's Home in Des Moines, Mrs. Sorensen gave of herself unstintingly. She was never too busy, never too tired, and never too ill to do her part — and then some. Perhaps this is why, though she was not a young woman, we did not think of her as being old. She will be missed by her husband to whom she was a real helpmate and she will be missed by those whom she served so well at the Home. But the memory of her will live long in the minds of all who knew her. Throughout the AELC we are sure there are many who, as their thoughts go out to Pastor Sorensen and his family in sympathy, will utter a quiet prayer of thanks for the life that was lived among us.

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WE ARE TOLD that some years ago this incident really happened. Somehow a rumor got started that a certain man had died. Eventually the man, who was very much alive, learned of it and traced the rumor to its source. He then telephoned the woman who was responsible and asked, "Did you report that I had died?" The woman, taken aback by the man's voice and quite flustered, blurted out, "Where are you calling from?"

Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, EDITOR

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY OF THE AELC

January 1, 1961 to July 1, 1961

RECEIPTS:

| District | General Fund | Home Mission | Member-ship | Santal Mission | Seamen's Mission | Scholar-ship | GVC Bldg. Fund | Miscellaneous | Total | Total Budget Request |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 198.00 |
| 2. | 50.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | | | 30.00 | | | 110.00 | 693.00 |
| 3. | 84.00 | 25.00 | | 25.00 | | 25.00 | | | 159.00 | 544.50 |
| 4. | 433.20 | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5.00 | | 80.00 | | (Iowa Campus Mission) 50.00 | '61-100.00) '60-495.20) | 1,584.00 |
| 5. | 143.20 | 15.00 | 10.00 | | | 32.50 | | | 200.70 | 445.50 |
| 6. | 245.50 | 59.34 | 2.00 | 24.25 | | | | | 331.09 | 396.00 |
| 7. | 247.07 | 25.00 | 18.00 | 20.00 (not dep.) | 35.00 | | | | '61-315.07) '60- 30.00) | 495.00 |
| 8. | 212.27 | | 8.00 | | | | | | 220.27 | 346.50 |
| 9. | 163.85 | 33.00 | 10.00 | | | 21.00 | 109.95 | | 337.80 | 247.50 |
| | 28.25 (sent to M. C. Miller) | | | | | | | | 28.25 | |
| | \$1,607.34 | \$202.34 | \$60.00 | \$74.25 | | \$223.50 | \$109.95 | \$50.00 | \$1,802.18-'61 525.20-'60 | \$4,950.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | Balance January 1, 1961 | \$2,652.44 |
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BALANCES BY FUNDS:

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| General | \$3,853.88 |
| Home Mission | (403.17) |
| Membership | 433.00 |
| Santal Mission | 54.25 |
| Seamen's Mission | (50.00) |
| Scholarship | 463.50 |
| GVC Building | 134.95 |
| TOTAL | \$4,486.41 |

EXPENDITURES:

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| Miscellaneous | \$ 14.91 |
| Ordination gifts | 200.00 |
| Joint planning committee | 208.50 |
| Campus Mission | 50.00 |
| Bank balance July 1, 1961 | \$4,486.41 |

Bernice G. Farstrup, Treasurer.
Cordova, Nebraska.

WMS Convention Program

Saturday, August 19

6:30 p. m.—Business Session.

8:00 p. m.—WMS Meeting.

Address: ADVENTURES IN LIVING

Mrs. Howard S. Bechtolt, ULCA, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Bechtolt is a prominent laymember of ULCA and also well known in ecumenical activities.

Church News From Around the World

SUOMI SYNOD VOTES 138-47 TO JOIN WORLD COUNCIL

Fairport Harbor, Ohio—(NLC)—A decision to apply for membership in the World Council of Churches was made here by the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, popularly known as the Suomi Synod.

Action on the question returned to the convention floor this year after being postponed at last year's meeting, when strong statements both favoring and opposing WCC membership were heard. The motion to delay the decision was passed on a 199 to 140 vote.

The Finnish body will merge organically next year with the American Evangelical, Augustana and United Lutheran Churches into a new denomination to be called the Lutheran Church in America. These three bodies hold membership in the World Council.

By a vote of 209 to 19, the Synod also approved plans to consolidate Suomi Lutheran Theological Seminary with three other seminaries, Augustana of Rock Island, Ill., Chicago Lutheran (ULCA) of Maywood, Ill., and Grand View (AELC), Suomi and Grand View are now located on the Maywood campus.

Consolidation of the four institutions is expected to take place late in 1962, with each school remaining at its present location until the Board of Directors is ready to operate at a new site, possibly near the University of Chicago.

"CHRIST TODAY" IS MOTTO OF LWF ASSEMBLY IN 1963

Warsaw — (LWF) — After three years of discussion, the Lutheran World Federation Executive Committee chose here the motto "Christ Today" for the federation's Fourth Assembly at Helsinki. The assembly will take place from July 30 to August 11, 1963.

Theme discussions at the gathering in Finland are to deal with "the relationship between the doctrine of the justification of the sinner for Christ's sake and the life of service of the individual Christian and of the Church."

DR. SCHMIDT-CLAUSEN NAMED LWF'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Warsaw—(LWF)—Dr. Kurt Schmidt-Clausen, since last September acting executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, was elected its executive secretary at the annual meeting here of the LWF Executive Committee.

The 40-year-old German clergyman is the third person and the first European to fill the key post in the 14-year-old federation, which unites 62 Lutheran Churches in 33 countries with a combined membership of about 50 million. His two predecessors were Americans: Dr. Sylvester C. Michelfelder, who served from 1947 to 1951, and Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, 1951 to 1960.

Dr. Schmidt-Clausen was called from a parish ministry in Wunstorf, a suburb of Hannover, Germany, late in 1959 to become assistant executive secretary of the LWF, effective the following May. However, before he could begin work as Dr. Lund-Quist's deputy, the latter's health made necessary a five-month health leave.

As a result, Dr. Schmidt-Clausen's coming was moved up to April, 1960, when he joined the "cabinet of directors" to which the LWF officers had entrusted interim oversight of LWF activities. Dr. Lund-Quist returned to his post in June but on August 3 he presented to the officers his resignation "for reasons of health."

Dr. Schmidt-Clausen is chairman of the ecumenical commission of the Lutheran Church of Hannover, which is the largest in West Germany, and a former executive at the headquarters of that Church. He had served at Wunstorf since 1955 and represented his Church at the federation's Minneapolis Assembly in 1957.

CHURCH SCORED FOR "LACK OF URGENCY"

Greenville, Pa. — The church was criticized here today for its lack of urgency when all around it the commercial world "exerts a tremendous sense of urgency in pushing its own gospel."

The Rev. Merle G. Franke, Chicago, told more than 100 United Lutheran home mission pastors meeting at Thiel College, that "the people who make soap and cigarettes have unbounding energy in selling their own brand of gospel."

By contrast, he asserted, "the church seems to be in a casual mood regarding the real gospel." He told the ministers that the principal indictment against the church today is this lack of urgency.

"One of the reasons for this," he noted, "is the failure of ministers to really get excited about their work." He declared that in the Book of Acts there is evidence that the apostles had "running feet."

"Today there is too much dragging of feet in the ministry," he said. "The ministry has taken on a 'gray flannel suitedness' that appears to have stifled the urgent drive to turn the world upside down with the Gospel."

"The fundamental thrill of propelling the Gospel into the world which was the aim of the original apostles has faded in many of our ministers today. This awesome responsibility seems to have degenerated into a routine."

"QUESTION 7" WINS AWARDS AT BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL

Berlin — (NLC) — "Question 7," the new Lutheran-sponsored motion picture on the clash of Christianity and Communism in East Germany, captured two awards at the 11th annual Berlin Film Festival and earned a rating that will allow it to be shown tax-free in West Germany.

The film won the Berlin Festival Prize presented by the International Catholic Film Office and the "Senator for Youth Film Prize" awarded by the Berlin city government at a special youth film festival held in conjunction with the main festival.

The commendation that will result in lifting the 20 per cent tax on box office admissions came from the German Federal Film Evaluation Jury, which cited the screen production as "specially valuable."

The Resolution to Move Our Archives

Such a resolution will come before our church convention at Tyler in August. It calls for the moving of our archives, now at Grand View, to the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, now situated at Maywood, but destined, it seems, to be moved from there.

Our archives consist of a number of objects portraying the life that has been lived in our church. There are pictures of men and women who have lived that life most intensely. There are the annual issues of "Kirkelig Samler," a periodical published by our church from the beginning. There are other writings, published from time to time, telling about specific matters and issues in our church and folk group. There are many other objects, but this will suffice to give an idea of what the archives are and may come to mean in the continued life in the congregations of our church — in the continued life of our church itself, as it probably will continue.

For, although the purpose of the proposed merger of the four churches is, that they become one, even as the United States is one, still the four churches may continue their existence even as each of the fifty states continues its existence as an individual state. The organizations of the four churches may be broken down, the love and loyalty of each for its own center is not so easily broken down. A main center for the four churches may be established and authority may be transferred to that center; but love and loyalty is not so easily transferred. It can be given; it cannot be taken; let us hope that it will be given if such new center is established.

But that will not and should not preclude the love and loyalty we have for our own center, Grand View — as little as an Iowan's love for Iowa precludes his love for our federal state. Nay more! Love and loyalty must grow out of love and loyalty. Love begins at home and from there it can spread.

Most likely it will be best for all concerned, that the archives remain at Grand View. The right environment for the archives is there. The man, Pastor Enok Mortensen, who gave the impulse to establish the archives, is now coming to live in Des Moines. In the past when at Grand View on visits, he has on occasion, opened the doors of the archives to other visitors so that they might see the different objects and hear them tell their own silent story of our past. Pastor Mortensen out of his intimate knowledge of the history of our church, might tell in words what the objects had to say.

A number of students from our church come to Grand View College — from coast to coast they come. Their parents on special occasions come to visit. Lately a family from Canada went hundreds of miles out of their way to see and visit Grand View. Such people will easily be interested in what is found in our archives when there is a man to open the doors for them, who can give the dead objects life by telling their story. And, by the way, what

other man is there anywhere, who like Enok Mortensen can do this?

If the archives were to be located at any other place than Grand View, the number of persons who would benefit by viewing them would be infinitesimally small compared to the number that can benefit when the archives are at Grand View. For whatever love remains for our past as a church, is centered in Grand View.

And now the students at the new seminary for whose convenience moving the archives is proposed: Would there be more than a mere individual now and then who for love of our church and would institute research of her past in archives? And suppose there is such a one, would not his research be facilitated far more at Grand View where Pastor Mortensen could interpret the archives for him, than it could be in any other place? As remarked above, Grand View is the right environment for such research; and now in Des Moines we have the right man to facilitate such research. It would seem that the prospective researcher would be glad and grateful that the archives are at Grand View where facilities for his work can be offered, that cannot be found in any other place.

Does it not appear that for everyone concerned it will be best that the archives remain and be preserved at Grand View?

Valdemar S. Jensen.

Des Moines, July 11, 1961.

History

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restoration; I am in myself the oneness of life; I am personally free in my relationship with the Father and yet the Father and I are one undivided." The Spirit is that unity. The mother in the family who combines the unity with the personal freedom of each member is a parable of the Holy Spirit. In the Mother Spirit oneness and the personal life become inseparable.

The objective of the Spirit is the communion of saints of i. e. people who never stop growing and never become stale. A saint is one who does not succumb to deadening influences and who is rescued from any kind of uniform, the emblem of death. In this saintly communion there is only one law and it is called forgiveness. I may not be correct but to me the word forgiveness has been associated with the word forward. The saint has forwardly given himself to his neighbor regardless of sin and what is sinful. In this communion there is one kind of rightness, namely resurrection. In his thought, feeling imagination and action the one person always restores the next person and here the time element is out. The one person can see the act of creation in the other person and what is created cannot be imperfect. This other person was created and he sees him as such.

The communion of oneness and personal life is the objective of the Holy Spirit and history is a witness. The reciprocal unity between society and the person was the goal of the medieval church, the nations, particularly the U. S. It is the goal of communism. They say that dictatorship will

Contributions to Solvang Lutheran Home

April 1 to June 30, 1961

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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| In memory of Mathilde Olsen by Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Nielsen, Fresno | \$ 3.00 |
| In memory of Melvin Hoegh, by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Holm | 3.00 |
| by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jepsen | 3.00 |
| by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomsen | 2.50 |
| In memory of Chris Simonsen, by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Holm | 3.00 |
| by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jepsen | 3.00 |
| by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomsen | 2.50 |
| In memory of Mrs. Sophie Pedersen, Kerman, Calif., by Mr. and Mrs. Niels J. Nielsen, Solvang ... | 5.00 |
| In memory of Lorenz P. Skov by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Petersen, Watsonville | 5.00 |
| In memory of Arthur Fisher, Washington, D. C., by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Solvang; Mr. and Mrs. Axel Berggren, Solvang; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, Santa Marie | 30.00 |
| In memory of Mathilde Olsen by John Jensen | 3.00 |
| by Kathrine Hansen | 3.00 |
| by Bertha Jensen | 3.00 |
| by Sara Andersen | 2.00 |
| In memory of Celia Pedersen, Dale Mead, Alberta, by Mrs. Christine Jorgensen, Los Angeles; Mrs. Mary Hansen, Chicago; Mrs. Marian Kubel, Los Angeles | 6.00 |
| In memory of Svend Petersen, Askov, Minn., by Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Nielsen, Solvang | 5.00 |
| In memory of Hans Madsen, Solvang, by Chris Johnson and Berggren family, Solvang | 5.00 |
| In memory of Evaleen Parish, by Mrs. Homer Walker and Mrs. Bertha Schnell | 2.50 |
| TO BUILDING FUND | |
| The Emanuel Guild, Los Angeles ... | \$ 10.00 |
| Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa | 10.00 |
| From Marie Howley Estate | 489.00 |
| Grand Lodge Dannebrog | 5.00 |
| Grand Lodge Dania | 5.00 |
| First Ev. Luth. Church, Watsonville | 50.00 |
| Danish Ladies' Aid, Parlier | 50.00 |
| Mr. I. M. Beck, Fresno | 10.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Neils J. Beck, Fresno | 10.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mikkelsen, Solvang | 1,000.00 |

We are most grateful for above gifts and send kindest greetings and wishes for the best always. In behalf of

SOLVANG LUTHERAN HOME,
Nis P. Pors, Treasurer
320 West Alisal Street.

vanish and then there shall be no official rulership. It is the goal of a world order.

The ones who have been given a lasting contact with reality will not hide away in any one of the innumerable "securities" but take part in current history, meanwhile growing in wisdom and obedience to reality. The history making experiments will fail and come to an end but reality will not fail and fade.

OUR CHURCH

Brayton, Iowa: On Sunday, July 16, the congregation here laid the corner stone for its new church building. Joseph Sibert is pastor of the Brayton Lutheran congregation.

Watsonville, California: Pastor Owen Gramps and his family will be moving from the parsonage about July 20. Instead of living in the parsonage they will receive a housing allowance and live in another home which he writes, "seems the best thing in our situation at this time." The new address is: 123 Mariposa Avenue, Watsonville, California.

Maywood, Illinois: Dean Axel Kildegaard has been invited to be guest lecturer for a week this summer at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Menominee, Michigan: Pastor Gudmund Petersen has resigned his pastorate here effective October 1.

Des Moines, Iowa: Mrs. K. Knudsen, widow of the late Pastor Knudsen, and for some years a resident of Valborgsminde, the Old People's Home in Des Moines, passed away here recently. Pastor and Mrs. Knudsen served a number of congregations in our church, the last being Granly, Mississippi.

Seattle, Washington: Mr. James Miley, intern pastor at St. John's Lutheran here will return to California in August to complete his studies at Pacific Lutheran Seminary. Mr. Gerald St. John will come from the seminary in September to replace Mr. Miley as intern. Jens C. Kjaer is pastor at St. John's.

Grand View College

The summer school opened with 105 students. The summer session is under the direction of Professor Marvin Jessen. Nine faculty members carry on the work of instruction. The majority of the students are in summer school in order to accelerate their educational program. There is less demand today, as compared with three summers ago, for remedial courses. A few students are repeating courses in order to improve their grade point average. Most of the classes are held in the new science building which is an ideal place for summer study.

The enrollment picture for next fall is very encouraging. It appears that we shall have an unusually large number of returning students. Many synod students tend to delay their application for admission. Do not delay, write today.

In order to do our work better and more efficiently, a number of changes are being made. The offices of the Dean and Recorder will be moved across the corridor, and the Business Manager's office will be moved to the offices presently used by the

Dean and Recorder. The new admissions counsellor, Mr. Kenneth Paulsen, will move into the office presently occupied by Mr. Harry C. Jensen.

The auditorium on the second floor of the main building is being improved so as to serve better the multiple purposes to which we put this room. It is being remodeled in such a way as to be more usable as a speech classroom, choir rehearsal hall and auditorium which will allow the presentation of theatre productions "in-the-round," that is, arena type. The two areas in the south of the room, directly to the left and right of the main entrance, are being partitioned off. The one area will be used as a costume and prop-cupboard room, the other as a make-up room.

The construction of the new physical education building is progressing according to schedule. Tentative application has been made to the Housing and Home Finance Agency for a loan for a new men's dormitory.

The college is the recipient of a very special gift from the Marinette, Wisconsin, congregation, which lately dissolved. The congregation decided to give their Hammond electric organ to Grand View. In accordance with the request of the congregation a plaque with suitable inscription will be placed on the organ.



"I Am Anthony"

"I Am Anthony" by Peg Stokes, Prentice-Hall.

"I am Anthony," a religious novel by Peg Stokes, in some ways reminds one of the well-known Christmas story of "The Littlest Angel." Anthony K. Andrews, who after living a life of loose morals and contempt for religion, still, because of his last act on earth, finds himself in heaven. Tony tries to make God understand how undeserving of a place in heaven he feels. His blundering ways make God, Jesus and all the angels very amused and lend humor to the book.

The description of heaven, as the author sets it forth, is far from this reviewer's concept of what heaven might be like. The heaven of "I am Anthony" is a materialistic heaven. It is a heaven where the angels are much concerned with precious stones, with eating, drinking, sleeping and other earthly concerns.

The importance of the story lies in God's victory over the hate that is produced by one man in a small town. Almost all the people blindly follow him. The story tells of how two angels, of whom Anthony is permitted to be one, help this community back to God and to love,

In the course of the story the author leaves many truths with the reader thus making the book, despite its other shortcomings, worthwhile reading. J.H.

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"A sense of cosmic purpose painstakingly secured over thousands of years, thanks mostly to the Gospel, has again been lost. Our Western world accordingly has reverted to a mood of futility and even to the very forms of doom which so tragically characterized its ancient days.

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"Even the notion of salvation has been spoiled by the ever-recurring infiltration of tragic views. Thus alienation from God is easily transposed into terms of a man being doomed like an animal caught in a trap.... The tragic outlook is a radically pessimistic, a calamitous outlook — the outlook of a long-faced Christianity.

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"The only possible restoration in the face of this situation has appeared in a conversion from the tragic, Promethean outlook to the prophetic outlook. This outlook is dominated by the consideration that in the last analysis our plight.... must be ascribed to a basic confusion inherent in man's alienation from his heavenly Father, and conversely from his true self. Hence the loss of the one and only Purpose identified with the Living God, who is the Principle and End of all things.

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"The reason the Gospel is difficult to accept is that the acceptance involves the surrender of the Promethean in man; that is, the surrender of all that makes him believe in his own intrinsic nobility, in the intrinsic rightness of his self-appointed tasks; in his unquestioned ability 'to make it on his own', and unreservedly get full credit for the stunt."

Note: The above quotation is taken from Emile Caillet's "The Recovery of Purpose" (Harpers)

Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1961

For the Synod Budget:

Unassigned Receipts:

(by Congregation)

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| Circle Pines, Minn. | \$ 91.00 |
| Hay Springs, Nebr. | 4.15 |
| Waterloo, Iowa | 1,000.00 |
| Nysted, Nebr. | 403.00 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 256.20 |
| Dannebrog, Greenville, Mich. | 50.00 |
| Bethlehem, Cedar Falls, Iowa | 1,000.00 |
| Muskegon, Mich. | 63.96 |
| Clinton, Iowa | 225.00 |
| Ludington, Mich. (Victory) | 105.00 |
| Manistee, Mich. | 50.00 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 300.00 |
| Omaha, Nebr. | 190.00 |
| Solvang, Calif. | 980.30 |
| Greenville, Mich. (Trinity) | 220.00 |
| Racine, Wis. | 158.44 |
| Cozad, Nebr. | 112.60 |
| St. Paul, Cedar Falls, Iowa | 310.80 |

For Pastor's Pension Fund:

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| Chicago, Ill. (Trinity) | \$ 159.00 |
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For Home Missions:

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| From Signe and Victor Jensen, Tyler, Minn., in memory of Mrs. Inger Baadsgaard, Minneapolis, Minn. | \$ 1.00 |
| Chicago, Ill. (Trinity) | 131.00 |
| Chicago, Ill. (St. Stephen's WMS) | 20.00 |

For President's Travel:

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| Ringsted, Iowa | \$ 24.50 |
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For Santal Mission:

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| Danevang, Texas, from the Sunday School | \$ 25.00 |
| Newington, Conn. | 49.50 |
| Dwight, Ill. | 40.60 |
| In memory of Mrs. Andy Scott | |

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| from Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hansen, Edmore, Mich. | 5.00 |
| Waterloo, Iowa, in appreciation of Dr. Helland's work | 50.00 |
| Alden, Minn., in memory of Miss Elna and Mrs. Anna Pedersen from Maren Mathiasen | 5.00 |
| Tyler, Minn., in memory of Senator Joseph Vadheim | 50.00 |
| Grayling, Mich., in memory of Wilhelm Raae from Mrs. Raae | 25.00 |
| Clinton, Iowa, from the Ladies' Aid Hampton, Iowa, in memory of Mrs. Russell Jensen and Rodney Andersen, Hampton, Iowa, from friends in Coulter, Hampton and Latimer, Iowa | 9.50 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 61.00 |
| Savage, Minn., in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. J. Dixon from Mrs. Ellen Jorgensen | 1.00 |
| Enumclaw, Wash., from Nels Bakken | 200.00 |
| Tacoma, Wash., in memory of Pastor Laursen's mother from the congregation in Kronborg, Nebr. In memory of Mrs. Gonijs Laursen from her children | 5.00 |
| Chicago, Ill. (Trinity) | 25.00 |
| Chicago, Ill. (St. Stephen's WMS) .. | 129.00 |
| For Kaerabani Lights | 5.00 |
| Cordova, Nebr., in memory of Mrs. Johannes Johnsen | 10.00 |
| Racine, Wis. | 5.00 |
| Withee, Wis., in memory of Emil U. Hansen, Withee from Sina Petersen, Owen, Wis. | 5.00 |
| Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Paul Sunday School | 26.92 |
| Total budget receipts from congregations | \$6,641.47 |
| Previously acknowledged | \$31,329.31 |
| Total to date | \$37,970.78 |

Pastor's Pension Contributions:

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| Rev. LaVerne Larkowski | \$ 20.00 |
| Rev. Richard Sorensen | 29.25 |
| Rev. Ivan Westergaard | 5.63 |
| Rev. John Christensen | 4.50 |
| Rev. Ottar Jorgensen | 25.68 |
| Rev. Clayton Nielsen | 24.00 |
| Rev. Carlo Petersen | 26.00 |
| Rev. Ivan Westergaard | 14.87 |
| Rev. Harry Andersen | 29.00 |
| Rev. Eilert Nielsen | 27.28 |
| Rev. Harald Ibsen | 24.00 |
| Rev. LaVerne Larkowski | 20.00 |
| Rev. Harold Olsen | 21.48 |
| Rev. Thorvald Hansen | 17.00 |
| Rev. George Melby | 20.90 |
| Synod President | 9.50 |
| Synod Vice President | 1.25 |

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| Total for month | \$ 320.34 |
| Previously acknowledged | \$1,715.99 |
| | \$2,036.33 |

Total budget receipts to date\$40,007.11

Received for Items Outside of the Budget: Lutheran World Action:

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| Marlette, Mich. | \$ 109.00 |
| Dwight, Ill., from the Sunday school | 102.00 |
| Circle Pines, Minn. | 15.75 |
| Lake Norden, S. D., in memory of Severt Larsen | 6.00 |
| Nysted, Nebr., Dannebrog | 73.00 |
| Clinton, Iowa | 25.00 |

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| Enumclaw, Wash. | 202.80 |
| (\$7.81 was received from the Sunday School) | |
| Ludington, Mich. (Victory-Trinity) | 18.50 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 38.00 |
| Tyler, Minn., Danebod Sunday School | 82.50 |
| Lindsay, Nebr., from Mrs. Emma Clausen | 30.00 |
| Solvang, Calif. | 280.00 |
| Greenville, Mich. | 100.00 |
| Chicago, Ill. (Trinity) | 304.80 |
| Racine, Wis. | 9.00 |
| Marquette, Nebr., from Rev. J. A. Holst | 5.00 |
| Cozad, Nebr. | 12.72 |
| Cedar Falls, Iowa, from Bethlehem Sunday School | 32.10 |
| Cedar Falls, Iowa, St. Paul | 44.10 |

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| Total for the month | \$1,490.27 |
| Previously acknowledged | \$4,857.92 |

Total to date\$6,348.19

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| Chicago, Ill. (Trinity) | \$ 55.00 |
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For District IV Home Mission:

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| Received from district treasurer .. | \$ 275.00 |
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For American Bible Society:

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| Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill. | \$ 24.00 |
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For Grand View College Building Fund:

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| Congregation, Racine, Wis. | \$ 5.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,
American Ev. Luth. Church

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

An Exciting Prospect

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recommended to our convention at Tyler by the Board of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary.

Upon our favorable action, the new school will come into existence during the fall of 1962. Its initial structure and future program is outlined in the document which has been supplied to our pastors and delegates. It will probably exist on two campuses (with one board and a unified program) for 3-5 years — or until the new seminary facilities are completed. At this particular time, architects are engaged in preliminary studies and specific sites are being considered. The faculties of the four schools have working committees wrestling with such problems as library needs, curriculum structure, and liaison with the University. The new school will represent the voice of Lutheran scholarship on the campus of one of America's great and leading universities. Its students will have access to academic and cultural resources matched by few other seminaries of any denomination. It will embrace a school of missions, a school of graduate studies, a program for laymen, as well as the traditional course for the preparation of men for the ministry. Finally, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will itself be a symbol and hopefully a catalyst of the new Church as its roots are uniquely planted within the historic past of the four bodies that constitute the new Lutheran Church in America. No other seminary, if indeed any other institution of service in the new Church will have that distinction.

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July 20, 1961

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