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Eight Eventful Days

AELC Convention Opens

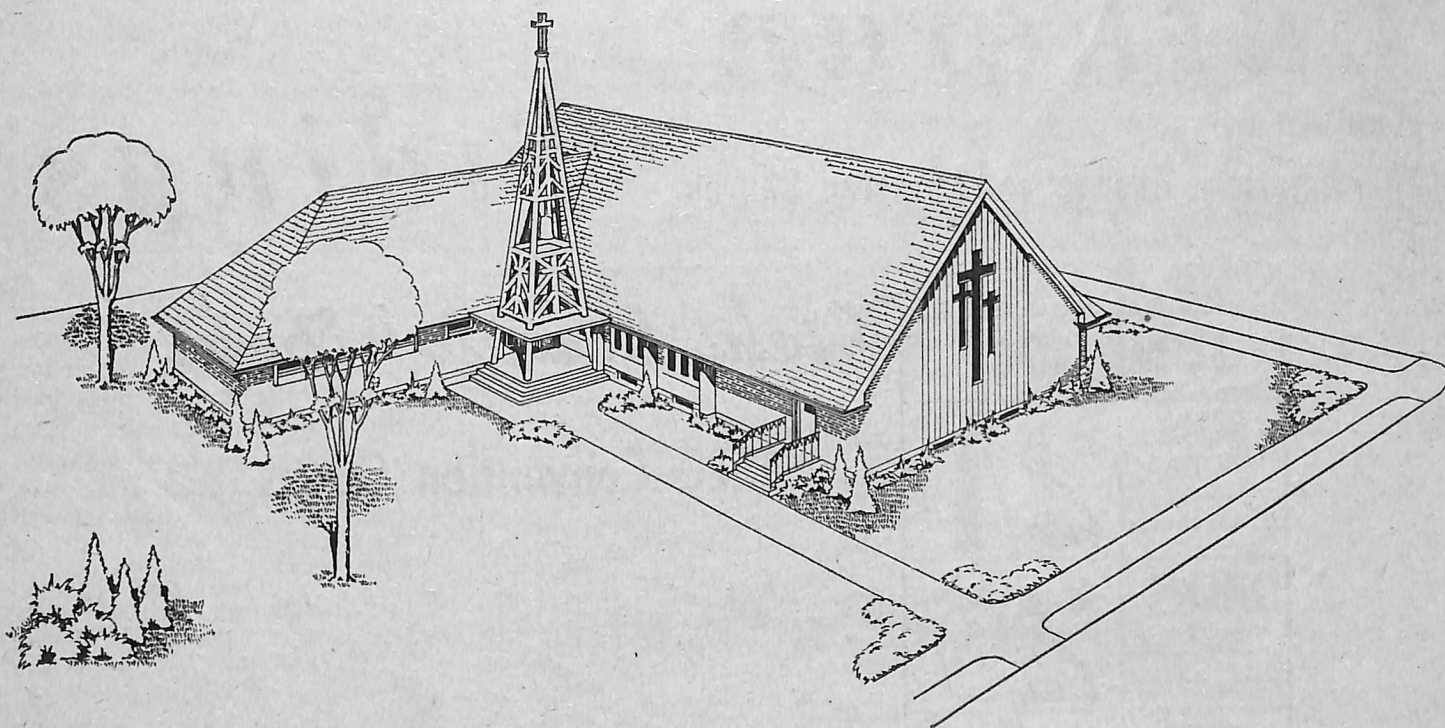
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Architect's Drawing of the New Trinity Lutheran Church, Cordova, Nebraska

Notice of the Annual Convention of the

American Evangelical Lutheran Church

The congregations and pastors of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church are hereby notified that the 84th Annual Convention of the Church, a recessed meeting, will reconvene on June 24, 1962, at 8 p. m. The opening service will be held at St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church, 19900 Greenfield Road, Detroit, Michigan. All other sessions will be held at Cobo Hall, Detroit, beginning at 9:30 a. m., on June 25 and concluding on June 27. Notice is also given herewith of the Annual Meeting of the Grand View College and Grand View Seminary Corporation Annual Meeting, a recessed meeting, which will reconvene at 2 p. m., on June 26. A Special Meeting of the GVC and GVS corporation will convene immediately upon the adjournment of the recessed meeting for the purpose of taking action upon the revision of the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.

St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church of Detroit has agreed to help with arrangements for the meeting and the housing of the pastors and delegates attending this convention, as well as the Constituting Convention of the Lutheran Church in America. Visitors will also be housed as far as possible. Meals will not be served by St. Peter's congregation but can be obtained at Cobo Hall, or nearby, for moderate prices. All arrange-

Construction Under Way at Cordova

Ground was broken May 6 and construction has begun. It is hoped that the project will be completed by November 1.

The new building is 75 feet by 34 feet with a wing 38 feet by 24 feet. A bell tower constructed of redwood is included in the plans. Permanent seating for approximately 200 worshippers is provided in the nave with overflow seating for another 75. The choir and organ will be located in the rear balcony of the sanctuary. Adequate space for the Christian educational program is provided, and there will be a fellowship hall under the sanctuary. Estimated cost is \$73,000.00. Folmer H. Farstrup is pastor of the congregation.

ments will be coordinated with the Detroit General Committee for the LCA Constituting Convention.

All registrations should be sent to REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, AELC CONVENTION,

19900 Greenfield Road, Detroit 35, Michigan.

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Visions and Dreams

*Through His Spirit
comes power to live.*

by: Dr. Johannes Knudsen

"Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams."

If it wasn't for the fact that this statement sounds too much like nineteenth century idealism, it would be quite a wonderful and inspirational statement. Just imagine the almost unbelievable situation that young men would have bright and glorious visions of what could be done and what they would do, even as we had them when I was young. Imagine that they might even sing: "Oh beautiful, for patriot's dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears." Imagine that they would go into a vocation with a strong conviction and a firm resolve that something could be done and that they would do something about it.

Or imagine that old men would dream dreams; not about the good old days when they were young, or when their grandparents were young, but dreams about what the coming generation would accomplish. Imagine anyone dreaming that the young would be so inspired by the older men and so devoted to their teachings that they would advance mankind one further step in the right direction. Imagine that the old men would take pride in their dreams and believe that they meant something.

Such things cannot be, of course. We must denounce visions and dreams. We must look realistically at the world and say that the future brings nothing good. The greed and wickedness of men will bring about unemployment, class discrimination and racial segregation. The arts will continue to emphasize the sordidness and meaninglessness of existence. The churches will continue to fight one another and to promote special privilege. And if all this does not come about, an atomic war will break out which will destroy us all in a horrible moment of catastrophe. Don't talk to us about visions and dreams. This is too far removed from reality.

Let us therefore turn to the source of the rejected statement. — Surprise! It is found in Acts 2:17, and it is a part of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. Peter is quoting the Prophet Joel, but he makes Joel's words his own as he starts to speak to the crowds who had heard the disciples speak in their own language and had asked: What does this mean? In other words, these are the words from the very first Christian sermon which was preached, as



they are recorded in the Book of Acts. They are the words of a man who had received the power of the Holy Spirit only a short time earlier. They are not just naive expressions of nineteenth century optimism. They are the jubilant and triumphant words of the apostle about whom the Lord said: Upon this Rock I will build my church.

Are we not too afraid to believe that good things can come about in the times in which we live? Do we not believe that the pessimists and the gloom-casters are the honest and realistic spokesmen for our times and for the circumstances of men? I am not trying to suggest that we are not living in tense and trying times. I am not trying to minimize the dangers which beset us nor the emp-

teness and wickedness of our innermost life. A man would be a fool or a deceiver to deny the prospects of peril, and he would very soon be shown up for what he is by events as they occur. We must not close our eyes to our problems and their vast difficulties.

I am trying to suggest, however, that we must also believe in the power of the spirit. God sent His holy spirit not only to comfort us in dire circumstances and not only to assure us of a future in relationship to God. He sent us the spirit to proclaim among us a victory over all the powers of wickedness and death and to assure us of God's living help in relation to all our earthly problems. **Anything less than a full conviction of God's reality, God's victory and God's help is a denial of our confessed faith in a triune God.**

The reason that I dare suggest that we should take Peter's words seriously, is that they do not stand alone. They are followed by the proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead: "Men of Israel, listen to me: I speak of Jesus of Nazareth, a man singled out by God and made known to you through miracles, portents and signs, which God worked among you through him as you well know. When he had been given up to you, by the deliberate will and plan of God, you used heathen men to crucify and kill him. But God raised him to life again, setting him free from the pangs of death, because it could not be that death should keep him in its grip." (Acts 2:22-24, in the translation of the New English Bible.) There are, in fact, two parts to Peter's sermon. The first one speaks of the prophecy by Joel, and the second speaks about the resurrection of Christ. The first part relates itself to the second and it is based

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84th Annual Convention *of the* *American Evangelical Lutheran Church*

Called to reconvene at Detroit, Michigan,
June 24-27, 1962

P R O G R A M

(Saturday, June 23, meeting of the Synod Board and
the Home Mission Council at St. Peter's Church,
19900 Greenfield Road, Detroit 35, Michigan)

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 p. m.—Opening Service, St. Peter's Church.

Liturgist: **Pastor Howard Christensen**, Detroit, Michigan.

Sermon: **Pastor Alfred Jensen, D. D.**, Des Moines, Iowa,
"God's Love is for All Mankind" (Luke 14:16-24)

MONDAY, JUNE 25

At Cobo Hall, Room No. 2048

9:30 a. m.—Devotions: Liturgist: **Pastor Lavern Larkowski**, Hay Springs,
Nebraska.

Sermon: **Pastor Peter D. Thomsen**, Chicago, Illinois,
"Variety, Unity and Charity" (I Cor. 12:4-31)



AELC Convention Chairman Dr. Erling Jensen, President of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania. With the exception of one year, when he was abroad, Dr. Jensen has acted as convention chairman for some 20 years.



Pastor A. Ejnar Farstrup, President of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church since January 1, 1961.

10:00 a. m.—Opening of Business Sessions by **President A. E. Farstrup**.

1:30 p. m.—Business Session Resumed.

4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "Impressions of Lutheran World Relief at Work." Speaker, **Pastor Ove Nielsen**, New York, N. Y.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Meeting.

Leader: **Pastor Erik Moller**, Danevang, Texas.
Speaker: **Pastor Enok Mortensen**, Des Moines, Iowa, "The Path We Have Trod."

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

At Cobo Hall, Room No. 2048

9:30 a. m.—Devotions. Liturgist: **Pastor Robert Fallgatter**, Marlette, Michigan.

Sermon: **Pastor Ottar Jorgensen**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, "Not Strangers, but Fellow Citizens with the Saints" (Eph. 2:10)

10:00 a. m.—Business Session.



St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church, 19900 Greenfield Road, Detroit. The opening service will be held here on Sunday, June 24, at 8 p. m., with AELC President-Emeritus, Dr. Alfred Jensen, preaching. Registration for both conventions take place here on Sunday. On Monday the convention, including the registration desk, will move to Cobo Hall, in downtown Detroit, approximately 12 miles from St. Peter's.

Convention Prayer

Our heavenly Father, as thy Son is the head, the Lord of the church, be thou present in our midst as we gather in work and fellowship. Grant Thy Spirit to us who are now assembled to take counsel for the affairs of Thy kingdom that our deliberations may glorify Thee and through Thy grace lead to the enrichment and growth of the church. Govern us by Thy Spirit that we may be good stewards of that which Thou hast entrusted to us.

- 1:30 p. m.—Grand View College Corporation Annual Meeting, followed by Special Meeting.
- 4:00 p. m.—Special Topic: "The Role of the National Council of Churches."
Speaker: **Dr. C. Arild Olsen**, New York, N. Y.
- 7:30 p. m.—Evening Meeting. Leader: **Mrs. Ernest D. Nielsen**, Chairman of AELC Santal Committee
Speaker: **Dr. Earl S. Erb**, New York, N. Y.
"The World Outreach of the LCA."
Offering for Santal Mission.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

At Cobo Hall, Room No. 2048

- 9:30 a. m.—Devotions. Liturgist: **Pastor Edwin Hansen**, Muskegon, Mich.
Sermon: **Pastor Jerome Nilssen**, Tyler, Minnesota,
"The Seeking Fragrance" (II Cor. 2:14-17)
- 10:00 a. m.—Business Session.
- 1:30 p. m.—Concluding Business Session.
- 3:30 p. m.—Closing Worship Service.
Liturgist: **Pastor H. O. Nielsen**, Vice President, AELC.
Sermon: **Pastor A. E. Farstrup**, President, AELC,
"A City Whose Builder and Maker is God" (Heb. 11:8-16)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28-SUNDAY, JULY 1

At Cobo Hall, Room No. 2001

Constituting Convention of the Lutheran Church in America.



Howard Christensen, pastor of St. Peter's and host pastor for the AELC convention. Pastor Christensen has also been active with the Detroit committee planning for the constituting convention of the LCA.



Pastor Willard Garred, secretary of the synod and pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Hampton, Ia. He was first elected secretary at the Kimballton, Ia., convention in 1955.

Constituting Convention of the Lutheran Church in America

Room 2001, Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00 a. m.—Convention opens.
- 9:30 a. m.—Dramatic feature.
- 10:00 a. m.—Communion service.
- 2:00 p. m.—Business session resumed.
- 7:45 p. m.—Business session resumed.
- 9:30 a. m.—Closing prayer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

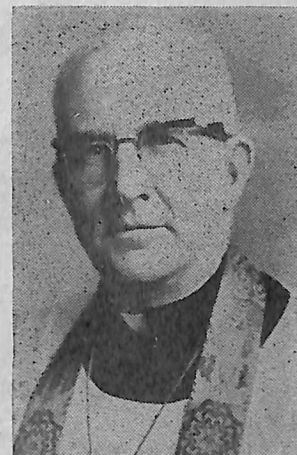
- 8:45 a. m.—Business session.
- 2:00 p. m.—Business session resumed.
- 2:30 p. m.—Synodical seminars.
- 8:00 p. m.—Evening of music.



Cobo Hall, a part of Detroit's huge new Civic Center, will be the scene of the concluding conventions of the four merging churches and then, beginning on Thursday, June 28, of the Constituting Convention of the new Lutheran Church in America. Cobo Hall houses 51 acres of floor space and has 32 meeting rooms accommodating groups of from 80 to 1,250 people. There is also a banquet room, a restaurant, a coffee shop and parking space for 2,600 cars, including space for 1,150 cars on the roof. The adjacent convention arena will seat 12,000 people.



This official seal of the new Lutheran Church in America was designed by William T. Schaeffer of Minneapolis.



Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, President of the Augustana Lutheran Church and chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity, will be chairman of the Constituting Convention.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- 8:45 a. m.—Business session.
- 12:00 Noon—Close of business sessions.
- 6:00 p. m.—Banquet.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

- 8:30 a. m.—Worship.
- 4:00 p. m.—Worship and Installation of Officers.

O LORD GOD, Shepherd and Bishop of souls: Look with favor upon the churches about to become one in Thy Name. Make us conscious of the goodly heritage of the Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs and Thy holy Church throughout all the world, and of those apostles of less renown who sang the Lord's song in a strange land, and who, by their devotion from generation to generation, have witnessed to us of Thy love. Grant to this new Church vision and love, wisdom and understanding, brightness and unity, that Thy eternal message may be the good news of times to come, as it has ever been the good news in times past, that one day all Thy children may be one in Thee, as Thou art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Paging Youth

**American Evangelical Luth.
Youth Fellowship**

Editor: KAREN KNUDSEN

Solvang Lutheran Home
Solvang, California



Summertime: Time for Camping

"The gates of the morning swing open again. . . ."
How many of us have sung this joyous song in the dewy freshness of a new day at an AELC camp? It seems as if there is no better way to begin a day that promises deeper spiritual development, the adventure of enjoying new friendships, and strenuous physical activity than with a song.

When I look back on those precious days at summer church camps, I realize what priceless experiences they are. There we made contact with a larger fellowship than we had in our home congregations. There, through the penetrating discussions, we learned what other young people in other situations thought about life and the problems of living. For instance, I recall an absorbing panel discussion of alcoholism and the problems a young person faces in confronting it.

At a summer camp a youth can begin to understand more about the implications of his faith through Bible study and study of persons involved in the Church. This is no small contribution for young people who are continually searching for the truth.

The worship experiences capture my most loving memories. Is there anything more conducive to worship than the sweet, soft sound of voices rising in the melody of an evening song or a Negro spiritual through the hushed night air? Who could forget the nearly mystical feeling of peaceful, contemplating faces staring into the dancing, glowing flames of a camp fire? When can a youth feel closer to God or more a part of the great community of believers than when he joins the low murmurs of a group prayer?

That aspect of a summer church camp which is particularly attractive to a young person is **fun**. And none of us need feel that this is subordinate to all the other aspects of camp life. One of God's purposes for creation is our enjoyment of it.

Singing, folk dancing, games, swimming and hiking — these give camp life the zest which makes it so beguiling to youth.

Singing and folk dancing especially are activities which can be our contribution to LCA camps. "A World of Song" with its rich variety could certainly enhance any camp program.

Fellowship, discussions, Bible study, worship and fun — these are but glimpses of the joys that can be found at a summer church camp. I sincerely hope that as many of our youth as possible are privileged to attend a church camp this summer.

Happy Camping!

A Plug for LYF (or LL of LCA)

The following commercial was a part of a program presented by the Fredsville, Iowa, LYF in honor of their retiring pastor, C. A. Stub. Their presentation was based on the television program, "This is Your Life."

"Do you want to put a little fun into your life? Try dancing!" You've all heard this slogan, but if Arthur Murray will turn his back for a moment, I'd like to rephrase it, and say instead, "Do you really want to put a little fun into your life? Try LYF." Try LYF because it builds a strong character 12 different ways. To enumerate all 12 ways would take forever, and no one is going to listen to a commercial that lasts that long, so I'll make it short.

Confirmands, tonight I am trying to sell you a fine product. That product has three outstanding features. It offers the opportunity for (1) good, clean fellowship with your peers, (2) intellectually stimulating discussions and devotions, and (3) membership in an important facet of our church. This product comes to you at a very low cost. The price is only a desire to belong, coupled with a willing sense of cooperation. Confirmands, we need fresh new talent like you. Don't be afraid to take an active interest right from the start just because you're younger. If you'll pardon my frequent use of slogans that usually pertain to a certain disreputable beverage, I'd like to pursue this subject.

If you do "Hamm" it up, you'll discover that LYF is not "extra dry." Goodness knows, we've "been a long time abrewin'," but with your help we can become "the LYF that made Fredsville famous."

What is LYF really like? You'll have to join and see for yourself. You'll find faults in it, of course, but, as the makers of Hallmark Greeting Cards say, "If you care enough to do your very best," and make "progress — the most important product" in this organization as well as in the General Electric Company, we'll have an LYF that's "just a little bit better than any other LYF happens to be."

So if you've got headache, neuritis, or neuralgia, I suggest you try, not Anacin, but LYF. If you're tired, run down, or worn out, I submit that you have **tired souls**, not tired blood, as the Geritol people would have you believe. In this case, the cure-all **can** be LYF.

And parents, if each one of you sees that your child has one of these fine products, and if the boys will excuse me for using girls only in this example, you'll find that "you can always tell an LYF girl, not by the shine in her hair, but by the shine in her eye."

Who Goofed?

Guess who? The list of delegates to San Francisco is ten. At this time there are seventeen and as Dick Jessen, AELYF president writes, ".....we have high hopes of getting our full allotment of twenty-four." Please pardon the unintended misrepresentation. A complete list of delegates will be printed when all decisions are final.

"Blue Skies Are Calling"

In this final year of the AELC, camping opportunities for all ages are more numerous and diverse than ever before. Church camping is expanding and we expect it to expand even more in the LCA. This expansion is a testimony to the increasing popularity of church camping. More than that, it points to a growing recognition of the fact that through relaxed living in a Christian atmosphere one is brought closer to nature, closer to others and closer to God.

Such an abundance of information has been made available to us this year that space does not permit us to print all the details on camping in every district. Therefore, for districts where the AELC does not have a camp or, to the best of our knowledge, is not intimately involved in a camp, we simply list camps open to AELC'ers along with the location, the age groups for whom a camping experience is provided, and other relevant information. **In all instances, for further information, we urge you to consult your pastor.**

—Editor.

District One

Camp Calumet:

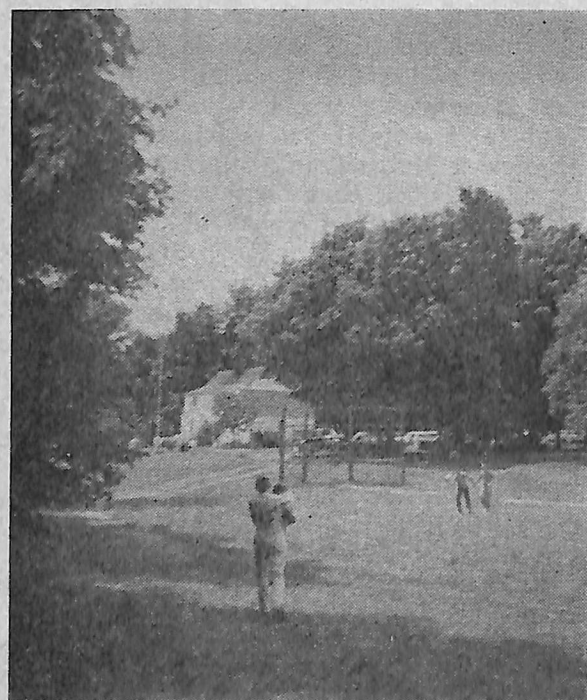
This camp, at West Ossipee, New Hampshire, is conducted by the New England Churches of the LCA. The schedule provides for a camp for boys and girls, eight through teens, for periods of one or more weeks for eight weeks, beginning June 30. This will be followed by a one-week camp for confirmed youth and a Family Camp over the Labor day weekend.

Camp Lutherland:

The Eastern Conference of the Suomi Synod operates this camp at Hobomock Pond, Pembroke, Massachusetts. AELC'ers are invited to attend. During the summer there will be two one-week camp periods for Junior boys and girls (8-11) and two for Intermediates (12-14). There will also be a camp for Luther League members and an Adult (or Family) Weekend Retreat.



Share in the sports



Enjoy God's world

District Two

AELC Junior Camp:

Ford Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Michigan.
Age group: 10-14.
Dates: July 15-19.
Register with: Pastor Ivan Westergaard
716 West Oak Street, Greenville, Michigan

District Three

Alpine Lutheran Camp:

Located near Richmond, Illinois, this camp is owned and operated by the Illinois Synod of the ULCA. Four periods for Juniors (grades 4, 5, 6), four for Intermediates (grades 7, 8, 9), two for Seniors (grades 10, 11, 12), a Post-Hi and College Week and a Family Camp Weekend comprise the 1962 summer schedule for this camp. AELC campers are welcome.

District Four

Lutheran Lakeside Camp:

Operated by the merging LCA churches in Iowa, this camp is located on East Lake Okoboji, near Spirit Lake, Iowa. The most pertinent periods of the 1962 summer schedule are:

June 24-30: Boys and girls, 12-14.

July 1-7: Family Camp. July 8-14: Boys and girls, 9-11. July 15-21: Boys, 9-11. July 22-28: Boys, 12-14. July 29-August 4: Girls, 12-14.

August 5-11: Boys and girls, 9-11. August 12-18: Boys and girls, 15-19. August 19-25: Boys and girls, 12-14. August 26-September 3: Family Camp.

Registration cards are available from your pastor.

District Five and Six

Northern Lights AELYF Camp:

West Denmark (Luck), Wisconsin.

Age group: AELYF members.

Dates: July 10-15.

Register with: Pastor Harald Petersen
Luck, Wisconsin

District Seven

AELC Junior Camp:

Nysted (Dannebrog), Nebraska.

Age group: 9-13.

Dates: July 8-13.

Register with: Pastor Folmer Farstrup.
Cordova, Nebraska

Great Plains District AELYF Camp:

Highland Camp, Rocky Mountains, Colorado.

Age group: AELYF members.

Dates: August 20-24.

Register with: Pastor Hans Nelson
Brush, Colorado

District Eight

Mt. Cross Camp:

National Lutheran Council Churches operate this camp at Felton, California. During this summer there will be 11 weeks of camping. For Junior boys and girls (grades 5, 6, 7) together there will be one week; for Junior boys alone, one week; for Junior girls alone, two weeks; for Junior High boys and girls (grades 8 and 9), four weeks; for Seniors (grades 10, 11, 12), one week; Family Camp, one week and a one week Music Camp for grade 5 through 8.

District Nine

Lutherwood:

This camp is on Lake Samish at Bellingham, Washington. Six camp periods will be held by the LCA churches. There will be two separate periods of one week each for Elementary (grades 5, 6, 7), Junior High and Senior High campers.

Lutherland:

This inter-Lutheran camp is located on Lake Killarney, near Tacoma, Washington, and it is open to AELC'ers. There will be four separate weeks of Children's Camps (grades 4, 5, 6); three camps for Junior Leagues (grades 7, 8, 9); and a Family Camp.

Camp Colton:

Four weeks of all-LCA camps will be conducted at this camp thirty miles southeast of Portland, Oregon. There will be one week each for Junior, Intermediate, Junior High and High School campers.



Have fun in the dormitories

Our Women's Work

MRS. AAGE PAULSEN, Editor

CORDOVA, NEBRASKA



Reminder

Anyone interested in the Mary Seely Knudstrup Scholarship Fund should contact Mrs. Edwin Hansen, Muskegon, Michigan, for information. E. P.

Devotions

Editor's Note: Miss Emilie Stockholm attended a meeting where the following devotion was given. She asked for a copy for this page. Thank you, Emilie and thank your friend from all of us.

Today we talk much of measurements, dimensions far beyond the ability to grasp. It is as though we, who have been counting on our fingers, must now count by the stars. Children speak glibly about millions of miles, of other planets and of journeying to other worlds. Children seem to be unawed by space perhaps because they are less tied to earth.

So vast is our view that we are bewildered by it and it seems to me that we may be losing our way. But there is no need to feel alone and lost in God's vastnesses for we know that He is ever present and we have to see but a step at a time to reach the greatest heights.

In all these measurements I am reminded of the first and second verse of Zechariah: "And I lifted mine eyes and saw, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand! Then I said, 'Where are you going?' and he said to me, 'To measure Jerusalem to see what is its breadth and what its length.'" Today, our cities and villages are measured in many ways. Every few weeks, our doorbells are rung by persons taking a census, a poll, a counting, a measurement with one measuring line or another.

But like the measure of Jerusalem, these measurements tell only how far, how many and not how much or how good. The measurement that is important is the dimensions of the lives of those who live there.

We are living in a country that boasts of its high standard of living as judged by material comfort, luxury and advantages. Peoples of the world flock to us because living is safe and comfortable here. Surely, where we are so blessed, our lives should reflect our gratitude to God. But, is this so? Let us hold the measuring line. How do we measure up to our ideals — our faith? How do we reflect the Christian way of life? Are we helping to cause the world's problems or helping to cure them?

To measure a nation, one must measure the people in it, and to do this one must start with one's self. The real measure of my living is the combination of the ideals and purposes which fill my life.

How high, how broad, how deep do I live? How shall I know my true proportions?

I believe that the time I give to worship, study and service, the sense of stewardship I bring to each

task, indicates the height of my living. How do I measure up?

Its breadth is indicated by the scope, the all-inclusiveness, the unity of my devotion or service and the depth is my faith in Jesus Christ, today and everlasting. How do I measure up? How well do you?

The greatest of us, when weighed in the balance is found wanting but we can strive to "weigh" more, day by day in Christian influence.

Stepping out of the Old Testament into the light of living with Christ, we find Paul had but one measure, that of pressing forward to live in accord with the high calling of God as seen in Christ. Phil. 3:13-14.

"And one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal of the inward call of God in Christ Jesus." When we study Paul's life we are impressed by his measure of fervent devotion to his high standard of life pressing forward loyally.

Speaking of loyalty today is one of loyalties — so many loyalties to the wrong things. Fervor is lost in fanaticism, worship is of the material rather than the spiritual. We must lose all these unworthy loyalties to save our measure of living.

When we hurdle through space into the outer realms let us not forget that it is God's space. When we probe the powers of the atom let us not forget that it is God's power. We must use it, not misuse it.

So much for good can be accomplished with these new found sources of power. So much is being accomplished but there must be more and more slanted in that direction and less and less toward misuse. In every expression of daily living we must express our goal, the inward call of God in Christ. We must declare our loyalty to Christ. Now and always is the time to render a full flowing measure of devotion.

Are We "Listeners" or "Discoverers"?

The Lutheran Women magazine now published jointly by the United Lutheran Church Women and the Augustana Lutheran Church Women brings to the subscribers a wealth of material which can be used in program planning in women's groups. Beginning with the July-August issue of the magazine a Bible study for use in women's organizations will be introduced. These lessons have been prepared by Oletta Wald of the American Lutheran Church as a coordinated effort of the Lutheran Women's Coordinating Committee and accepted by JPC as an addition to the educational program of LCW for 1962-63. The lessons which are a study of Paul's Letter to the Colossians have been reviewed and recommended by several theologians within the LCA merger. The author present the material as a challenge to women

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and

comment



"THE YOUTH gets together with his materials to build a bridge to the moon, or, perchance, a palace or temple on earth, and, at length, the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed with them." So wrote Henry David Thoreau in his "Journal" just over one hundred years ago. These are words that come to mind at this time of year as we see so many young people go forth from high school and college to take their place in the workaday world. Despite all the juvenile delinquency, of which so much has been written and said, the happy fact is that the great majority of young people enter upon the adult world "full of dreams and high ambitions." Unfortunately, as the years go by and as youth becomes more and more involved in the struggle to climb or even to hold on to the ladder of success, these things have a way of receding into the background. Almost before men are aware of it they have betrayed their noblest selves and settled for Thoreau's woodshed. And, it is because man's ideals, visions and aspirations so easily fall by the wayside that, as Thoreau also wrote, "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." As we, in this commencement season, pause to congratulate the youth of our church who are passing a significant milestone in their lives we pray that God may bless them now and always. We pray also that they may never sell their ideals, their visions and their aspirations for the mess of pottage variously called fortune, popularity or status.

WE HAVE NEVER felt that smoking was a moral issue. Just how it came to be looked upon in some quarters as a sin is not clear to us. However, of late, smoking has become an issue of concern to us for quite other reasons. Statistical studies linking cigarette smoking with lung cancer are so impressive that only the fool-hardy would lightly dismiss them. Steps are being taken in some countries to control advertising and to speak an official word of caution in this matter. Such action may not be far off in our own land. We are, of course, under no illusions that everyone is suddenly going to stop smoking just because the Public Health Service, for example, may issue a warning. Indeed, we imagine that there are comparatively few adult smokers who will stop smoking. We know something of the power of the habit. However, what we do hope for is some way of reaching the young who have not yet begun to smoke with facts about what may be involved. The tobacco companies, for obvious reasons, are zealous in their efforts

to enslave youth. The young, for their part, are often eager to prove their maturity by becoming smokers. It takes some time for them to learn that precisely when they are most intent on proving their maturity, whether behind a cigarette or behind the wheel of a car, they invariably prove the exact opposite. It is therefore we would do all that can be done to discourage young people from beginning a habit that is very difficult to stop and that might well prove fatal. We have said that we have never felt smoking to be a moral issue. Now, however, we have come to a point where we do, though for quite other than the usual reasons. We think that what we do with our health and our lives and what we allow the young to do with theirs is very definitely a moral issue. Call it interference in business and call it interference in personal life if you please, but in this case, where truth is being obscured and where health and life itself may be at stake, we think the time has come for our public agencies to speak out unmistakably and firmly — and let the chips fall where they may.

There is a great deal of talk going on at present concerning disarmament. We are told that today's nuclear weapons are so dangerous that another war might well be the last. And, so our diplomats meet with others and desperately seek ways of preventing this final war. The truth is, however, if we pause to consider it, that no weapon is dangerous; weapons are things, and things are not dangerous. It is men who are dangerous; dangerous because they are filled with hatred, fear, envy, pride, malice; and their decisions, their bargainings and their treaties are colored by these deep inner motives. Since it is men who are ultimately dangerous, and not weapons whether they be flint, blades, or Cobalt bombs, the task of saving civilization comes to rest firmly upon the shoulders of the Church, for it is the task of the Church, and the Church alone, to change men at the core of their lives through contact with Jesus Christ. The Church must accept full responsibility for the final outcome of the dilemma in which we find ourselves as a race. Will the Church apply the proven cure, or will it busy itself inside its own walls with its committees and commissions and mimeograph machines?

**The Rev. John F. Beeson, Executive
Secretary, Genesee County (N. Y.)
Council of Churches.**

For a Comprehensive History of the AELC

**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst
after righteousness for they shall be filled.**

— Sermon on the Mount.

Naturally the administrations of the different presidents of our synod should be included in such a history. We should try to find a person who can write excellent character sketches of our leaders and what characters we have had among us! The important decisions arrived at in our synodical conventions should be described. And speaking of conventions it will take a Carlyle to tell the story of some of these. Some were quiet and some were surely stormy and how the winds of invective did blow. Some of us have witnessed scenes that were violent, uncharitable and at times comical. Maybe it is best that we do not have moving pictures of some of these scenes.

Now all of these things are important, but I can think of things that are more important. I am thinking here of the intellectual and moral history of our church. What were the big questions that filled the minds and hearts of our people?

Many years ago, I naively asked Mr. M. Holst, the editor of DANNEVIRKE, if it were not hard for him to find material to fill the pages of his paper. He smiled and replied that his big problem, at that particular time, was to find room for all the articles he received. How times have changed! The pages of DANNEVIRKE were not vibrating with the sound of approaching death. No, there was life. It would be interesting to go through the many issues of this paper and make a study of the things discussed. One would surely find articles dealing with subjects all the way from agriculture through Henry George and socialism to religion. When old Jorgen Juhl entered the home of my parents, the first thing he asked for was the latest issue of DANNEVIRKE. All the people did not agree with all that was written, **but it was read.**

It is my impression that the pages of KIRKELIG SAMLER were more quiet than the pages of DANNEVIRKE. Perhaps they were not intended to be an open forum. However, its pages, too, should be studied to see what people wrote, and perhaps read.

For some years there was an interesting, if short-lived, paper called FOR ORDETS FRIHED (Freedom for the Word). Maybe it was a paper of protest against the status-quo in church and state. Perhaps it was not very mature. But surely its editors knew that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty. It still is!

Then too there was UNGDOM. There also one heard the battle cry of freedom. How well I remember some of the young knights going forth to fight for the things that were good, beautiful and true. What energy there was, and what an excellent outlet UNGDOM was for the spirit of youth.

Once while I was Dean of Buena Vista College, I was invited to speak at Grand View College. C. P. Hoiberg was then the president. There are two things which I remember so clearly from this visit. One was that Grand View College was then a community of scholars, which all colleges should be. There was

genuine intellectual interest. Far higher and better than at the four year college where I happened to be the dean.

Now I know what the timid will say, "We must be practical, etc."

To that I will say with all the might that I possess, "If we do not teach the young to shoot high, by the time they are forty there is danger they will tear each other apart in a mad pursuit for the almighty dollar."

The other thing I recall so vividly from my visit was the voluntary group singing. I can still see them and hear them as they gathered about the piano and sang till their young hearts vibrated with sweet and good music.

These are some of the things which, it seems to me, should be included in a comprehensive history of the AELC.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

FOLK MEETING AT NYSTED

Our annual fellowship meeting was held at Nysted April 27-29. It was unusual in that almost every congregation in the district was represented and even from faraway Askov came Wayne Jacobsens to be with us.

Our guest speakers were Pastor A. E. Farstrup (and Mrs. Farstrup), Mrs. Enok Mortensen from Des Moines, and Dr. Richard Syre of Central Lutheran Seminary at Fremont.

Each speaker had a message of his own to bring us. Pastor Farstrup spoke on "Work and Witness." The title speaks for itself. It was indeed a stirring call for action. With the merging of our churches so close at hand we needed the reassurance and encouragement his words gave us. We were grateful to our synod president that he took time from his busy schedule to be with us.

Nanna Mortensen's first lecture was on "New Trends in Education." Since she has been on the Minnesota Board of Education until recently, she was well informed on the subject and we enjoyed her lively presentation. She stressed particularly that our young people should have their eyes open to all the opportunities that are offered them through our schools. Her second lecture was to the women's group and it concerned itself with "Leisure that Recreates." She touched on the importance of accomplishing something worthwhile in our free time. She struck a deeper note when she reminded us of our need to be alone and to commune with God that we may be strengthened and renewed.

Those of you who are acquainted with Dr. Syre will understand that we listened to him speak for an hour and a half without tiring. His subject was "Biblical Study of the Gospel." It was much more than the title indicates. We felt ourselves lifted far above the everyday world with the light he threw on parts of the gospel. We look forward to a closer association with the college and seminary at Fremont. From time to time we have had their teachers speak

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Church News From Around the World

AUGUSTANA PASTOR NAMED LCA EVANGELISM DIRECTOR

Minneapolis, Minn. — (PRT) — Following the announcement that the Rev. William E. Berg of Minneapolis had declined appointment as director of the Commission on Evangelism in the new Lutheran Church in America, it was disclosed here that the Rev. Reynold N. Johnson, also of Minneapolis, has been designated to serve in that position.

Announcement of the change was made by the Rev. Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity.

"We contacted Pastor Berg, who presently is in Germany, and when we learned that he was reluctant to accept the nomination," said Dr. Lundeen, "the JCLU steering committee unanimously voted to name Pastor Johnson, who has indicated that he will assume the post."

Berg has held the position of director of evangelism in the Augustana Lutheran Church, while Johnson has been an assistant director.

"Pastor Johnson is eminently qualified for this important staff position in the new church," said Dr. Lundeen, "and we are greatly pleased over his decision to accept the challenge with which he has been confronted."

LUTHERANS ASKED TO NOTE AGRICULTURE CENTENNIAL

Chicago, Ill. — (NLC) — Lutherans were told here they should "eagerly take part" in commemorating the Centennial Year of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Dr. E. W. Mueller, secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Church in Town and County department, said members of the denomination should play an active role in the observance "for our people, many of whom had their roots in the soil, were greatly aided by agricultural institutions."

President Kennedy called attention to the 100th anniversary of the USDA, which was created on May 15, 1862, with the issuance of a proclamation urging Americans to "commemorate the contributions of agriculture to the health and welfare of every citizen, to the national well-being, and to the development of emerging nations."

Dr. Mueller cited the "thousands of immigrants from Lutheran European countries" who settled and developed agricultural areas and said "the great advances that they achieved would not have been possible if they had not had the services of the Department of Agriculture, the land-grant colleges with their experiment stations and the Cooperative Extension Service."

"The agricultural know-how which flowed from these institutions into our rural communities," he said, "was cautiously evaluated by the American farmer and then put into practice."

The Lutheran rural church authority was one of several officials of different denominations who worked

with the USDA in preparing materials for the Centennial Year. He shared in the writing of a special brochure, "The Church and Agricultural Progress," which was published by the USDA for nationwide distribution.

NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH TO BE 'EVANGELICAL AND ECUMENICAL'

Detroit—(PRT)—The emerging Lutheran Church in America which will come into being here next month will be both evangelical and ecumenical, one of the chief architects of the new 3,200,000-member church body told a press conference here.

The Rev. Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, Minneapolis, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church and chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity, expressed to representatives of Detroit newspapers, radio and television stations his hopes that they would help to set before the public this image of the new church:

"That it will be truly evangelical — with an emphasis on the Gospel and its good news of salvation.

"That it will be an ecumenical church — cooperating with other church bodies through the National Lutheran Council, the Lutheran World Federation, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the World Council of Churches."

Dr. Lundeen said the new church will result from organic union of four Lutheran churches "who decided on their own to be a part of this merger."

"No merger in the history of American Lutheranism has brought together Lutherans of such diverse backgrounds" he said. "The crossing of nationalistic lines has included Lutherans of German, Swedish, Danish and Finnish origin, among others, in the baptized membership of the new church."

UNITED LUTHERANS SEEK \$2,642,000 GIFT TO LCA

New York—(PRT)—Members of the United Lutheran Church in America are being asked to give \$2,642,000 on Trinity Sunday, June 17, for a "dowry" gift when the denomination merges with three other Lutheran church bodies next month to form the new Lutheran Church in America.

The special appeal, under the direction of the church's stewardship department, was authorized by the ULCA Executive Board.

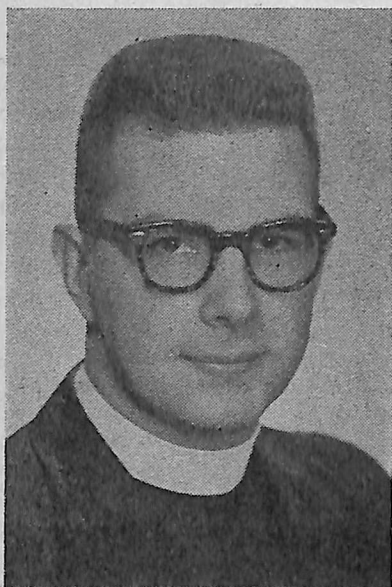
Dr. Henry Endress, executive director of the Department of Stewardship, said the aim of the campaign is "to develop a sense of personal involvement of the congregation and its members in the merger and to encourage generous gifts so that the new Lutheran Church in America begins life from a position of confidence and strength."

The ULCA's stewardship director suggested to the pastors of the church's 4,600 congregations in the United States and Canada that members be urged to contribute an amount at least equal to that which they usually give on a Sunday to the "dowry gift" appeal.

VITAE

Autobiographical Sketches of New Pastors Ordained on May 20

John L. Johansen



I, John Loren Johansen, was born on December 13, 1937, in Newell, Iowa, the first of three sons born of Axel Andrew Johansen and Genevieve Heath Johansen. I was baptized on the 16th day of January, 1938, in Nain Lutheran Church, Newell, Iowa, by Pastor Hakon Jorgensen.

My home and the Newell Community School were the two primary institutions in my early education. I attended classes at Sunday School regularly and studied with a catechetical class of nine students who were confirmed in Nain Lutheran Church on April 1, 1951 by Pastor Ronald Jespersen. During my high school years, I was primarily interested in the youth activities of our church, in Scouting, and in the music activities of the public school.

The desire for higher education brought me to Grand View College in the fall of 1955, where I studied for two years and received an Associate in Arts degree in 1957. I continued my higher education at Drake University in Des Moines and at the State University of South Dakota at Vermillion. I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree on June 1, 1959.

Elna Joanne Jensen and I were married on August 23, 1959, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Gayville, South Dakota. In September I began my seminary study at Grand View Seminary in Des Moines. In the fall of 1960 I moved, with Grand View Seminary, to the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary campus in Maywood, Illinois. During the summer of 1960 I served as student pastor for St. John's Lutheran Church of Marquette, Nebraska. During my second year of seminary study I completed my internship requirement by assisting Pastor Peter Thomsen of Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago.

My wife, my parents and Pastors Ronald Jespersen, Charles Terrell, Howard Christensen, Jens Holst and Peter Thom-

sen have encouraged me as I have grown in the conviction that I can best serve my Lord Jesus Christ as a pastor in His kingdom. I have accepted calls to serve St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, Lindsay, Nebraska, and Salem Lutheran Church, St. Edward, Nebraska. I hereby apply for ordination into the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Paul Pedersen



I was born on May 19, 1936 in a doctor's office near Ringsted, Iowa, to Peter Bodholdt Pedersen and Dagmar Pedersen (nee Madsen) who operated a 120-acre farm near Ringsted. I was the youngest member of the family with one sister, Rita Juhl (nee Pedersen), four years older than I and one half sister, Inger Manning (nee Pedersen). I was baptized by Rev. C. A. Stub who was then pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ringsted, and spent my youth in a close association with the congregational activity of St. John's.

I attended grade school and high school at Ringsted Public School. While in high school I was privileged to participate in a state-wide speaking contest on the subject "Co-operatives," a subject in which I maintain an interest today. I was confirmed by Rev. Leif Kirkegaard at St. John's and was able to be active in young people's work at St. John's congregation while at Ringsted. I graduated from Ringsted high school at the age of 18 in May, 1954.

The fall of 1954, I registered at Grand View Junior College in Des Moines, Iowa, as a pre-agricultural student, however, at the end of the first semester I transferred to a program of Liberal Arts. I was privileged to participate in several extra curricular activities at Grand View such as the folk dancing team and the International Relations club subsidizing my income under the capable supervision of

Dagmar Eriksen in the kitchen. It was also at this time that many lengthy conversations with Rev. Carlo Petersen, who was serving the Ringsted congregation, led me to seriously consider the pastoral ministry. I received my Associate in Arts degree from Grand View the spring of 1956.

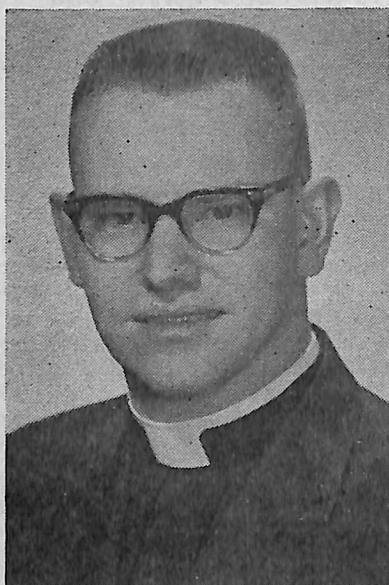
The summer of 1956 was spent by David Rasmussen, presently graduating from Chicago Theological Seminary, and myself, hitch-hiking through Europe at which time I became more certain of my choice to enter the seminary. Upon returning to the United States I registered at the University of Minnesota with a double major in history and philosophy. With the help of Dr. Paul Holmer, who was my major advisor there, my decision to become a minister was further strengthened. I graduated from the University of Minnesota in March, 1958, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and enrolled in graduate school in the program of American Studies, which consisted of nine to 15 credits in each of the departments of Social Sciences, Philosophy and the Fine Arts, History and Literature. While a graduate student I was fortunate enough to be chosen for an Administrative Fellowship in the Department of Student Unions, at the University of Minnesota, involved in programming for various student activities on campus. I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Master of Arts degree in the fall of 1959.

I met and married Joanne Marie Olan-son, a student nurse at the University of Minnesota while enrolled in Graduate School. We were married on December 25, 1958. Following her graduation and prior to my own graduation she was employed as a staff nurse at the University of Minnesota hospitals. After graduation, we moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where I enrolled at Grand View Seminary and my wife was employed by the Public Health Department as a public health nurse. The summer of 1960 was spent on internship at St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church at Detroit, Michigan, under the supervision of Rev. Howard Christensen. We owe a great debt both to Rev. Christensen and the Detroit congregation for all that they taught us that summer.

The fall of 1960 we moved to Maywood, Illinois where Grand View Seminary joined resources with Suomi Seminary and Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary. At this time my wife was employed by the University of Illinois as an assistant instructor in the area of Nursing Arts. In the spring of my senior year at Maywood the Board of World Missions at the Lutheran World Federation requested the American Evangelical Lutheran Church to issue a call for service in the Lutheran World Federation. Under this call I will be serving as a chaplain and as professor of English, Sociology and related subjects at Nommensen University, Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia. In consulting with Dr. Knud-

sen and Dean Kildegard of the faculty as well as my fellow students such as John Johansen, and with much prayerful consideration I have decided to accept this call. With deep appreciation to those previously mentioned and especially my wife, upon whose help and concern I have been greatly dependent, and finally, in attempting to live up to the goals instilled in me since childhood by my parents, I hereby apply to the American Evangelical Lutheran Church for ordination.

Arnold L. Tiemeyer



Born January 19, 1937 to Emil and Norma Tiemeyer of Tarkio, Missouri, Arnold Lee Tiemeyer was baptized into the fellowship of the Christian Church March 14, 1937 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rock Port, Missouri. The church was the center of the life of the Tiemeyer family. The strength, comfort, blessings and hope of the Lord known through the home and congregation encouraged the family to center its life in the church. The oldest son, Raymond, prepared for the ministry and was ordained a pastor of the United Lutheran Church in America. This contributed to the interest of the family in the church.

Tiemeyer first considered the ministry when his pastor, Rev. Louis Weitzkamp, confronted him during catechetical training with the possibility of this vocation. Active participation in the Luther League, both in local and synodical groups, added encouragement. Friends in the youth auxiliary continued to present the challenge of full time service in the church.

In May of his senior year at Tarkio high school, the Rock Port congregation recommended to the Christian Vocation Committee of the Central States Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America that Arnold Tiemeyer be approved as a candidate for the gospel ministry. The committee granted its approval.

Preparation was continued at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, from which the B. A. degree was received, and Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, at

which requirements leading toward the granting of the B. D. degree are being completed.

As part of the preparation opportunity was provided to work in various parishes. Tiemeyer served as student assistant at Fourth Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio; one year as youth director at First Presbyterian Church, Maywood, Illinois; one year as vicar at Augustana Lutheran Church in Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois; one summer as stated supply under the Board of American Missions of the ULCA in Good Shepherd Lutheran parish, Muskogee, Oklahoma; and one summer at Des Moines, Iowa, as student pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. Additional experience was gained by serving for four years as treasurer of the national youth auxiliary of the ULCA, the Luther League of America.

Marriage to Elizabeth Ann Johnson in June, 1959, opened a new experience of joy in the Lord. To this new family has been added two children, Michael, now two years old, and Ann, born in March, 1962.

Saint Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Iowa, extended a call to Tiemeyer to serve as its pastor. After prayerful consideration the call was accepted, conditional on the approval of the Board of Ordination of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Confident that it is the will of the Lord that he should serve in the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, Arnold L. Tiemeyer hereby applies for ordination in the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Are We "Listeners" or "Discoverers"?

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to become involved in Bible study, individually or in groups. In Miss Wald's own words, "There are two kinds of Bible students. You can be a 'Listening Bible Student': Someone else does all of the studying and then tells you what he or she has discovered. Or a 'Discovering Bible Student': You learn how to discover truths in the Bible yourself."

Those of us who are serving on the JPC for the merger of the women's organizations are proud to represent the WMS of AELC in this manner. We have a heritage of which we can be justly proud and thankful. However, it is not flawless and it is regrettable that we must admit that there has been and is a definite lack of Bible study in our over-all women's program. My experience within the AELC women's groups has been that most women will accept their fair share of committee work but withdraw if asked to present a devotion or Bible study. We seem to have steered around this phase with apprehension and a lack of confidence and in so doing have deprived ourselves of a rich and joyful experience which other women's groups have been cultivating for a long time.

We may not know Miss Wald, personally, but she knows us, our kind, and we should be thankful that she has prepared the

Bible studies to help us enrich our programs and our lives by encouraging us to become "Discovering Bible Students." Each lesson is supplemented by an excellent Study Guide and a Leader's Guide, as a special help to new "Discoverers."

If you are not now a subscriber to Lutheran Women, may I recommend that you become one in time to start the Bible studies. Lutheran Women can be ordered from Lutheran Women, 639 38th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Subscription rate: \$1.25 per year in advance.

Ellen Knudsen.

Folk Meeting at Nysted

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at our meetings and they have always had something of value to contribute.

I wish I had taken notes so that I could have given a few of the facts and figures Pastor Clayton Nielsen presented in his "Scrapings from the Financial Barrel." It was most interesting and enlightening. Perhaps it will be reported in full some other place.

All of the pastors of the district, with the exception of Danevang's Erik Moller, were present and they led us in morning and evening devotions. Pastor Folmer Farstrup presided at the men's discussion on Saturday afternoon. The women had a short business meeting presided over by Eileen Paulsen, WMS district president.

Our two youngest pastors, Lavern Larkowski and Hans Nelson served at the Sunday morning worship service.

District President Pastor Folmer Farstrup brought up for discussion the question as to whether we should plan to continue with these Fellowship meetings after the merger. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of continuing. The hope was expressed that we might interest some of those from the merging churches to share in this fellowship with us. We do not wish to be a small close-knit group but would welcome a wider circle of participants.

The folk school now has been taken over by the Nysted congregation. We thank the Nysted people for making these gatherings possible. It is like a homecoming for us to return each year to the old folk school with its many memories. Pastor Farstrup maintained that the building is haunted by ghosts of former days!

However our speakers and the discussions we had certainly concerned themselves more with problems of the present day world and the future of our church, rather than nostalgia for the past. If the riches we garnered in the folk schools in our younger days cannot be transplanted into present day values they failed to bear fruit. Let us hope that we may have some contribution to make to the new Lutheran Church in America because of the heritage we hold dear.

A. N.

Correction

The dates for the Midsommerfest at Dagmar, Montana, are July 6, 7 and 8, and NOT 12, 13 and 14, as incorrectly stated in the last Lutheran Tidings.

Erling N. Jensen to Be Honored

President Erling N. Jensen of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., who for 18 years was an Iowa State University faculty member, will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at Lafayette College on June 8.

The degree will be awarded during 127th commencement ceremonies at the arts-science-engineering college for men.

President Jensen was professor of physics at Iowa State University in Ames and senior physicist in the Ames Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Commission before he assumed the presidency of Muhlenberg in 1961.

He is the author or co-author of numerous articles in the field of nuclear physics and the senior author of a physics laboratory manual used in Iowa State.

Dr. Jensen taught at Grand View College in Des Moines before going to Iowa State in 1943. He has been chairman of the board of directors of Grand View College and Seminary since 1951.

He holds an AB degree from Drake University, an AM degree from Columbia University, and a PhD degree from Iowa State.

Dr. Jensen is chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity Committee on Colleges and has served as chairman of the national convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church since 1943.

He is a member of the American Physical Society, American Association of Physics Teachers, American Society of Engineering Education, American Association of University Professors, American Federation of Scientists, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

His wife is the former Ruth McElhinney of Goldfield, Iowa. They have four sons.

Princeton Theological Seminary president

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James I. McCord will present the commencement address and receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the Lafayette commencement.

OUR CHURCH

Circle Pines, Minnesota: Pastor Harris Jespersen of St. Mark Church here, has resigned to accept a call to the First Lutheran Church of Montcalm County, at Sidney, Michigan.

Omaha, Nebraska: The congregation of Central Lutheran here, W. Clayton Nielsen, pastor, has purchased a new parsonage at 6404 North 62nd Avenue, three blocks from their new church site. Pastor Nielsen and his family expect to move into the new parsonage about August 1.

West Denmark (Luck), Wisconsin: The West Denmark Lutheran congregation here has purchased a new Allen organ. It was dedicated by Pastor Harald Petersen on Sunday, May 27, at 8:15 in the evening, following which a concert was given by a Twin Cities organist, Mr. Donald Hogensen.

Gayville, South Dakota: A new pulpit has been installed at Trinity Lutheran here. It was dedicated at the service on May 20, by Thorvald Hansen, pastor of Trinity.

HELSINKI PLANS CHURCH CARVED IN HUGE ROCK

Helsinki—(LWF)—Authorization to construct a large parish church in the Finnish capital that will be mostly underground has aroused debate in some circles here.

Precisely speaking, the new house of worship, having 1,800 square meters (19,375 square feet) of floor space, is to be blasted and carved out of a broad rock that occupies Helsinki's Temple Square. At the other end of the rock area, a public bomb shelter has been excavated.

Newspapers here have published readers' letters protesting that a church should not be rendered inconspicuous by hiding it underground. Other letter writers have contended, however, that crypt churches are in accordance with ancient Christian tradition.

Together with an adjoining parish building that will be above ground, the church is expected to cost 200 million Finnish marks (nearly \$630,000).

The revolutionary plans that are to be executed took first prize in an architectural competition that was conducted to obtain a design for what was expected to be a more conventional church. They were drafted by the young architects Timo and Tuomo Suomalainen, who are brothers.

The unique idea embodied in their plans was said to have grown out of a desire to retain the open landscape features of the square, which is now a restful little park decorated with shrubs, set between streets lined with high buildings.

According to the prize-winning design, the church dome will be level with the top of the rock and entry to the building will be by a passage cut through the stone. A similar passageway is to connect the church with the parish hall.

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LUTHERAN TIDINGS ASKOV, MINNESOTA

SCHWEITZER'S CO-WORKER SAYS HE IS STILL LUTHERAN

Hannover, Germany — (LWF) — Albert Schweitzer, the famed Alsatian missionary doctor, still considers himself a member of a Lutheran Church despite reports that he has become a Unitarian, according to a letter received at the German Lutheran church offices here.

The letter came from Mrs. Mathilde Kottman, a co-worker of the 87-year-old Nobel prize winner, who still bears major burdens of responsibility at the hospital he founded at Lambarene in the African nation of Gabon nearly 50 years ago.

Replying to a query sent Dr. Schweitzer by Lutheran officials here, she declared that "he belongs now, as before, to the Evangelical Church (of the Augsburg Confession) in Alsace, which he served for many years as a teacher and preacher."

Mrs. Kottman added, though, that "he has friends likewise in other confessions." An American journal recently published a report that Dr. Schweitzer had joined a Unitarian church in Boston.

A Lutheran spokesman here commented that "since a person cannot at the same time be a member of an Evangelical Church and the Unitarian sect, the news about (his) conversion to Unitarianism apparently was incorrect."

Dr. Schweitzer's world renown has resulted chiefly from his renunciation of the promise of a brilliant musical career to become the founder of an influential independent medical mission in equatorial Africa. But he has also established a reputation by his original theological concepts.

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on the reality of the second part. This is the Pentecost message: Because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, we will have power to live. We will have the blessing of eternal life with God beyond the power of death, and we will have the power of His spirit to live the life we should on this earth. Thus the young men shall see visions and the old men shall dream dreams by the strength of God's holy spirit which was given on Pentecost Day.