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FOR THE CHILDREN



On August 23, 1953, The Evangelical Lutheran Church held formal acceptance observances for the extensive lake property which was presented to them by the late Harold Knutson, former congressman from Minnesota, pictured above with a group of children. Designated "The Jeannette Holm Knutson Camp" in memory of the mother of Harold Knutson, the camp is to be used as a summer retreat for neglected, unfortunate, deprived, and handicapped children at a designated time of the year, and for such purposes as the Board of Charities determines during the balance of the year.

Pledge to Children

From your earliest infancy we give you our love so that you may grow with trust in yourself and in others.

We will recognize your worth as a person and we will help you to strengthen your sense of belonging.

We will respect your right to be yourself and at the same time help you to understand the rights of others, so that you may experience co-operative living.

We will help you to develop initiative and imagination, so that you may have the opportunity freely to create.

We will encourage your curiosity and your pride in workmanship, so that you may have the satisfaction that comes from achievement.

We will provide the conditions for wholesome play that will add to your learning, to your social experience, and to your happiness.

We will illustrate by precept and example the value of integrity and the importance of moral courage.

We will encourage you always to seek the truth.

We will provide you with all opportunities possible to develop your own faith in God.

We will open the way for you to enjoy the arts and to use them for deepening your understanding of life.

We will work to rid ourselves of prejudice and discrimination, so that together we may achieve a truly democratic society.

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A "Bethesda by the Sea"

In order that the readers may get the complete background leading up to the formal "deeding services" of the Jeannette Holm Knutson Camp, a radio address over station WCAL on August 14 by the Rev. Magnus Dahlen, executive Secretary of the Board of Charities is recorded.

Dr. O. G. Malmin, the editor of LUTHERAN HERALD, comes by my office on occcasion, and I remember particularly about a year and a half ago he dropped in to share a communication which he had received from a pastor in our Church, the Reverend Alfred Bredesen of Venice, Florida.

Pastor Bredesen stated that while he did not serve a regular parish at the time, he was doing some work among the Negroes in a section of Venice, and it had every meaning to him at his age that he had a house which his brother-in-law had provided for him and his wife.

Upon inquiring further, we discovered that his brother-in-law was none other than the former congressman from Minnesota, the Honorable Harold Knutson.

Mr. Knutson, now of Venice, Florida, served in Congress from 1917 to 1949. Bredesen stated that he was of the opinion that Mr. Knutson was thinking seriously of making available his extensive lake properties north of Brainerd, Minnesota, to some group who would evidence a spirit of responsibility and dependability, and who would carry out a definite program for its use. Might not this be something for The Evangelical Lutheran Church to think about?

It was on the 19th of May that Mrs. Dahlen and I drove up north and found our way out to the point which was the summer home of the congressman. For lakes and a magnificent view, I have not looked upon anything finer than that day in May when I stood there on the huge point extending way out between Big Trout Lake and Lower Whitefish Lake near Manhattan Beach. I remember saying, "If it is sin to covet, then, Father, forgive me, but I would so much wish that this could become the property of my Church for a useful and spirited program for someone someday." I shall not forget how we sat down on the grass and there prayed that, if the Lord wills, He in His own time would see that this is brought about.

It was on the first of July, 1952, that I called on Harold Knutson at Wadena where he was busy with editorials for the Wadena *Pioneer Journal*. I presented my credentials and was received most cordially. As for my Church, he knew of it and had made his contacts with it long before I was born. He knew many of our pastors, as he had met them at the home of his brother-in-law from time to time, and he was known in our parishes both in St. Cloud and in Wadena for his visits and his gifts.

I told him a little bit about our program in the Department of Charities. I told him something about our hopes and dreams in different places, and of how, in the state of Minnesota, I felt that it would be wonderful if we could have some shoreline and acreage, especially for children who by circumstances had been neglected, handicapped, and deprived. What Harold Knutson inscribed that day in Wadena is a document



Jeannette Holm Knutson



Harold Knutson

regarding this thing in its embryo stage, for here he began to reveal how he had been thinking about something like this for some time, and this was the beginning of a plan as he penned a statement of purpose.

Shortly after that, I asked that some of our national board members arrange to go and look at these properties which had impressed me so. Dr. C. C. Swain, chairman of our Board of Charities, came by July 5, since he could not be along with the group which had been invited to come there a few days after that.

It was a memorable evening that we spent together in Mr. Knutson's summer home on July 17. Mr. T. G. Overson, executive secretary of the Board of Trustees, and his wife were there; as was also Mr. Robert J. Lund of Thief River Falls, member of the Board of Trustees; the Rev. G. Thompson, member of the Board of Charities from the Northern Minnesota District, and Mr. Harold Simerson of Belmond, Iowa, Board of Charities member of the South Central District, who was also accompanied by his wife.

That night we heard something about Mr. Knutson's hopes and dreams, and we portrayed for him on the screen some of our activities in the Charities and Welfare field from coast to coast and up into Canada. Here he saw what our Church has been doing in this field during the years—the new children's homes at Wittenberg, Wisconsin; at Eau Claire, Wisconsin; at Ames, Iowa; at Beresford, South Dakota; at Fargo, North Dakota; at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. New homes for the aged at Stoughton, Wisconsin; at Twin Valley, Minnesota and Charles and Charl



The flag pole which stands as a token of appreciation to Mr. Knutson for his gift to the Church and to its children.



Former congressman Knutson explains the fine art of fishing to young enthusiasts.

sota; at Moorhead, Minnesota; at Williston, North Dakota; at Camrose, Alberta, Canada; and half a dozen others on the planning boards. Here was portrayed the child placing and foster home program of the Church through the various Lutheran Welfare Societies in the different states; and then the extensive institutional chaplaincy program of the Church.

This was the Church to which Nellie Svee of Devils Lake had bequeathed her legacy—sufficient to build and furnish a new children's home at Fargo, North Dakota. This was the program that Lillian Rudesill of Iowa wanted to encourage, and she gave sufficient money to erect a cottage to the memory of her husband at the Beloit Children's Home at Ames, Iowa. There was shown the wonderful new Home for the Aged at Stanwood, Washington. It had its beginning way back some forty-five years ago because a certain John Hals gave \$10,000 in memory of his wife, Josephine. And when the wooden building needed to be replaced, a magnificent new home was erected which is standing there today, backed up by a Church and constituency that accepted its trust.

Mr. Knutson spoke that night of the many visits he had had during the years at the home of the former governor of Minnesota and Senator, Knute Nelson; of how he was impressed with the legacy that Knute Nelson had given to the Church—his home at Alexandria, Minnesota, and forty acres of land near the city, to be used in service to the aged.

"Oh, you know," said Mr. Knutson, "I could have sold this point out here a thousand times. There was a man from Texas with oil holdings who came by and laid down a check of \$35,000, but I wouldn't take it. Then he took his check book and said, 'You fill in the amount'—but no!"

If there can be those who can come out here and share some of this sunshine and this wonderful beach,

some who otherwise perhaps would not have a chance, or some youngster whose heart would be gladdened by such an opportunity—that was pretty much what the former congressman had in mind. And here it is, friends. I read from the document following the description approximating, I would judge, about 70 acres:

"To be designated 'The Jeannette Holm Knutson Camp' in memory of the mother of Harold Knutson, grantor, to be used by the Board of Charities of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, grantee. . . ." And then it goes on to say that it is to be used "as a summer retreat for neglected, unfortunate, deprived and handicapped children" at a designated time of the year, and for such other purposes as the Board determines during the balance of the year.

And now we have arranged for a formal acceptance of these properties on the afternoon of Sunday, August 23, at three o'clock. Dr. C. C. Swain, former chairman of the Board of Charities, will be the speaker. At the same time there will be the formal presentation of a huge flag pole to Mr. Knutson as a memento and token of appreciation from many Minnesota friends.

And so then, may God be pleased with these proceedings; may He continue and add His blessing to it all. May the years to come unfold to us opportunities for service far beyond what we for the moment may even be able to vision or comprehend.

So ends the radio broadcast. Everything in the way of plans for this deeding service was carried out to the letter, with the exception that the Honorable Harold Knutson could not make the presentation. On August 15 he suffered a severe heart attack. He died on the 21st.

At the "deeding service" his nephew, Mr. Sterling Knutson of Wadena, Minnesota, made the presentation for him: "I wish Harold Knutson could be here to see this gathering, representing those who will carry on this work for him. This is the presentation of his own personal tribute to his beloved mother, Jeannette Holm Knutson."



Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Overson visit with Mr. Knutson outside his cottage.

"To those of us who were fortunate enough to know her, we could feel her love for little children. We saw how unselfish she was with her few possessions. Her smile was ready for everyone, and her concern was for the comfort and well-being of her fellow man. She was always generous with her sympathy, and her well-worn Bible guided her in her many hours of grief. Her gentle philosophy put a song into the lives of all of those who knew her.

"It is with the deepest sympathy that I, as a direct descendant of Jeannette Holm Knutson, present this deed to the Board of Charities of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. We in the family hope that it will be enjoyed in the manner for which it has been set aside by Harold Knutson."

Mr. Magnus Ronning of Chicago, chairman of the Board of Charities, in his acceptance speech stated that in this very act Mr. Knutson had joined the ranks of many others in "leaving to his fellowmen a portion of his earthly possessions for a high and noble purpose. . . . To carry out his plans he chose to use the facilities of his Church, which he loved, to carry out a service to the generations to come."

I know that Mr. Knutson had in mind many who have had rough going in life, who would not otherwise have the opportunity of such a place of re-creation both to body and soul. Pastor Ingvald Thredt, the pastor of the Ephphatha Mission for the Deaf and Blind at Faribault, was by the other day, and we spoke of the possibility of a retreat for some of them from time to time. Then there are children from our various children's homes who will welcome a week's stay at the camp during the summer. And now in Brainerd, Minnesota, there has been purchased land for a large state school and institution for mentally retarded children. When adequate staff is available, I see no reason why some of these cannot be given the opportunity to taste of the wonderful breeze and wade in the sparkling waters, which can really become "A Bethesda by the Sea." (Continued on page 912)



Green grass, blue skies, and a shimmering lake will hold new experiences for many an underprivileged boy and girl.



NLC News Photo

Arab refugees boys at a YMCA recreation camp in Jericho surround women of the Lutheran Distributing Committee of Jerusalem and Jericho as they distribute 1,050 sets of undershirts and shorts. Most of the children are in rags, and the garments proved a welcome gift. The Arabic signboard says, "Lutheran World Federation."

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The LWF Flag

in the Near East

We have been following the flag of the Lutheran World Federation in the Near East. It identified the car which met us at the airport near Jerusalem in Jordan. It flew briskly from the left front fender as we moved through the streets of Jerusalem. It kept its place of honor as we drove through the valleys and over the hills and mountains of that Arab land while we sang together the hymns which spoke of our faith, hymns such as "Beautiful Savior," "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "A Mighty Fortress," "Just As I Am," and others.

The flag of the LWF was a constant reminder of the fellowship of Lutherans which reaches out to the little Arab Lutheran group in Jordan. It is looked upon with pride and affection by these people, as a sign of their share in the total Lutheran family, and as a sign of the Christian love and faith which has reached out to them and to their neighbors. This blue banner, with Luther's seal upon it, is increasingly well-known in the Near East. There are many signs that it is held in affection, not only by these Arab Lutherans but by those who belong to the Orthodox Church, the Latin Church, and by many Moslems.

This familiar banner identifies something in this part of the world which is of interest to every Lutheran in America who is confronted with continued requests to underwrite this work as a part of his contribution through Lutheran World Action. As already mentioned, it identifies the Lutheran family to these people, bringing a new awareness of the strength of this Church and the virility of its confession and faith.

Also identified is the splendid record of faithful Christian service given by LWF representatives and the many Arab and Armenian Christians who are employed in the LWF work. Wherever the visitor turns, he finds a most earnest and devoted attention to the

work which is to be done with this dedicated and holy money, given in Christ's name.

Raymond M. Olson

It is quite clear that the key person is Dr. Edwin Moll, director of the Near East Branch of the Lutheran World Federation. A unique man, with unique experience in preparation for this assignment, he has given bold leadership during uncertain and unpredictable days. There were no patterns to follow, they must be cut out. It is an unforgettable experience to walk with him through the crowded streets and see the universal confidence which is shown toward him; or to drive along the roads and streets and see the faces of people light up when they see him. There are other great souls in this work, each worth a biography, including Dr. and Mrs. Johannes Doering, Dr. Canaan, head of medical services at the Augusta Victoria Hospital, and many others. The LWF flag identifies them and their work, even as they in turn, give meaning and identity to the flag.

The presence of this banner serves, also, as a reminder that the Christian love which flows from Christ to and through His Church is a dynamic fact, that it is even now flooding back into the places which Christ knew when He walked this earth, to bring blessing and hope to this land and its thousands of refugee people.

A Natural Responsibility

Lutherans who give earnest thought to their Church's work, and there are many such Lutherans, have asked what the Lutheran World Federation is doing in this part of the world, why we are here, and why we are using Lutheran World Action funds in such a place. The visitor soon discovers the answer. He discovers that it is, first of all, a responsibility which the Churches confront because of certain political decisions and the

forces brought into play by those decisions. He discovers that, once again, the Lutheran Church has to think of the needs of men produced by war and persecution. There are few periods of history since the Reformation when Lutherans have not been found in such a setting. This is another period which happens to confront us.

The longer this situation in the Near East is studied, the more it appears to be one of the responsibilities given to Lutherans of the world by our Lord. This is from His hand, in the midst of much that is evil and bewildering. Three times, at least, the Lutheran Church has been involved in this land because of persecution and war. The first chapter was written with the establishment of the Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem by Heinrich Ludwig Schneller, when he gathered refugees from Syria and provided an education and a Christian environment for them. The products of this orphanage are found in many responsible positions in the service of the LWF at the present time. The second chapter came when World War II divorced the German Lutheran Mission Societies from their work and their properties. Through the Lutheran World Federation, action was taken here, as in other places in the world, to retain the properties at the close of the war . . . to retain them for the Lutheran cause and keep them functioning in some degree. The third chapter was started when the Arab-Jewish war broke out in 1948. Since the Lutheran mission response of the past has been among the Arab people, it was most natural to follow them when the land became divided and they left their homes and property for what they believed would be a temporary absence. It was not temporary, as the calendar makes clear. Thus began the phase of assistance to refugees, Lutheran and non-Lutheran, Christian and non-Christian.

It is not by arbitrary decision that the LWF is doing this work in one part of a divided Palestine. It is the natural result of historical relationships which Lutheran missions have had for many years. The desire to have a share in a Lutheran witness in the land of Israel also flows deeply in the hearts of many who are acquainted with the Near East, and who live under the compulsion of the love of Christ which would also share the Gospel hope in Israel, as opportunities may come.

Many Phases

There are many errands run in the name of the Lutheran World Federation in Jordan. For wise administration, the work is divided into five departments out of the Jerusalem office and one department in Damascus, Syria, where Mr. Christian Christiansen of Denmark is in charge. The five departments are: Administrative, Ecclesiastical, Educational, Medical, and Relief.

The Ecclesiastical Department, supervised by Dr. Johannes Doering, concerns itself with the three Arab

Lutheran congregations and their pastors. These are located in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Beit Jala (near Bethlehem). When support from the Mother Church in Germany was cut off, the pastors had to turn to teaching to make a living, and the congregations began to scatter. The LWF was able to restore the pastors to full-time work, with the result that the congregations are coming now to new vitality.

The Educational Department, directed by Dr. Erna Doering, supervises a Boys' School in Bethlehem (temporarily also a resident orphange for boys), an Orphanage for Girls in Beit Jala; a home for the blind and a school for blind apprentices on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, and a vocational school for boys, also on the Mount of Olives. In all of these institutions the Christian witness is wholesomely and winsomely made.

The Medical Department centers around the Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives, one of the largest hospitals in the Near East. In 1951 the LWF took over the administration of the hospital, with the assistance of subsidies of money and supplies from the United Nations. Here there is a constant stream of refugees coming for care and restoration of health. Also, through this department, there are clinics in several places, where devoted doctors and nurses minister to these homeless and hopeless in the name of Christ.

The Relief Department has been, and remains, the largest voluntary relief organization in the Near East. Clothing, given by Lutherans in other lands, is provided for these destitute refugees. It is sorted and packaged for specific families, in consultation with Jordanian authorities. When distribution is made in a refugee camp, the packages are prepared in advance for each family and distribution made to all at one time. This department also distributes large quantities of milk and other foodstuffs. The policy of the LWF has been to provide this assistance without regard to race or creed. The predominant group being Moslem, the largest share of the help has gone to Moslems. This policy has won untold trust for the Lutheran Church among the entire Moslem population.

Where Does the Flag Go Tomorrow?

There can be no question about the immediate future for the LWF in Jordan. We can do nothing less than carry on with a consistent Christian witness undergirded by Christian deeds. Each of the departments has a present task which shows no signs of diminishing, which probably should be increased at several points if available funds should make it possible.

Wise planning must reckon with questions which go beyond the present. The refugees camps must not continue forever. While the Church as such must move cautiously in the midst of explosive political considerations, its love and concern for these people must be genuine and helpful. God, guiding in this place and in His time, can use the Lutheran witness even more. Patiently and wisely, Christian counsel can be a part of the developments for these coming months and years.

The goals for Lutheran World Federation in the Near East call also for the end of responsibility in ecclesiastical and educational work. It must again find its way into the hands of mission societies and mission departments, as in the past. Perhaps one of the Lutheran Churches in America will find this a desirable place to throw some mission support. The present state is

temporary. Permanent solutions are being sought. The consolidation of other Christian values and achievements ought to be coming, as well. The ground which has been gained, the good will which has been developed, ought not be surrendered. This is a Christian outpost peculiarly prepared and thrust upon this generation of Lutherans. It can be a most important post for the future. The exact forms may not be predictable just now, but that is not essential. The mission to bring the Gospel to all nations has a special significance at this post within the Moslem world.

Unique Features in St. Paul Merger

A new Lutheran Church came into being in South Saint Paul, Minnesota on August 27 when the former Trinity Lutheran Church (ELC) and the former St. Paulus Lutheran Church (ALC) officially merged to form Luther Memorial Church.

Negotiations looking toward the merger of the two former congregations were begun immediately after Easter when a joint meeting of the church councils was called by Pastor Curtis E. Jorstad, Arlington, Texas, then pastor of Trinity Church; Pastor Theodore L. Kurtz of St. Paulus Church; Dr. A. H. Ewald, president of the Minnesota District, ALC; and Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District, ELC. At this meeting the two church councils decided to call meetings of their respective congregations to permit the members to express their wishes regarding a possible merger. These meetings resulted in over 90 per cent of the members favoring a merger. A fourteen-member merger committee, consisting of seven members from each congregation, was elected and instructed to draft a constitution for the proposed new church and to submit a definite plan of operation. This committee, working under the chairmanship of Pastor Kurtz and in close consultation with Presidents Reinertson and Ewald submitted its proposals to the respective congregations for their approval late in June. The proposals were approved by substantially more than the necessary two thirds of the members of both churches and a united meeting was called for August 27. With the adoption of the constitution and articles of incorporation, both of which were adopted by a unanimous vote, the merger was completed on August 27.

Among the unique features of this merger, which is not the first merger of an ELC and an ALC congregation, are the plan to have two pastors, one from the ALC and one from the ELC; a constitution originally written for and geared to the needs of a large congregation in which definite provisions are made for im-

plementing a dual ministry; and the fact that, from the beginning, the merger has been looked upon by both congregations as an efficiency measure, rather than as an economy measure.

The congregation has a Board of Deacons, a Board of Trustees, a Board of Education, and a Board of Synodical Activities of nine members each. Each of these boards has a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary of its own, and each board meets monthly. The pastors are advisory members of all boards. The four official boards, together with the president, the vice-president, and the secretary of the congregation, and the two pastors, constitute the Church Council, which meets quarterly to co-ordinate the work of the various boards and to prepare for the semi-annual meetings of the congregation.

At its merger meeting the congregation extended a call to Pastor Theodore L. Kurtz, who announced his acceptance on Sunday, August 30. A co-pastor, who will be a member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, will be called in the near future.

Until Luther Memorial Church can secure a new site and erect adequate facilities for its work, the congregation will make the best of its present facilities. Worship services will be centered in the former St. Paulus Church building and most of the other parish activities in the former Trinity Church building. In anticipation of its new center of work and worship the two former church buildings will be designated as Trinity and St. Paulus Chapels of Luther Memorial Church.

Commenting on the merger for LUTHERAN HERALD and the Lutheran Standard Pastor Kurtz stated: "We are certain that the readers of our church papers will watch this venture with interest. We are deeply appreciative of this interest. To the end that what has been accomplished on paper may be translated into fruitful life in the Church, we covet the prayers of all our people that God's blessing may rest upon this project."

Meet the President of the WMF

(THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES)

When delegates attending the 1948 convention of the Women's Missionary Federation chose their new president they elected a faithful worker in the organization who brought what might be termed a cosmopolitan complexion to the national group.

For Mrs. Roy O. Storvick of Wadena, Minnesota, WMF prexy for the past five years, has visited both Europe and Asia as well as all parts of North America. She visited Europe a year ago when she was an official visitor from the ELC to the Lutheran World

Federation assembly in Hannover, Germany.

Her trip to Asia came just prior to her marriage. Although she was engaged to her future husband at the time, she felt called to go to China as a missionary. When most young girls just out of college would have been most content to marry and forget other ideas, she was firm in her conviction that she should go to China regardless of personal consideration. So, after a half year studying Chinese, she completed the year teaching at the Lena Dahl Memorial School at Singyang in Honan province, China.

It was not her first experience teaching, for she had been on the faculty of Canton Lutheran Normal School at Canton, South Dakota, (now Augustana Academy) and on the English faculty at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

Home again from her experience in China, she married Roy O. Storvick, who is now general manager of

Northern Cooperatives, Inc., at Wadena.

For a while Mrs. Storvick and her family lived in Mason City, Iowa. But wherever she has made her home, she has not lost the spirit of conviction and service that motivated her to go to the Far East as a messenger of the Church.

She has taught Sunday school most of her adult life. Last year she taught sophomores, juniors, and seniors in a Bible study class. But, she adds, her frequent absences from her home town in behalf of her synodical work make it difficult to do as much work on the local level now as she would like.

Her synodical duties, in addition to leading the WMF, include advisory membership on the boards of foreign and home missions, as well as the commission on the diaconate



Mrs. Storvick is a familiar figure at conventions and conferences

Local activity in the WMF was perhaps greatest while she was living in Mason City. While there she was president of the Trinity Ladies Aid, the St. Ansgar Circuit, and later the South Central District. She was a national vice president of the organization when she was asked to head the auxiliary in 1948.

Despite her full schedule with church work she maintains an active civic role. A year ago she was chairman of the Wadena Library Club. She holds membership in the Twentieth Century Study Club, Girl Scouts Council, the American Association of University Women, Republican Club, Parents-Teachers Association, and the Great Books Club.

Her interest in literature which she displayed with her majors in English and Latin at St. Olaf—from which she graduated *cum laude* with a third major in education, and minors in mathematics and religion—is kept alive today with an extensive home reading program. She reads to relax—unless she is listening to a good play or classical music.

Among the books which interested her during the past year were Soren Kierkegaard's Purity of Heart Is to Will One Thing, Meyer's Christ in Isaiah, Catherine Marshall's A Man Called Peter, Pierre Van Paassen's Jerusalem Calling, Slaughter's The Galilean, Costain's The Silver Chalice, and Schmidt's Confessors of His Name.

At St. Olaf she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Literary Society, worked on the *Manitou Messenger*, participated in declamatories, and was a member of the YWCA cabinet.

Mrs. Storvick is not a routinist. Each day must include some quiet time for herself and time with the family. Otherwise, she adjusts her work to meet current demands for speeches or written articles. (She writes a (Continued on page 915)

For a long time there has been close co-operation between the mission boards of the various Lutheran Churches in America so that work on contiguous fields may be developed together to the mutual benefit of all churches they have formed, and with the object of creating one single united Lutheran Church in each country. Since the war, when much of the work of European mission societies has had to receive the help of Lutheran churches in this country, there has been a closer affiliation between them and the Lutherans in this country. The need for consultation between mission secretaries of Europe and America has been intensified by the international difficulties that have sprung up in such bewildering ways in so many sections of the world. This has caused the formation of a Commission on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation. To this "commission," mission secretaries and other people responsible for mission leadership have been drawn from all over the world so that problems may be shared, resources pooled, and efforts unified.

I attended such a meeting in Bielefeld, Germany, July 20-25, after many repeated requests from European mission secretaries that I come, because of the many problems we face together. I went a little dubious about the actual values that might be received, but came home thankful to God that I had been permitted to be one of the group this year. For five days we drew the problems of world missions together into our little assembly hall so that we might share and counsel together, and rejoice in opportunities and fruits of labor reported from all lands.

The place of the meetings was itself an inspiration. Bethel Institute at Bielefeld served as host. Here almost 7,000 feeble minded, epileptic and other nervous-

ly disturbed persons were gathered together in a little city all by itself, where 2,000 deaconesses and 700 male nurses or "deacons" served the needy, together with a staff of 60 doctors and psychiatrists. The patients were not only treated as social problems, but were showered with Christian love, poured out unstintingly upon each person. Schools were conducted for the varying types of epileptic children, and trades were taught the adults who could work. During the past war the Nazi army wished to exterminate this group of human sufferers, but the leader of the institute said that if they were to do this they must begin on him. So

highly esteemed is this institution, that their hands were stayed. They did not dare to fulfil their desires, but refused permit for any collections from the people outside of their own Church. The German people came at night with food, and on Sundays came in crowds to the services so the institution and all its patients could be cared for.

I went through parts of the institution. One man, crippled by epilepsy so that he had to be strapped to his chair, and whose face and body were twisted into gruesome contortions when he talked, had a little tin box tied to his chair for collection for missions. He was mission interested, as are all the people of the institute, that has a theological seminary for training missionaries and pastors for the work at the institute and for their mission field in Tanganyika. Their passion for service is Tanganyika, but since the war, the British government has permitted only a very small allotment of their missionaries to go to their field. It was sad to meet the young men and women, trained for the work, burning with desire to go, but knowing that for the present their longing was thwarted.

Gathered for the meeting were mission secretaries from the several mission societies in the west and east zone of Germany, from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Finland, France, and the Unted States, with one representative from India and one from Indonesia. All handed in brief reports of the work of their missions, and we all rejoiced in the signs of Christian advance in various sections of the world. Most encouraging were Ethiopia showing a mass movement for Christ, 100,000 people having been brought into the evangelical Church through the efforts of the three Lutheran missions working there in the past three years, and New



Lutheran Mission Secretaries of Europe and America

Guinea reporting 13,000 converts the past year, with a total of 121,437 Christians, twice the number of baptized membership they had before the war. In most areas there were reports of steady growth, and all were heartened by a report from the interior of China showing continued activity of the Church behind the Bamboo curtain. Last Easter many Christians gathered in one area. Their greeting on Easter used to be, "Christ is Risen," now it was, "The Church has risen again."

Constitutions for union Lutheran Churches in several areas were considered, as was the union of mission activity both in organization and in institutions, showing a solidarity of purpose, and a singleness of aim and spirit that was unique. The question of ministering to the urban and industrial centers of Africa were discussed, bringing forth a resolution that would create plans whereby new opportunities in such areas will be jointly planned and shared.

The problem of mission work in India, where a stiffening of attitude of the government makes it increasingly difficult to get entrance for missionaries for evangelical work, was discussed with Dr. Manikam, the representative of the Lutheran Churches of India. Though not too optimistic as to the government attitude for the present, he had hopes for the long-time program of the indigenous church of that country. He had recently taken an extended trip through several countries of the far east and gave a very enlightening survey of his findings.

He had visited Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya and Indonesia. As a church leader coming from the younger churches he has made very searching investigation into the situation in each of the countries visited with a great deal of penetration and understanding. Of all the countries that he had visited, Burma had disturbed him the most. In this country there is a resurgence of a very aggressive type of Buddhism that is connected with an extreme spirit of nationalism. The cry among the Buddhists was: "Be Buddhist, if you are a true Burmese." There have been only five councils of world Buddhism to date since the death of Buddha 2,500 years ago. Next year the sixth such council will meet in Rangun and will be in session for two full years. Buddhism has become aggressive and states that Christianity has made a mess of the world, as judged by the last world wars, and that Buddhism is the only hope for the world. Added to this rebirth of the old pagan religion, the Government is fast becoming a welfare state that is quite totalitarian. Mission schools have been taken over in many instances by the Government and the entire medical work conducted by missions will be soon confiscated and run by the Government. Strict regulations are in force concerning the entrance of missionaries, which makes it almost impossible for the mission stations to be kept in strength to carry out

the necessary work. As an example one missionary teacher was admitted in recent months on condition that he stay for one year only and that during that time he train a man to take his place.

Thailand is the country in east Asia least influenced by Christianity. In 125 years of work the American Presbyterian Church has been able to establish a church of somewhere between 15,000-17,000. This also is a Buddhist country and the influence of the Christian community in the life of the nation, according to Dr. Manikam, is less than in other Asiatic countries. He noted a happy relationship between the national work for the indigent workers and the missionaries but indicated a great need for a better trained native mission.

Indo-China was reported as giving a favorable picture for Christian advance. There are 40,000 Christians after about 40 years' work and eight per cent of the churches are self-supporting. Malaya on the other hand creates a problem of religious liberty. There are about 80,000 Protestant Christians in Malaya but most of these are Indians and Chinese. Of the 250,000 native Malayan people only six are Christians. Treaties that have been made with the sultans of the area prohibit Christian propagation.

Dr. Manikam also reported briefly on Indonesia, marvelling at the fact that there are now 600,000 Christians whereas only four generations ago the first two missionaries were martyred. This church is now independent and is self-supporting except for help being given by the Lutheran World Federation for special institutions for training native leadership. The ephorus of this church (bishop), Dr. Justin Sikombing, was also present at this conference and gave a personal greeting to the Lutheran World Federation, expressing his heartfelt thanks for the assistance that has been given.

Besides the general meetings of the Commission, we met in sub-committees to discuss specific problems relating to special countries where we had mutual interests. Some of the knotty problems of South Africa were discussed by our Committee on Africa, and for Taiwan encouragement was given by the sub-committee and the Commission to the continuance of the future work of Lutheran missions in that country. There was also a possibility to meet other mission secretaries personally to discuss individually the questions and problems that we have mentioned to each other in letters during the past years, but now were able to talk through at leisure and at length. Pastor Amdahl of the Norwegian Mission Society and I had several opportunities to talk in detail about the Lutheran work in the Sudan, especially in reference to the proposed union hospital between their mission and ours. Thus in a few days we were able to arrive at conclusions that normally would have taken weeks and months of letter writing.

I left Bielefeld on Friday night so I could spend a (Continued on page 914)

Ambassador to Ethiopia

At the time Dr. Joseph Simonson was appointed Ambassador of the United States Government to the Empire of Ethiopia, we took note of that fact in our news columns. At about the time these lines are read, he will have reached the capital city, Addis Ababa, and will have begun his new work.

Dr. Simonson served in the ministry of The Evangelical Lutheran Church for almost exactly 22 years. This period included ten years as pastor of Moreland Church, Chicago, and ten years as pastor of Christ Church, St. Paul. The past two years he has been executive secretary of the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council.

It is not, of course, as a pastor of the Christian Church that Ambassador Simonson has gone to Ethiopia. Before he left he deposited his papers of ordination with the general secretary of the ELC. He is, as of that date, not a pastor of the Church. Should he desire to re-enter the ministry, his papers will be returned to him and he will be reinstated on the Clergy Roster. It is of some importance that this be clearly understood. There is no breach of the principle of the separation of Church and State in Mr. Simonson's appointment.

We have been interested in receiving from various readers editorials clipped from the daily press here and there commenting on the appointment. The chief point most of them make is that the more Christian men we get into public life, the better. Typical is the following editorial from a West Coast paper, The Oregon Journal:

"President Eisenhower has nominated Dr. Joseph Simonson, executive secretary of the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council, to be U. S. Ambassador to Ethiopia. Dr. Simonson, 49, is a civic leader as well as pastor in his native state of Minnesota.

"Dr. Simonson said that he looks upon the nomination with a sense of 'sober responsibility and real privilege.'

"Then the envoy-to-be added something that should be read from every pulpit and printed in every newspaper in America—yes, and included in every school textbook on civics or political science. Here it is:

"'For years I have pleaded for Christian participation in politics. It seems that now the time has come for me to increase my own activity in this field. I enter this service with the conviction that politics itself is not dirty. Where it is dirty, it is because of the unconcern and aloofness of right-thinking and high-minded people. Politics is the only tool we have for good government.'

"That's right, Dr. Simonson. Politics is dirty only when good folks are too goody-good to plunge in. And the public gets the kind of government it votes for and lets happen."

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Still Another Vie

Last week we devoted about half our editorial space to calling attention to and quoting from an article on Lutheran unity by the president of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Alfred Jensen. It will be recalled that Pastor Jensen voiced some deep fears as to the wisdom of the merger which is projected by the four bodies now so successfully negotiating with one another.

May we say at the outset that it has been the editor's privilege to be with President Jensen on many occasions. We have come to respect him for his ability and integrity and to have a high personal regard for him. When we in the following express our almost complete disagreement with him in his estimate of our merger efforts, it is simply because we do not believe that the position he takes in the matter is based on a correct interpretation of the facts.

Perhaps the most sensible way to approach the subject is to pose certain questions which arise when one reads President Jensen's objections and seek for an answer to them.

Basically, the question is: Will the proposed merger, when it is consummated, be a divisive force in American Lutheranism? Cognate to that question are these: Is the merger being proposed as "an offensive and defensive alliance" (an expression President Jensen does not use, but which has been used by others)? Does the proposed merger imply a criticism of those bodies which are not included in the negotiations?

Our first statement is made definitely and unequivocally: In the minds and hearts of those most concerned that this four-way merger shall be a success, there is not now, and never has been, any thought of being a divisive force in Lutheranism. The four bodies concerned have believed, and do believe, that there is a degree of unity among them which can find adequate expression only in an organic merging of their forces. That is the simple and unvarnished truth. Those who add to that motive are doing so without a sufficient knowledge of the facts.

That raises the question: Does such a feeling of unity imply a judgment of other Lutheran bodies? We do not see how such an inference can be legitimately drawn. Surely, the fact that certain bodies have come further in understanding one another than they have in understanding certain other bodies implies no criticism

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of the others. Suppose, even, that certain bodies have come to find among themselves certain similarities in emphasis both on doctrine and life, does the fact that, because of that, they feel that they can serve better in the Kingdom as one than as four in any way reflect upon other bodies? Frankly, we find it impossible to understand why anyone should consider such drawing together of bodies divisive.

Along the same line, we find it disturbing that some folks seem to feel that any union less than a total union of all the bodies comprising the National Lutheran Council is divisive. We find this line of reasoning disturbing for two reasons. The first is that, followed logically, it places the possibility of any major organic merger in the United States at least one, and possibly even two, generations off in the future. One should learn to be a bit realistic about these things. The bald and simple truth is that a merger of the bodies in the Council is not a present possibility. Remember that this question was voted upon by the general conventions of all eight bodies very recently and that an overwhelming vote showed that such a merger is not at present possible.

Still more disturbing is an inference which is inescapable: If we say that any merger on a lesser scale than the entire membership of the Council is divisive, we are in fact stating that a prerequisite to membership in the Council is at least tacit consent to the idea that no body accepting membership in the National Lutheran Council shall enter into merger negotiations with any groups other than the complete membership of the Council. That is surely putting in a membership qualification which the constitution and by-laws of the Council do not recognize.

No, we simply cannot accept the idea that our fourway merger is divisive, nor that it is intended to form "an offensive and defensive alliance."

Incidentally, may we in all seriousness raise the question: Is it wrong to want to be a party to the establishment of a "conservative" Lutheran body? The article from which we quoted last week casts a few reflections on the type of "conservatism" which will characterize the merged Church. But what type of "conservatism" is that? As we study the doctrinal statements of the individual merging bodies and the statements which have been agreed upon by them mutually, that con-

servatism appears to us to be three-fold: Submission to the absolute authority of Scripture; acknowledgement that the Confessions are a true interpretation of Scripture; adherence to the mode of life and practice which is current among the separate bodies. Is such "conservatism" to be deplored? We do not believe so.

The second grave fear President Jensen expresses regarding the four-way merger is that it will disrupt the National Lutheran Council. We believe that a very few words can allay that fear.

The third resolution adopted by the union committees concerned at their very first meeting (that was in 1949 when only three bodies were involved) was prefaced by these words: "Whereas, we are earnestly committed to the ultimate unity which shall include all Lutherans in America, and to the continued strengthening of the National Lutheran Council. . . ." From this position neither the Joint Union Committee nor the conventions of the negotiating bodies have ever swerved.

We do not consider that the new Church will be so large and strong that it will not need the National Lutheran Council. It would be utter folly for it, apart from the Council, to enter into Student Service work, to give up the co-operative work in American Missions, to go its own way in Public Relations, to forego the strength that lies in having a share in the work of the Division of Welfare. And what of the splendid arrangement of having the National Lutheran Council act as the American Section of the Lutheran World Federation?

Truth to tell, it seems to us that the merger will strengthen the Council. True, the two major bodies—almost of a size—may seem a bit overwhelming to the small bodies, but is not that true even today?

Further, we like to dream of the day when the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will accept membership in the National Lutheran Council—a third body of about the size of the other two. When that day dawns, we shall have, to all intents and purposes, a Lutheran Church in America united in a sense never before known in our history.

No, the merger will not disrupt the Council; certainly from the side of the new Church. It will strengthen it, make it all the more "God's greatest gift to American Lutheranism."

These lines have been written in the most utter sincerity and good faith. The editor of LUTHERAN HERALD has never attempted to conceal his intense interest in the cause of Lutheran unity. It is his heartfelt conviction that the four-way merger will be the greatest step in that direction since the blessed mergers of 23, 35, and 36 years ago.

If You Would Follow

Harold B. Kildahl

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
October 11, 1953
Text: Matthew 9:1-8

And he arose and followed Him." So simply it is put to us after two thousand years, and for a reason, I am certain. For if you would follow Jesus Christ, friend, then observe the text and see that Jesus the Savior makes men whole.

There is a good reason for the sequence of acts in the text. You see first that our Lord forgives sin. Following quickly upon forgiveness is the miracle of healing. The reason is simple. He who would be whole in this life must realize that wholeness is not physical alone, nor is it mental, but it is spiritual as well. And it can be said quite firmly that physical and mental wholeness depend on spiritual soundness to a very great extent.

We have learned in early years that our first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned against God by disobedience, and that since that fall of man all men have been experiencing consequences of sin. "By the disobedience of one sin entered into the world and death by sin." The first cause of all that would destroy the body and mind of man is to be found in disobedience, in sin. By nature, therefore, all men are subject to disease, pain, warped minds, and all the illnesses to which the flesh is heir.

In spite of it all, God loves His creations, and He loves man. He loves the souls of people and willingly seeks to win them. Thus to make men whole He sent Christ into the world to overcome the consequences of disobedience, to overthrow the power of sin, to make it possible for man to know the blessedness of a restored soul, a renewed mind, a ransomed life. It was David who realized the power of God when he cried: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." It is such a plea that is required of every man who would follow Jesus Christ. For it is still true, as Christ once said: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

If you think evil, friend, you are evil. If you think the thoughts of God after Him, you are one of His. It is only the man whose iniquity has been forgiven, whose sins are covered, who can ever hope to follow Jesus Christ. It matters not if it be the palsied one or Matthew, or your husband John or your child Mary; it all adds up to one thing alone—if you would follow Jesus Christ, sin must be forgiven, your soul made right, and your life renewed and charged with the love and the power of God.

The world is filled with people in need. If you follow Jesus Christ, then, friend, bring them unto Him, in prayer, in love, that they may be made whole. Amen.

Seminary Observes Chaplains' Day

On November 5, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Chaplains' Day will be observed at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul with a full day's program of activity. Principal address of the forenoon session will be presented by Chaplain (Major General) Ivan Bennett, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, speaking on "The Need for Chaplains in the Armed Forces." The chapel hour will be conducted by Dr. George Aus. At 11:30 present and former chaplains will hold an informal meeting with Chaplain Bennett and Dr. Gynther Storaasli, which will be followed by a noon luncheon.

Plans for the afternoon meeting include a sound film on chaplains' activities, the organization of an ELC Chaplains' Association, a panel discussion on the theme, "What Are the Opportunities to Serve Jesus Christ in the Chaplaincy of the Armed Forces," a coffee hour, and separate group discussions. At 5:30 a banquet will be held, with Dr. E. S. Hjortland speaking on "Contributions of the Chaplaincy to the Parish Ministry."

A sound movie in Technicolor on the work of the chaplain will be shown following the banquet. The evening address will be presented on the theme, "The Responsibilities of the Church."

Chairman of the committee making preparations for the day is Conrad S. Braaten, middler at the Seminary; Donald D. Danielson is the senior representative, with a junior representative having been chosen after the beginning of the school year. Dr. George Aus is faculty advisor.



Chaplain Bennett

TOWARD THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Monday, October 12 FOLLOW ME

Read John 21:1-25

When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

Peter had received a solemn charge to feed and tend the lambs and the sheep. Jesus told him that in this calling he would meet his death. Jesus wanted Peter to know what discipleship would cost Then He says simply, "Follow me." Peter was not dismayed or frightened. He stood ready to follow Jesus no matter what might lie ahead. But he was also curious about John. Jesus told him, "That is none of your business. Your full attention is to be focused on Me. Your calling is to follow." Sometimes we, too, may be tempted to compare the road we travel and the burdens that may be placed upon us as disciples of Jesus with those of others. We are so conscious of the sacrifices we are making. "What," we ask, "about the others?" To us, too, Jesus answers with two words, "Follow Me."

Dear Jesus, may our concern not be so much what is demanded of others, as that we might be true to Thee ourselves.

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Thursday, October 15 LOVE GOES ALL THE WAY

Read Ruth 1:1-22

But Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Ruth's answer to her mother-in-law is one of the most beautiful expressions of human loyalty and devotion in all literature. In spite of many good reasons why she should go back, Ruth was determined to accompany Naomi. Love has a logic all of its own. Love does not look to itself but to the welfare of the one loved. Orpah loved her mother-in-law also. But her love for her people and her gods was greater. Ruth's loyalty and devotion was undivided. She could not bear to think of parting from Naomi. In life and death she wanted to be identified with her, with her people, and with her God. In a day when loyalty and devotion are given little attention by many, the figure of Ruth stands as a reminder of these noble virtues at their very best. It puts meaning and content into the word "friendship."

Tuesday, October 13 WHITE ROBES

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes.

What a vision God gave to John! We talk about seeing the results of mission work. Let us look and see what John saw and our hearts will thrill. People from every nation gathered before Jesus, the Lord and Savior of all. All different, and yet all the same. All clothed in the righteousness of Christ, all washed clean in His blood. God is no respecter of persons. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Admission above is not on the basis of the blood that flows in our veins but upon the blood of Jesus that flowed on Calvary. Oh, the joy and the blessedness of the redeemed! Oh, that all might know that this is God's will for them in Christ.

Dear Jesus, we thank Thee for Thy blood shed for the salvation of sinners.

Amen.

Friday, October 16 THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

Read | Kings 3:1-15

"Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil."

Solomon was known far and wide for his wisdom. The question we shall consider is this: How did he get that way? First of all, Solomon was a humble man. He confesses to God he is a little child who does not know how to conduct the affairs of his people. The first step to wisdom is a knowledge of one's ignorance. Secondly, Solomon asked God to give him what he lacked. He requested the gift of an understanding mind in order that he might be better equipped to carry out his calling. He asked in faith, and God heard his prayer. Solomon was no exception. James says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God . . . and it will be given him." He will teach you the difference between right and wrong. He will lead you into the truth.

Dear God, enlighten our darkened minds with Thy truth and give us an understanding of spiritual things. Amen.

Wednesday, October 14 NO PROBLEM WITHOUT ANSWER

Read Exodus 15:1-19

But the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

When every avenue of escape seemed closed to them, God opened the way for the children of Israel. Through the Red Sea they marched dry-shod to safety. They didn't even get their feet wet. But when the Egyptians sought to follow, the water returned, and they sank as lead in the depths of the sea. This experience of the children of Israel has been the experience of the children of God in all ages. If we follow God's directions, we shall find the way is open where before it seemed impossible to go. No situation is hopeless, no problem without a solution, if we go to God for the answer. Even now you may be faced with an impossible situation. But God has the answer. I don't care what it is-if you follow His leading He will bring you dry-shod to

Dear God, my refuge and fortress, in Thee do I trust. Be Thou with me and I shall fear no evil. Amen.

Saturday, October 17 WISDOM IN ACTION

Read | Kings 3:16-28

And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

When we think of wisdom, we so often think in terms of one who has memorized a great number of facts. But to know a great many facts does not make one wise. Wisdom involves making correct and right decisions. It is not removed from the realm of practical living but goes into action in everyday clothes. Therefore this account of Solomon is most interesting. In reaching his verdict, Solomon shows an insight into the heart of man. He had a deep understanding of human nature and saw that the heart of the matter is to be found in the heart. Let us also remember this: if we are in need of counsel in matters of everyday living, let us seek such counsel from men in whom the wisdom of God dwells. A wise Christian can be a great help.

Dear God, bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

Techniques, as well as spirit, are involved in keeping the worship service a living oasis for the soul. Formal routines have a tendency to stifle spontaneity and encourage artificial forms and habits to take the place of natural expression. Rank and file are often the victims. Church on Sunday morning becomes a stern, lifeless place. This happens when the Order of Service is allowed to become an end in itself, a requirement for church membership. The average person, left to his natural inclinations, easily becomes a mute spectator at the worship. He soon retreats from participation, and since worship, like our Christian faith and life, is not a theory or an entertainment that can be served on a platter, but a personal experience, he loses the real blessings of church attendance. Vital participation is of course essential. And for this purpose we have hymn singing, a full liturgy, elevating music.

But, you may say, I am not a singer. Don't we have trained choirs to do the liturgy for us? I prefer to listen. Yes, perhaps we too often surrender the blessings of corporate worship to the choir members. By exercising their resonators, tuning their inner radios, they make soul-stirring contacts with the unseen world. In the meanwhile, the rest of us may even insist that the choir sits in full view that our "entertainment" may be complete. We want them up in front, not necessarily to lead the congregational singing, but that we may look at them. Evidently, we are a generation of chronic spectators. We are satisfied with canned music, professional sports, assembly-line ideas and comforts. The result: our neglected impulses, God-given talents and outreach ebb away in the crowd. We do not get excited about these things, especially about propellers for

We may dismiss the problem by saying that it is a matter for the individual to settle with himself and his Lord. Get him on fire for the Kingdom, and he will become active. But the sincere church musician cannot stop here—he feels that this person normally needs help, and that the object of the ministry of music, including the entire Order of Service, is to provide effective ways and means to facilitate the worship experience of those who assemble in church on Sunday morning.

Solutions may not be easy, but there are certain practices that have proven helpful in changing the habits of spectators in church. Appreciation, courage, a few fundamental techniques are to be awakened. True worship is a tremendous privilege, and we must try to keep all avenues open.

A "Bethesda by the Sea"

(Continued from page 901)

Funeral services for Mr. Knutson were held from Wadena, Minnesota on Tuesday, August 25, in charge of the Rev. O. P. Sheggeby, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at St. Cloud. Mr. Knutson was a member of the St. Cloud Church, having been in his earlier years a member of the Luther League and of the church choir. His parents were charter members of the congregation. Committal services were held at the St. Cloud Cemetery where Mr. Knutson is buried beside his brother Elmer.

In his greetings at the funeral services, Dr. M. A. Dahlen, speaking for the Church, stated:

It was only last Sunday when hundreds of people made a pilgrimage to the place of summer retreat and refreshment for Harold during the years, known as "Dunworkin."

The occasion: a public reception and recognition, a formal presentation and acceptance that these properties had now been deeded to The Evangelical Lutheran Church to be used by its Board of Charities for a high purpose, particularly mentioning "a summer retreat for neglected, unfortunate, deprived, and handicapped children."

Mr. Knutson had for several months been planning for this project and looking forward to this day. This retreat is to be a memorial to his sainted mother, who went into the very valley of the shadow to give him birth, at whose knees he prayed and where he learned to know of God and His Son and our Savior. It is to be known as the Jeannette Holm Knutson Camp.

To use his own words as he spoke to Mrs. Henry Aslakson, wife of the summer caretaker, "Ja, vi maa bede meget for dette." Translated: "Yes, we must pray much for this."

And we shall do that!

We also want to believe that this act with which he busied himself much during the last months of his life "is just according to plans" and altogether pleasing to Him who can say: "Every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

And we would want to believe that with the other attainments and contributions in life, it was also for

this that he "came into the Kingdom."

The act which we witnessed last Sunday, we would want to believe has the blessing and the benediction of Him who hath said: "Verily, I say unto you, Instmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Boys' Work in the E.L.C.

Loren M. Ness National Director

NORTH DAKOTA 4-H'ER RECEIVES AWARD



The God-Home-Country Award was presented to Lyle Dethlefson of the American Lutheran Church, Oakes, N. Dak., on Rural Life Sunday. Pictured with Lyle are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dethlefson, and Pastor R. C. Cartford. Others participating in the service were the country agent, 4-H leaders, circuit Boys' Work director, Daniel Frojen, and Mr. Leonard Orvedal, North Dakota Rural Life Commissioner. Congratulations to another fine 4-H'er who is also busy serving his Church.

WASHINGTON SCOUT HONORED



Pictured above are the participants in the ceremonies held this summer at Maple Leaf Lutheran, Seattle, during which the Pro Deo et Patria award was presented to Sea Explorer Scout Jack Everette.

L. to r. are Pastor Oliver Everette, Spike Devore, neighborhood commissioner, Arthur Sullivan, Sea Scout Skipper, Jack and George Garland, president of Maple Leaf Brotherhood. Members of Ship No. 324 also witnessed the ceremony with the congregation.

THREE DULUTH SCOUTS GET CHURCH AWARDS







Holt



Wee

Three Scouts received the Pro Deo et Patria award recently during regular services at First Lutheran Church, Duluth. They are Kenneth Neustel, Troop 38; Howard Holt and David Wee, both members of Troop 21, sponsored by the Brotherhood of First Lutheran. The awards were presented by Dr. Morris Wee, pastor, in recognition of outstanding service to the church on the part of these Scouts.

Correspondence

"THE DISTORTED VISION"

▶It augurs well for the future that from all over the ELC body there are reactionary voices to such immature literary hodge-podge as the "sermon" (found in the August 4 issue) to guide our intellects and our souls. I thank God personally for a "distorted vision," if that it is according to modernized ecclesiastical terminology, to join my voice and vote and vitality against the spiritual handicap of a commercialized church. If it takes "lutefisk," "lefse," "meatballs," "smorgaasbord," "bazaars" and "funny faces" to bring in the money that we need to support the Kingdom of Christ here and abroad, we will disintegrate fast as a Church. May I be permitted to refer the author of "The Distorted Vision" and others in the same disrespectful category to the book, What About Church Suppers and the Like, for sale at Augsburg for fifty cents. It will clear up a lot.

(THE REV.) JOHANNES HOIFJELD Orland, Calif.

►It was heartwarming to read in LUTHERAN HERALD, Sept. 8, the two letters regarding the "Distorted Vision" sermon printed in the HERALD of Aug. 4.

More and more, churches seem to be turning toward money-raising projects such as dinners, with less and less

accent on "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

More and more numerous and lengthy are the discussions regarding amount of lutefisk or number of meat balls or size of bazaar booths, and less and less are the churches that have a weekly Bible study, prayer meeting, or Sunday evening worship.

Let us pray earnestly that our undershepherds, those who lead and guide in our churches, shall be so strengthened in faith, so fitted by their own lives to be an example, that there will be a greater impact on our people as a whole. "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits."

Mrs. C. H. LINDQUIST Chicago, Ill.

REGARDING "HISTORICAL ERROR CORRECTED"

Permit, Mr. Editor, a few observations on Dr. Iver Iversen's "Historical Error Corrected" in the Herald's issue of Sept. 8, by the writer of the news item which in an earlier issue referred to the recent church celebration in Trondheim as a commemoration of "the 800th anniversary of the Church of Norway as an independent national church."

I used the term in its accepted historical sense, which is, when applied to medieval conditions in Western Christendom: When the church of any given country ceased to be regarded as a "mission church," during which time it was under the supervision of a metropolitan see having jurisdiction over several countries, and was created a separate church province under a national archbishop, it was said to be an independent national church. The word "independent" as thus used has no reference to the post-Reformation idea of doctrinal and jurisdictional independ-

ence of the Pope; nor does it refer to the age-long rivalry for power between secular and ecclesiastical rulers. That rivalry did not cease in Norway with the year 1153. A case in point is the struggle of King Sverre, who reigned from 1177 to 1202; his strife with Pope was much more pronounced than that of King Harald III (1047-1066), mentioned by Dr. Iversen.

(Dr.) HERMAN E. JORGENSEN News Editor, Lutheran Herald

The Correspondence page is intended to be an open forum for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this page are those of the writers, with which the editor may or may not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited. It goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teaching of the church will be accepted.

Lutheran Mission Secretaries

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couple days with our missionaries learning the French language in Paris. I found them all well and I give personal greetings to you all from Dr. and Mrs. Conrad Eastwold, Rev. and Mrs. Arndt Braaten, Miss Constance Lovaas, Miss Patricia Cota and Rev. Hiram Ellingson of our mission, and Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Torgerson of the Lutheran Free Church. It was very interesting on Sunday morning as I attended the French Lutheran church at Le Perreux on the outskirts of Paris, to meet Dr. Bernhard Christensen of the Lutheran Free Church, who was just beginning a trip which will reach into several sections of Europe. I had a fine fellowship with the missionaries on Sunday afternoon and on Monday spent some time with Pasteur Jean Waltz, President of the Paris District of the Lutheran church and Pastor Blanc of the local church in Le Perreux. I found that this Paris area has about 50,000 members in its various churches. They find their work rather difficult in the spiritual atmosphere of France at the present time, which is rather lethargic towards things pertaining to God and His Kingdom. Services are not well attended and there is not a great deal of mission interest. We therefore arranged for a closer fellowship between our missionaries studying in Paris and this Lutheran church. They will take our missionaries into their pastoral conference and into their churches so that our missionaries may be orientated of the things of France and that they in turn may possibly give to the church of that area some of our mission zeal. We have had very good relationships with this Lutheran church down through the years and it was interesting to note that the church in which we wor shipped on Sunday was founded by Pastor Boury who has been a personal friend of the mission secretaries of our church for a long time and whose son was a mission a ary in the Cameroon.

Meet the President of WMF

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page in the monthly WMF News Bulletin and has written a series of Lenten devotionals and a series on the subject the Christian Life for use at WMF Bible camps.) While many women might prefer to relax on the divan, she insists on taking a walk daily. Friends are always calling, and she finds entertaining them one of her chief pleasures.

Both she and her husband enjoy concerts, operas, and plays, and once in a while a good musical comedy. They especially enjoy visiting with their children—most of whom are now away from home. Both sons, Olin and David, are married and are doing post gradu-

ate study at the University of Michigan, Olin in Greek and David in mathematics. The oldest daughter, Rosalie, graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, last spring. Sonja, just entering senior high school, is at home.

As president of the WMF, Mrs. Storvick believes the organization's emphasis on individual consecration, prayer, Bible study, and true stewardship is making a great impact on the Church. She is enthusiastic that the organization can be of particular worth to the Church in Home Mission areas by making contacts via the home. And it is the contact with the mother in the home that she considers the "most fertile field" in which the Church can work.

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

The Rev. Erling Wold, until recently director of public services at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, was installed Sept. 20 as pastor of Emmanuel Church, North Hollywood, California, by District President Falde. The following day the congregation honored him and his family with a reception. The Burr Oak Church, Burr Oak, Iowa, where Pastor Wold had lately been serving as interim pastor, gave him a farewell reception on Sept. 6.

The Rev. Paul M. Fretheim was installed Sept. 20 as pastor of the Elk Creek-Price parish, Osseo, Wis.

The Rev. Hans Nelson, whose health now is almost fully restored after an extended period of impairment, has begun an interim ministry at Mizpah, Minn.

The Rev. E. Roald Carlson has been the pastor of the Henning parish in northern Minnesota since his ordination, which took place at Henning Aug. 23, Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District, officiating. Among assisting clergymen at the ordination were two brothers of the ordinand, Pastors Oliver and Arne Carlson. The newly ordained pastor has since his graduation from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., been doing graduate work at Biblical Seminary, New York, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was born March 9, 1925, in Madagascar, where his parents were missionaries. In 1948 he was graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Dr. H. J. Glenn, pastor emeritus of First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is serving as interim pastor of Bethel Church, Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Harold S. Reitz was installed Sept. 27 as pastor of Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. S. G. Knudson, Lignite, N. Dak., has accepted a call to Harlem, Montana.

The Rev. Bennett O. Opdahl, Bonner, Montana, has accepted a call to Old Westbrook-Highwater parish, Westbrook, Minn.

Paul D. Rusten has resigned as executive director of ELC Films, audiovisual center of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, after five years of service.

The Rev. Herbert S. Larson and wife were recently honored by his parish at Gary, Minn., with a dinner, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their wedding. A purse of money was presented them. Members from all but one of the five parishes which Pastor Larson has served took part in the festivities.

The Rev. Harry R. Baker, Columbia Falls, Montana, has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Hempstead Gardens on Long Island, New York; he will move there in December.

The Rev. P. C. Haaland, pastor of the Belfield parish in North Dakota since 1942, began Sept. 15 serving as manager of an old people's home in Arnegard, N. Dak. The Belfield parish gave him a farewell reception Aug. 30 and presented him with a purse of money.

The Rev. Alvin H. Rogen, studying under the Council for Clinical Training in preparation for institutional chaplaincy, is spending the fall quarter at Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, under the Menninger Foundation, and will spend the winter quarter in study, under the supervision of Chaplain B. B. Nielsen, at the Jamestown State Hospital, Jamestown, N. Dak.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Eau Claire, Wis. Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. G. O. Halverson, had its new guild hall dedi-

ILLINOIS VILLAGE PARISH HAS NEW PARSONAGE



The picture shown herewith is of the parsonage of Helmar Church in the village of Helmar in northern Illinois. It was built, at a cost of \$30,000, by the congregation shortly after it separated from the West Lisbon parish to form a separate parish. The parsonage was dedicated last summer by District President Anderson. The pastor of the Helmar parish since last April has been the Rev. O. Laaveg.

cated Sept. 13. Dr. L. N. Field, professor at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., was the officiant. The new building, which is partly a restoration of an earlier structure, partly a new edifice, was erected at a cost of \$70,000, exclusive of furnishings. It contains besides offices and rooms for the use of congregational organizations also 11 classrooms. A contribution to its cost was a recent gift of \$11,851 from the estate of the late Miss Clara Bolling.

Evanston, Ill. Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. David Boxrud, installed Miss Evelyn Schaefer as parish counselor and Mr. Audun Ravnan as minister of music.

Brooklyn, N. Y. Five young members of Trinity Church began this fall their theological studies at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul: Gerard Gundersen, Harold Jansen, Paul Johnson, Donald Ospenson, and Thoralf Skeie. Another seminarian from Trinity is Herbert Strom, now an intern in Missoula, Mont.

Southern Minnesota

Le Roy, Minn. The Ladies Aid of Le Roy Church, parish of the Rev. B. A. Lund, has voted to support a foreign missionary.

South Central

Dallas, Texas. The annual convention of the Texas Circuit Brotherhood was held Sept. 19-20 at Central Lutheran Church. Guest speakers were: Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of Lutheran Herald, and A. W. Strand, president of the South Central District Brotherhood. A number of lay members of the Cir-

cuit Brotherhood spoke on the theme "My Church."

Ames, Iowa. The Beloit Children's Home held its annual fall festival Oct. 4. Speakers were: the Rev. Ivar Gjellstad, Decorah, Iowa, and Miss Kathryn Markhus. The latter has recently returned from Berlin, Germany, from work among young girl refugees from the East Zone.

North Dakota

Grand Forks, N. Dak. University Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. R. S. Aanestad, will have its new church dedicated Sunday afternoon Oct. 11, by District President Tallakson. At pre-dedication services held during the preceding week speakers will be the Rev. John Gaardsmoe, pastor of the United Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, and the Rev. O. H. Hove, general secretary of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Litchville, N. Dak. North La Moure Church, parish of the Rev. Elias Kristensen, celebrated its 70th anniversary Oct. 4. Speakers were: Dr. L. E. Tallakson, president of the North Dakota District; three former pastors of the parish: J. S. Strand, Joseph E. Lee, and Frederick Dahl; and the Rev. H. O. Gilbertson, a son of the congregation.

South Dakota

Irene, S. Dak. Salem Church, parish of the Rev. I. J. Lovseth, observed its 60th anniversary Sept. 12-13. Among the speakers were three former pastors of the congregation: J. M. Johnson, Maple Plain, Minn.; E. O. Urness, Milnor, N. Dak.; and P. A. Nordsletten, Viroqua, Wis.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT GRADUATES OF NORTH DAKOTA CHURCH



The picture herewith presented shows the four recent graduates from the Bible department of the St. Olaf Church Sunday school, Grenora, N. Dak., flanked by the school's superintendent, J. Quarne, and the teacher of the class, Mrs. A. Sneva. The pastor of the Grenora parish is the Rev. Wallace A. Hunstad.

Rocky Mountain

Fairfield, Montana. A Baldwin electric organ was dedicated at a dedicatory concert Sept. 13 at St. Paul's Church, parish of the Rev. E. E. Tollefson. This church was given the recognition of being the outstanding rural congregation in the state of Montana in 1951.

California

Oakland, Calif. Miss Lois Hansing, a native of Nebraska, is the new parish worker in Central Church, Oakland, Calif. Director of the senior choir of the church is Miss June Eastvold, formerly of Ortonville, Minn.

Thousand Oaks, Calif. Ascension Church, parish of the Rev. L. O. Sunde, recently had its new church and parsonage dedicated by District President Falde.

Los Angeles, Calif. The WMF of Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. Myrus Knutson, observed its 50th anniversary Sept. 25. The speaker was District President Falde.

Tucson, Arizona. The new ELC congregation in this city will be formally organized in November. Its first worship service was held May 3, with 119 in attendance. It has a Sunday school with twelve teachers. Recently a plot of 2½ acres has been purchased a building site for a church. The pastor is the Rev. Harold J. Larsen.

OBITUARIES

The Rev. C. G. Bjelland

The Rev. Carl G. Bjelland, who since his retirement in 1929 from the parish ministry on account of failing health has lived in Northfield, Minn., passed away Sept. 3, in his 84th year.

Pastor Bjelland was born May 19, 1870, at Sogndal, Dalane, Norway Came to the United States in child hood. He attended Concordia College, Augsburg College, and the United Church Seminary, graduating from the last named institution in 1899. He served the following parishes: Bethe Church, Minneapolis, 1899-1905; the Homme institutions, Wittenberg, Wis, 1905-11; Hanska, Minn., 1911-20; Wattoma, Wis., 1921-29. While in Witter berg he edited the papers published by the Homme institutions there. In 196 he organized The United Church Hopital Association, which built Fair view Hospital in Minneapolis, and le served as the first president of the as sociation. In 1911 he married Minnie L. Rundhaug, who together with two sons and two daughters survives him

Mrs. J. A. Stavik

Mrs. Emelia Stavik, a resident of the L. C. Foss Sunset Home and a faithful member of Denny Park Church, Seattle, Wash., died Aug. 31, almost 96 years of age. At the funeral Sept. 2 the Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr officiated, in the absence of her pastor, the Rev. B. T. Gabrielsen. Mrs. Stavik was born Sept. 3, 1857, in Trondheim, Norway. She came to the United States in 1883, and married J. A. Stavik in 1887. She is survived by one son, two daughters, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Windom Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 8 at Windom, Minn.

Sioux Falls Circuit will meet Oct. 12 at Brandon, S. Dak. Speakers: Dr. Orville Dahl and the Rev. Oliver Bergeland.

Sioux City Circuit WMF will meet at Inwood, Iowa, Oct. 6.

Denver Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 13-14 at Our Saviour's Church, Casper, Wyoming. Speakers: Mrs. A. L. Abrahamson and Dr. Fredrik Schiotz.

The Zion Socety for Israel will hold its 75th annual convention Oct. 9-11 at Eagle Grove Lutheran Church, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Opening session Oct. 9, 8:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Lodi, Wis., will celebrate its 85th anniversary Oct. 11. Confirmands' reunion the preceding evening.

Estherville Circuit LDR will meet Oct. 18, 3:00 p.m. at Wallingford, Iowa.

Visitors and new arrivals in Tucson, Arizona, are invited to worship with the new ELC congregation in Tucson, which currently meets at Peter Howell School, 401 No. Irving Ave. Worship services every Sunday at 11:00 a.m., and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Harold J. Larsen, may be reached by telephone 5-6832.

Sisseton Circuit will hold its fall convention Sunday afternoon and evening Oct. 11 at Brandvold Church near Rosholt, S. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. Norman Anderson.

At Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., will be held Oct. 20 a rural life conference. Speaker: Dr. F. W. Mueller.

Michigan Circuit WMF will meet Saturday forenoon and afternoon, Oct. 17, at East Jordan, Michigan. Speakers: Philip Hanson of the LBI faculty and Mrs. E. W. Sihler.

Stordahl Church near Zumbrota, Minn., will observe its 75th anniversary Oct. 11.

Moorhead Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 6 at Halstad, Minn. Speaker: the Rev. Lloyd Sand of Sudan.

Eau Claire Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 13 at First Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wis. Speakers: Miss Alice Sanne, Dr. Gertrude Hilleboe, and Missionary Arthur Anderson.

St. Ansgar Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 6 at Clear Lake, Iowa. Speaker: the Rev. Agnar Tanner.

Grand Forks Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 14 at St. Olaf Church near Reynolds, N. Dak.

Clearwater Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 9 at Gully, Minn. Speakers: the Rev. A. N. Skogerboe, Miss Inga Hamre, and Miss C. Frederickson.

Former students and teachers at Red Wing Lutheran Ladies Seminary will meet in reunion at Luther College Loyalty Hall, Decorah, Iowa, Oct 16, 1:00 p.m. Report to Mrs. T. L. Rosholt (Anna Hendrickson), 315 View St., Decorah, Iowa.

Texas Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 17 at Oak Cliff Church, Dallas, Texas. Speaker: Mrs. Odvin Hagen.

Decorah Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 6 at Marion Church, Gunder, Iowa.

Evangelistic meetings will be held Oct 13-18 at Norway Church, 3½ miles northeast of Aneta, N. Dak. Speaker: Evangelist Wm. Vaswig.

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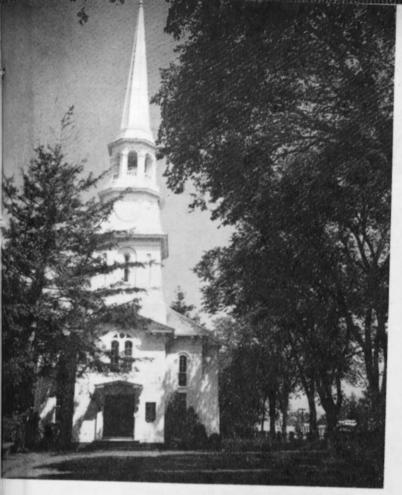
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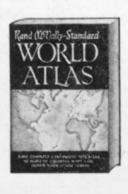
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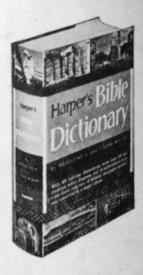
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