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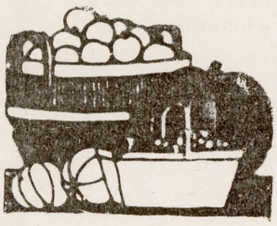
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Too Many Organizations

Someone has said when the devil wants to destroy a movement he gets it organized. A guard in charge of a large group of insane people when asked if he was afraid of being overpowered answered "you know the insane never organize." The Church must accomplish its work thru organized effort. However, it is possible thru over organization to dissipate energy to a degree that will prove disastrous. That situation has already made itself felt in our Church at large, and in some congregations.

In years past congregations were organized, money freely voted out of the Church Extension, only to discover shortly that there was no field. A good preliminary survey of the field would have demonstrated the futility of the effort. Plainly the time has come when we must cease to set up new organizations either on a synodical or local basis, without first making a survey as to needs. We are as a Church pursuing a policy which in its ultimate tendency is so divisive that unless it is checked will prove ruinous.

The remedy must be found in joint counciling of our leaders to avoid overlapping of efforts in related fields. There must be no organization for the sake of organization. Here it is safe and wise to apply a principle of mechanics: simplicity first and last.

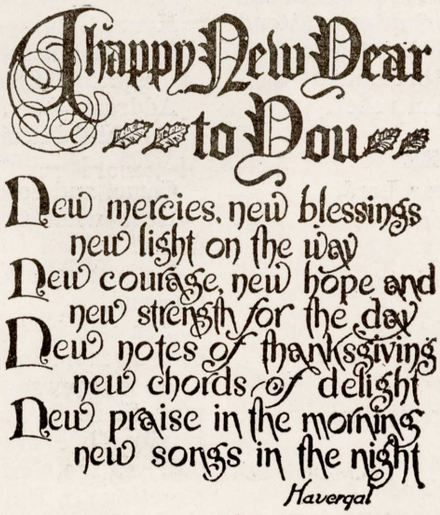
The Congregation in many places has become sort of a vestibule thru which one enters into some highly selective group endeavour where Sunday worship and spiritual matters are subordinate issues.

T. C. T.

Armageddon

Where will the decisive battle of the present world war be fought? Will it be on land or sea, will it be in Europe or Asia? No one knows. At present there are indications however, that the battle front may shift increasingly to the East. And if it swerves to the East, will the battleground be the most strategically located land, the land that lies at the intersection of three continents? Will Palestine again as in World War I become the battlefield of nations? Is Prophecy in the process of fulfillment and is the battle of Armageddon to be fought in this war? There are signs in keeping with such an interpretation. And while that is true, the signs are not decisive. Now we know that Palestine is once more to become the homeland of the Jews, and that historic fact is in process of accomplishment today. We also know that the conversion of the Jews will be preceded by extreme tribulation. But, that seems to be all we may know for the present. Prophecy may outline events, but we have not been furnished a time schedule. We are, after all, like spectators at a drama; we watch the unfolding of the story waiting for the climax. As we watch the successive acts we may attempt to forecast the end, but we might be wholly mistaken. Only this we know, thru history one increasing purpose runs, the redemption of the race.

T. C. T.



The Handwriting on the Wall

Dr. Koldewey's excavations in Babylon laid bare the throne-room of the Neo-Babylonian kings. On one side of this hall there is a double-recessed niche where the throne stood, presumably. Here then sat king Belshazzar on that fatal night in 539 B.C. Facing the king sat "a Thousand of his lords." During this drunken revelry, while they toasted the gods of Babylon in wine out of sacred temple vessels from Jerusalem, "came forth fingers of a man's hand and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace." The hand tracing the writing appeared on the wall opposite the king. The guests facing the king saw first the terror that seized him and then discovered the cause of it. The excavations showed that the walls were covered with a chalk or white gypsum. Now the handwriting not only demonstrated that the supernatural was present in the king's palace, but it blazed in a conviction native to the Babylonians. For they believed that the decrees of the gods were written on tablets of fate in heaven. So Nebuckadnezzar in one place prays to the god Nebo: "O triumphant one . . . upon thine unerring tablet, which establishes the whole round of heaven and earth, decree me length of days." It is quite certain therefore that both the king and his guests considered the handwriting on the wall, a transcript of a tablet of fate. But what did it mean? Well, Daniel answered that question.

T. C. T.

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Mme. Flagstad Recital for Norwegian Relief

Madame Kirsten Flagstad, the prima donna soprano, will give a benefit recital in the Civic Opera House on Friday evening, January 17, 1941. The entire proceeds of this concert will go for Norwegian relief.

Efforts are being made and invitations have gone out to their royal highnesses Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha to attend this concert.

Invitations to be present have also gone out to Minister Morgenstierne and Consul Maseng. The entire national board expects to be present as well as the officials of the Illinois state committee.

To all music lovers, Madame Kirsten Flagstad has become a household name. Hers has been the greatest triumph the world has witnessed in many years. The *New York Sun* critic, Mr. Oscar Thompson, says, "There is reason to ponder anew the rare good fortune of a generation privileged to hear singing of such splendor."

Tickets are on sale at the usual ticket offices. For special blocks of seats call Mr. Gilbert at the Civic Opera House, telephone DEArborn 9737, or Carl E. Abrahamson, telephone CENtral 2768, or the Norwegian Relief, Inc. office, FRAnklin 0960.

It is expected that the house will be sold out at the regular concert prices. This is an opportunity to attend a concert given by this gracious and popular Norwegian soprano and at the same time make, through the tickets purchased, a donation to Norwegian relief.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

I want my heart made pure, dear Lord,
I want to know and love Thy Word;
To be all glorious within,
Freed from each spot and stain of sin.

I want the New Year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer, and praise.
Some little things to do for Thee,
For Thou hast done great things for me.

I want some other soul, to bring
To Thee, my Saviour and my King.
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
For Thou canst all my wants supply.

Chicago Circuit Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 12, 4 P. M.

The Chicago Cicuit meeting will be held at Bethel Church, Rev. J. B. Shefveland, Pastor. There will be reports of Circuit activities and election of officers. The program for the meeting to be given centers about Parish Education. The afternoon session will be devoted to group meetings. The subject matter for discussion will be based on situations developed by the fact finding groups of teachers and officers during 1939 and 1940. The arrangements have been made by the executive group of the Chicago Circuit Sunday School Superintendents Assn. In the evening Rev. Lewis Moe will present a survey of the S. S. work in our Chicago Circuit. There will be group reports and discussion based on the reports.

The afternoon meeting will begin at 4 P.M. Refreshments will be served. The evening meeting will begin at 7.30.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL WINTER CONVENTION

Hostess to Convention—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Rev. John P. Gaardsmoe, Pastor.
Place of Convention—Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Laramie and Berteau Aves., Chicago.
Time—Tuesday, January 21st, 10:00 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. Luncheon, 12:00 Noon.

MORNING SESSION—10:00 A. M.
- Invocation and Welcome—Rev. John P. Gaardsmoe.
- Business Session—Reports from all officers and secretaries.
- Election of Officers.
- Norwegian Classic—Translated into English by Mrs. L. O. Anderson.
- Luncheon—Served by ladies of Bethlehem Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.
- Devotion—Sister Superior Marie Rorem.
- Hymn Singing—Led by Rev. A. H. Snesrud.
- Special Music—By quartette of Ministers from the Chicago Circuit.
- Address—Rev. Bernhard Helland, Missionary from Santal Mission, India.

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Come, and enjoy a full day of spiritual blessing.

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Delight your soul with a good sing, led by Rev. A. H. Snesrud.

You will be blessed by hearing our speaker, a Missionary from India, home on furlough.

As we approach a New Year with new opportunities, may there be the unfolding of new realities in our spiritual life; may we seek to find Him as the shepherds did, and the New Year will prove to be a real blessing. Greetings in His name.

Mrs. Magnus Ronning, President
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A Cappella Chorus to Sing at Orchestra Hall, Friday, Feb. 7



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The St. Olaf Choir is without a peer in the art of choral singing. Others have learned a great deal from this unexcelled organization which year after year never suffers a let down, due to the genius of the Director, F. Melius Christiansen.

This musical missionary group continues to elevate the regular church choir and all that pertains to the ministry of music.

Without doubt, representatives from every one of our Chicago Circuit Churches will want to avail themselves of this opportunity to again hear the superb rendition of Lutheran Chorals.

A reservation of 100 exchange tickets has already been made by an outside organization.

Spread the good news of the Choir's coming to all who are interested in the better church music.

If there is anything left after all expenses are paid in connection with the choir's visit to Chicago, the money will go to supplying Bibles for the poor and the blind in Cook County. This is a worthy cause, and the Chicago Bible Society at 35 East Wacker Drive will appreciate your every cooperation in this great effort.

Popular prices range from 50 cents and upward.

Telephone Central 2166 for the exchange tickets at once.

73% of Synodical Budget Raised

Urgent Need for Greater Effort as Fiscal Year Nears Close!

Approximately 73% of the amount needed or $629,-315.73 has come in to date. 27% remains to be raised by January 31st, the close of this fiscal year . . . just a brief time.

How does your church stand? It is of vital importance that it reaches 100%. This can be done under God. We need your help very much as well as that of the Circuit Stewardship Committee. This help is needed **now.** Only one month left of this fiscal year!

720 congregations contributed more than their apportionment last year. We hope that this number will be increased for 1940.

The Lord has been generous to us. Let us be generous to Him and His cause.

Sincere thanks to you for your help in this great work.

With kind greetings, I remain

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bergsaker.

"To live with Socrates—with unveiled face—must have made one wise; with Aristides, just. Francis of Assisi must have made one gentle; Savonarola, strong. But to have lived with Christ must have made one like Christ; that is to say, A Christian."—Henry Drummond.

The Record of Our Stewardship

Pastor	*Congregation*	1940 *Appor.*	*Raised* 1940
Anderson, L. O.	—Trinity N.L., Evanston	$ 304.41	$ 336.42
Austinson, M. C.	—Grace Ev. L. Ch.	298.39	310.61
Biorn, B. R.	—Medill Ave. Luth.	323.82	270.73
Carlsen, Sam	—Hauges Ev. Luth.	765.00	1,363.39
Dahlen, M. A.	—Nazareth L.	316.21	317.21
Engelstad, Conrad N.	—Zion Ev. Luth.	1,405.18	991.55
Erickson, Fred M.	—Ebenezer L.	508.70	416.46
Feroe, J. G.	—Trinity, Long Lake	.....	.....
Fjeldstad, O. G.	—St. Timothy L.	1,320.85	1,139.05
Fretheim, M. E.	—Park View	517.61	5.00
Gaardsmoe, J. P.	—Bethlehem	219.87	165.00
Grefthen, O. L.	—Lake View	260.62	.....
Hegge, E. M.	—United Ev. Luth. S. L. Thompson, Asst.	2,836.28	2,921.57
Holen, E. O.	—Norw. L. Memorial Ch.	130.00	65.00
Ingvoldstad, O.	—Faith Eng. Ev. L.	235.00	194.79
Johnson, E. L.	—Central Ev. L., Austin	220.71	165.00
Johnson, Oscar J.	—St. Olaf L.	235.71	244.30
Jordahl, V. T.	—Our Saviors	625.00	295.00
Lygre, C. G.	—Immanuel, Rocky River	.....	30.68
Medin, M. J.	—Luth. Ch. of the Redeemer	428.20	68.30
Moe, Lewis	—1st Ev. L., Logan Sq.	1,367.50	394.13
Nasby, A. G.	—Edison Park Luth.	585.61	635.00
Norstad, M.	—Elim Ev. Luth. Ch.	341.45	341.45
Olson, Stanley R.	—Immanuel Luth.	400.41	119.25
Peterson, Henry	—Trinity Ev. L.	355.70	387.24
Pikop, A. C.	—Trinity L., Aurora	150.20	84.40
Rognlie, I. H. M.	—Zion	616.80	298.91
Running, O. M.	—Christ Luth.	647.91	612.25
Shefveland, J. B.	—Bethel L.	1,400.50	771.96
Snesrud, A. A.	—Moreland	1,324.25	741.49
Thorson, J. E.	—Our Saviors Eng.	999.30	696.31
Thorson, T. C.	—Bethany Ev. L.	441.50	402.80
Turnquist, W. A.	—Hope Luth. p.p.	55.45	15.00
Tysdal, T. W.	—Trinity Luth.	524.66	83.68
		$20,301.16	$14,883.93
			73.3%



BETHEL CHURCH today welcomes the Chicago Circuit to hold the Annual Meeting here this afternoon and evening. Very valuable sessions will be held at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. discussing the important question of "Christian Education through our Sunday Schools."

It was a happy announcement to tell of the generous Christmas Gift given Bethel Church by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Saltness in the form of a $230.00 check to be used in applying on the new church lighting fixtures. This new Church Equipment given by the Church Choir is now paid for in full. A considerable sum had been paid by the Choir before this check came.

Bethel lost one of her senior members by the death of Mrs. Valborg Holm, who slept on in Jesus' Name on Dec. 20th. She and her deceased husband, Mr. Peter Holm, joined Bethel in 1894, the year of their marriage. Both these departed members were faithful and loyal to their God and Church, and have left a beautiful memory in the lives of all who knew them. Mrs. Holm leaves to mourn her loss her three daughters: Mrs. Frank Senge, Mrs. Richard Euchler, and Mrs. Ivan Carlson and their families. Blessed be her memory.

A new Christian Literature Rack has been placed in the Main Exit of the Church, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Munkvold. New Literature will be placed in this Rack from time to time for the membership to take home with them and read.

The former Dorcas Society in Bethel Church has now become a part of Bethel Ladies Aid, and will form an evening Circle to meet the evening of the day the Circles usually meet. The new name for this group will be: "The Anna Circle." Mrs. Jonas Foss will be the president of this Circle.

Bethel Parsonage was an "OPEN HOUSE" to all church members and friends on New Year's Day. Altho the rain fell all day and late into the night, a splendid group of friends came to wish the pastor and his family a very Blessed New Year.

Joseph Shefveland, Pastor.

BETHANY CHURCH—On Sunday, Dec. 29th the Senior and Junior Choirs sponsored a Candle Light service. Following that service the graduates and students of Luther College, six in number, took part in a program setting forth the needs for a Girls' Dormitory at Luther. There was a generous response to the appeal. The Ladies Guild brought two Christmas presents for the congregation on Christmas Day. One was a supply of the new Lutheran Hymnaries, the other was a beautifully made "altar lectern." The designer and maker of the lectern is Mr. Wm. Jones, a member of Bethany. Bethany Junior League was host to a Junior League sectional meeting Friday evening, Dec. 27. Sister Magdalene was in charge. Rev. Myron Austinson brought the message. There were one hundred and seventeen present. Pastors present: Jesse Thorson, Medin, Austinson, Running, Gaardsmoe Moe. Now to assemble so many Junior Leaguers and so many pastors at such a time, that was an event.

Our young people home for the Christmas vacation have returned to school.

Margaret Barth and Veda Thorson to Luther and Ernie Dahl to Iowa State at Ames. Two of our young men are in Uncle Sam's service. Henry Schrader, Jr., is at Cristobal, Panama and his brother Earl Schrader, is on a Destoyer at San Francisco, Calif.

T. C. Thorson, Pastor.

REDEEMER PLANS 25TH ANNIVERSARY—The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer is planning special services and other events in 1941 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the official organization of the congregation. This important event in our history took place on January 9, 1916. Sunday, January 26th, has been set aside as "Kingdom Loyalty Sunday" and will inaugurate the series of commemorative events leading up to the main anniversary services and programs to be held in the Fall. January 26th a special service will be held at 11:00 o'clock with an outside speaker preaching. At 5:00 o'clock a musical program will be given after which refreshments will be served. At 7:30 P. M. moving pictures of foreign mission fields will be shown. We hope many of our friends from other churches will spend the afternoon and evening with us. All are cordially invited.

A confirmation reunion was held on January 10th.

MEMBERS Over 17—DO NOT FAIL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION MONDAY, January 13th, at 7:30 P. M.!

On December 30th our church was the scene of the annual Christmas dinner and program of our Chicago Circuit pastors and their families. Ninety-five guests enjoyed the dinner prepared by Mrs. Andrew Anderson and her willing helpers. Later Christmas gifts were exchanged and a splendid program enjoyed. Pastor Snesrud sang, Mr. Anderson of Evanston gave cornet solos, and Pastor Rydbeck from the Augustana Synod informed and inspired all with his splendid lecture and moving pictures on the Holy Land. How amazing is the fulfillment of so many Biblical prophecies in the Palestine of today. God's word never fails. We make that thought our New Year's greeting to all.

—Myron J. Medin, Pastor.

EDISON PARK CHURCH—The reports from all organizations that will be brought to the Annual meeting of the Congregation tomorrow evening give occasion for rejoicing. The past year has brought great blessings. The Board of Trustees is happy to report to the Congregation that in addition to the payment of interest as due they were able to pay off four first mortgage bonds totalling $2,000.00. The Synodical Budget has been not only met but oversubscribed. The Ladies Aid had a banner year. Especially commendable was the raising of $974.00 through the Penny-a-Meal. All are looking forward to a new year of work and worship.

The New Ladies Aid President is to be Mrs. Helen Torgerson. Mrs. Louis Larson retires with a splendid record.

The Next Evening Gospel Service will be held Sunday evening, January 19th at 7:45 P.M. There is a real response to this service. Special music is provided.

The Junior Confirmation Class will register Saturday morning, January 25th at 10:30 A.M. Members must have reached the age of 12 by January 1st of this year.

The New Officers of the congregation are to be installed at the morning services, January 26th.

A very large group will hear the Flagstad Concert for Norwegian Relief, January 17th.

An offering is to be taken this month for orphaned Foreign Missions. *A. Gordon Nasby,* Pastor.

FIRST LUTHERAN EVENTS—The rendition of the complete Messiah by the Senior Choir was well received by qualified critics. Many have expressed the hope that the First Lutheran would make the rendition of this beautiful Oratorio an annual event.

The Annual Business Meeting of January the 8th was well attended featuring the presence of many young people. All reports gave testimony to the progress which the Congregation had made in 1940. Plans were made for 1941 with substantial numbers in youthful leadership.

Officers for the ensuing year will be installed and formally accepted by the congregation at the regular morning worship on Sunday, January the 19th. In former years this service has been very impressive and it will be no less attractive this year. Plan to be present.

Those who contemplate to join the Adult Confirmation Class for Palm Sunday will meet for enrollment on Monday, January the 20th at 7:00 P.M. in the sacristy's office.

February the 3rd, has been designated by the congregation as the date beginning the Centennial Appeal canvass. We solicit the prayers and cooperation of the membership for this worthy cause.

GRACE CHURCH—A Blessed New Year to all! We wish our fellow Christians and co-laborers in the faith a prosperous year of growth and in gathering into the army of the Lord. 1941 must be a great year and it will be if we are faithful. These are days in which we "must be about our Father's Business." The world is a challenge to us.

The first important event out of the ordinary in our activities as a congregation is the Annual Meeting which will be held on Monday, January 13. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock. It is the privilege and also the obligation of every voting member of the congregation to be present at this session.

Beginning on January 12 the pastor will preach a series of sermons on the seven churches mentioned in the second and third chapters of Revelation. This series will be concluded before the season of Lent.

Our thanks go out at this time of the year to all who have been faithful in service during the past year. We do most heartily thank those who have rendered the best support which they were able to muster for the support of the cause. A good year means that many small tasks have been done well. Prayers, moral support and financial assistance are the result of Christian faith. Let us be faithful in 1941.

Myron C. Austinson, Pastor.

HAUGE CHURCH (The Little Home-like Church)—One more member of our church is making ready to leave for the Foreign Mission Field. Miss Alida Agrimson will sail from New York January 15th, according to present plans, to resume work in the Sudan in Africa. She was ready to return just as the war broke out, and has had to wait until now to secure passage to Africa. A farewell party was held for her Saturday night, January 4th, at the church. Rev. Alvin Snesrud, who has known the Agrimson family for many years, was the main speaker at her farewell meeting.

A note of sadness came into our Christmas festivities at Hauge because on Christmas Eve the pastor received the message that his father, Mr. C. J. Carlsen of Estherville, Iowa, has passed away as a result of injury received the day before when he was struck by an automobile in his home city. But the buoyant power of the Christian hope sustained the pastor as he carried through the regularly scheduled services in the holiday season and removed the sting from the sorrow that came to his family. The pastor attended the funeral service which was held Friday after Christmas at the little Palestina Church near Dolliver, Iowa, where Mr. Carlsen had been a member for 39 years. Mr. Carlsen paid us a visit in October and took part in several meetings in our church during his visit.

Our Sunday School has had an average attendance during December of 263, and has reached an enrollment of 310. Two programs were given at Christmas with a capacity crowd present at each. The eighty-five children in the primary department gave their program Sunday afternoon, December 22. Only one child failed to come and take his part, and he was reported as being ill. The Intermediate and Bible Departments gave their program on December 26th. There are 34 classes with forty teachers and officers in the school.

HOPE CHURCH—A three-fold motto for the year taken from Luther's Bible: "Be silent to the Lord, and let Him mould thee; fret not, our English version gives the words thus: "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Fret not, I like Luther's version.

CHICAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH
Downtown Services, Kimball Hall Building Chapel, Room 731
306 S. Wabash Ave., Lutheran Worship Services, Sunday 11 A. M.

Dr. Ralph Molden and Mr. D. A. Clark have been taking charge of the downtown services during the absence of the pastor.

Pastor Turnquist was, however, able to be at the Christmas Day Service and preached the sermon.

Dr. Molden went home to Sioux City, Iowa for the holidays.

Beginning Tuesday, January 7th, the Bible Study Fellowship of Hope Church will meet at the home of Pastor Turnquist, 3367 Milwaukee Ave. We are studying the charter of the Christian church, "Book of Corinthians. Bring your Bibles.

Old-fashioned prayer meeting every Friday night at the home of Pastor Turnquist, 3367 Milwaukee Ave. Come, bring your requests for prayer.

W. A. Turnquist, Pastor.

IMMANUEL'S ITEMS OF INTEREST—Immanuel participated in the National Prayer Week Services that were conducted by a few of our churches in the Central region. The following was the schedule for the services:

Sunday, January 5th at Trinity Church—Pastor Sam Carlson spoke on "Prayer for America," while Pastor Stanley Olson spoke on the same topic at St. Timothy Church.

Tuesday, January 7th at Medill Ave. Church—Pastor T. W. Tysdal spoke on "Prayer for Distressed Nations."

Wednesday, January 8th at Hauge Church—Pastor J. B. Shefveland spoke on "Prayer for the Church."

Thursday, January 9th at Zion Church—Pastor O. C. Fjeldstad spoke on "Prayer for Christian Missions."

Friday, January 10th at Immanuel Church—Pastor Engelstad concluded the series by speaking on "Prayer for Peace."

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CHICAGO CIRCUIT LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Chicago Circuit Brotherhood has completed a year filled with activity. As we look forward to 1941 it is our hope and prayer that many more of our men have come to recognize the great need of their consecrated service and that they have resolved to add their strength to the furtherance of the cause of Christ which stands as a beacon light in a world full of greed, hate and bloodshed. One new local brotherhood has been added to our roll and two new ones are being planned. New ventures were two Sunday evening Gospel services held early in the year and the Lutheran Leadership Conference held December 7th. The latter was an outstanding success and exceeded the expectations of its planners. However, those who took part saw much greater possibilities in this conference and voted unanimously to make it an annual event. We should plan early to make the 1941 conference of bigger benefit to even more of our Brotherhood men.

MR. RALPH BLAHA, NEW PRESIDENT

At our annual meeting held December 12th the following officers were elected to serve the Circuit in 1941: Prsident, Mr. Ralph Blaha of Moreland; Vice Pres., Mr. Leonard Ellison of St. Timothy; Secretary, Mr. Axel Pederson of United, and Treasurer, Mr. Harry Eckeberg of St. Timothy. These men are very well qualified for leadership and we look forward to a successful year in 1941. Give these fine men your loyal support. To the 1940 officers and chairmen of committees your President says a hearty "thank you." These men are Mr. Ralph Blaha, Mr. Rudy Soderstrom, Mr. Otto Sandvik, Mr. Carl Wold, Mr. John Boland, Mr. Clifford Listug, Mr. Leonard Ellison, Mr. Knut Grundvig and Mr. Ragnvald Bergesen, all of whom gave splendid cooperation.

The 1941 officers will be installed at the Fellowship meeting to be held at the Central Plaza Hotel, Thursday evening January 16th at 6:30 P. M. We have asked Mr. J. P. Hammarlund, President of the Eastern District Lutheran Brotherhood to officiate at the installation and Rev. A. L. Abrahamson of Morris, Ill., will be the speaker. All Brotherhood men of the Chicago Circuit are urged to be present at this Fellowship meeting as an inspiration to the new officers. Make reservations by calling our acting secretary, Mr. Soderstrom, Newcastle 2305.

BETHESDA POUND PARTY FEB. 16th

One of the biggest events on the Circuit Brotherhood calendar is the Pound Party at the Bethesda Old Peoples' Home. Set this day aside and plan to be there again this year. The committee consists of the chairman, Mr. Charles Thompson and Mr. Ingvald Gullickson, Mr. Ted Dahlstrom, Mr. Einar Christianson and Mr. Rudy Olson.

LUNCHEON CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

On the last Friday of 1940 the members of the Luncheon Club which meets at the Central Y. M. C. A. elected Mr. Ed. Munson, President, and Mr. Ted Dahlstrom, Secretary, for 1941. These old timers are planning bigger and better Friday luncheons for the coming year and urge all our Lutheran Brotherhood men who work in the Loop to come every Friday to break bread with other Brotherhood men and voice opinions on events of the day at the round-table discussions. This congenial group welcomes new members and affords an opportunity to become better acquainted with our more active Lutheran men. The group gathers between 12 and 1 P. M. and asks you to come when you can and leave when you must. If you have visitors from out of town bring them over to the "Y" for lunch on Friday. If you work out of the Loop and have occasion to come downtown only once in a while come over and join us for lunch on Fridays. A good lunch is served for 35 cents. *Charles J. Iverson.*

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL IN PARAPHRASE

By Rev. Olaf L. Grefthen

Pastor of Lake View Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
The Child of Bethlehem,
The Promised and Appointed,
The Life and Light of men.
The Angel came from heaven
With message from above:
All sinners are forgiven
By God's eternal love.

The hills and dales resounded
With voices from on high,
The angel hosts abounded,
The King to glorify.
They glorified the Father
For Son that He Hath given,
They hailed benighted mankind
With peace and joy from heaven.

With shepherds we will enter
The stall at Bethlehem,
Our homage we will render
To Christ the Son of Man.
With ancient kings and sages
Our frankincense we bring,
With saints of all the ages
Our Halleluiah sing.

F-L-A-S-H-E-S

This was the best way in which to start the New Year—in God's House and in Prayer! "If my people, which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

The Pastor will be in Minneapolis the Sunday of January 12th, and a group of Gideons will have charge of the Morning Service on that day. The evening service will be dismissed on the 12th in favor of the Circuit Meeting at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Immanuel has its regular congregational meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, at the Church at 7:45 o'clock. At this time the pastor will give his report—and the various organizations will report their activity during 1940.

Immanuel wishes that each of the Churches in our Circuit will have a blessed New Year in the Royal Service of the King of Kings.—*Stanley R. Olson, Pastor.*

LAKE VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH—At the close of the old year and the beginning of the new it is a common thing for the good and alert business man to take stock. He wants to know the status of his business as well as his future prospects.

This is a good policy for the Christian church and the pastor as well as for the man in secular business. When we look back upon last year's work in our church we have reason to be happy. We cannot boast of great increase in membership and of financial strides; but we have held our own. We are today more united in mind and purpose than we have been before. We have also beautified our church inside; we have today a very delightful sanctuary in which to worship.

But as Christians we must not only look at the condition and the progress of the church. We must look into our hearts to see what headway we have made as Christians. Judging from the attendance we have made headway. For which we thank God.

Remember the date and hour of our services. Divine Worship at 10:45; Sunday School at 9:45. The Ladies Aid will meet on the second Thursday of the month in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Men's club will meet the 2nd Monday of the month. The Luther League will meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

O. L. Grefthen.

MORELAND CHURCH — The Christmas activities were most inspiring. These were introduced by an excellent concert by the Choir on Sunday, December 22, and climaxed with Divine Services on New Year's Day. Preparations are being made for a fruitful and active year's work in Moreland among the young and the old. Congregation and Pastor extend cordial New Year's Greetings to one and all in the name of Jesus!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION is on Monday, January 13th. Reports will show that the year's activities have brought many and rich blessings to the local Church and to the Synodical work.

A LUTEFISK DINNER will be served by the Ladies' Aid on Thursday evening, January 23rd. You and your friends are cordially invited to come and enjoy these much looked-for Norwegian delicacies.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, January 26 (5:15 P. M.) AT FELLOWSHIP HOUR, the Pastor will show films taken on Installation Sunday and also several reels of California scenes. Welcome!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, under the direction of Marvin Clausen, superintendent, has just started a "Round the World Cruise" to encourage regular attendance in Sunday School and Worship, and also to bring new children into the Sunday School.

—Alvin A. Snesrud, Pastor.

THE NEW YEAR IN NAZARETH—With 1940 a record year in every way, we of Neighborly Nazareth look forward. The Lord blessed. He heard our prayers. Answered many beyond our expectancy and deserving. In faith, depending upon His promises we enter upon our activities in 1941.

Out on the highways and the byways, into the alleys and upon the avenues we shall this year go to seek, to invite, urge and compel as we go out in the "only saving Name."

Beginning Sunday, January 19th, the men of the church who want to put in a bit of special "work for the Kingdom" will go from house to house in an area of 1,500 homes with the brochure "An invitation from Neighborly Nazareth"—that the unchurched and all others may know our place and aim in this growing community.

It shall be our purpose to have many who desire to join our fellowship, and to such as may have other backgrounds to instruct them in our church's doctrines on Sunday evenings during Lent.

Our entire membership is urged to be anxious and interested in such as they may feel should be with us.

The illuminated cross erected on top of our Church throws out rays of hope and uplift to such as would seek Him who is the "Light of Life."

A long ways off yet maybe, but already the Nazareth Choralettes are making plans to be in attendance at the St. Olaf Music Festival at Northfield, Minn., on May 16th and 17th. For the moment they are busy with a rich repertoire for our special services during the Lenten season.

There is every indication that we shall be well represented in Orchestra Hall on February 7th to hear St. Olaf's great choir. They are even talking about a "surprise" on our choir that its members may be there in a body. We shall see! *M. A. Dahlen, Pastor.*

OUR SAVIOUR'S BEGINS NEW YEAR WITH RENEWED ACTIVITY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Monday Evening, January 20th at eight o'clock. All the various organizations will give a report of the work of the past year.

The Sunday School will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th. The Ladies Aid Society will serve a dinner after which there will be reports and the election of officers for the coming year. These Annual Dinner meetings have been one of the most inspiring of meetings in the past years. All teachers and officers are urged to be present.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their Annual Birthday Social on the last Tuesday Evening of January, January 28th. As in previous years this program is prepared with care and judgment. Our Congregation will cooperate in this event by having a full house.

The plans for the coming year are centered about contacting all the unchurched in our Community to bring to them the invitation of the Church and its Christ. Every Christian should do his or her part to win others for the Kingdom of Christ. The second emphasis this year will be in an effort to increase the Church attendance. This is the most vital part of our

Christian life. When we forsake the Lord's house on Sunday we soon forsake the Lord.

An Adult Confirmation Class now meets on Friday Evenings. Others are most cordially invited to attend these sessions. *Jesse E. Thorson,* Pastor.

PARK VIEW CHURCH—The things looked brighter at Park View this past year, because the men of the church got together and decorated the interior of the church; because the women did great work as they always do; because the business management received good co-operation; and because the pastor and the deacons sought and received support in putting on a full program of services for preaching and teaching the Gospel, which is, after all, the one main objective of the church.

Reports of all angles of the work will be held tomorrow evening at 8:00, when the annual meeting convenes.

Among holiday visitors at the church and parsonage were Bernard Gravdal, our student assistant of last year; Tony Leland of Montana; Pastor Arthur Fretheim of Duluth, Minn.; Paul Fretheim, who is now a student at the theological seminary of St. Paul; and Dr. Karl Jacobson, librarian of Luther College, Decorah, Ia.

Our Student Assistant, Richard Bey, visited with his folks at La Crosse, Wis., between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The general interest manifested in *all* our holiday services and meetings was encouraging. Thank you.

Remember the services Sunday morning at 10:45, Sunday evening at 8:00, and Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons will present "Lincoln, the Christian," at the church gymnasium Friday evening, February 7th, at 8:00. The admission is 25c. The program is sponsored by the Ladies' Aid and the Rebekah Circle. The ovation given to Mr. and Mrs. Parsons when they appeared here three years ago should assure a packed house. *M. E. Fretheim, Pastor.*

ST. TIMOTHY TIDINGS—A Happy and Blessed New Year to you all in the Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May God use all of us to lead souls to the Saviour that His Kingdom may be extended.

The annual meeting of St. Timothy was held on Monday, January 6th. This has been an important year in the history of St. Timothy. The reports showed splendid work on the part of the congregation and the various organizations.

St. Timothy will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary on Sunday, January 26th. We had hoped that we might dedicate our new building at this time. However, due to various delays we will not be able to do this. We hope that our Dedication Service may be held some time during February.

Mr. Gilbert Thompson, a Junior at Luther Theological Seminary, spoke at our Service on New Year's Day. He returned the same day to St. Paul to school. Mr. Thompson spent his Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Hannah Thompson, who is a deacon in St. Timothy.

The newly elected officers in St. Timothy will be installed on Sunday, January 26th. The officers of the various organizations will be installed on this day, also.

TRINITY (Richmond at Wabansia) WITH A NEW YEAR TURN OF MIND—From deep in the winding valley of 1940 and 1941 with many wandering pilgrims. This picture is so involved and laden with so many complexities that we hesitate to present it. The first problem is the position of the Church. Is it in the valley, or is it above the valley of 1940-41? The world cannot see it, for it is invisible—hence the problem. A second question rises sharply if the church is above the valley. Who then speaks from the valley? Is it a sympathetic membership who are down in the valley on missions of mercy, or is it a cry from wandering pilgrims at the Red Sea place in their lives without a Moses and without a Jesus?

A swift conclusion may be the best answer to the first question. (Where is the Church?) Those who surrender their sins to the Saviour constitute the church. This is the condition for membership to the church of which Christ is the foundation. Built on this rock gives the church a mountain peak position far above the valley. The road on which these travel also lies on a higher level which leads to a special feeding place each seventh day. These are very happy in communion with one another and in fellowship with the Host there. Our feeding place is called Trinity in honor of the Host. The second question will be answered throughout the year 1941. Our answer will depend upon the amount of nourishment we are willing to accept from the Trinity. With proper nourishment we will get strength to surrender our lives to the Lord and receive in turn strength to go into the winding dark valley with a real message. Sins and lives surrendered, the Holy Spirit enthroned, the message will be "Jesus Lives," and you may live, and see, and walk firmly to and from the feeding place on higher ground, and faith will be in action.

—*T. W. Tysdal, Pastor.*

TRINITY—Another year is at an end and as we enter into the first part of the new year we pray that it may prove to be one of joy and happiness and that we will seek spiritual improvement throughout the year.

As this goes to press we are making plans for our annual meeting which will be held Thursday evening, January 9th, at 7:45 P. M. At this meeting among other things we will be taking up the pension plan and whether or not we will continue to have a chairman of the congregation.

On Tuesday afternoon, January 14th, the Ladies' Aid and friends will visit the Monarch Laundry at 140 West 111th Street. This should prove to be a very educational and interesting trip—*H. Peterson, Pastor.*

TRINITY CHURCH (Evanston)—Trinity Sunday School's Christmas program is long to be remembered. With the aid of a fine committee of leaders the children were able to give us a festival well worth remembering. With a new year beginning the Sunday School has named January 5th as "Family Day," in the hope that all parents will be present with their children to see exactly how the Sunday School functions.

On Sunday, December 29, the choirs presented their Christmas concert aided by several talented musicians. The choirs are encouraged when our own people come in such great numbers to lend their support. A hearty thanks to all loyal supporters of our choirs.

January 5th was named as the Sunday for presentation of new members. Welcome, new members, Trinity Church is thankful for every one of you.

The St. Olaf Choir will give a concert in the gymnasium of the Evanston Township High School on February 8, at 8:15 P. M. Trinity Church is working hard to make this concert a sell-out. Tickets are now available at several places. The Rev. L. O. Anderson or Mr. Raymond Fyhrie will be glad to obtain tickets for you upon request. For the more choice seats, act promptly!

—*Ralph Larsen.*

UNITED CHURCH—The Rev. Gordon Nasby will be the speaker at the Senior Luther League Vesper Service today at 5:00 P. M. Violin selections will be rendered by Miss Thelma Bolgaard who will be accompanied by Miss Carolyn Hanson.

The annual Candlelight Service of the L. D. R. will be held Sunday evening, January 19th at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. Hegge will be the speaker.

The Senior Leaguers are busy planning for their annual Musicale and Tea which is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, January 26th.

The Brotherhood, too, is busy making plans for their annual Fathers' and Sons' Banquet which will be held on Monday evening, January 27th. —*B. P.*

MINDEKIRKEN TO UNVEIL PICTURE OF NICOLAI GREVSTAD — Mindekirken has enjoyed a most blessed holiday season. The attendance and the spirit has been finer than at any previous year of our history. We cordially invite the peodple who still enjoy the Norse Language to come and worship with us. We worship each Lord's Day at 11:00 A. M. Our Choir sings every Sunday.

An event of special significance will be the unveiling of a picture of Mr. Nicolai Grevstad former editor of the Skandinaven. His picture will be added to our collection of pictures of the Norwegian Pioneers. This event will be held some time in February.

Mindekirken has now engaged in the work of the Lord at Logan Square for seven years. During the month of March we shall mark this anniversary with special services.

Board of Deacons meet last Monday of Each Month.

Ladies Aid Society meets the Second Thursday of the month at 2:00 P. M.

The Ladies Board meets the first Monday of the month.

The Men's League meets the Second Tuesday of the month.

The Young People's League meets Saturday Evenings at 8:00 P. M.

Congregational Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P. M.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to worship at Mindekirken.

E. O. Holen, Pastor.

ZION CHURCH—Zion congregation and its pastor desire, through the Lutheran Messenger, to extend to the sister congregations and their pastors of the Chicago Circuit, our best wishes for a Blessed New Year. Another opportunity is placed before us as we have entered the open door of 1941. Our associations in the Circuit during the past year were very pleasant in many ways, and we have tried to share with you the many good things which the Lord has given to us as a church people. God bless our Chicago Circuit with all its activities, in all our congregations as well as all the institutions of charity. May all our efforts redound to the glory of Almighty God.

The annual meeting of our congregation will be held on the third Monday evening of the month of January, the 20th. It is our sincere hope that all voting members of our congregation will be able to be present at this meeting. Many interesting reports are given at this meeting by representatives from the different organizations of our church. There will also be election of officers for the year 1941.

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A "lute-fisk" supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society in the Sunday School rooms on Wednesday evening, January 15th, at 6 o'clock. Get your tickets early from members of the Ladies' Aid.

Preparations are being made for the observance of the 49th Anniversary of Zion Church. We are pleased at this time to announce that our guest speaker for that day, at all services, morning, afternoon and evening, will be the Rev. Dr. George Aus, one of the newly elected instructors at our Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Let us all now begin to pray for showers of blessing upon the speaker, and the congreation. Remember also, in a special way, all who shall assist with singing and other forms of service. The date of this Festive Day in Zion is February 16th.

Thirteen adults and four children were received into membership of our congregation at Christmas time. It is always a joy to welcome new members, for with every new member we look for the coming into our midst of a new worker for the extension of the Kingdom.

WE ARE GROWING

District	1939	Increase or Decrease	Confirmed 1939	Increase	Number of congregations not reporting
Eastern	138,380	5820	96,633	4989	30
N. Minn.	74,612	4185	51,288	3914	34
S. Minn.	108,122	—108	76,331	2355	20
Iowa	51,890	3229	34,203	1900	6
S. Dak.	52,503	1537	36,307	1833	31
N. Dak.	73,440	2415	43,386	2071	57
R. Mt.	17,539	927	11,766	342	10
Pacific	19,587	621	14,759	966	17
Canada	11,950	1020	7,406	515	40
Grand Total	548,023	19,646	377,079	18,885	245

Again we are happy to report an increase in number of souls and confirmed members in our church. The 245 congregations not reporting is a decrease of 50 over 1938. However if these 245 congregations had reported we would have had a more accurate report of our membership. Let us make 1941 a banner year and have **every report from every pastor and congregation** in the hands of the General Secretary by February 1st. Only then will we know the strength of our church. Let us go forward also in the matter of reports!

A. J. Bergsaker, General Secretary.

A MESSAGE TO ISRAEL

Pastor J. S. Dallmann, director of The Zion Society for Israel, 2156 Pierce Ave., Chicago, Ill., broadcasts "A Message to Israel" every Monday at 10:00 A.M. over WCBD, 1080 kc.

Pastor Dallmann was raised in an orthodox Jewish home, of the Levitical priestly line—accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 19 years. He has been proclaiming the Gospel among the Jews for many years—the past 11 years among the one-half million Jews in Chicago. He brings a vital, friendly, helpful, Messianic message and many Jews have been saved through his ministry.

"A Message to Israel" is a Gospel broadcast sponsored and paid for by The Lutheran Gospel Hour, Elgin, Ill., under the direction of Pastor Allen R. Blegen.

The Lutheran Gospel Hour also broadcasts over WBCD every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 A.M. and over WIBA, 1280 kc., every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:15 A.M., Sundays at 1:15 P.M.

Home Finding Society Christmas Parties

Three exceptionally successful Christmas parties were given during the holiday season for the 330 dependent children under our care. In latter years we have found it practically impossible to have all our children and many of the foster parents together at the same time on account of lack of space. On Saturday afternoon, December 21st, we had the children between the ages of 2 and 12, on Monday evening, December 23rd, the children 12 and over, and on Christmas Eve a party for the children and workers of the Home. In preparing for these parties naturally much work was involved, but it was a happy task and thanks to the generosity of many friends and organizations we were enabled to give to each child two or more suitable gifts, besides candy, etc.

We realized our responsibility more than ever on these occasions, knowing that all of these children looked to us for their Christmas remembrances and for the usual party. We are very thankful that we were permitted to take care of all of them so generously, nor did we lose sight of the opportunity presented to bring to the children a real Christmas message. At the Saturday afternoon party, Mr. Oscar W. Anderson, parish assistant of the United Lutheran Church, Oak Park, brought the Christmas message, and on Monday evening Rev. M. J. Medin, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer addressed the older group. Both messages were well received and we feel that our boys and girls know the true meaning of Christmas and the reason for joy and happiness at this season.

We are thankful to all who assisted us. Our children wish to thank you and the workers at the Home, to whom your gifts were a real inspiration, join in this expression of gratitude, and we all wish our many friends a most happy and blessed New Year.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Home Finding Society will be held Wednesday evening, January 15th, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Receiving Home, 4840 Byron Street. We are hoping for a large attendance of the members of the Society on this occasion. Every member should attend and hear the reports of your officers as to the work that has been done during the past year. Our Society today has big responsibilities. To assume the care and supervision of well over 300 children means not only grave responsibilities, but unlimited opportunities in providing for their material wants, and also to bring to them a knowledge of and to instill in their hearts a love for their Saviour, the Children's Friend.

Every member of the Society shares in our work. The more you know about it, the more interested you will become, and this again will reflect itself in a real happiness over the service that also you are rendering in this branch of the Master's work on earth, in which we are asked to serve when He says, "Feed My Lambs."

Deaconess Home and Hospital

Elim congregation and the entire household of the Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital extend most cordial New Year greetings to all members of the Chicago Circuit. May all the churches be blest with a large harvest of souls won for Christ during 1941.

Christmas was celebrated with much joy and festivity at our institution, both in the Home and Hospital. All patients were presented with a very fine New Testament as a Christmas gift. The old year was brought to its close with festive services and Holy Communion on New Year's Eve. A special service with Holy Communion was held at 11:00 P.M. for members of the Lutheran Nurses Guild and Lutheran Student Association of Chicago. At the close of the Communion service, and just as the din of Chicago's welcome of the New Year was heard sounding through the air, these fine Lutheran young people, scores of them, were engaged in solemn prayers for grace and strength to face the New Year with Christ. With such young people there is hope for the future of the church.

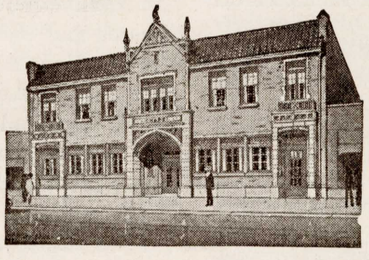
Regular worship services will be held in the chapel every Sunday evening at 8:00. Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 8:00. Visitors are always welcome.—M.N.

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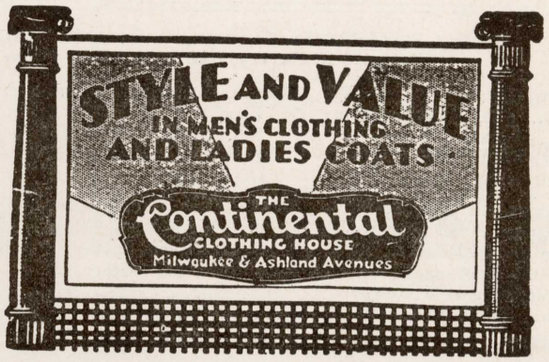
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THE ZION SOCIETY FOR ISRAEL

Our Christmas meetings were well attended. How eagerly our Jewish friends now listen to the Christmas message! How their attitude towards Christ has changed! It seems like the message of Bethlehem grips the Jewish heart today almost as much as the heart of a Christian. Faithful work and witness of our workers during the many decades that this work has existed have removed the prejudices with which the Jewish hearts have previously been filled.

We want to thank our many friends and the congregations who have helped us again this year to make our Christmas services so successful. May God reward you all, dear Friends! We want also especially to thank the Rev. B. R. Biorn for the message which he brought at one of our meetings. Our Jewish friends were blessed by it, and some told me that they could see his love for Israel in his words. Only eternity will reveal what blessing a kind word or deed has meant to some erring wayward soul. Will you, dear Friends pray especially for two Jewish gentlemen from Germany with whom we are dealing at the present time? O, that they might give their hearts to HIM, WHO is inviting those who are weary and heavy laden, and find rest in HIM!

J. S. Dallmann, Director.



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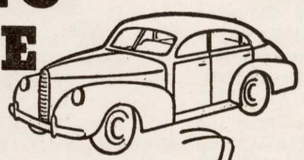
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Church of The Redeemer—Lamon and Berenice Aves. Rev. M. J. Medin, Pastor, 4900 Berenice Av. Pensacola 5451.

Central Lutheran Church—Lorel Ave. and LeMoyne St. Rev. E. Leonard Johnson, Pastor. 2108 N. Sawyer Ave. Ph. Alb. 2907.

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They fly in the desolate heaven,
Nor know where their food may be;
Yet God who feedeth the raven,
He too shall care for thee.

They dwell in crevices narrow,
In nests built perilously;
Yet God who watcheth the sparrow,
He too shall watch for thee.

They shake in the winds on chilly,
Unvisited slopes by the sea;
Yet God who hath clothed the lily,
He too hath clothes for thee.

"Why, therefore, are ye fearful?"
The wonderful Master saith;
"For God doth pity the tearful,
O ye of little faith!"

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To be a man unawed
By aught but heaven's command;
Though men revile or plaud,
To take a stand—and stand.

To fill my life with toil,
With God's free air and light;
To shun the things that spoil,
That hasten age and night;
To sweat beneath my hod,
Nor ask a better gift
From self or man or God
Than will and strength to lift.

To keep my spirit sweet
Though head and hand be tired;
Each brother man to greet,
Nor leave him uninspired;
To keep my spirit fed
On God unceasingly,
That none may lack his bread
Who walks this way with me.

—H. H. BARSTON.

"Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings,
Thy better portion trace;
Rise from transitory things
Toward heaven, thy native place."—Robert Seagrave.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some count slackness; but is long suffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish. II Peter 3:9.

Christ will receive the most sin-stained, wretched, helpless soul that comes to him. But he will not receive the soul that has an unsurrendered sin.

God amply rewards faithfulness, though we are not to practice faithfulness merely for the reward.



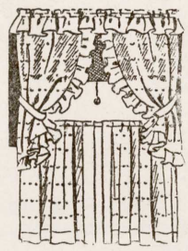
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