

Emmaus Messenger

From EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Volume 6

Racine, Wisconsin, January, 1952

Number 1

CONGREGATION ELECTS CHURCH OFFICERS

At the annual congregational meeting held in the church parlors on Monday evening, December 3, the following church officers were elected:

Secretary (2 years) Williston E. Reckhow
Trustee (3 years) Ernest Petersen
Treasurer (1 year) Russell Petersen
Deacons—Book Two (2 years) Elmer Poulsen
Book Three (2 years) Earl Woodward
Book five (2 years) Christ Jorgensen
Book Seven (2 years) Victor Andersen
Assistant Financial Secretary (1 year)
William Atkinson
Nominating Committee (1 year)
Martin Christensen
Peter Brown
Oscar Scheel

In addition to the elected officers, President Hans Jepsen made the following appointments which were confirmed by the congregation:

School Board (1 year) Harry Andersen, Elmo Andersen
Song Committee (1 year) Wm. Matsen, Victor Andersen
Auditors (1 year) Martin Christensen, Frank Unger
Al Beck
Publications (1 year) Ernest Petersen—Ansgar Lutheran
Martin Jepsen—Luthersk Ugeblad
Organist (1 year) Gordon Petersen
Assistant Organist (1 year) Alice Klingberg
Choir Director (1 year) Thomas Rognsvoog

DANISH LADIES AID ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1952

At its annual meeting on November 14, the Danish Ladies Aid unanimously reelected all its present officers. These include:

Mrs. H. M. Hansen, President
Mrs. Thorwald Andersen, Vice President
Mrs. Christ Jorgensen, Secretary
Mrs. Peter Brown, Treasurer

The Sick Committee includes Mrs. James Hoffman, Mrs. Jacob Holmen and Mrs. Christ Sorensen.

At this meeting it was decided to contribute \$25.00 to Lutheran World Action and \$95.00 to the children homes and various missions of the Synod.

Collectors serving the Society for the ensuing year will be:

Mrs. Christ Sorensen
Mrs. Louis Pedersen
Mrs. Aage Andersen
Mrs. Ludvig Thomsen
Mrs. Otto Christiansen

HORLICK ESTATE ACCEPTS OFFER FOR NORTH SIDE PROPERTY

At the regular council meeting held December 4 at the parsonage, it was reported that the Horlick Estate had accepted Emmaus' offer of \$2,925.00 for the thirteen lots located near Horlick High School, as previously detailed in the "Emmaus Messenger."

It was moved by Henry Lund, and carried, that a loan of \$160.94 be made from the Local Fund in order to complete our Lutheran World Action quota of \$450.19. A total of \$289.29 had previously been raised for that purpose. It was further decided that the Christmas offering should go to the Local Fund for the purpose of repaying the Lutheran World Action loan.

It was formally decided that the financial secretary should close the church books on December 31, 1951.

A standing vote of thanks and an expression of appreciation by President Hans Jepsen for excellent service were accorded Oscar and Einar Scheel, who are retiring from the council.

COME EARLY OR LATE

THERE ARE TWO

CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY

MEMBERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN LAND PURCHASE

The final transactions in the purchase of the lots on Yout Street and Summit Avenue have been completed. A number of our people have volunteered their pledges toward the purchase price of this property. We would like to have all our people make a free-will gift, without personal solicitation. Small gifts are also welcome. We would like to have everyone have a part. Please use the pledge form below and mail to:

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THE PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.—II Corinthians 9:8.

The past year has been very important in the history of our congregation. The centennial celebration was significant and was a genuine expression of gratitude to God for His past blessings. It was a decided joy to have present at that festive occasion our Synodical President, Rev. Hans C. Jersild, the two former pastors, E. R. Andersen and O. V. Magnussen, Pastor Harold Andersen, and our seminary students, Edward Andersen, LeRoy Andersen, and George Demant, all of whom have expressed their appreciation for considerations made them at the time.

The purchase of the lots on Yout Street and Summit Avenue is, perhaps, the greatest single event of the year. It is well to recall that this action was the result of a resolution that came from the Brotherhood, our men's organization within the church, requesting action that would secure the future of our congregation as a church with a mission and a vision. The location itself was chosen after a careful study had been completed by a competent committee.

What now? It seems to me that it would be wise to constitute a planning committee whose duty shall be to study what our future needs will reveal, to be prepared to make recommendations to the congregation on future plans, and to serve as a clearing house for ideas coming from our people. Back of this decision lies a vision, a hope, and a faith in our people and in God. As a church we have become a victim of a rapidly changing industrial city as hundreds of other churches in America. Some churches have changed location three times in one generation. As we meet this situation we can make this one of the most fruitful periods of the life of our church. We can succeed in any project we decide if we have the will to do so, confidence in each other's sincerity, loyalty to our people, and faith in God.

The inauguration of the Family Church and School program has met with satisfactory initial response. We must continue to acquaint our people with this service of our church in order that we might get a larger percentage of our families to come. We extend an invitation to any one to attend Family Church and School at 8:45 A.M. and thus make a first-hand acquaintance with this service. The primary objective is to establish the habit of family participation in the worship of the church. Of the 90 families represented in the Sunday School only about 25 percent attended the morning worship service.

Among the Women of Emmaus six circles have been established. The possibility of establishing more should be explored within the next year.

The Sunday School has a slight increase in enrollment over last year.

Four members of our congregation died the past year: Alan Clausen, Mrs. Julius Poulsen, Chris Sundsted, and

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EMMAUS NOTES



THE LUTHER LEAGUE RECENTLY PRESENTED the church with a missal stand for the altar. The purchase price of this beautiful stand was \$39.50. Thank you, young people!

EMMAUS BAPTISMS:

CARLA JAN BAILEY, daughter of Floyd and Emma Bailey, born October 10, 1951, was baptized November 25. Sponsors: Betty Neuhaus and Gene Bailey.

DONNA EVE BUTRUM, daughter of Wayne and Mable Butrum, born August 22, 1951, was baptized December 2. Sponsors: Florence and Bertha Olsen.

EMMAUS FUNERALS:

Roy A Butrum, age 71, December 17
Soren F. Christensen, Age 87, December 27

THE LUTHER LEAGUERS ARE ENJOYING their shuffle board and ping-pong sets. This equipment has contributed very much to the recreational element of the Luther League meetings.

You will note that we have election news in this issue from only the congregation and the Danish Ladies Aid. We believe that all of the other organizations have recently held elections, but no news of these developments has come to us from the Luther League, English Ladies Aid, Brotherhood, Choir or Mission Society. We should like to have published all of the results of the elections in this issue of the "Messenger," but it still can be run in the February issue. Not only is such information interesting at the moment, but it becomes a part of the history of our church, and thus gains in interest as the years go by.

We often think how much more interesting this newspaper could be to all of you if everyone who has news on any phase of the church's organizations and activities would report it to the editor. Frequently we are forced

to content ourselves with only the most obvious stories, most of which is already generally known. We need news. Publishing the "Messenger" is a matter of considerable expense to the church, and unless we can produce a more vital, informative publication, it seems to the editor that the money could probably be used to greater advantage in some other way. How do you feel about the "Messenger?" During the past two and one-half years your editor has made several appeals for news by mail and in the pages of the "Messenger," but the results have been very disappointing.

In a congregation of more than 600 members there should be enough news to fill these pages many times over. Please report anything that you may have that might be of interest to the others in the congregation.

PARENTS, HAVE YOU ATTENDED the Family Service? Come with your children and enjoy the bible class which follows the service. You won't be alone; the attendance has been very good.

ON DECEMBER 2 THE SUNDAY BULLETIN REPORTED the following as new members of Emmaus. We should like to repeat the list here and welcome these people into our midst: Fern Clausen, Mrs. Anna Clausen, Laurids Dalgard, Mrs. Carolyn Vallner, Martin Sorensen, Barbara Floyd, Mrs. Harold Traeger and Mrs. Joyce Finn. May God bless your membership in Emmaus!

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Mrs. Mary Thompson. We remember them with gratitude for their years of faithfulness to our church.

Here is my report on Ministerial acts for 1951

Baptisms	20	
Confirmations	16	(3 adults)
Weddings	6	
Funerals	13	
Communicants	375	(Total Participation 938)
Pastoral Calls	636	

The membership loss and gain for the year is about equal.

I would like to express my appreciation to all who work faithfully as council members, Sunday School teachers, leaders of the various organizations, and special committee members.

For the days that lie ahead I covet God's blessing and guidance in our mutual tasks in the congregation.

A STRAIGHT PATH

Clean as the newly fallen snow
The new year lies ahead;
We see its loveliness unpathed,
And hesitate to tread.

The old year's path that lies behind
Is crooked and unsure;
We stumbled some, we missed the way,
Misled by pleasure's lure.

But straighter far may be our path
If we ask God to lead;
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If we His warnings heed.

—Anon.

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CONGREGATION PRESIDENT MAKES APPOINTMENTS

At the regular monthly council meeting held in the Church parlors, January 8, 1952, President Hans Jepsen made the following one-year appointments:

Vice President Peter Thomsen
 Chairman of Trustees Henry Lund
 Official Greeter Ernest Petersen
 Ushers Al Beck, Elmo Andersen
 Readers of Prayer ... Harold Miller, Ernest Petersen, Earl Woodward
 Pastor's Committee ... Elmer Poulsen, Oscar Scheel
 Picnic Committee ... Erik Jorgensen, Christ Jorgensen

Federated Lutheran Clubs of America Al Beck
 These appointments were approved by the Council.

The new members of the Council, Ernest Petersen and Earl Woodward, were formally welcomed by the president.

Henry Lund submitted the Trustees' Report. He stated that the deed on the 13 lots recently purchased from the Horlick Estate had been delivered and recorded, and that a lawyer approved and passed the title. He also reported that nearly \$2,500 had been pledged toward this property purchase, with \$1562 paid to date. Mr. Lund recommended that an appropriate church sign be provided to be placed on the property, identifying it as our site. The Council approved this project, and voted an appropriation on motion of Peter Thomsen to cover its cost.

Also included in Chairman Lund's report was the announcement that the church loudspeaker system was to

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION IS READ TO CONGREGATION

The continuation meeting of the annual business session of the congregation was held in the church parlors on the evening of January 28, 1952, with President Hans Jepsen presiding.

The Pastor's report was accepted and read as printed in the "Emmaus Messenger." The Auditor's report was presented by Al Beck and duly accepted.

Annual reports given by the financial secretary and the treasurer were also approved.

The report from the constitution was presented by Chairman Williston E. Reckhow, who expressed his thanks for the excellent work accomplished by the committee in nine meetings extending over as many months. This committee consisted of Mr. Reckhow, Thomas Sundsted, Secretary, Harry Andersen, Hans Jepsen, Byron Langenfeld, Henry Lund and Pastor Petersen.

The report of this meeting consisted of the first reading of the proposed constitution and by-laws. The document as drafted contains a considerable number of changes and departures from the old constitution, and it was decided that another congregational meeting be set for February 25 to provide opportunity for full discussion of the proposed constitution in all of its provisions. President Jepsen thanked the committee for their work, and the congregation also extended its appreciation.

It was moved by Williston E. Reckhow that \$500 out of the Local Fund balance of \$1660.69 at the end of 1951 be transferred to the Building Fund (the surplus fund as budgeted for 1951). This motion was carried by the congregation.

Pastor Petersen suggested the appointment of a planning committee to include a parsonage committee for

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**START THE WEEK
 IN CHURCH
 AND SEE WHAT A DIFFERENCE
 IT MAKES**

ENGLISH LADIES AID TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

The English Ladies Aid will mark its twenty-fifth anniversary in March. The date on which the celebration will take place has not yet been set, but it will be announced in the Bulletin. The Aid intends to invite all charter members to this gathering, and other special features will highlight the program.

The first meeting of the English Ladies Aid was held on Thursday, March 31, 1927, and the first officers of the organization were Mrs. Chris Christensen, president; Mrs. E. R. Andersen, vice-president; Mrs. Alvin Christensen, secretary; and Mrs. Elmer Schoening, treasurer.

Present officers of the English Ladies Aid are Mrs. L. E. Durand, president; Mrs. W. E. Melvin, treasurer; and Mrs. Elmo Andersen, secretary.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Local Funds

Receipts for 1951 \$16,568.40
 Disbursements 14,907.71

Bank balance January 2, 1952 \$1,660.69

Mission Funds

Receipts for 1951 \$6,282.18
 Disbursements 5,449.96

Bank Balance January 2, 1952 \$ 832.22

Balance in Building Fund 591.69

Total money in bank as of January 2, 1952 \$3,150.46

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Last night (January 28) the financial report covering the 1951 fiscal year was read at the congregational meeting. This report will be published in the March issue of the Emmaus Messenger. I do not have the exact figures at my disposal, but I can report that the response of you people has been very encouraging. The total receipts are about \$20,000 for all purposes. In spite of some very large unforeseen expenditures, it was possible to repay a loan of \$500 made two years ago from the church's building fund and to allocate another \$500 to that fund, making a total of \$1000.00. Pledges received for the new lots will soon cover that financial outlay.

My purpose of mentioning these facts is to express my appreciation for this fine response of you people to your church's financial needs. You deserve a good hearty "thank you." May we then also draw some needed assurance as to the future and generate some genuine confidence in each other. We can be certain that the material means will make possible our spiritual ministry.

Jesus once told His disciples to make friends for themselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive them into the eternal habitations. It was a unique way of saying that money can be transformed into spiritual realities, and no matter how "spiritual" we are, the church is dependent upon dollars to do its work. Nor can one be blind to the fact that the church which spends enough soon enough generally does the better job.

What we sow, we shall reap. Perhaps I will be pardoned for quoting a few lines written by a laymen, for they illustrate how a church can harm itself. Pastors readily appreciate the truth expressed because it touches upon vital elements in their experiences. "It is almost a truism to say that whatever strengthens the witness of a pastor to his congregation, strengthens the entire congregation. In the long run we are not so much giving the pastor a gift, as we are doing something for our own lives.

"Let me, a layman, be completely frank with the lay members of congregations. Often I hear complaints about a pastor being dull and listless or having lost his spark. Well, why should we expect much else? In most cases we pay salaries that make it impossible for any pastor ever to dream of an overseas trip; even the normal summer vacation is hard to finance. Expensive books are out of reach. More often than I like to contemplate we shut the pastor up within the walls of his immediate community and then insist that he grow into one of the greats. If we were wise laymen, we would be constantly thinking of new ways to refresh the mind and body and spirit of the man whom we expect to lead our spirits to new levels."

In this connection I wish to express my thanks for the salary raise voted at the congregational meeting. I appreciate the understanding of my needs that you have thereby shown. It shall be my earnest objective to keep "refreshed in mind and body and spirit" for your sakes. To that end I covet your prayers.

It is becoming apparent that we must get on with our
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EMMAUS NOTES



CORRECTION: IN THE PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT in last month's issue, the name of Mr. Chris Nelsen was omitted from the list of members who had died during the past year.

FEBRUARY 25 IS THE DATE SET for a Congregational business meeting for the purpose of considering the New Proposed Constitution.

AN USHER'S CLUB is being organized among the boys of our church. When fully organized they will be able to usher at both services.

EMMAUS BAPTISMS:

Marie Anne Willis, born February 6, 1950, and Lisa Willis, born August 11, 1951, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis, were baptized January 6. Sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Alfonse Anzaline.

Vicki Lou Simonsen, daughter of Wilfred and Joyce Simonsen, born November 26, 1951, was baptized January 13. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Maruca, Mr. and Mrs. Pue, Jr.

EMMAUS FUNERALS:

Mrs. Alvina Wilh. Riis, age 56, January 15.

Frank Rasmussen, age 67, January 17

Niels Petersen, age 82, January 23

WEDDINGS:

Kenneth N. Christensen, U. S. Army, and Estelle Mae Johnson, on December 29th.

Robert Dvorak and Dolores Fredericksen on February 2nd.

THE LUTHERAN MEN OF AMERICA in Racine will meet at Emmaus February 19, 7:45 P.M.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF EMMAUS is sponsoring a Fathers' and Sons' Banquet, March 18.

JUST SUPPOSE

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord would begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they claim to be on Sunday; JUST SUPPOSE the Lord should take away the child whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church;

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord would make people as poor as they claim to be when asked to help finance His program;

JUST SUPPOSE all who lie about their giving or paying tithes should be stricken dead as were Ananias and Saphira for lying about money matters;

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord should let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control did for their children;

JUST SUPPOSE all Christians really lived consistently and proved by their lives that they really love the Lord;

JUST SUPPOSE—and THEN, by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity was soon coming.

A Clipping from the Christian Beacon

Congregation President Makes Appointments

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be completely overhauled and repaired. The Trustee's Report was approved.

Peter Thomsen submitted the Financial Secretary's report, which was likewise approved. In this report it was stated that the expenses of the centennial celebration had amounted to \$2041, and that enough money had been raised to defray the full expenses and leave a small profit.

President Jepsen instructed the financial secretary to prepare a list of delinquent members for the next council meeting. He further announced that the agenda for the January 28 continuation meeting of the congregation will include the Pastor's 1951 Report, the Auditor's Report, the Financial Secretary's Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Constitution Committee Report.

President Jepsen also announced that there would be a Spring congregational meeting, probably in April, for the purpose of electing delegates for the synodical and district conventions. The nominating committee was instructed to prepare a slate of nominees for that meeting.

Henry Lund moved that the President appoint a planning committee to consider a program in connection with the new property purchase, such a committee to consist of seven members—three to be elected from the church council and four from the congregation at large. This motion was approved by the council.

Einar Scheel offered to purchase and distribute "Guide Posts, A Practical Guide to Successful Living" with the bulletin each Sunday. This offer the council accepted with thanks.

It was decided that the council meet January 22 for the specific purpose of hearing the constitution committee report.

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building fund and plans for developing a work on our new property. It is not only a job to be done, but one that should kindle anticipation and give us a vision. The collective experience of raising large funds, as for building purposes, has proven to be a real spiritual blessing to many churches. It has been said that every generation should have the experience of building a new church. It is remarkable what a personal satisfaction can come through a real sacrifice for the work of God through one's church.

If you have not already received a copy of the Proposed Revised Constitution, you will. There are many changes suggested, the most radical has to do with the make-up of the Church Council. The thought behind the

board of deacons and their assistants is the creation of a real workable force within our church to minister better to the needs of our people and do what a church ought to do. Your attention is called to an article in the February issue of the Reader's Digest entitled "Wha Makes This Church Successful," by Roger William Riis. This provision for a separate board of deacons and their assistants will make possible the training of more workers in the church and through them a more successful church.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION (continued from page 1) the purpose of projecting activity in connection with the newly purchased lots near Horlick High School. The pastor was of the opinion that this committee should consist of twenty-five to hiry members in order to provide full effectiveness for a project of this sort.

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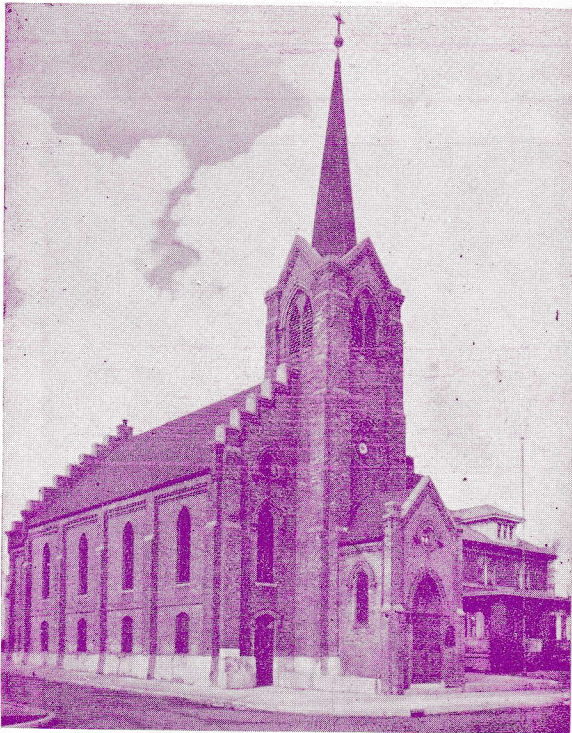
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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

From childhood I was taught to think of Easter Week as the "quiet week"—as though we ought to tip-toe about and speak in whispers. It was a somber time. The hallow of the Cross and the empty tomb rested over our lives. Our home was scented with the religious significance of the great facts of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter morning was the only time the year around that we had boiled eggs for breakfast and all we could eat of them. But Easter eggs were only a means of adding to the festive spirit and we children knew it.

It is profoundly difficult to secure an atmosphere that is in keeping with the great truth of our Christian faith. For all the mechanical wonders of our age it seems so drab. The material aspect of life is strong, but the spirit is weak. So souls languish for want of vibrant faith.

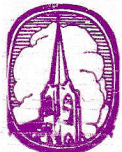
In any age, when the spiritual was lagging, the sober advise was "turn again." To recapture the glow of Easter we must turn again to the facts of Easter which take in the whole scope of Christ's redemption. The atoning work of Christ is closely connected with His Cross and passion, His Resurrection, His victory, and His risen life. Christ "was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification." "For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again: death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God." These stupendous truths are the all important facts of God's dealings with man in history. We must conscientiously lay hold on them in faith, but as we do, these very truths become a part of life. To the above quoted passage St. Paul adds: "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." The glow of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter is captured by the faith that makes Christ's Death and Resurrection genuine experiences in life. Christ dies to sin: I must die to sin. Christ arose to a new life: I must be raised to a new life in Christ. That's it!

It is, of course, in the final analysis, not a matter of how Easter week "hits" us. It is pre-eminently a matter of personal salvation. Unless what Christ did for us in His Death and Resurrection takes shape in our lives—lives changed by the power of His Resurrection—we are outside God's saving grace.

That Christ's redemption can become a part of our lives is exactly the wonderful thing about the whole story. God has Himself assured us of this possibility and He makes it a reality to those who desire it. May this Easter Season be aglow with exciting experiences of the meaning of Christ's Death and Resurrection.

AN APPRECIATION:

On behalf of the Emmaus congregation, the Church Council, and the pastor a sincere thanks is hereby expressed to Mr. Byron Langenfeld for his capable editing of the Emmaus Messenger since 1949.

EMMAUS NOTES**EASTER WEEK SERVICES:**

Palm Sunday—the usual services

Maundy Thursday, 7:45 P. M.—Communion Service

Good Friday, 12 noon to 3:00 P.M.—the Annual Three-Hour Services at Emmanuel, Holy Communion, and Atonement Churches.

Easter Sunday:

7:30 A.M.—An Early Service

9:00 A. M.—The Family Church and School.

Note: There will be no service at 10:30 A. M. The two services planned will be quite identical and you may feel free to come to either. The children will meet as usual in classes, but only briefly for roll call.

THE NEW TIME SCHEDULE for the Sunday services went into effect March 16th.

The 9:00 o'clock on-the-hour time will suit many families better. The 10:30 service is planned to conclude no later than 11:30. It is hoped this arrangement will find favor with our people. It is a matter of the individual subordinating personal likes for the good of the many.

THE FAMILY CHURCH AND SCHOOL program with its short worship service and class work is now by common consent a permanent feature of our church work. It is hoped that more parents will avail themselves of this opportunity to worship with their children regularly. The Adult Class for the study of Scripture is a popular feature. We would like to emphasize that this study period is necessary to make the Family Service complete and satisfactory to adults.

THE USHERS' CLUB, under the direction of Al Beck, now numbers 15. The boys serving are: Tom Langenfeld, Warren Bergman, Vernon Peterson, James Peterson, Bernard Clark, Egon Jorgensen, Leroy Clausen, Philip Uebe, George Clark, Ronald Andersen, James Junker, Lee Woodward, Bob Larsen, John Cook, and Alvin Jensen.

A JUNIOR-HI CLUB was organized March 16th with Lee Woodward as president. The club is being sponsored by four mothers: Mrs. Wm. Atkinson, Mrs. James Finn, Mrs. Bob Hess, and Mrs. Henry Ostwald. Tom Rognsvoog is directing the group in singing.

CONFIRMATION will be on May 11th.

A LUTHER LEAGUE RETREAT is planned for May 9-10 at the Dekoven Foundation here in Racine, advertised as something new to replace the traditional Rally. The cost is \$3.50 An extra charge of \$.40 for all who want to swim. This includes all costs—registration,

meals, lodging, bedding, linens, towels. Registrations must be in by May 1st with \$1.00 "down payment."

BAPTISMS:

Sharon Ruth Petersen, born Sept. 20, 1950, and Donald Walter Petersen, born April 29, 1949, children of A. Robert and Lillian Petersen, were baptized Feb. 2. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Alvar Isaacson.

Grant Byron Jacobsen, son of Grant Jacobsen, born Oct. 6, 1951, was baptized Feb. 2. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn.

Peggy Lynne Trieber, daughter of Joseph and Esther Trieber, born May 25, 1950, was baptized Feb. 2. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. A. Robert Petersen.

Jo Ann Vassar, daughter of Lewis J. and Betty Vassar, born Dec. 13, 1951 was baptized Feb. 24. Sponsors: Mrs. Mary Protheroe and Mr. Howard Weber.

Richard Robert Wisby, son of Richard and Elaine Wisby, born Dec. 18, 1951, was baptized March 9. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter.

FUNERALS:

Christian Nielsen, age 74, Feb. 16.

Mrs. Emily Miller, age 72, Feb. 19.

The Congregational meeting of February 25:

Vice-President, Mr. Peter Thomsen, presided. The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Harry Andersen requested he opinion of the meeting relative to a change of time for the 10:00 service. A motion was made by Miss Emma Petersen and seconded by Mr. W. E. Reckhow that the time for the two Sunday services be 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. The motion was carried.

Part of the proposed revised constitution of the congregation was read by the secretary and a general discussion followed. No action was taken. Mr. Thomsen set the next meeting for March 24, 7:45 P. M.

The March Church Council Meeting:

After the disposal of routine reports two decisions were made relative to Easter Sunday—that the Easter offering be designated for the Church and School Development Drive and that the services be at 7:30 and 9:00 A. M. No service at 10:30 A.M.

It was further decided that the Financial Report for 1951 be printed separately from the Messenger and mailed to the members of the Church.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. W. E. Reckhow, Pastor Petersen was requested to edit the Emmaus Messenger.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

The English Ladies' Aid, with an appropriate evening program, celebrated its 25th anniversary on March 31. The Aid was organized on that date 25 years ago with 44 women as charter members.

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CONGREGATION VOTES TO SELL CHURCH PROPERTY

At a business meeting April 7th the congregation voted by a substantial majority to sell the church, parsonage, and janitor's house to the Western Printing and Lithographing Company. The terms of sale involved \$20,000 as a real estate transaction and a personal gift by Mr. W. R. Wadewitz of \$30,000. The Emmaus Congregation may retain the use of the property until a new church is built on the new site. Other stipulated terms involve our right to such furnishings of the church as the pipe organ, font, chairs, etc.

SIGN BOARD PLACED ON NEW PROPERTY

A very attractive sign has been placed on the new lots. It faces north toward Yout Street and reads "Mission Site and Future Home of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church".

GORDON PETERSEN HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. Gorden Petersen is taking a leave of absence for two years from his position as organist at Emmaus, which position he has held for the last 22 years. Mr. Petersen has been employed by the Arabian-American Oil Company and will be stationed at Dharam, Saudi-Arabia. April 14th the choir sponsored a party in his honor to express a well deserved thanks for his faithful service to our church over the years.

Miss Alice Klingberg, who has been the assistant organist, will assume the responsibility of playing the organ at the services. Miss Joyce Demant will be the assistant.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1952

The following 19 young people will be confirmed on May 11th at the 10:30 Service:

David Andersen 1645 Thurston Ave.

Robert Andersen 1210 Chatham St.
Janice Athinson 1230 Forest St.
Judith Bohn 1001 Gideon Court
Diane Buchman 1955 Lawn St.
Bernard Clark 907 Villa St.
LeRoy Clausen 1309½ Summit Ave.
Darlene Frederiksen 1003 Prospect St.
Thomas Finn 2123 Indiana St.
Carole Hoogerhuis 2402 Harriet St.
Dale Johnson 1141 Milwaukee Ave.
Egon Jorgensen 713 Madsen Court
Janet Langenfeld 722 Orchard St.
Robert Nelson 923 DeKoven Ave.
Robert Monday 628 Standard St.
Charla Ostwald 1812 Jerome Blvd.
Kathleen Sorensen 913 Blaine Blvd.
Grace Uebe 1117 Geneva St.
Lee Woodward 1021 Arthur Ave.

A MESSAGE TO MY CHURCH

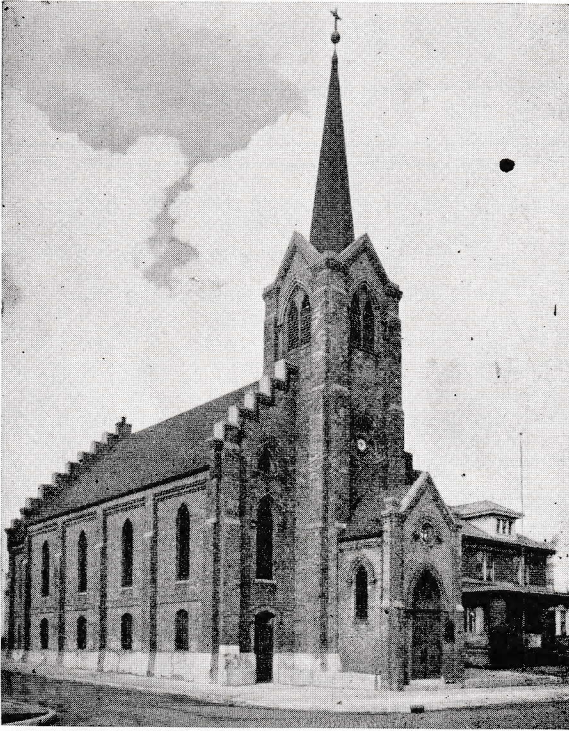
Nearly four thousand years ago Abraham moved from his native land and journeyed to a strange country. Was anything new in that, or was it very remarkable? People have left their homelands for numerous reasons since dawn of history. Abraham heard God's call to leave his native land and answered it in faith and obedience. This faith God honored by making Abraham the father of a people through whom all the nations of the earth are blessed.

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I thought of this story of this man of faith as I sat down to "face" you my people with another monthly message. As a congregation you have had to make a momentous decision—to move from Mound Avenue to Yout and Summit. What I am writing is no "propaganda" for a case. What I am writing is out of the conviction that every Christian will seek the Word of God as a guidance for his thinking and acting.

Over the years Emmaus has been confronted with the problem of relocation. The fact that the issue arose continuously could only lead to the time when it had to be met as it was. It is only natural that some have not yet been able to see the need nor were convinced that the right procedure was followed. It is always difficult to be in the minority and accept an adverse verdict in good grace. One reason for this is the feeling that "my thinking is no good. I have been belittled." No one needs to feel that way. You have served a good purpose in keeping before us the issues and problems involved. We have had to think through more thoroughly all that is involved. When a man's motives are honorable and sincere, he has nothing of which to be ashamed. In Christian love we honor and respect each other.

When and how are we to know God's will? I remember the remark of a pastor in answer to a similar question asked when a young seminary student was dying of cancer. He said, "Is not the will of God revealed in the fact that he has an incurable disease?" God's will, in this case, was neither the will of this young man nor of his parents. How is God's will realized in a congregation? Assuming it is a praying church in which the Spirit of God is, God must work through the leadership in a church, through the opinion of the majority for so are our churches organized; through counseling together, the weighing of opposite opinions; through events, circumstances, and something that evades definition. Some must accept the final decision as the way in which God's will was revealed to them. Is that not true?

That challenge we cannot escape by fleeing from it. The way to God's blessing lies in accepting the task to be done in faith. It was perhaps just incidental that it was in holy week our congregation had to decide to sell the church property on Mound Avenue. But I like to think of this fact as something which can speak quite significantly to us. As Christ gave His life in love for us, the supreme sacrifice, so we are called upon to give up something dear, though only material things, for the sake of a new work and generations to come. As Jesus accepted the burden of the cross, so we must accept the burden of building a new church. Is God saying this to us?

We can make this a glorious achievement if we stand together as one. My deepest convictions are that Emmaus will rebuild and serve God for years to come. I cherish the fruits of joy for every member of our church.

And now I pray God that I might have written something that might comfort and encourage you, my people!

EMMAUS NOTES



WEDDINGS: George M. Jacobsen and Margaret C. Brehm, April 4th

Darrell G. Markham and Jane E. Woodward, April 5th

BAPTISMS: Carl Erik Nielsen, son of Julius and Ella Nielsen, born Dec. 27, 1951, was baptized March 23, 1952. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Madsen.

Vicki Lynn Johnson, daughter of Victor and Beverly Johnson, born January 7, 1952, was baptized March 30, 1952. Sponsors: Marjorie Johnson and Warren Scheel.

Catherine Anna Dexter, daughter of Eugene and Eleanor Dexter, born October 15, 1951, was baptized March 30, 1952. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. George Grabher.

Jacquelynn Jeanne Grabher, daughter of George and Jeanne Grabher, born March 28, 1949, was baptized March 30, 1952. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dexter.

Donald Merle Grabher, son of George and Jeanne Grabher, born February 6, 1952, was baptized March 30, 1952. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grabher.

Cynthia Lee Siefert, daughter of Henry and Helen Siefert, born February 19, 1952, was baptized April 13, 1952. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunther.

Sheri Lynn Hunter, daughter of Bill and Shirley Hunter, born February 15, 1952, was baptized April 20, 1952. Sponsors: Nancy Andersen and Jim Martinson.

FUNERAL:

Mrs. Thomas Jensen, age 92, April 17th.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED MARCH 30th:

Miss Arlene Bylsma 2305 Blake Ave.
Miss Edith Burdick 1647½ Douglas Ave.
Robert R. Dvorak 1769½ Spring St.
John A. Johnson Rt. 2 Box 666
Glenn L. Martinsen 1508 Lathrop Ave.
Darrell G. Markham 3313 Washington Ave.

THE MISSION SOCIETY sponsored a program April 8th with Mrs. Holger Jacobsen speaking on her trip to Africa. She illustrated her talk with slides.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 4th—Miss Helen Danielson, Missionary to Colombia, South America, will be the guest speaker at the Women's Missionary Society Rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church, LaFayette Ave. The meetings are planned for 3:45 and 7:30 P. M.

Monday, May 5, 8:00 P.M.—All the Women of Emmaus are invited to the Circles' Party. A fine program is planned featuring as speaker Miss Helen Danielson.

May 9-10—Luther League Retreat at the Dekoven Foundation here in Racine. This is something new to replace the traditional Rally. The cost is \$3.50. An extra charge of \$.40 for all who want to swim. This includes all costs—registration, meals, lodging, bedding, linens, towels. Registration must be in by May 1st with \$1.00 "down payment."

May 20, 7:45 P. M.—Lutheran Men of America will meet at Immanuel Church, LaFayette. The speaker is Dr. Oscar A. Benson, President of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

KINGO, MILWAUKEE, INTRODUCES NEW SERVICE

The Kingo Church in Milwaukee has introduced a service similar to our Family Church and School feature. The "Kingo Call" carried these observations relative to its own program:

A good response has been shown to our new **Church School and Family Worship**. The new service which is held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. now makes it possible for the whole family to worship together when there are children who attend Sunday school. The immediate result of the service has been that all of the children of the Sunday school now attend Sunday morning worship and a group of 20 to 25 adults are now enrolled in our adult Bible class. We have known for a long time that many of our children who attend Sunday school never attend church. One Pastor observing this trend commented that how can we expect to hold the children and youth in later years when as it happens so often they see the inside of the church for the first time on confirmation Sunday.

It is also true under the old system of complete separation between church and Sunday school, the children were being trained in one type of rather informal worship in Sunday school and then at confirmation they were supposed to appreciate the more formal worship.

Under the new system of Church School and Family Worship the children worship with their parents at a 45 minute worship service which is a complete service with a brief sermon. Just before the sermon the primary children are dismissed to learn some children's hymns before their class session begins. The others remain through the sermon and march to their classes on the last stanza of the recessional hymn. The adults remain for a 40 minute Bible Class while their children are in class.

From an historical point of view the Sunday School is a comparatively young institution. For over 1700 years the church had no Sunday School. The Sunday School began as an independent movement in England under the leadership of Robert Raikes in 1780. The Sunday School ought to be a feeder for the growth of the church. Because it has not always been integrated to the larger program of the church it came to exist as a sort of appendage with Confirmation being the graduation exercises instead of the very beginning of full-grown Christian Faith. Our new plan of Church School Worship together with our new curriculum with its emphasis on the Church Year represent steps in the direction of holding more of the children of our Sunday School to the church over the years. What is needed besides this is a good example and cooperation from the home in the practice of the Christian faith, with a daily altar at home and a filled pew at church every week.

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Middle row: Egon Jorgensen, Bernard Clark, Lee Woodward, Robert Anderson, Leroy Clausen, Dale Johnsen.

Back row: Robert Monday, Judith Bohn, Robert Nelson, Pastor Petersen, Tom Finn, David Andersen, and Carole Hoogerhuis.

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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The time for this year's D.V.B.S. has been set for August 4-15. In making this decision the D.V.B.S. committee followed the recommendation of the Sunday school teachers, who, at their April meeting, pointed out that children are tired of school at the end of the school year and are anxious for play, swimming, camping; that later in the summer the parents will welcome a break in the summer vacation; that it will tend to hold our families together in church during the summer; and that our D.V.B.S. will then end just before, or with, our annual church picnic, which will be on August 17th, at which occasion the children will give their program. So mark those dates on your calendar. The usual transportation for children at a distance will be supplied.

DELEGATES NAMED TO CHURCH CONVENTIONS

At the April congregational meeting, Martinus Jepsen and Ernest Petersen were named delegates to the Synodical Convention which will be held in Albert Lea, Minn., June 17-22. Victor Andersen and Hans Jepsen were chosen delegates to the District Convention to be held in September on Washington Island.

The meeting instructed the delegates to vote for the approval of the "Report of the Joint Union Committee to the Five Churches of the American Lutheran Conference", (see Ansgar Lutheran, March 10) which is a further step toward merger of the A.L.C. churches.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN AUTHORIZED

The Planning Committee has been authorized by the congregation at its April meeting, to proceed with a building fund-raising program. The trustees of the church council were instructed to set up a separate account for all money received for the building program and the spending of this money must be supervised by a building committee.

Following these instructions the Planning Committee met May 14th to consider a course of action. Rev. E. Ray Morack, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, told the committee of the plan which his church used in securing funds for the new church on High Street. The evening's discussion ended in a decision to spend three weeks visiting new churches and trying to come to some conclusion as to what type and size church edifice should be recommended and which might be a reasonable objective toward which we could strive. It was felt that an architect's preliminary drawing of a church building should be presented to the congregation. The next meeting of the committee was set for June 9th.

THE USHERS' CLUB

At a recent meeting of the Ushers' Club Ronald Andersen was elected president, George Clark, Vice-president, James Junker, Secretary, and James Petersen, Treasurer. All the boys of the late confirmation class are invited to join.



ATHLETIC PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The Emmaus Brotherhood is again sponsoring an athletic program for the coming year. Harry Andersen and Laurier Durand have been appointed to direct the golf activities. Mark Petersen will represent Emmaus in the city Lutheran Men of Racine bowling League. In the city fast-pitch ball league of the N.L.C. churches with Jim Woodward as playing manager, Emmaus is represented by Norman Andersen, Jens Poulsen, Olaw Thomsen, James Petersen, Vernon Petersen, Ronald Andersen, Joe Horvath, Darrell Markham, John Martin, Bob Larsen, and Phillip Uebe.

Al Beck will manage a team representing Emmaus in the city Cadet Baseball League. The members of the team are Bob Nelsen, Bernard Clark, Donald Petersen, Dale Johnson, James Bohn, Bob Anderson, Tom Finn, Jim Hansen and Lee Woodward.

BAPTISMS:

Judith Ellen Paton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Paton, born January 12, 1952, was baptized May 4th. Sponsors: Mrs. Marie Lange and Mr. W. E. Paton.

Dale Johnson, member of the confirmation class, was baptized May 9th.

Guy Richard Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson, born February 13, 1952, was baptized May 11. Sponsors: Mrs. Helen Burdick and Mrs. Corrine Schemming.

Harold Ralph Rasmussen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen, born March 22, 1952, was baptized May 11. Sponsors: Verna and Robert Bartel.

WEDDING:

Robert F. Eggert and Evelyn A. Meyer were married April 26th. They live at 3428 7th Ave.

FUNERAL:

Mrs. Ernest E. Petersen was buried May 15. She died May 12 at the age of 58.

ACRES OF DOLLARS

(From an article by Lewis G. Wells in October, 1951 issue of "Church Management")

More than 90% of our Protestant churches can double the amount of the annual church giving of their members during the coming year. This should be done regardless of the financial needs of the church. It is not a question of "how much a church needs" but rather "how much a member needs to give." Church authorities reluctantly admit that at least 95% of all annual gifts to churches can be considered token gifts.

A token gift cannot pull more than a token interest.

Every Christian deserves an opportunity to make a better than token gift to a church to help develop a better than token spiritual interest. Therefore, it is a responsibility of church leaders to make sure that every member family (especially the more or less inactive family) is given a very special opportunity to make the kind of gift that can pull an increased spiritual interest.

Proof that annual giving can be at least doubled in the average church is evident from the results of hund-

reds of recent church building fund projects which have raised, in three-year pledges, at least six times the amount of the annual church giving, in addition to and without reducing the annual budget giving.

Obviously, fund-raising in our churches is not a dollar problem. Our churches are living or dying in "acres of dollars." Dollars that are there for the asking.

The trouble is that the average church does not pay enough attention to the asking. In most churches the leaders instinctively hesitate to recognize their responsibility to aggressively perform their vitally important fund-raising function because they subconsciously sense that such an emphasis will require them to make pace-setting increases in their own personal gifts.

To properly understand the positive and negative forces at work in the dynamics of fund-raising, it must be recognized that giving is not an instinct. It is only a habit, which can be good or bad, and token giving is definitely a weak habit . . .

In our present day economy, there is no question that our interests follow our dollars . . . The spiritual impact which is always a by-product that results from a marked increase in the giving of church members is unanimously recognized by the ministers and lay leaders of churches that have experienced successful intensive building-fund projects. These spiritual by-products, worth many times more than the money raised, are not difficult to explain once it is understood that increased spiritual interests always follow the increased giving of spiritual dollars.

The first basic problem to be overcome in church fund-raising is for the lay leaders to recognize that it is their responsibility—and not the minister's—because authority and responsibility are always commensurate. Since the minister of a Protestant church cannot determine the amount of the church budget or proceed with a building program without the approval of at least the lay leaders, then it is the lay leaders who have the authority. Therefore, they cannot expect to successfully delegate the fund-raising responsibility to the minister. However, the spiritual processes and results of a properly conceived and directed church fund raising program make it imperative that the minister, as spiritual leader, take an active part in the planning and projection of fund-raising activities.

The spiritual concepts of any church fund-raising appeal can be found in the three key words—Faith, Prayer and Sacrifice, which are so synonymous with Christianity. Without a strong emphasis and a practical understanding and application of the forces represented by these words, no church fund-raising appeal can be expected to produce more than a mediocre result.

The second basic problem in church fund-raising is that leaders have a tendency to lean over backwards to avoid the slightest possibility of being criticized for extravagance, so much so that the average church member is allowed to be deprived of one of the basic requirements of Christian living—to give as much as pos-

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sible to the Lord's work. Instead, many church members find themselves in the awkward position of trying to squeeze their spiritual dollars in under a low church budget ceiling . . .

Certainly no one can condone an extravagant use of spiritual dollars but it is vitally important and part of the Christian service of every church to provide attractive worship, educational and fellowship programs. If a church is to perform its Christian mission, it must also have attractive and adequate facilities for these activities. So it is important that church leaders, in estimating the church's financial needs, should consider their current operating budgets (and building programs) with a progressive, constructive and positive approach. In other words, the sharp pencil in many cases has been too sharp for the good of the church and its members' spiritual lives.

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Four Vacation Tips For Christians

1. TAKE A VACATION BUT NOT FROM GOD

A vacation is a time of physical refreshment. It can also be a time of Spiritual Refreshment. Where ever you may be, a Church will be nearby. Attend church **every** Sunday, somewhere.

2. WRITE YOUR CHURCH

Here's a worthwhile tip: Every Monday morning, address an envelope to your pastor, enclosing bulletins, programs, and other printed material you collected on Sunday.

3. DON'T BURDEN YOUR CHURCH TO TAKE A VACATION

Remember: The expenses of your home Church go on, whether you are present or not. While you are away, be sure to mail your tithes and offerings to your home Church.

4. WHEN YOU RETURN, RETURN TO CHURCH

Plan your trip so as to get back in time for Church service. Don't wait for your pastor to make a call before returning to Church. **YES, TAKE A VACATION—BUT NOT FROM GOD.**

You and Your Church

Jesus once spoke about two homes. One home was built upon sand, and the other upon a rock. When the storms of life arose, the house built on sand crumbled and fell, while the one built on a good solid foundation stood immovable.

The Church of Jesus Christ is still interested in establishing homes that are built on a solid foundation. Through faith and righteousness, your church is contributing to a strong and enduring home life.

With God, any house can be transformed into a Christian home. Without Him, true happiness in the home is an impossibility. Your faith is the strong foundation that will enable your home to endure in these trying times.

Your Church stands ready to help you, your family, and your home. Your loyalty to the Church will in turn help to strengthen your home. **YOU NEED THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!**

To every man there openeth
A way and ways and a way.
And the high souls choose the high way,
And the low souls take the low,
And in between on the misty flats
The rest drift to and fro.
So to every soul there openeth
The high way and the low,
And every man decideth
Which way his soul shall go. —John Oxenham.

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christianity has teeth in it. It would not be a force with which to reckon with if it were not so. In the first place, it presents people with an ultimatum, an "either-or", as the Danish philosopher, Kirkegaard, in another century avowed. "You cannot serve God and mammon." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." "Take up your cross and follow me." The gospel gives access to the "riches of his grace which he lavished upon us." But we must unhesitatingly, and without reservation speak a "yes" to our God, which is nothing less than a life commitment.

It is this element of decision and commitment that gives strength to Christian living. Man's relation to Christ leaves no room for indecision, nor for indifference, much less unbelief. If we seriously take recognition of Christ, we shall meet with an inescapable pull toward Him.

"I have half a mind to do it," we sometimes say. What a curious thing is half a mind! Where are the great pictures it has painted, the books it has written, the places it has built? Where are the mountains it has scaled, the battles it has won, the continents it has discovered? What is done with half a mind no one cares to look upon; the sickly and abortive efforts are soon and best forgotten. But when we make up our minds, determine once for all, take a stand, put our hearts into a thing, it means a great deal in any line of life. There is a strange depth of power within us if only we will call upon it.

"I see what I want, and I do it," said one of our great painters. Such language is most becoming on our lips who believe in God and in His grace, which can more than fulfill all our desires."

—William Watkinson, D.D.

A half-hearted embrace of the Christian faith renders us ineffective and joyless.

It is this demand for clear-cut decision for Christ that puts strength in Christian living. The Word of God does not coddle believers. It rather submits them to a taxing discipline. The honesty with which the church, the fellowship of believers, scrutinizes its own failures

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is its hope. The constant vigil by which it brings itself up to the demands of God is its secret spring of renewal.

The church has its critics, but, interestingly, the church has given the world the standard of judgement. Before the man of the world gets that judgement pronounced, the church should already have voiced it upon itself. As this principle is applied by the individual it becomes an honest reflection upon one's own failures. Self-righteousness dissipates spiritual life. Self-discipline, under God's perfect law, musters a manhood growing toward the stature of Christ.

The Christian faith has what it takes. It brings faith, hope, and love, three powerful ingredients of life. It confronts sin in its many diabolic forms with a repellent power equal to none. The church applies the continuous stimulant to vigorous Christian living. "The church is the home of the grace of Christ, without whom we have no masterlight and no salvation from demonism."

WHAT'S THE SCORE

The Planning Committee intends to keep the church informed as to the progress of its work in laying the ground work for the future building program. As yet everything that has been done is very preliminary. Some time has been devoted to studying types of churches. By the time this issue of the Messenger is in print, the committee will have interviewed an architect to get some preliminary assistance looking forward to engaging a permanent architect which can be done only by the approval of the congregation. The committee anticipates that by early Fall it shall be in a position to offer some concrete suggestions to the congregation and give it a goal toward which to strive in a concerted fund-raising drive.

No thought, as yet, has been given to the building of a new parsonage.

At the time of this writing a contract is being drawn up with Western Printing which will include the terms for the sale and disposal of our present property. The church will be informed of all developments, and no actions will be undertaken without congregation approval.

A CHURCH — GOING FAMILY
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HAPPIER FAMILY

Wedding:

Le Roy J. Light and Barbara A Jensen were married June 7. Their address is 103 Hubbard Ave.

Funeral:

Mrs. Anna Rubjarg was buried May 22. She died May 18 at the age of 74.

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JUNIOR-HI SUMMER PROGRAM

Beginning with a party for the Confirmation Class on June 19th, the Junior-Hi Club is off to a good start on a scheduled summer program. The other events include a Family Picnic Outing at Eagle Lake, June 20th; a bus trip to River View Park, Chicago, July 16; a beach party, August 14; a meeting at the church, August 28 for the purpose of making final preparations for an Ice Cream Social to be held September 4.

LUTHER LEAGUE

For the months of July and August our League will join the Immanuel League in their meetings which will be held weekly at the beach in the Zoo Park on Wednesday evenings.

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Recent new members to join our church are: Mrs. Leone Derwae, Bruce and Lewis, 1235 Superior St., Mrs. Agnes Nelson, 1900 Carlisle, Adolph Hansen, 1655 State St., Mrs. Milton Gregory, 7015 Spring St., and Mrs. George Jacobsen, 2214 Washington Ave.

THE LORD'S TREASURY

"I forgot in the summer time,
Just the time I was needed most;
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day,
I failed to be at my post.
I forgot my Church in the summer time,
As I lazily lay in bed.
While the faithful few had my work to do,
And I was spritually dead.
I forgot my pledge in the summer time,
When He needed it most of all;
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent
Just off duty for God untill fall.
If my Lord should come in the summer time,
When from duty to God I'm free,
What should I do, when my life is through
If, by chance, He should forget me?"

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Convention Observations

There are several reasons which prompt me to give my impressions of the Synodical Convention held at Albert Lea, Minnesota and from which I have just returned at the time of this writing. Uppermost is an earnest desire to convey some of the spirit and faith expressed at such a meeting of laity and clergy from many and varied communities throughout our whole country. The most important unit of Christ's church on earth is the local church, but the local church is not the only church, nor all of it. It is a part of something bigger. Every church member should think of himself in relation to the church at large.

It was a real stimulant to me to learn of the great interest with which pastors and laymen had received the news of our re-location program. Invariably it was with much the same comment: "Emmaus would have to move if it were to survive. You have taken a great forward step." We of Emmaus can be certain that the whole Synod will watch us with genuine interest as we tackle our job of rebuilding.

Thursday evening of the convention was devoted to the cause of Home Missions. Four laymen were the speakers of the evening. They were men who have been directly connected with the establishment of new congregations and building of new churches. One could tell that these men have had a real experience in their own lives of the joy of doing a work for the church. One of the men who spoke was Mr. J. Art Rasmussen of our church at Los Angeles, the church which in recent years has helped start three new congregations. One statement he made lingers in my memory, "I wish every congregation could have the joy of establishing a new church." I thought of this in relation to our own situation. We are interested in securing the future of our church, but we shall at the same time establish a church that will serve the Lutherans and non-churched in a new community which is definitely home mission. I wish we could have such a vision. It would make us see that our new field is a gift of God to us, a vineyard to cultivate. It would give us a sense of purpose, a new enthusiasm and with it joy, such as would shatter all our differences and unite us in a great objective for Christ. Perhaps we can learn something through this experience of special labor and sacrifice and thereby become more useful in the work of the Kingdom.

We heard Dr. Empie speak of world needs. We heard our home mission secretary, Rev. K. M. Matthiesen, speak. There is so much to be done everywhere, in the U. S. in home mission work, in South America where

thousands of Lutherans are stranded without the ministry of the church, in foreign missions where in one field 14,000 were christianized in one year. It seems that never was there a greater demand upon the church.

Such a demand can be disturbing—I guess it ought to. One pastor said, "I keep thinking about what I am going to say in my sermons when I get home, but I suppose the people will think I am crazy." I came away with one conviction: I am not going to be ensnared in a futile conflict and argument in my congregation. I will be fair and considerate of any honest person who might desire information and a better understanding in our work. Neither a pastor nor a church can afford to dissipate God-given strength and days by fostering bitterness and discontent. There is too much work to be done. Christ must be honored; his work must go forward.

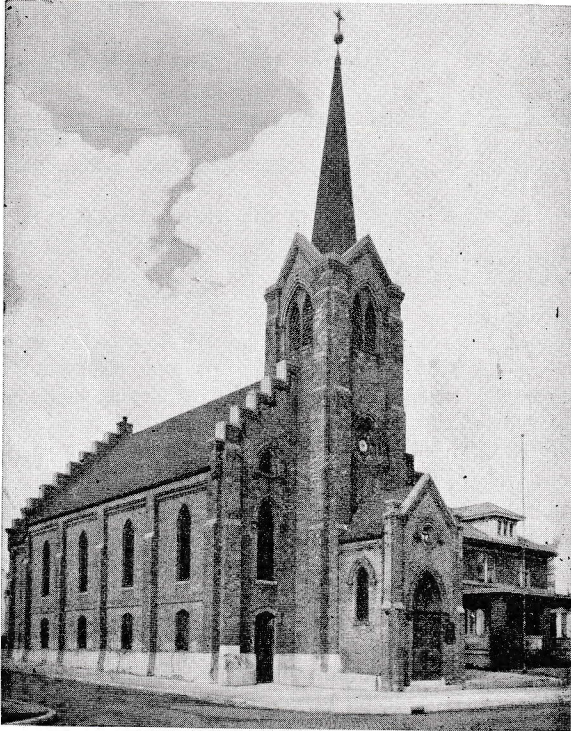
During Dr. Empie's discourse on the world situation from which we cannot isolate ourselves, he restated a truth which should be very obvious but is seldom remembered: "The home church must be kept strong." That pointed up one question for me. "How strong is Emmaus?" Well, what is the measure of our strength? What makes a strong church?"

Our need of coming home early Sunday evening necessitated leaving before the Sunday morning worship at the convention. But my family and I, as well as Mr. Jepsen, who rode home with us, did what I have found to be an unending experience of interest and blessing. We attended a worship service in a church along the way. This time it was at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waukon, Iowa. Outside a new church was being built. The old church was to be covered with stone and used for a parish hall. Inside was an audience of 300 people or more. Some were in the aisles. We got chairs by the door and in the vestibule. The pastor preached a good sermon, calling his people's attention to the evil possibilities of anger and what Christ can do with a person over whom He has control. The audience was a perfect mixture of adults, parents, young people, and children. There sat ten children in the aisle ahead of us. It all looked good to me. It looked like a strong church.

I said to a man outside, "You certainly had a fine attendance this morning." He commented that there were not so many today. In amazement I inquired, "Where do you put them?" Then he went on to inform me that, except for summer months, they have an earlier service which is the youth service, a worship hour for their children and youth, a real service with

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This "Youth Service" is not too different from our own program. We encourage our parents to attend for very good reasons which I have stated so often. My intentions originally were to speak to the youth and children of our church and then give the parents their "spiritual diet" in the adult study group. Recently, because so many do not stay for this study, I have deviated from that course, which I believe is wrong. I hope the day will come when every one will stay until the study period is over. That was the original purpose and every one who leaves helps defeat that purpose. To say that we have no "Sunday School" is a vicious falsehood. We have that and more, for Sunday School, in the usual sense, can never take the place of the "family at worship". The sooner we learn that the sooner our church will become strong.

There is an increasing interest in the Family Church and School program. One pastor at convention inquired minutely into our way of conducting this service and said he was coming to see how it worked and would encourage some of his people to come, too. Also during the convention, I heard of an experiment that was being conducted by Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. They selected three or four typical families with children of varying ages and are giving them religious instruction as families. Maybe my sermons should be in that fashion.

One of the high moments of our convention for me is the meeting of the pastors. It does something to me to sit among the leaders of churches. They are real men, Christian men, who are devoted to their work. I feel honored to be among them and share their confidence. Of special joy to me is the caliber of the young men who are entering the ministry now. They are typical American young men who understand their age and their people. For they are part and parcel of them. Our church people throughout our Synod need to learn to respect their pastors more and rely more on their judgment.

A great moment at the convention was when the time came to vote on the merger issue. Every one arose to vote for it. It meant much to me personally. Some years ago a few of us pastors of northern Iowa signed a petition addressed to our church president requesting that our Synod take action as might initiate steps toward Lutheran unity. This led to the action at the Fresno Convention in 1948 which has now step by step brought the foreseeable merger of at least three Lutheran bodies and hope for larger unity later. Our Lutheran Church in America is becoming stronger and stronger which is a blessing to the whole Protestant church and to our America.

ATTEND YOUR CHURCH

REGULARLY

SOME STATISTICS

The famous head of the F. B. I., John Edgar Hoover, has recently cited the experience of one juvenile court judge who over a period of eight years had 8,000 boys and girls under 17 years of age brought before him for violating the law. Of these 8,000 only 422 had regularly attended Sunday school and none of these children had a mother or father who attended Sunday School or Church regularly. In the year 1950, 54.1 per cent of the robberies, 61.6 per cent of the burglaries, 45.4 per cent of the larcenies and 67.3 per cent of the auto thefts were committed by persons less than 25 years of age. Calling attention to the urgent need of directing the youthful footsteps into the paths of moral responsibility and Christian living, Mr. Hoover says, "The banner of Christ can lead the way to the moral and spiritual rebirth of our great nation. In the forefront of His banner-bearers are the Sunday Schools."—from The Bond.

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Wedding: Harley Ostergaard and Sally King were married July 5th. Their address is 2200 Ashland Ave.

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH

REGULARLY

Mr. George Demant will conduct the Sunday Services July 27th and August 3rd. Your pastor will have those two Sundays for vacation.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE has had two meetings at which architects were interviewed. One was Mr. Harry S. Ollrogge of Milwaukee. The others, Mr. D. L. Kliese and Mr. E. A. Wagner, represent the firm of Grassold and Johnson Architects also of Milwaukee. Within a short time the committee should be able to make recommendations to the congregation as to which architect should be engaged to present a church plan for our consideration.

THE REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING was held July 1st. Only routine matters were considered with the exception of a motion to give \$8.00 to each young person who attends Bible Camp.

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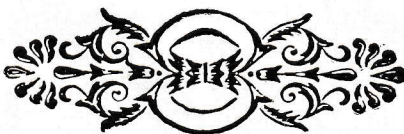
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Guides for Worship

1. I will make it my sole purpose in attending Church to worship Almighty God. I will forget self, and others, in my desire to glorify Him.

2. I will be regular in my worship of God. I will not allow storm or sunshine, rain or snow, to keep me from my place in the House of God.

3. I will prepare my heart during the week for the approaching Sabbath Day services. I will live a prayerful life, so that the worship of God on the Sabbath will not be foreign to me.

4. Before I enter the House of God, I will pause to cast off the sounds and sights of the world. I will not carry my grudges and worldly cares into the House of God.

5. I will exercise my best manners in Church, cooperating with the ushers, sharing my hymnal, and being reverent in God's House.

6. The moment I enter the portals of my Church, I will cease from all conversation. As soon as I am seated, I will bow my head in prayer for others as well as myself.

7. I will join in the service of worship. I will sing praises unto God, and be in prayer at all times that God will be near to those who share in this worship service. I will cultivate the presence of God.

8. As I lay my offering on the plate, I will give thanks for the blessings of God, and cheerfully give to strengthen God's work on earth.

9. I will give careful attention to the minister as he preaches from God's Word and seek to apply his sermon to my life. I will pray for him as he preaches.

10. When the service ends, I will greet friends and visitors in Christian fellowship. As I leave the House of God, I will dedicate my life to serving Him.

SPIRITUAL WARNING!

Although the home is recognized as the most effective bulwark against delinquency, it must be closely supported by the church and the school.

The teachings of God, if followed, will prevent criminality. The stabilizing force of religion is needed today more than ever before. A child who has been taught to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man.

Church attendance is a vital factor in the Nation's crime prevention program. While serving as Director of the FBI during the past twenty-three years, I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the "church-going people" are the most substantial group

of citizens in the Nation. Church attendance and crime appear to be like the ingredients of oil and water—they do not mix.

J. Edgar Hoover

L.W.A.

About the time you receive this Messenger there will be mailed to your homes Lutheran World Action literature and offering envelopes. The Church Council requests that our offering to this cause be given not later than September 28th. The goal for our congregation this year approximates \$850. Study the material sent you and refresh your memory of this great work of the National Lutheran Council Churches.

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What is the true nature of the Christian Church? Paul calls it the body of Jesus Christ. It is, in his concept, "a living body, not just a body of Christians, but the body of Christ. The Church does not live its own life, the life of the human beings, who compose it, it lives Christ's life, the life of the Church is Christ's life, and Christ's life is the life of the Church . . . The Church is a corporate existence in Christ. It is not merely a community in the ordinary sense of that word . . . It is participation in Christ's own life."—Davis.

It is doubtful a casual reading of this statement of the nature of the Church makes much impression upon us, but with due thought and study it should at least set us thinking of our own relation to the Church. If we have faith in Jesus, which faith is basic, we are part of a life that finds expression in a group, a "corporation". We cannot think of ourselves as detached from all other Christians, from the communion of believers. We are irrevocably part of the church in its faith, function, and worship.

The Church has a faith which is expressed in the Bible and the great historic Creeds which have come from its life and experience. Someone has said that "the reason why the Church today stands so desperately in need of re-conversion is because so many of its members are only half churchmen. They are only half members of that continuing community in which, when at services they so solemnly avow their belief. They belong to the body of the Church and not to her soul. This may account for empty pews." For certain, if a man cannot say sincerely, "I believe in the Holy Christian Church", he is not likely to find himself participating in the function and worship of the Church. When, however, the third article of the Apostle's Creed is fervently confessed, he will find his place within the normal expressions of the life of the Church.

The work of the Church is described in First Corinthians 12 in connection with Paul's definition of the Church as the Body of Christ. It should be noticed that various functions of the Church such as preaching, teaching, and administering is conceived as something that belongs to the whole assembly of Christians. All these things find their best expression in the worship of the Church. "The Church reveals its own nature most completely in worship."

I am writing this out of the conviction that with a better understanding of what lies back of "going to church" there will be more church-going. When we enter the house of God to worship with other believers we are where the Church finds its best expression of its nature and real self. We, too, should remember that "where Christ is, there is the Church, for it is His body." And Christ has promised that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He will be in the midst of them. Remembering this, there are obvious possibilities. The worship of our church will become significant and absolutely necessary. Personal considerations will fall in the background. We ourselves will rise to nobler heights in our worship.

In the concept of the church, there can be no division of people into age groups. Children belong in the wor-

ship of the church. Where Christ is, there is the church. "Let the little children come unto me." They are baptized into Christ. They are a part of His body. To be in church should be as natural to them as to be in their homes. No matter how much effort and annoyance the bringing of our children to church may cost us, it cannot be compared to the great issues involved. They should be able to say in later life, "My parents helped me to know what the church is and to understand that I am a part of it."

PARISH EDUCATION MONTH

The National Lutheran Council Churches have designated September as Parish Education month. September is the month during which church schools have their Rally Day and promotion programs. Parish education is an all-inclusive term which embraces the whole effort of a church in giving religious training to its people from the cradle to the grave. We manage somehow to have a fairly well executed program that runs into the teen age, but there it stops abruptly. Some attention, has been given in later years to adult needs in parish education. It is long over due.

Because of the great significance of the completion and publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which will be on sale September 30th, the motto for Parish Education month is Hear the Word, with the sub-motto, "The Living Word in a Living Language." The Word of God is the central theme of all religious teaching in our churches.

Our adult study group at our early service has taken a unique place in our parish education. It does give adults of our church an opportunity for broadening their knowledge of the Word of God. My plea is to all who come to the early service to remain for that thirty minute study period. If too many leave it will destroy the effectiveness and purpose of the Family Church and School service. Let us strengthen our church's program in every way possible.

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7th, is Rally Day and will be observed at our Family Church and School service with a special program. Rally Day comes at the time of the year when it is "back to school" once again, also at our church. It is a call to renewed effort and regularity in attendance. It is also a renewed welcome to every child, youth, and parent.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 15 was the last day of our two-week Daily Vacation Bible School. The school has a total enrollment of 98 with a very high percentage of regular attendance.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC

A very enjoyable Sunday of worship, play, and fellowship was enjoyed at Old Settler's Park, Union Grove, August 17th. The weather was perfect, the attendance good, and the spirit of our people congenial.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Wisconsin District of the U. E. L. C. is having its convention on Washington Island, September 11-14. Mr. Victor Andersen and Mr. Hans Jepsen are the delegates. Others are invited to attend.

MISSION MEETINGS

This year our Mission Meetings will be on October 19-21. Pastor Henry M. Hansen of McNabb, Illinois is the invited speaker.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Junior Hi-Club will sponsor an Ice Cream Social in the church parlors Thursday evening, September 4th.

Circle No. 3 reports a very successful Ice Cream Social on August 13th on the Madson lawn on Randolph Street. They cleared over \$70. This circle is working to secure funds to furnish a nursery room in the new church. Other circles have projects connected with the building of the new church. What are they?

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Baptism: Ward William Wahlen, son of Calvin and Loretta Wahlen, born June 8, 1952, was baptized August 10. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller.

The members of Circle No. 4 would like to remind you that they have greeting cards, gift wrapping and stationery for sale. They have their Christmas supplies now and will appreciate it if you will remember them when you order yours. The supplies are kept at the parsonage and may be seen at any time.

Do You Believe That—

"No home is built with hands alone."

"You can always be happy if you are willing to reciprocate with others."

"God can do little for a soul that shrinks from difficulty."

"You cannot raise another's ideals by lowering your own."

"Fully nine-tenths of our troubles would vanish if we didn't talk so much."

"Faith gives energy and leads out into the sunshine of God's protecting love."

"If you have no fixed goal, how can you arrive?"

"Those who complain and give up always lose out. Perseverance wins, and keeps on winning."

"Envy and hatred are your hostile foes, although returning to you often in a friendly way."

"He cannot trust God for his past who is trembling as to his future."

"There is no tonic in life which will so beautify the countenance and strengthen the spirit as the desire to be helpful to those around us."—The Lutheran.

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Ten Commandments for Husbands and Wives

For Husbands

1. Thou shalt have no other woman beside thy wife.
2. Thou shalt be affectionate to thy wife and continue to court her throughout thy married life.
3. Thou shalt not praise thy mother's cooking in the presence of thy wife.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy by going to church with thy family.
5. Honor thy mother-in-law that thy days might be long and happy.
6. Thou shalt not be grouchy, but shalt always be cheerful, courteous, and pleasant about the home.
7. Thou shalt not commit the religious instruction of thy children to thy wife.
8. Thou shalt never leave the home without loving words for thy wife to think of during thy absence.
9. Thou shalt express appreciation for thy wife, especially for her day-by-day loyalty to the routine tasks of homemaking.
10. Thou shalt be interested in thy home and help to make it neat, clean, and comfortable.

For Wives

1. Thou shalt have no other man beside thy husband.
2. Thou shalt be affectionate to thy husband and sympathetic regarding the stress and strain of making a living in today's world.
3. Thou shalt give attention to the care of the home and to thine own personal appearance so that thy husband can be proud of thee.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy by going to church with thy family.
5. Thou shalt not be guilty of nagging, for this is the unpardonable sin of marriage."
6. Thou shalt not go to sleep at night with a grudge or bitterness in thy heart.
7. Thou shalt not criticize thy husband in the presence of others or compare him unfavorably with more successful men.
8. Thou shalt not drive the auto from the back seat.
9. Thou shalt live within thy budget and be thankful for what thou hast and not complain about what thou dost not have.
10. Thou shalt make of the place wherein thou dwellest a real home — a haven of rest and happiness for thy husband and thy children.

Gordon H. Schroeder, Lincoln, Nebr.

OUR FALL MEETINGS

October 19-21

Once a year we invite a pastor to bring us a series of gospel messages. This effort to deepen spiritual life and to foster greater consecration to Christ is a traditional part of our church program. We can make it a very blessed experience by our presence and by our prayers.

It will be a pleasure to introduce to you this year's guest speaker, Pastor Henry M. Hansen of McNabb, Illinois. He is one of our own fine, devoted pastors. His sermon topics are:

Sunday, October 19th:

Family Church and School, 9:00 A.M.

"Tell Others the Story of Jesus". John 1:29, 35-51.
Worship Service, 10:30 A.M.

"Bring the Helpless to Jesus." Matthew 9:1-8
Evening Service, 7:45 P.M.

"The Spirit of St. Matthew," Matthew 9:9-13.

Monday, October 20th, 7:45 P.M.:

"Fruit-Bearing Branches" John 15:1-5, 13-16.

Tuesday, October 21st, 7:45 P.M.:

"Are You on the Victory Side?" Rev. 6:1-12.

I GO TO CHURCH

"I go to Church because I want my children to go to Church. I want them to know something more of this life than business, sports and selfish amusement. I know only one institution that will teach them that they are divine. The Church may interfere with their pleasure at times but all things that are worthwhile will demand something of us in sacrifice. I go to Church, and help support it, not only because I think the Church needs me, but because I need it. It exists not only on dollars, but on men and women. It has been my source of inspiration, strength and comfort."

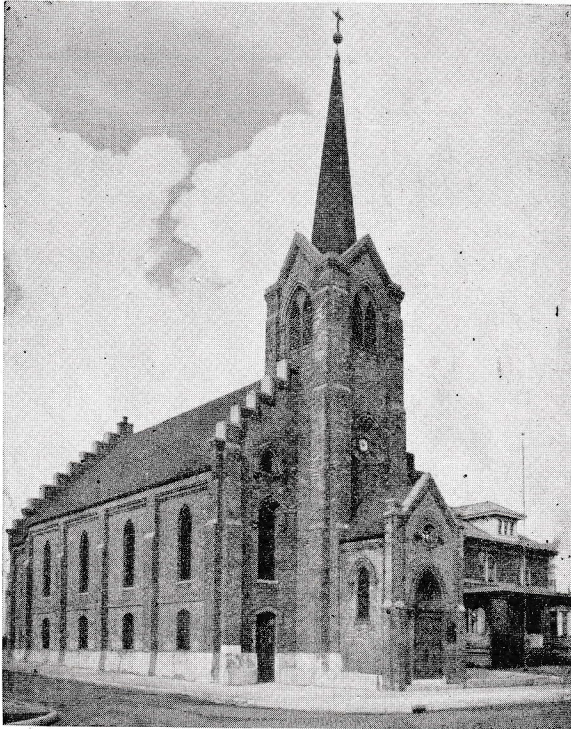
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We shall never know to what extent the ills of body, mind, and spirit are the results of people's rejection of what God offers in His grace. A foremost modern psychiatrist, Jung, has some definite ideas about the importance of religion: "During the past thirty years, people from all the civilized countries of the earth have consulted me. . . . Among all my patients in the second half of life—that is to say, over thirty-five—there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he had lost that which the living religions of every age have given to their followers; and none has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook."

Of course, the urgency of the Gospel is salvation as expressed in terms of eternal life and escape from condemnation. The promise is that "he who believes shall not perish but shall have eternal life." But Christian life is also described as being a reconciliation to God, as a living in harmony with God in which circumstance His will is performed. It is a life in which "the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I think the church has often failed to make known the wide sweep of blessings in a life lived in God's grace. I think many Christians do not know what God can do for them because of ignorance of life forces and influences over which God could have control, but because they are not brought under the healing of God's grace and power, cause a thwarted and neurotic life from which there seems to be no escape except through a "blessed relief from this vale of sorrows." All the time there has been an offer of "release to the captives," captive by the forces of sin and guilt which cause so many troubles in life.

Guilt, anger, resentment, hate, fear, anxiety, and worry are known to cause actual physical illness and where these emotional disturbances, when present, have been removed good health has been promptly regained. Though Jesus deals with all these negative factors of life, none is more important than the problem of sin and guilt—for which He died. Dr. James Dale Van Buskirk in his recent book, Religion, Healing, and Health, tells the story of a young officer in the air force who had been shot down on a mission, but had escaped with injuries which hospitalized him. He got the best treatment, but failed to recover. The doctor turned him over to the Chaplain. During the interviews that followed he revealed that he had committed a sex sin, but had rationalized and excused the whole affair. "But in spite of his mental subterfuge, his subconscious mind told him he had done what was wrong and that he was guilty, and this made him truly ill. He tried to cover his sense of guilt and it festered. When he was willing to get his sins forgiven, he was greatly changed; he became free, happy, and full of energy, and finally regained his health."

Dr. Buskirk concludes: "For the sinsick soul, sick because of its guilt and fears and anxiety, of course, medicines and rest-cures are inadequate; scientific psychotherapy without the use of religion cannot truly heal these souls. For such as these only genuine religion, a

real experience of the power of God can suffice; for no forgiveness so deeply affects the whole being as does His; and no power can reach down into the very depths of the personality and change it into a new creature by His Spirit's working."

In his concluding chapter he offers nine rules by which religion brings health into daily living:

1. Honest work
2. Rest, relaxation, recreation
3. "Rest in the Lord"
4. Church-going
5. Use of the Bible
6. "Fear not: Have Faith in God"
7. Forgive: hold no hates
8. Carry no load of guilt
9. Prayer—practicing the presence of God

Let us be convinced of this: no man is able to live by himself without God that better life which is alone the result of God's grace and power. Also, we owe it to our children to teach them the simple rules of the Christian life which will bring them spiritual and physical health. These things are more important than vitamins.

\$234.35 — A GIFT FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In early summer offering banks, shaped as churches, were given the children of the Congregation for their personal use in bringing a gift for the New Church. The banks were brought back on Rally Day, September 7, and yielded an offering of \$234.35. It was a very gratifying response and shows a good interest in the New Church project.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE APPROVED

For some months the planning committee of approximately 20 members has been studying churches and church architecture. It has also interviewed different architects. On September 14 it presented its findings to the congregation and made certain recommendations as to type of church and architect. However, considerable interest in contemporary styles was in evidence and it was decided to make available to the congregation more information and pictures for further study at a meeting in the near future.

At this September 14 meeting a permanent Building Committee, appointed by Mr. Hans Jepsen, was approved and given a vote of confidence. The Committee includes these five members: Harry Andersen, chairman, Florence Olsen, Elmo Andersen, Victor Andersen, and Milton Burdick. Pastor Petersen and Hans Jepsen are ex officio members. This Committee will work with the architect in planning the new church according to the wishes of the congregation. It will also have full supervision of the building fund. The larger planning committee will remain in tact for any future service it may render to the congregation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS CONSTITUTE STUDY GROUP

Twenty Emmaus Sunday School teachers and leaders met Sept. 23 and began the study of "The Law Perfect", a series of ten studies on the Ten Commandments by Dr. Gerhard E. Frost, Professor of Bible at Luther Col-

lege, Decorah, Iowa. The text endeavors to carefully relate the Law to the Gospel, for the proper distinction and application of Law and Gospel are the first requisites to evangelical teaching of the Word. It seeks to give the teacher some fundamental attitudes and points of view which will help him to make his own exposition more vital.

Superintendent Harry Andersen welcomed the new members of the staff. He announced that this six month period mission offering, on the last Sunday of each month, will be given to Lutheran World Action. He urged the teachers to concentrate on making our Family Service even more effective.

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LADIES' AIDS

Mrs. H. M. Hansen and Mrs. James Hoffman were the hostesses to the Ladies' Aid Sept. 17. Following the general theme for this year, Mrs. Julia Durant gave another study on Bible Women—this time on Dorcas, a New Testament character. Mrs. Davidson had chosen for her devotional reading Ephesians 5 and included in her prayer a petition for national guidance in the coming election.

The Danish Ladies' Aid held its September meeting a week earlier at the Danish Old People's Home. This annual event is well attended and evidently much appreciated by the ladies at the home.

LUTHER LEAGUE

The senior members of the Luther League are planning a welcome party for the last Confirmation Class on Sunday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. A fine lunch, devotion, movie, and games will constitute the evening program.

Weddings:

Jerold E. Jorgensen and Erna Thomsen, Sept. 6th.
Norman I. Martinsen and Agnes J. Nelsen, Sept. 6th.
Gerold N. Ericksen and Starling J. Nelsen, Sept. 20th.

Funerals:

Mrs. George Knudsen, age 87, Sept. 9th.
Mrs. John A. Andersen, Age 83, Sept. 17th.
Jeffrey Alan Paulsen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Paulsen, Sept. 13.

Baptisms:

Jeffrey Alan Paulsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Paulsen, born Sept. 10, baptized Sept. 11.
Patricia Lee Ehman, born Aug. 24, baptized Sept. 27.
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THESE ARE THE FACTS!

That the "Family Church and School" program has been well received by the families of our church and has proven a definite blessing in our work.

That we do have a "Sunday School" with a staff of 23 teachers and officers who meet with the children for a solid 30 minutes class work following the family worship.

That there are two classes for the young people which ALL our young people are urged to attend.

That there is an adult study group with about 50 in attendance which serves a vital purpose in adult religious education.

That the original purpose was to keep all adults attending the family service in this class. This is also our present goal.

That there is a very active and progressive group of women in cradle roll work who are bringing a fresh emphasis to that important kingdom work.

That the circles are doing a good job in cementing the women of our church into an active fellowship, but that this job is only half done.

That the trustees of the church have about completed their negotiations with Western Printing for the contract covering the sale of our church property.

That an architect has been engaged to prepare plans for our new church.

That the idea of moving the church to a new location is the product of an intelligent understanding of church work on the part of members of the church, of a real vital faith in God's guidance and help, and of a vision of a real mission for our church to perform.

That Emmaus has some splendid lay leaders, in whom can be placed explicit confidence.

That our whole church program is geared to a dynamic ministry to our present membership with an eye on the untold possibilities of the future.

That everyone who with understanding, good-will, faith, and prayer remain faithful and active will be participating in a real victory and in God's blessings upon a work done in His name.

EVERY-MEMBER PLEDGE SUNDAY

CHURCH RALLY DAY

November 16, 1952

Objectives:

1. To make this Sunday a festive and important service.
2. To have as nearly as possible 100% attendance at church.
3. To pledge anew our faithfulness to our church and its Head who is Christ.
4. To stimulate more active participation in our church services and in the use of the means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments.
5. To make our yearly financial pledge to our church and its missions.
6. To join in a prayer for God's blessings in our new church project.
7. To make this a day of rallying around the church and its program.

COME TO THE FALL FESTIVAL

December 3

Coffee — afternoon and evening

Bake Sale	Things to Wear
Home-made Candy	Fancy Work
Fish Pond	Plants
Children's Corner	Novelties

Greeting Cards, Stationary, Gift Wrappings

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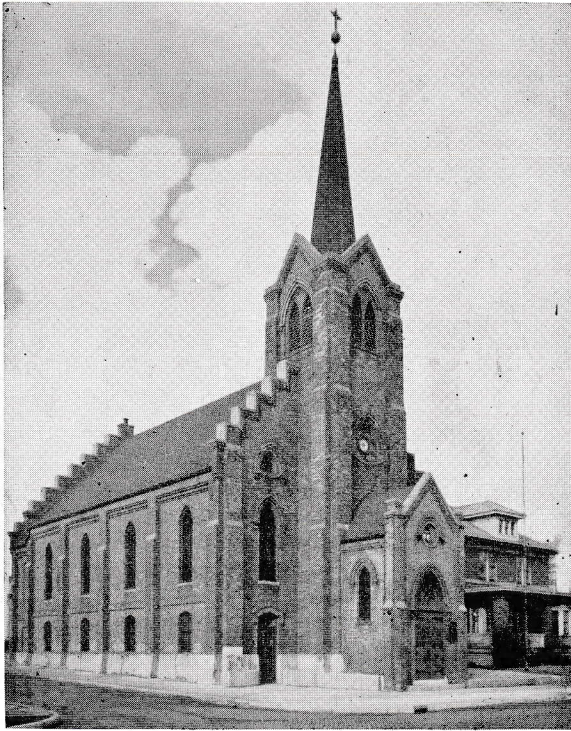
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CALL YOUR MINISTER

1. **WHEN YOU ARE FACING A SERIOUS PROBLEM.** Most ministers have been trained to help people with their personal, family and business problems. The impartial judgment of a spiritual leader, together with his prayers of Divine guidance will enable you to face your difficulty with confidence. Don't allow your problem to get too big for you.
2. **WHEN SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN THE CHURCH.** You will meet young people and adults who are new in your community, and others who have not united with the local church. Put in a good word for your church and tell your pastor about these prospective church members.
3. **WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS.** Your minister is as near as your telephone. His presence, counsel, and prayer will be helpful. Your pastor will appreciate your phone call when you, your loved one, or friend is ill or going to the hospital.
4. **WHEN THERE IS DEATH.** Your minister should be notified immediately when there is a death in the family. He can give comfort and counsel at this difficult time. It is proper to consult him before funeral arrangements are made.
5. **WHEN YOU MUST MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION.** If you are a young person and face a decision about going to college, arranging your course of study, or choosing your life work, make an appointment to see your minister. The viewpoint of your spiritual advisor should be considered.
6. **WHEN THERE IS TO BE A WEDDING.** Your Pastor should be consulted before the wedding day is set. Since you will undoubtedly desire to have one or more conferences with your minister, it is advisable to contact him well in advance of the wedding.
7. **WHEN SOMEONE DESIRES TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.** Happy, indeed, is the pastor who is asked to talk with someone desiring to become a Christian. Tell your minister about friends of yours who are interested in knowing more about Christian life.
8. **WHEN YOU HAVE A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM.** Many Christians have questions and fears that bring no little discomfort. Your minister is your spiritual advisor. He can help you overcome your fears and solve your problems.

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AS YOUR TELEPHONE.**

LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Wisconsin District Luther League Convention will be held at Shennington November 6-8. The delegates chosen to represent our league are Gail Bergman and Lee Woodward. Others who plan to attend are Bonnie Scheel, Jeanne Petersen, Delores Petersen, and Louise Bergman.

COMING EVENTS

- November 16th—The Annual Every-Member Pledge Sunday.
 November 23rd-28th—Thanksgiving Clothing Drive for Lutheran World Relief.
 December 1st—The Annual Congregational Business Meeting.
 December 3rd—The Fall Festival sponsored by the women of Emmaus.

REPORT FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee has now engaged Mr. Harry A. Ollrogge as architect for the new church. The committee has met with Mr. Ollrogge and given him information on the needs of our size congregation which a church building should meet. Now he is preparing the ground floor plans which will be presented to the committee for approval within a few days.

BROTHERHOOD

The Emmaus Brotherhood sponsors a yearly extensive athletic program. During the past summer two ball teams competed in leagues, the fast-pitch team in the National Church League and the Junior baseball team in the Cadet Baseball League. Both teams placed fifth at the end of the season. Although they did not win too many games, the boys spent an enjoyable summer.

Our church is represented by two teams in the bowling league of the Lutheran Men of America in Racine. They play Saturday at 6:00 P.M.

The Ushers' Club had the pleasure of seeing the ball game in Chicago between the White Sox and Philadelphia.

EXTRA SPECIAL

The Brotherhood is selling one dollar tickets for its meeting on November 18th. The money will go toward the building fund. Lunch will be served. Pastor Lawrence Siersbeck of Kenosha will be guest speaker.

A BOYS' CLASS

Mr. Al. Beck is instructor of a boys' class which meets in the parsonage during the study period of the first service. A growing interest is reported, and Mr. Beck urges all boys to attend!

Baptism: David Allan Larsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Larsen, was born September 22, 1951, and baptized October 26, 1952. The sponsors were Ruby Powless and Eugene Larsen.

TWO MORE IN THE SERVICE

Jerry Martin, who had begun his second year at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, and Al. Svendsen, Dana College graduate, and a teacher in our Sunday School, have left for Army service. We wish them well.

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A NURSERY

Parents are invited to leave their babies and pre-Sunday School children at the parsonage during the 10:30 Sunday Service. The Cradle Roll workers will take turns caring for them.

LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League had a fine party for the 1952 confirmation class on October 12th. Twenty young people were present. A fine group was out to hear Rev. Henry M. Hansen on October 19th. On Sunday, November 16th the leaguers are invited as guests of the Immanuel Luther League and will be privileged at that time to hear Rev. Bob Bertelsen.

A SUGGESTION

Although no building fund drive has been started as yet, there may be those who would welcome the suggestion of giving a contribution to the building fund this year so that the amount given may be applied on one's income tax deductions for the year 1952. A substantial gift might put one's taxable income in a lower bracket and the actual contribution to the church will cost less.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Youngsters are excited and
Old folks thrill, as each of
Us prepares to
Remember the Birthday of our King.
Personally, we wish to thank each and
All for the fine loyalty and cooperation which you have
Shown to your Church. It is a joy
To be your pastor. We appreciate
Our fine fellowship together and
Reverently thank God for His blessings.
So with this greeting we
Ask to come into each of
Your homes and sincerely
Say to one and all:
Merry Christmas." And may
Each Yuletide Season bring you a
Richer understanding of God's great gift, and a
Renewed love for Him who is
Your Savior and Lord.
Christmas will mean more to us when we
Have accepted this great Gift of God.
Rejoice in the knowledge that God's
Important message which the angels
Sang of "Peace on Earth, good will
Toward men" is for us today! And
May this message be very real
As the presence of God reigns in your hearts.
So once again: "Merry Christmas."

Your Pastor and His Family

WHAT IS IT?

It seems so obvious that we should be happy at Christmas time. It is just the proper mood for everybody. This is to assume that there is something about Christmas that automatically imposes a spirit of joy upon people. The magic words are "Merry Christmas." No matter how used or by whom they are pressed into use they are assumed to produce results.

But the human spirit cannot so easily be conjured into ecstasy. Not for long. It certainly is not buoyed to heights of glee by mere things. Witness our children's stacks of toys and continuous dissatisfaction, or our gadget-filled and unhappy homes.

The gift that thoroughly satisfies the human spirit is from God. It is the gift of His Son, Jesus. Perhaps that is because in Christ God gave the One to whom we can give ourselves in an ultimate, final way; to whom we can make a full commitment of love and trust. For it is in these matters that life is enriched with joy-bringing experiences.

Truly with Jesus came One who should save us from our sins, but salvation is not just a vacuum. It brings abundant life in living for Jesus. In the required spiritual adjustments are the processes that assure true joy. Christmas joy requires more than gifts and well-wishing. It requires the touch of God's Spirit upon our spirits, a touch that makes us alive and responsive to Christ.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Church Council has ear-marked the Christmas offering for the Building Fund. Use the Christmas Offering Envelope from your box and your gift will be accredited to your total contribution to the Building Fund.

Give a gift of love according to your means and the needs of your church.

Consider your gift in connection with your income tax returns. You are permitted to deduct 20% for charities. Give your church the benefit.

Bring your offering on Christmas Day, the Following Sunday, or mail your gift to 1130 Mound Ave.

A large offering will make us all happy!

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Tuesday, 9th, 8:00 P.M.—Mission Society Christmas Party.

Saturday, 13th, 2:00 P.M.—Cradle Roll Party.

Sunday, 14th, 7:00 P.M.—Luther League Party at Parsonage.

Wednesday, 17th, 2:30 P.M.—Joint Ladies' Aid Party.

Thursday, 18th, 6:45 P.M.—Junior-Hi Club.

Sunday, 21st, 6:00 P.M.—The Children's Christmas Service.

Christmas Day, 10:00 A. M.—Worship Service

Sunday, 28th, 7:00 P.M.—Brotherhood Party for the Congregation.

New Year's Day, 10:00 A.M.—Worship Service.

104 BRICKS

To stimulate interest and attendance the Brotherhood sold tickets, printed as red bricks, for its November meeting. 104 bricks were sold and 75 men attended the meeting. Pastor Lawrence Siersbeck of Kenosha spoke to the men about the joy and satisfaction that come through the experience of building a House of Worship.

THE THANKSGIVING CLOTHING DRIVE

Thanks to the good response to the request for used clothing. Thirty-three boxes were collected for this worthy cause of Lutheran World Relief.

BAPTISMS:

Randall Robert Dvorak, son of Robert and Dolores Dvorak, born July 23, 1952, was baptized November 9. Sponsors: Darlene Frederiksen and Floyr Wernicke

Joan Helen Gregory, daughter of Milton and Joan Gregory, born October 4, 1952, was baptized November 30. Sponsors: Helen and Franklin Gregory.

Julaine Ione Clausen, daughter of Roland and Gladys Clausen, born September 22, 1952, was baptized December 7. Sponsors: Mrs. Lorraine Higgins and Mr. Roland Hicks.

AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN SIGNED

The negotiations with representatives of Western Printing and Lithographing Co. concluded agreements on November 29 for the sale of the church property. The trustees of our church signed papers which stipulate the terms upon which our church property shall be transferred to Western Printing not later than November 1, 1957 at which time a Warranty Deed shall be delivered to the purchaser.

The agreement calls for the payment of \$2000 as earnest money (which has been received) and \$18,000 when the Warranty Deed is delivered to Western. The agreement further promises to pay to Emmaus \$30,000 as a contribution toward the Building Fund and will be paid according to the following schedule:

Date December 15, 1952	Amount \$ 5,000
Date December 15, 1953	Amount 5,000
Date December 15, 1954	Amount 10,000
Date December 15, 1955	Amount 10,000

This \$30,000 contribution is a personal gift by Mr. W. R. Wadewitz, who personally signed the pledge, and will be kept in a trust fund at the Farmers and Merchant Bank until actual construction of the new church is begun.

The agreement covering the sale of the property to Western for \$20,000 is signed by the president of Western, Mr. W. R. Wadewitz, and the secretary, Mr. H. M. Benstead. It is a lengthy document extensively setting forth a number of safe-guards to the interests of our Church and Western Printing. Anyone desiring further information should consult our trustees.

What this sale of our church property means to us is that we have a sum of \$50,000 for our new church.

PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH PROGRESSING

On Friday, November 28, Mr. Harry Ollrogge, our architect, presented his first plans to the Building Committee. They were again presented to the Planning Committee on Sunday evening, November 30. A number of modifications were suggested which Mr. Ollrogge is taking under advisement in making another set of plans. He hopes to have these altered plans ready for the committee's approval before New Year.

The Building Committee consists of these members: Harry Andersen, chairman, Elmo Andersen, Victor Andersen, Milton Burdick, and Florence Olsen, secretary. Hans Jepsen and Pastor Petersen are ex officio members of this committee.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

At its annual business meeting on December 1st the congregation adopted the proposed budget of \$9255.00 for local expenses and \$5906.00 for Missions. This last figure includes the Lutheran World Action quota.

At this meeting the following officers were elected:



President: Hans Jepsen
 Trustee: Mark Petersen
 Treasurer: Henry Lund
 Fin. Secretary: Peter Thomsen
 Deacon No. 2: Arthur Olsen
 Deacon No. 4: Henry Ostwald
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Song Committee: Wm. Madsen, Henry Andersen
Auditors: Oscar Scheel, Ella Reckhow, Harold Quirk
Organists: Gordon Petersen, Alice Klingberg, Joyce Demant
Papers: Ernest Petersen, Martinus Jepsen

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

A number of our church organizations have elected officers for the coming year.

Brotherhood—

President: Darrell Markham
Vice-President: Al Beck
Secretary: Peter Thomsen
Treasurer: Harold Quirk

The Ladies Aid—

Vice President: Mrs. Milton Burdick
Secretary: Mrs. Arthur Olsen
Serving their second year:
President: Mrs. Laurier Durand
Treasurer: Mrs. W. E. Melvin

The Danish Ladies' Aid—

Vice-President: Mrs. Hjortness
Treasurer: Mrs. Otto Krogh

Other officers are:

President: Mrs. H. M. Hansen
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