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Salvation is a personal experience which is made made possible through Christ's redemptive work. From this point of view we rightly say, "It was for ME my Savior died and hung upon the tree." It is this truth of personal salvation that corrects the many ills of the soul and gives the individual peace, joy, and hope in Christ. This is Christianity in its simplest form.

But Jesus also redeemed the Church. He "obtained it with His own blood." He "loved the Church and gave himself up for it." We need to take a long look at the Church from this point of view. This we shall do in our mid-week lenten services.

We are individual persons, but strangely enough, our personalities are never more wholesome than when we are well integrated with the group, with people. Christians are the body of Christ, and individually they find their happiness most complete as they find their places in this body, which is the Church.

"The Church of the Lord which he obtained with his blood" will loom large in the consummation of all things. In association with it the Christian has a sense of being tied to God's purpose in history in which purpose he finds the meaning of his own life. Much of our anemic Christianity is a result of our being split personalities—

split away from the body of Christ, not knowing the true source of wholeness and therefore happiness.

During this Lenten season you are invited to study with us the nature and meaning of the Church which Christ redeemed.

*General Theme:* The Church of the Lord Which He Obtained With His Own Blood.

*March 3.* Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion.  
Christ Nourishes and Cherishes His Church. Ephesians 5:29

*March 10.* Christ Loved the Church and Gave Himself Up for It. Ephesians 5:25

*March 17.* Destined Us in Love to Be His Sons Through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:5

*March 24.* One Body Through the Cross. Ephesians 2:16

*March 31.* The Church Presented Before Him in Splendor, Without Spot. Ephesians 5:27

*April 7.* Through the Church the Manifold Wisdom of God Might Be Made Known. Ephesians 3:10



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## Our New Church

As this issue of the Messenger goes to print the blue prints of the new church will be in the hands of contractors and in approximately thirty days we shall know what the cost of construction will be. Alternate bids will be submitted on stone and brick, and other considerations will be made that will affect the over-all cost. When the building committee has received the bids, it will report to the congregation at a meeting to be called for that purpose.

Reports on community development in the Horlick High School vicinity are very encouraging. We have a right to be excited about our church being built in this new community. What is important now is that we keep our pledges paid and give extra help financially when possible. A local bank has assured us of a sufficient loan whenever we will need it.

Remember the work of our church in your prayers, and we shall receive rich blessings from God. If we are faithful to God, He will prosper His kingdom among us.

## Why We Need To Give Generously

We are gradually learning the spiritual value of giving. A church ought never to apologize for giving its members an opportunity to give. The church does not beg. It invites its people to a spiritual experience of paramount importance. We need to learn that our interests follow our dollars and without interest in our church we are incapable of being blessed through it. Here are a few paragraphs for our study taken from "Wells Way", a magazine of church fund-raising:

"Church Authorities reluctantly admit that at least 95% of all annual gifts to churches can be considered as token gifts.

"Yet it is a fact that a token gift cannot pull more than a token interest.

"Equally true, every family deserves an opportunity to make a better than token gift to a church, to help develop a better than token spiritual interest. Consequently, it is a responsibility—and should be the duty—of church leaders to make sure that every member family is given a very special opportunity to make the kind of gift that can stimulate an increased spiritual interest.

"This special opportunity should be offered in every church, 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 for his own spiritual good.'

"In our present day economy there is no question that our interests follow our dollars. It is also true that our dollars follow our interests. So there is a chain reaction, once the motion has been started.

"The spiritual impact which invariably follows a marked increase in the giving of church members is unanimously recognized by the pastors and lay leaders of churches which have experienced successful intensive building-fund canvasses. This spiritual by-product of creative fund-raising is not difficult to explain once it is understood that spiritual interests always follow the increased giving of spiritual dollars."

Perhaps the time has come for us as a congregation to appoint a stewardship committee whose duty it shall be to study our giving habits and carry on a constructive educational program to bring to our people the rich possibilities in increased giving. Perhaps, too, this committee could study the advisability of erasing the demarcation now existing between "local" and "mission" as it appears on our envelope. Have we not a right to believe that if we can be shown how to grow spiritually through giving that we also will be willing to act accordingly?



## EMMAUS NOTES

*Baptism:* Patti Ann Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hess, born April 16, 1953, was baptized January 24. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horvath.

*Funeral:* Miss Amanda Hendricksen, age 69, was buried Feb. 6.

*Brotherhood:* The Annual Father and Son Banquet will be held March 16. Pastor Robert Berthelsen of Milwaukee will be the guest speaker.

*Valentine Party:* The young people spent an enjoyable evening together at the church Sunday, February 14, playing games, seeing a couple movies, and eating a tasty lunch. Thirty-three were present.

*Luther League Retreat:* March 19-21, at Oregon. The cost will be \$3.75.

*Church Council Meeting,* February 2. The \$500.00 received from the Lena Mattson estate was given to the Building Fund. It was decided to give Mr. LeRoy Andersen \$60.00 toward the purchase of a clerical robe and to pay the balance of our 1953-54 synodical budget from the current funds. May 16th will be Lutheran Welfare Sunday.

*Holy Communion:* The next Communion Service will be on Ash Wednesday, March 3rd. This is a good way to begin Lenten observances.

### THE BEST ADVERTISING IS YOU

Some of the men in a group meeting in a congregation were discussing advertising and the most effective kinds. Someone pointed out that the persons charged with selling certain merchandise are solely dependent on what "satisfied customers" say about it. They refer the prospective buyer to a person who has the merchandise and who recommends it. This, the men agreed, is the best kind of advertising.

Even though the "commodity" is not the same in church work the principle is. No amount of "publicity" can offset the effects of a church member who is not a good advertisement for the church. On the other hand, no amount of publicity is stronger than a church member who is a good recommendation for his church.

What kind of a "selling job" are you, church member, doing? What impression do "outsiders" get of Christ and the church by watching and listening to you? Are you making them want the Savior you have publicly professed to accept in your confirmation? Are you causing that they want to live the selfless, useful serving life by your example? Are you making Christ and the Christian so attractive and challenging that they want it? You, "the person who is one" (a Christian), are the best advertising there is for Christ.

Make 1954 a record year in "sales" for Christ and your church!

—Adapted from Our Savior's Messenger.

## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 1954

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## EASTER 1954

### HE IS RISEN!

It is a tradition for Christians in many parts of the world to greet one another on Easter morning with the words "He is risen!" I suppose we would feel embarrassed if we should use this greeting on Easter morning. However, if we believe that He is risen, we have in possession the greatest fact of history. Our faith, or lack of it, does not alter the truth. The resurrection of Jesus, as one has said, is the best authenticated fact in history. But what a difference it makes in life when we believe!

There has always been speculation about personal immortality. Christ's resurrection transformed it into a certainty. The nature of the life to come a Christian is willing to entrust to God who makes all things well. So "resting in Him, who has said, 'Because I live, ye shall live also,' we look with confidence beyond this vale of death to those unseen hills on which the light of life falls forevermore."

While we are walking through this vale of death toward our eternal home, we have the personal experience of the living Christ. Dr. Dale, at Carr's Lane Chapel, had an Easter hymn sung each Sunday morning. When asked why by a surprised visitor, he said, "I want my people to know the glorious fact that Christ is alive and

to rejoice over it, and Sunday is the day on which He rose."

It is your pastor's wish that this Easter season may be a happy and blessed experience to all members and friends of the church. Do not hesitate to bring your families to the programs and services which follow:

April 4—7:30 P. M.—Choir Concert, followed by a fellowship hour.

April 11—Palm Sunday—10:00 A. M.—Confirmation Service. (Only this one service.)

April 16—Good Friday—12 Noon to 3 P. M.—The Annual Three-Hour Services at Holy Communion, Atonement, and Emmanuel Churches.

April 18—Easter Sunday—Two Festive Services at 9:00 A. M. and 10:30 A. M. with Holy Communion. The Brotherhood will serve an Easter breakfast at 8 and 9 o'clock. The Easter offering will be for missions. Kindly use your Easter envelope for a generous festive offering.

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## Confirmation Class of 1954

### Confirmation Day—Palm Sunday

Janice Andersen, 1645 Thurston Ave.  
Judith Bergman, 4026 Spring St.  
Jill Clausen, 1516 Isabelle Ave.  
Lewis Derwae, 1031 Milwaukee Ave.  
Myra Gregory, 1644 Hamilton Ave.  
Jo Ann Hess, 2007 Harriet St.  
Jeanne Miller, 1318 Geneva St.  
Lillian Miller, 1318 Geneva St.  
Donald Monday, 851 Washington Ave.  
Terry Nelson, 414 Randolph St.  
Nancy Ostwald, 1812 Jerome Blvd.  
LaVerne Simonsen, 3612 Osborne Blvd.

We welcome these young people into communicant fellowship with our church. We trust that the instruction in the Word of God has confirmed their faith, so that they truly trust their Lord and Savior. May they continue to grow in spiritual experience. This they will, if they remain faithful to Christ and their church.

## EMMAUS NOTES

THE LADIES' AID would like the names and birthdays of all (both men and women) who are over 70 years old. The ladies of the aid would like to remember each one appropriately on his or her birthday. Drop a card to or phone Mrs. Wm. Madson, 414 Randolph Street. Phone 2—8294. The Ladies Aid has recently purchased utensils and dishes for the church kitchen.

THE FATHER AND SON BANQUET held March 16 was attended by 115 men and boys. Mr. Gordon Petersen provided the music for the evening. Pastor Robert Berthelsen of Milwaukee was the speaker.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP held March 7 was attended by 26. Mrs. Petersen's brother showed his slides from Korea. Refreshments were served and the young people enjoyed games.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE RETREAT at Oregon was attended by Judy Bohn, Carole Hoogerhuis, Dan Finn, Tom Finn, Delores Petersen, Bonnie Scheel, and Alice Klingberg.

At the last MISSION SOCIETY meeting Mrs. Richard Thompsen from Our Savior's Church reviewed the book, "All Heart," about the Santal Mission. The next meeting will be held April 13 at which time Miss Helen Margaret Jacobsen will be our guest. She will show pictures and speak of her work in Africa. Perhaps she will also have a recording of a day at school in the Mission field.

The members of the Mission Society will please remember the shower on Helen Margaret Jacobsen at Immanuel Church, April 19.

**Baptisms:** Steven Robert Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodward, born March 7, was baptized March 10.

Susan Jane Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peterson, born December 6, 1953, was baptized March 21. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell.

**Funerals:** Henry Ostwald, 37, March 6.  
Fred Petersen, 81, March 20.

**THE BUILDING PROGRAM:** About the time you receive this issue of the Messenger the contractors will have presented their bids to the building committee. You may expect interesting news shortly. In the meantime let us check on the payments on our pledges to the new church.

THE CHOIR has been practicing on special music for an Easter Song Service, which it will present Sunday, April 4, 7:30 P. M. A fellowship hour will follow.

### On Leave of Absence

At a special meeting held March 19 the Church Council granted Pastor Petersen a twelve-weeks' leave of absence in order that he could accept an assignment to the Boys' Industrial School, Topeka, Kansas, for chaplaincy training. This course is given under the auspices of the Council for Clinical Training, Inc. with headquarters in New York City. The Church Council will arrange for pastoral services during these weeks. However, Pastor Petersen will be back to conduct the confirmation service.

THE USHERS' CLUB had Hobby and Stunt Night at its meeting March 14. The boys enjoyed a Pot-Luck Supper.



## Straight Talk

Just ask yourself the question, "How much is my Church worth to me, my family and my community?"

Spiritually, morally, socially, and from the standpoint of hard, cold cash, the Church is the most worthwhile institution in our community.

Perhaps you have never looked at it in this light. But let us think this thing through. Does my home, my business, my community really benefit from the fact that there are Churches in our community? That is the question.

### ASK THE REAL ESTATE MAN

He will tell you that there are two institutions essential to the success of his business—the Church and the School.

### ASK THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

It will tell you that where Churches are well taken care of and Sunday Schools are on the job, there is less petty larceny, less need for police protection...and, consequently, less of your tax money needed to keep the community safe.

### ASK THE MERCHANT

He will tell you that losses from bad accounts are far less in a community with a church than one without.

### ASK THE HOME-OWNER

If he has his eyes open he will see that the value of every property within several blocks of a new church has stepped up.

### THEN ASK YOURSELF

What am I doing to help this wonderful institution which is helping me in so many ways, adding value to my property, security to my home, and good to the whole community?

Looking at it merely from a mercenary point of view, don't you owe it to the Church to give something that is yours in return for what it gives to you?

From the point of view of spiritual privilege and obligation, don't you owe it to the Church, as well as to yourself, your family, your community and your God, to give yourself to the work and worship of the Church?

Remember this: when men cease to worship God in the sanctuary, it is not long before they begin to slip back to the abyss from which generations of Christian training have been slowly lifting them up. It is the worship of God that makes man rise and stand on his feet. It is the worship of God that opens his eyes to the unseen, without which life is a poverty stricken experience. It is the worship of God that lights the beacon of hope that shines out thru the darkness beyond the grave.

The Church is in your midst. Its protecting and uplifting influence is all about you. Its doors will ever open wide to all who come to it for comfort and encouragement. It stands committed to inspire and instruct young and old in the ways of honesty, integrity, morality and the Christian religion.

## DECALOGUE FOR A PERFECT DAY

Here are ten resolutions to make when you awake in the morning:

1. JUST FOR TODAY, I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a life time.

2. JUST FOR TODAY, I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true that "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

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3. JUST FOR TODAY, I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desire. I will take my family, my business, and my luck as they come and adjust myself to them.

4. JUST FOR TODAY, I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it and nourish it and not abuse nor neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my will.

5. JUST FOR TODAY, I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study, I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer all day. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

6. JUST FOR TODAY, I will exercise my soul in three ways, to wit: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out; if somebody knows it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to, as William James suggested, just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt. They may be, but today only, I will not show it.

7. JUST FOR TODAY, I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with flattery, criticize not one bit nor find fault with anything, and not try to regulate nor improve anyone.

8. JUST FOR TODAY, I will have a program. I will write down just what I expect to do every hour of the day. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. It will save me from the two pests, hurry and indecision.

9. JUST FOR TODAY, I will have a quiet half hour, all by myself, and relax. In this half hour, sometime, I will think of God, so as to get a little more perspective in my life.

10. JUST FOR TODAY, I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

—P. H. D.

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.—Seneca

**VALUES**

A roving reporter stopped 6 people on the sidewalks of New York and asked: "What was the most important happening in history?" Five replies, from 2 men and 3 women, were as varied as might be expected:

- "The settlement of Jamestown by the English."
- "The defeat of the Saracens at Tours."
- "The splitting of the atom."
- "The defeat of the Japanese."
- "The invention of the wheel."

The sixth answer came from a 14-year-old schoolboy: "The birth of Jesus Christ."

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## PICTURE OF CONFIRMATION CLASS



Front row: (left to right) Nancy Ostwald, Janice Andersen, Jean Miller, Lillian Miller, Jo Ann Hess, Judith Bergman  
Back row: Terry Nelson, LaVerne Simonsen, Donald Monday, Pastor Petersen, Louis Derwae, Jill Clausen, Myra Gregory

## Clinical Pastoral Training

It is becoming more apparent that the parish minister can be much more effective in his ministry to individuals if he receives special training in certain skills and abilities. For that reason there is a growing movement to provide special training for theologi-

cal students and pastors in hospitals, correctional institutions, and other appropriate centers. The student, under supervised guidance, studies, observes, and lives with the people that are in institutions for help and cure. Not only that, but he has the opportunity to see



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men of other professions at work and to learn what they can do to supplement his own ministry to his people.

I am spending these twelve weeks at the Kansas State Boys' Industrial School, located at Topeka. It is a correctional institution for delinquent boys under the age of 16, some are as young as eight years. There are approximately 160 boys here at present who have been committed to the institution by a county court. There is very little physical restraint exerted on the boys. There are no fences or walls. Boys do run away frequently but are generally returned in a few days. Those who are too much of a character problem are put in a security cottage for special treatment and protection.

Many people are in the "team" that works with these boys. There are school teachers, social workers, a psychologist and psychiatrist, vocational guides, a chaplain, and cottage parents. The latter furnish the father-mother figures. All these people work together to try to create an atmosphere and influence helpful to the boys. For these boys generally feel rejected and not loved. They are hurt and angry and act out against society which they feel is against them. A great effort is made to give the boys new relationships in life.

The religious program of the school consists, for Protestant boys, of Sunday School and morning worship. A boy chooses to go or not to go to Sunday School. Attendance at worship is compulsory. Catholic priests from Topeka minister to the Catholic boys. Apart from his Sunday morning activities, the chap-

lain meets regularly with individual boys and groups. For about six months of the year he supervises the training of students.

My time is spent attending group discussion and study, reading of books and the social history of the boys, and attending staff meetings dealing with boys in which I am particularly interested. I also spend considerable time with the boys in a cottage to which I have been assigned to watch their behavior and in general to be a friend to them. It is not difficult to become attached to some of these boys.

It is not easy to put into words what an experience like this means. It certainly gives one a better understanding of the problems involved with delinquent children. One learns that there are no easy solutions. It is evident that both the community and the church must be seriously concerned with the family unit. In the complex society in which we live it is impossible for many people to make a home what it ought to be without help both from God and man. It is not a matter of condemnation but of genuine helpfulness. The pressure of these times has left many parents frustrated and bewildered. Perhaps most parents feel that way.

My stay here at the Kansas State Boys' Industrial School comes to an end June 9th. I shall be home for the services on June 13th.

## THIS IS MY CHRISTIAN FAITH

(By a Member of the Confirmation Class.)

I believe that the ten commandments are ten laws which God gave us to obey. If we all believe in and obey God's ten laws we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. In our Christian life the ten commandments will help us to know if we are leading a Christian life and obeying God's ten laws.

I believe in God the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. By this we mean that God exists. He created the universe and he is our heavenly father. The book of Genesis begins with the account of God's creation. It tells us God created the world in an orderly fashion. He created man in the image of God. It would make a big difference in our life if we put our trust in God first. We would: 1. Thank God, it is God who provides for us out of his goodness and mercy whether we are deserving or not. 2. Praise God, we would prove our devotion to Him through our private and public worship. 3. Serve God wherever we are not only with hands but with the heart. 4. Obey God's law in the spirit of love.

Through God we have our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is more important to us than any other person who ever lived on earth. Only through Him can we receive forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

Christians often think of God as the creator and the Savior, but they must also think of Him as the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God who is at work in the lives of people. The Spirit of God is the third person of the Trinity. He works through the Bible, the church, and the lives of Christians as He calls men to become followers of Jesus and to lead godly lives. The Holy



Spirit is God in us.

When I pray I am talking to God. I have a friendship with God. When I pray I ask forgiveness of all my sins. God answers prayers by: 1. Giving us what we ask. 2. Giving us good things instead of the hurtful things we request. 3. Giving us strength to bear the burden which we pray to have removed.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are marks that are seals or signs of the promises of God. Through baptism God receives us as His children. Through the Lord's Supper our sins are forgiven and we have renewed fellowship with God.

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**THIS IS MY CHRISTIAN FAITH**

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I believe the Ten Commandments play a very important part in life. They are, to me, the most logical rules to follow in order to live clean, healthy lives. There is a satisfaction that one feels if he follows these rules and knows that he is doing his best to lead the proper life. If one disobeys the commandments, there is a sense of guilt that makes you feel wrong inside. This is where prayer plays an important role. Just the simplest prayer seems to make you feel good and want to start all over again in the right way. Sometimes, however, we try to forget this guilt and keep on piling up one sin after the other until it becomes almost unbearable. Even if you neglected to ask forgiveness long before, God is waiting for you to realize your mistakes and will listen to your prayer. How do I know this, you may ask? You may think that just realizing my errors would make me want to do better. Maybe this is so, but doesn't the fact that I trust He is taking care of me give me new confidence in myself and make me want to do right?

Why do we believe that God will watch over us and help us live pure, wholesome lives? Because it has been proven in the past that He is the true God, the Son, the Father, and the Holy Ghost. Because He is all these three in one, He is able and does guide us and forgive us our sins. That is why the Bible is such a great book; it tells of the wonderful work He did to give us a happy and healthful living. The most significant thing He did to show us He was truly a loving Father was to give His Son to die so that men may be freed of sin.

Of course, we are not entirely free of sin, for we do not always abide by His Word. God is always willing to forgive us, even at birth, in order to let us live pure lives. It is not just the water that produces these effects, but the Word of God spoken with it. The water, accompanied by the Word, washes us of our sins, and regenerates in us a righteous and pure life for the future.

We also receive remission of sin through the Sacrament of the altar. In this case, it is not the eating and drinking that produce the effects. It is our belief in the words spoken with it. We must truly believe that Christ's body and blood was given and shed for the remission of our sins. On the whole, the Lord gives

us many chances to show that we believe in Him and want to live by His Word.

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**EMMAUS NOTES**

*Baptisms:*

Chris Vernon Petersen, born Feb. 10, was baptizeded March 21.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Petersen

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Marcia Andrea Petersen, born Feb. 26, was baptizied April 18.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Petersen

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Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Quirk  
Karen Marie Gardinier, born Feb. 8, was baptized  
May 2.  
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Gardinier  
Sponsors: Miss Doris Gardinier and Mr. Edwin  
Gardinier

**Funerals:**

Mrs. Eleanor Stewart, 48, March 26  
Steffen Andersen, 76, March 27  
Mrs. Katherine Hansen, 76, April 19  
*Mission Society:* Miss Helen Margaret Jacobsen showed  
slides and spoke on the African Mission at our meet-  
ing on April 13.  
Mrs. Oscar Scheel reviewed the South American Mis-  
sion at the meeting on May 11.  
*The Brotherhood* presented an interesting program for  
Ladies' Night April 20. Al Beck gave a resume of the  
Life of Paul and showed the film, "Paul on the  
Road to Damascus" (one of the series of three pre-  
sented to the library by the Lutheran Men of Amer-  
ica) and a film on child guidance.  
*The Youth Fellowship*, sponsored by the Choir, April  
25, was attended by 39. The next youth meeting will  
be sponsored by the Ushers' Club and will be held  
May 30.  
At the *Congregational Meeting* held May 3 Harold Mil-  
ler was elected to fill the unexpired deacon's term,  
and Mrs. Arthur Olsen and Mrs. Stanley Burdick  
were elected delegates to the Synodical Convention  
at Audubon, Iowa. Ernest Petersen and Martinus  
Jepsen were elected delegates to the District Con-  
vention.  
Pentecost Sunday has been designated as Lutheran  
World Action Sunday in our church. Please read  
carefully the literature which will be sent you, and  
use the envelope enclosed for your offering. The  
Council requests that you give a generous offering  
so that no additional drive will be necessary. If  
possible we would like to meet our quota with this  
offering.

Thank you for your response to the Clothing Drive.  
We feel very fortunate that we were able to secure  
Dr. C. C. Madsen for our Sunday services during  
Pastor Petersen's absence. He is a Professor at our  
Seminary at Blair, Nebr., and at the present time  
is taking a course at Garrett Biblical Institute in  
Evanston, Ill.

**THE VOTE FOR THE NEW CHURCH**

The final decision on building our new church has  
been made. At a congregational meeting held May  
16th by a vote of 85 to 8 it was decided to approve all  
plans and recommendations by the building and fi-  
nance committees. The cost of the church will be  
\$207,000 complete. Construction will begin at once.  
The ground breaking ceremony is set for May 30th.  
The next issue of the Emmaus Messenger will carry a  
complete story.

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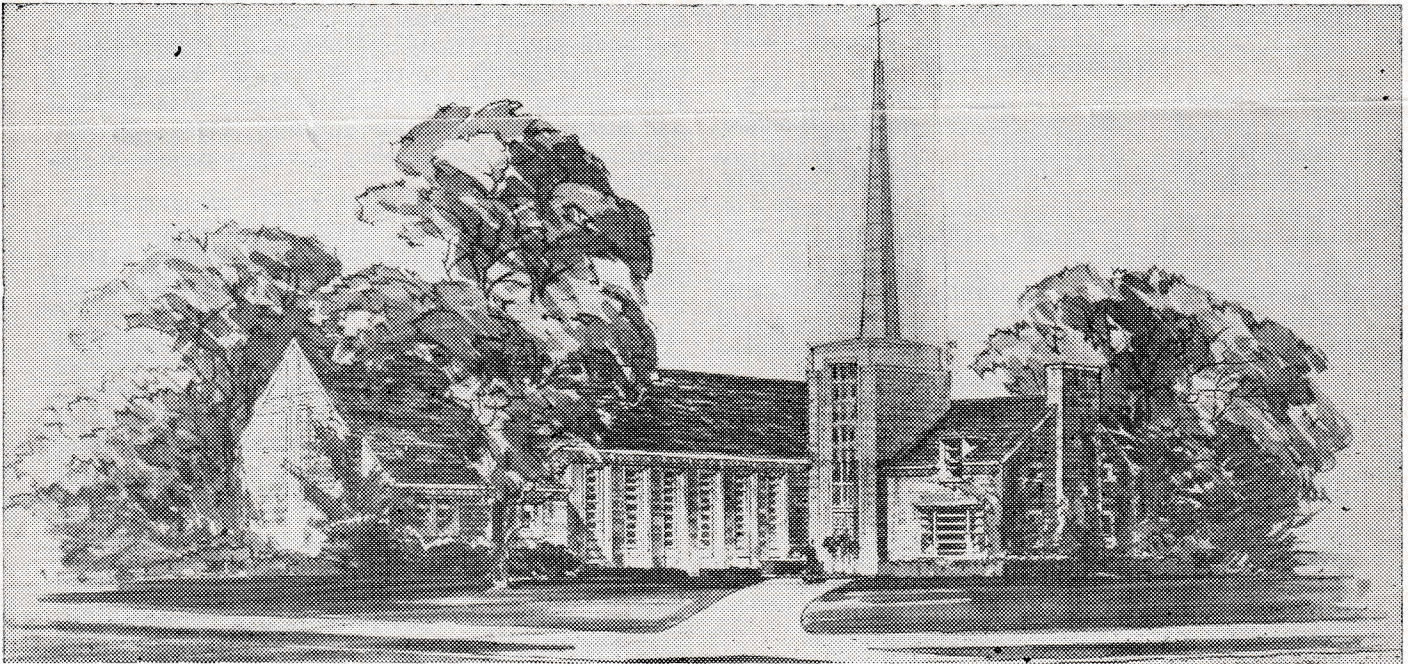
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## Our New Church

Our new church on Yout & Summit, shown above in the architect's drawing, will be of Tennessee crab-orchard stone and glass in contemporary design. Over-all size of the main church is 108 feet, 6 inches by 38 feet 6 inches. The parish unit, including the tower is 40 x 28 feet. The church will seat 280 in the nave, 29 in the choir transept, and 51 in the balcony. It will have an overflow capacity of 150 for a total seating capacity of 510 persons. The plans include a sacristy, working sacristy, hall, wardrobe, mothers' room, church office, fireplace room, utility room, kitchen, assembly room, and 8 to 10 classrooms. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$208,000.00 complete.

The ground-breaking service was held May 30th.

Since then the church has been under construction. At the time of this writing the basement walls are being laid.

Here is the list of contractors who are doing the work:

|                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Welling Construction | Mason & Carpentry               |
| Christ of Kenosha    | Steel Struct. & Ornamental      |
| Mohr Jones           | Sheet Metal                     |
| Harry O. Johnson     | Lathing & Plastering            |
| Petersen Tile        | Floor covering-Ceramic & Marble |
| Seyferth             | Painting                        |
| T. C. Esser          | Glass & Glazing                 |
| Dave Speaker         | Electrical                      |
| Wiertz & Hughes      | Heating                         |
| John Feiner          | Plumbing                        |





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## THIS WE WILL REMEMBER

It is with mixed feelings that my family and I leave Emmaus and Racine. After August 29th we will be going west, Delores to Dana College, and the rest of us to Topeka, Kansas where I will enter the Topeka State Hospital for further training for institutional chaplaincy. Now that this has become possible for me, a desire, cherished for many years, is being fulfilled.

We shall take with us some rich recollections. We will remember:

The many who have become our true friends, for friendship enriches human relationships.

That there were those who understood.

That my pastorate in Emmaus has been greatly rewarding in relationships which have been very helpful to many.

That there were men, women, and youth with courage, faith and vision to relocate and build a new church. We deeply respect such and shall always cherish the fact that we have had a part in this venture of faith.

The family service, with the quiet, beautiful response of the children to the worship of God.

The young people, who have become increasingly faithful to their church and their God.

The choir and its wonderful response to Mrs. Petersen's leadership, and the joy they have given her.

The happy singing of the Sunday School children.

Those who have loyally labored with us and have held responsible positions in the church, often with marked ability.

The many kindnesses that have come our way out of gracious thoughtfulness.

The men who have served and those who are serving in the armed forces of our nation.

The opportunities our children have had in Racine, especially in musical organizations.

So we leave with a storehouse of memories and with gratitude to all who have added to our joy.

We leave believing that Emmaus will have a good future under God's mercy and grace. Out of the struggle and trials there is emerging a revitalized church. Let no one discourage you. No church needs to compare itself with another. All it needs to do is to be true to its Lord and Savior and follow His guidance which generally leads to sacrifice and growing service to people. In this rejoice.

No one with ordinary human limitations can serve in the Christian ministry without accumulating regrets. Neither time nor strength has sufficed for what should have been done. There are areas of the ministry of the church that fail and always will fail because of the lack of man power. If I have wronged anyone, I can only lay claim to my right of Christian forgiveness. However, I have no intention of apologizing for the policy which has been followed during my ministry, for that would be betraying the hopes and faith of the people of Emmaus.

Five years ago, when we came to Racine, I wrote a little poem in the front of the notebook in which I kept a record of my visitations. It still expresses my sentiments. Now I will let you read it. To me it has always been deeply rewarding to be permitted to enter the lives of my fellow men with what little of Christ's compassion we sinful human beings can possess and there find a response that leads beyond the human, "in faith and love, to God's great mercy seat." Many of you will know what I mean and cherish this our fellowship in Christ as people and pastor.

"My care for people,  
Not what they seem,  
Nor what they are,  
Shall guide my way to them.

With Christ's compassion,  
To lift some load,  
To share some care,  
With them I walk their road.

Like my own Shepherd  
I'll guide their feet,  
In faith and love,  
To God's great mercy seat."

So, farewell. May God bless you and keep you—you and your children. For ourselves we covet your prayers as we seek a new work with the mentally ill.



## EMMAUS NOTES

THE ANNUAL PICNIC will be held at Old Settlers' Park, Union Grove, August 15. There will be no service at the church that Sunday, but an 11:00 A.M. service will be held at the picnic grounds. We shall have as our guests that day Missionary and Mrs. Lloyd Neve. Pastor Neve will speak at the morning service. The afternoon will offer a program by the children, games, and recreation for all. Come and bring your picnic dinner.

On Sunday, August 29th Pastor Petersen will preach his farewell sermon.

Going away to College this fall are Jolene Andersen, Carthage College, Carthage, Ill., Jean and Delores Petersen, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska.

The little SUNDAY SCHOOL aprons brought \$51 for the Building Fund.

BIBLE CAMP—Eight Juniors and Seniors attended Bible Camp at Spencer Lake: Jerry and Kenneth Quirk, Dennis, David, and Verla Petersen, Dan Finn, Charles and LeRoy Clausen.

### Baptisms:

Robert William Siefert, born April 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Siefert, was baptized June 20. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. David Petersen.

David Ernest Grabher, born April 6, 1948, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grabher, was baptized June 29, 1954. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson.

Robert Michael Sweeny, born June 25, 1951, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeny, was baptized June 29, 1954. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. James Steinmetz.

Vicki Lynne Sweeny, born June 29, 1953, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeny, was baptized June 29, 1954. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. James Steinmetz.

Michael Lee Dalgard, born March 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dalgard, was baptized July 4. Sponsors: Nancy Torry and Kenneth Micheloni.

Terry Lee Traeger, born March 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Traeger, was baptized July 4. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rieley.

James Howard Rasmussen, born April 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen, was baptized July 11. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Herald Reed.

Steve Sonberg, born March 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evald Sonberg, was baptized July 11. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nielsen.

Margaret Jeanne Stone, born Dec. 27, 1939, daughter of John and Margaret Stone, was baptized July 11, 1954. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clausen.

John Thomas Stone, born Jan. 13, 1943, son of John and Margaret Stone, was baptized July 11, 1954.

Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Toms.

Karen Louise Stone, born August 15, 1946, daughter of John and Margaret Stone, was baptized July 11, 1954. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Atkinson.

### Weddings:

Gene A. Henry and Cecilia C. Zeno, June 26.  
James M. Martinsen and Nancy A. Anderson, July 16.  
Franklin P. Gregory and Arlene J. Bylsma, July 17.

### Funerals:

Steve Woodward, age 3 months, June 26.

Thorvald Lorenzen, age 59, July 3.

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- Mrs. Dewey DeGarmo, age 59, July 6.
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- Mrs. Nels Hansen, July 21. (Pastor E. R. Andersen, officiating)

church leader is likely to make mistakes of judgment in the performance of his duties. Let us make very sure that such mistakes as do occur will be on the side of charity rather than on the side of severity.  
—American Lutheran.

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Wisdom in solving my problems  
Love in dealing with my fellow men

I am dependent upon my Church for—  
Christian fellowship  
Spiritual inspiration  
Opportunity for service

“Dependence upon God demands faithfulness in church attendance.”

**ON LONELY HILLS**

On lonely hills while sheep and lambs were sleeping,  
O'er lonely hills a restful night-wind blew;  
On lonely hills some stalwart men were keeping  
A vigil true till dawn would break anew.  
O'er lonely hills a peaceful calmness dwelling,  
All carnal strife and hate and fear dispelling.

O'er lonely hills the sky commenced a beaming,  
On lonely hills the men were struck with fear,  
O'er lonely hills a heav'nly light was streaming,  
An angel from the Lord was drawing near.  
On lonely hills salvation's gospel sounded  
Of holy joy and life and light unbounded.  
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O'er lonely hills the heav'nly choir was singing,  
O'er lonely hills was heard a new refrain;  
On lonely hills the heav'nly guest was bringing  
The gospel message, both profound and plain.  
On lonely hills prophetic words were spoken  
Of Jesus Christ, love's everlasting token.  
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—Casper Bensen

The more we learn to know about the founding fathers of our synod the more deeply are we impressed with the evangelical spirit which filled their hearts. The more we read about the pastoral ministrations of Jesus and of Paul, His greatest apostle, the more deeply do we become persuaded that the real power of the gospel ministry and the real strength of church leadership lies not in the explosive fireworks of a legalistic approach, but in the pervasive warmth, and transforming, recreating power of love as expressed in an evangelical ministry. It is probable that any minister or

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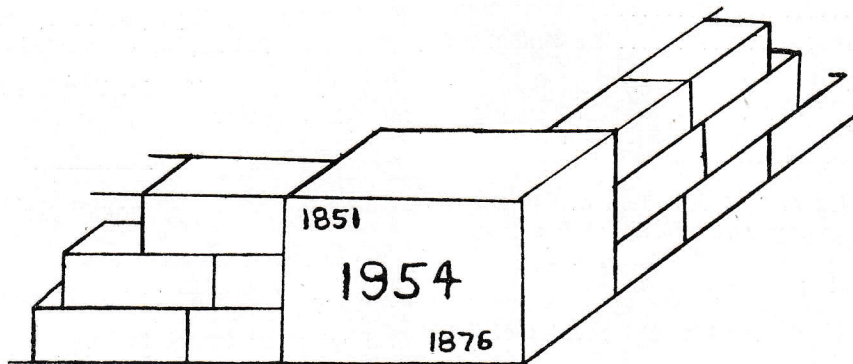
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## Cornerstone to be Laid at Our New Church

OCTOBER 10, 1954



The dates on the new cornerstone designate:

- 1851 The origination of our congregation.
- 1876 Started construction of our Mound Ave. Church.
- 1954 Construction started on Yout St. and Summit Avenue.

We hope that every member of our congregation will be present at the laying of the cornerstone in our new church. This is the second big event in our building program. The first was the ground breaking. Gradually, we are moving toward the climax of this project which, of course, will be the dedication next year.

We have a lot of work ahead of us as a congregation, especially making ourselves a part of the new community to which we are moving. God depends on us, our mouth, our feet, our money, our every effort, in building his Kingdom. We all have our shoulders against the wheel. Let's Push.

Rise up, O men of God!  
The Church for you doth wait,  
Her strength unequal to her task,  
Rise up and make her great.

William P. Merrill





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## FINANCES

You folks, no doubt, are interested in our Emmaus financial condition as we progress with our heavy program of supporting our present church, our mission budget and our building project.

The following is a report for the 1st 8 months of the year, thru August:

Income for the local fund, operation of our church, has averaged approximately \$622.00 per month. We are lagging a little in this fund as approximately \$800.00 average per month is required to meet our total year's expense.

Income for the Mission budget has averaged approximately \$455.00 per month. This is good as we require an average of approximately \$430.00 per month. Nevertheless, we can use more money in this fund as we are attempting to get ahead sufficiently so that we can eliminate the yearly difficulty in paying the Synodical budget. This difficulty, however, is not our fault as it is due, entirely, to the fact that our Synod operates on a fiscal year basis and our budget must be paid, in full, by the 1st of May each year.

Income for the building fund has averaged approximately \$1750.00 per month. On this basis, we should have no difficulty meeting our obligations on the new church. However, we must not become complacent and satisfy ourselves that this project will be easy. We must still work hard and keep our contributions flowing into the treasury.

The satisfaction that you will all receive, when this wonderful, beautiful House of God is completed, will be tremendous. This satisfaction, by the way, cannot be measured in dollars that you are giving now.

## FINANCING A NEW PARSONAGE

This subject, undoubtedly, has been of some concern to our members for quite some time.

At the congregational meeting on September 20, authorization was given the finance committee to survey our membership to determine the possibility of borrowing sufficient money from our members to construct a new parsonage.

The details of this proposed method of financing, involve a guarantee to the lenders that their money will always be on demand the same as in a bank. Also, an interest rate of 3½% was proposed. This rate is quite a bit higher than interest rates on savings accounts in banks. It is also higher than the interest rate of Defense Bonds. A certain amount of this borrowed money is to be paid back each year. The length of the amortization period is yet to be discussed and agreed upon.

It is felt that this proposal has merits, as many of our members, if not all, have savings in varying amounts.

Would you consider lending the church some money for this purpose?

## A CALENDAR

Upon our wall we hang this map of days;  
Each day within its own small separate square.  
They lie before us, strange uncharted ways:  
And we must travel there.  
God, go with us, we dare not go alone:  
Too many devious paths lead down the land;  
And we shall need, in that strange vast unknown,  
Thy hand upon our hand.

—Author Unknown

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## NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK, OCT. 18-24, 1954

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## EMMAUS NOTES

PASTOR PETERSEN and his family have arrived safely at Topeka, Kansas. Their address is 1163 Garfield Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rally Day was September 12, 1954. The movie "Bible on the Table" was shown to a good attendance of 130 children. September 19, 1954 was promotion Sunday. Invite any children that you know, who do not attend, to start Sunday School at this time.

BOB WOODWARD is the new choir leader. The choir can use more voices, so here is a good opportunity to enjoy singing and being with a nice group of people.

LUTHERAN MEN OF AMERICA Bowling League is at Douglas Bowl this year. Emmaus has two teams in the league. They bowl every Saturday at 6:00 P.M.

THE CALL that was extended by our church at Pastor Irvin Bondo of Des Moines, Iowa, has been returned.

THE CORNERSTONE of our church will be opened just before a Fireside hour in our church parlors on October 3, 1954, at 4 P.M. We are all interested to find out what was put in this cornerstone 75 years ago, especially as we are now planning what is to be sealed in the new cornerstone on October 10th.

THE NEW KITCHEN in our church is being planned by a special committee from the circles. They have made a visit to a model kitchen in a Milwaukee School. We all look forward to the good eats coming out of this modern kitchen and facilities.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE is in the process of selecting brick for the fireplace in our new wing, also, the finishes to be used on the furniture and woodwork and the finished hardware.

VISIT the new church, follow the progress as it grows.

COLLEGES steal our young people  
Jean Petersen, Dana College  
Delores Petersen, Dana College  
Jolene Andersen, Carthage College  
Jerry Martin, Augsburg College

WEDDINGS: George Hansen and Ruth Ann Spring, September 18, 1954.

APPRECIATION—Oscar Scheel uses a one day vacation to clean the basement in the parsonage. Joe Bohn stops on Saturday morning and hauls accumulation of junk to the dump. Florence Olsen still provides headquarters with food for the Building Committee. To Mr. Lund for "picking up many checks" never mentioned. There no doubt should be many others added to this list.

## REMEMBER OUR SICK AND CONVALESCING

Christ Hansen—good to see him around again. Julius Poulsen bruised himself in a fall, is up and around.

Mrs. James Martin at the hospital for observation. N. P. Nielsen has an eye infection and is being visited by his daughter, Ingabor, from California. Thorwald Andersen, good to see him back again. Gordon Petersen, recovering from a case of erysipelas, also, still ill are Mrs. Clemons on Maple Street, Nels Hansen, Carlisle Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Davidsen have returned from a visit with their daughter, The Rocco Farinas of Amarillo, Texas.

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### DO HYMNS MAKE LIARS OF CHRISTIANS?

Sometimes they do. The fault is not with the hymns or with writers who expressed their own aspirations and achievements. The trouble is with congregations who sing and pray without giving heed to what they say.

Almost every Sunday a man who has worked hard all week to make his bank account more secure will sing, "Other refuge have I none . . . all my trust on Thee is stayed." His wife and daughters, bedecked with much jewelry and following the newest fashions, may add, "For Thee all the follies of sin I resign." Across the aisle is the factory worker who spends his working days making torpedoes. Singing about the faith of his fathers he affirms, "We will love both friend and foe in all our strife."

In almost every church there is the person who never fails to remind you of his contributions to good causes, yet we hear him often chanting, "I would be giving and forget the gift." And who among us has not too blithely sung, perhaps while making excuses for not carrying more of the church load, "Lord, we are able." Though we complain ever so bitterly about our lot, we have gaily sung, "And there's a cross for me." Fearful creatures that we so frequently are, do we tell the truth when we sing, "I will not be afraid"?

Perhaps the biggest lie we sing is the familiar line from a most wonderful dedication hymn, "Not a mite would I withhold." Not a mite? Think of the hundreds, the thousands we sought first for ourselves, and then we congratulated ourselves on doing so well when we gave God a share of what remained!

Why not at least be honest enough to refrain from singing the words we dare not claim for ourselves? Suppose a congregation suddenly stopped singing and listened to the accompaniment to "Trusting Only Thee." The service would not suffer. We might begin to pray honestly, recognizing how little we trust God. And in such honest confession true worship begins.—Selected.

Father in heav'n, who lovest all,  
 O help Thy children when they call;  
 That they may build from age to age  
 An undefiled heritage.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,  
 With steadfastness and careful truth;  
 That, in our time, Thy grace may give  
 The truth whereby the nations live.

—Selected.

The worship most acceptable to God, comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.—Plutarch.

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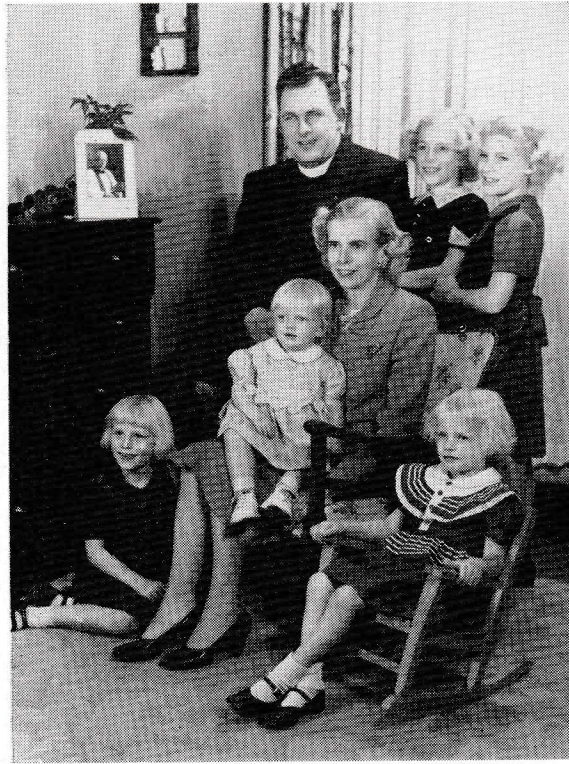
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## Our New Pastor, Rev. Thorvald Hansen and Family

We are anxiously looking forward to their coming to Emmaus in January. The following are interesting facts about our new pastor and his family.

Pastor Hansen was born March 9, 1916 in Westbrook, Maine. There he received his elementary education and graduated from the Westbrook High School. He received his BA degree at Dana College and BD degree at Trinity Theological Seminary in Blair, Nebraska. He was ordained to the Ministry at the Annual United Evangelical Lutheran Convention at Racine in 1943. His first pastorate was at the English Lutheran Church of Avoca, Iowa. The past nine years he has been pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Hartland, Wisconsin.

In 1943, he was united in marriage to Miss Esther Carlsen, a daughter of our former Synodical president Dr. N. C. Carlsen.

Mrs. Hansen attended Dana College and is a regist-

ered nurse, having graduated from the Immanuel Lutheran Hospital in Omaha.

They have five daughters, Caroline, Ruth, Paula, Sarah and Lois.

While Pastor Hansen was at Hartland, he started a mission at Pewaukee, Wisconsin which resulted in the organization of the Galilee Lutheran Church which has now been developed into a separate congregation. This congregation is now being served by Pastor LeRoy Andersen, a former son from the Emmaus congregation.

Pastor Hansen has recently been elected secretary of the Wisconsin District of the U. E. L. C. He has served two years on the executive board of the National Lutheran Council. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colorado and also served as a part time Lutheran Welfare Chaplain at the State Sanitarium near Hartland, Wisconsin.



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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Family Church and School.....9:00 A.M.  
Worship Service .....10:30 A.M.  
Youth Fellowship ..... Last Sunday 7:00 P.M.

## OTHER MEETINGS

Church Choir ..... Each Thursday 7:30 P.M.  
Church Council ..... Second Monday 8:00 P.M.  
Circle Meetings ..... First Wednesday  
Mission Society ..... Second Tuesday 8:00 P.M.  
Brotherhood ..... Third Tuesday 8:00 P.M.  
Ladies Aid ..... Third Wednesday 2:30 P.M.  
Sunday School Teachers ....Fourth Tuesday 8:00 P.M.  
Confirmation Classes ..... Saturday 9:00 & 10:00 A.M.  
Ushers Club ..... As announced  
Cradle Roll Workers ..... As announced

## NEW PARSONAGE

At the Emmaus congregational meeting on September 20, considerable discussion took place relative to our parsonage. The present parsonage will, necessarily, have to be cleaned from one end to the other. Also, some painting will be necessary. Even so, it was the general feeling that we must, definitely, consider a new residence on our new Church property. The method of financing this new project presented the major obstacle.

Among the suggestions for financing was the possibility of borrowing the money from our members. The Finance Committee was, accordingly, authorized to conduct a survey to determine the amount that could be raised in this way. Hence, the committee decided to send questionnaires to our members and, also explain the proposed plan.

332 letters were sent out on October 6 and to date 28 replies have been received. These 28 total \$12,200.00. This is a good start but many more replies are expected.

Emmaus can be justly proud that it has members who are so interested that they will respond, in such manner and amounts. These members have indicated that their spirit and cooperation are 100% even where the greenbacks are affected. Many thanks.

To those who have not returned their questionnaires, we urge you to do so promptly.

## A LETTER FROM A MEMBER

After donning my slippers and settling in my easy chair to let my thoughts wander, it seems these thoughts should be written down to be examined later, for instance:

When a congregation is without a Pastor is the time for all layworkers to shine. Now I'm positive there are at least twenty of these people who are just waiting to be asked to do something for their Church, or perhaps their Church can do something for them. Why not, instead of waiting to be asked, step right up to our President or Members of the council and offer two or three hours a week for the Kingdom of God! or maybe,

We should think about going to Communion once each month after our new Pastor arrives. Now, this might seem a little old fashioned, but forgiveness of sins works wonders on the soul, or

Perhaps we should think a little more about those people who sing for us each Sunday, putting several hours of their time into the Church Worship, hoping that through their song they might bring someone a little nearer to Jesus, or

I wonder if we should give thought to lending a hand in our Evangelization program when it comes up. Surely those who have not tried, don't know the joy of working for the Kingdom of God, beside you will have a lot of fun doing this work, or maybe we should keep in mind a Parish Worker to head up this program, and

It wouldn't be me writing unless I gave a little hint about clipping that ten percent off of each dollar you receive and giving it to the work of your Church, because after you do this it seems you always have enough to meet your needs. We have a great feeling and security in Jesus when we find we have paid more than \$50,000.00 into our New House of Worship, that our pledges are being paid on time, that we have not, as yet, had to borrow from the banking institutions, that the coupons on our Parsonage are being returned promptly.

Now don't take the foregoing too seriously, but it is food for thought and prayer, all answers are found in prayer.

## CORNERSTONE LAID AT NEW CHURCH

Cornerstone laying ceremonies opened with the hymn "The Church's One Foundation." Pastor E. R. Andersen read several appropriate scripture passages, after which the cornerstone was put in position.

Then the following service: "We do now lay this cornerstone as a foundation of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church—In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. May true faith and piety and brotherly love ever dwell here, and may this place be dedicated to prayer and the preaching of the Gospel and the ministry of the Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, true God from everlasting to everlasting."

Pastor E. R. Andersen addressed the Congregation, followed with remarks by our president, Hans Jepsen.

Pastor LeRoy Andersen from Pewaukee closed the service with remarks and the Benediction.

Placed in the cornerstone were the following items:  
Cornerstone Box and Contents from Mound Avenue  
75 Year Anniversary Book, Danish and English  
The Centennial Book



1944  
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1953 Annual Report  
January 1954 issue of the Messenger  
October 1954 issue of the Messenger  
Program from Kick-Off Dinner at Lutheran High School  
Church Prayer given at Kick-Off Dinner  
May 19, 1954, Journal Times-Ground Breaking Story  
June 1, 1954 Journal Times

**OLD CORNERSTONE IS OPENED**

At the Fireside held October 3, 1954, a nice fellowship and social was put on by the Circles. The highlight of the meeting was the opening of the old cornerstone box, dated 1879. The contents of the box were examined and consisted of the following documents:

- Church Constitution dated 1872
- Danish Testament
- Racine Journal, January 6, 1875
- Dannebrog Paper, May 25, 1876

**EVERY MEMBER CANVASS**

Our Every Member Canvass will be held Sunday, November 24, 1954. An opportunity will be given every one to make his pledge in the church parlors after the services. Those not present will be called on by their deacons. Your deacon will greatly appreciate your cooperation in attending church and making your pledge while there, if possible.

Let us plan our giving prayerfully as we anticipate the needs in our new church.

**EMMAUS NOTES**

**CIRCLE ACTIVITY**

The next meeting of the circles, as a group, will be held on November 10, 1954 at 8 P.M. This will be a social affair. It is an annual fall event to meet and get acquainted with other circles and their members. Also, another important reason is to welcome any new ladies of the Church who are not associated with a circle and to invite them to become members. All women are cordially invited to attend. Circle No. 1 will be in charge of welcomes. Circle No. 2 will decorate. Circle No. 3 will have the program. Circle No. 4 will provide a few games. Circles 6 and 8 will serve at the refreshment hour. Ladies—Come one—Come all—to our fall party.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—DECEMBER 1st AFTERNOON AND EVENING**

Attention everybody—Women and Men—Members and Friends of Emmaus.

The Circles of our church are planning to hold their Annual Bazaar in the church parlors on December 1st. It will be a sale of various and interesting items. Hand made articles, knitted things, cook-books, aprons, candy and many more. All useful and helpful. While all this takes place—in the afternoon circle No. 6, headed by Mrs. Lea Andersen, will serve aebleskivers and coffee to all interested in a delicious treat. In the evening at the supper hour, Circle No. 3, headed by Mrs. Beulah Clausen, will serve a tempting supper of Bar-

becued hamburger, Coleslaw, Cake, Coffee or Milk. You can get all this for the small sum of 75c. Circles 3 and 8 will have home made candy and cookies for sale.

**CANDY SALE**

The Ladies Aid Society will have peanut Crunch and Coconut Crisp Candy for sale. The peanut Crunch will be 75c a pound and the Coconut Crisp will be 85c a pound.

**SUCCESS STORY**

\$93.50 was cleared at the Bake and Food Sale held at the Gas and Electric Co. This money will be turned over to the Building Fund. This was another project of the Combined Circles.

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**MISSION NOTE**

The Mission Society has recently sent 45 hospital shirts and 20 rolls of bandages to India via Minneapolis. The society will send Christmas Greetings to our foreign missionaries again this year. Also, they will send cookies to our local members of the church who are shut-ins and older people.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

We have had word from Pastor Petersen that they have settled in their new home. The family are all fine and he is working in a Mental Hospital.

Mrs. Nels Petersen is the oldest living baptized member of our church. She was born February 2, 1875 and baptized in May, 1875 in the first church on State Street which was located in a blacksmith shop. The cornerstone on Mound Avenue was laid a year later.

**Visit our New Church**—This month, it will be interesting watching the huge arches and roof go up.

**The Parsonage** has a new smile with a coat of fresh paint in front.

**Wedding:** Eva Petersen to Edward Robert Umsted on October 16, 1954.

**Deaths:** We express our sympathy to Mrs. Joseph Kubes (nee Patricia Meyer) Cpl. Joseph Kubes was killed in a helicopter crash in Japan, October 9, 1954. His body will be returned to Racine for burial.

Mrs. Hans Jensen, 1001 Delamere Ave. Age 84 years, passed away, October 8, 1954.

**We appreciate** flowers placed in our church the past month by Mrs. Carl Klingberg. If you wish to place flowers on the Altar call Mrs. Earl Woodward.

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