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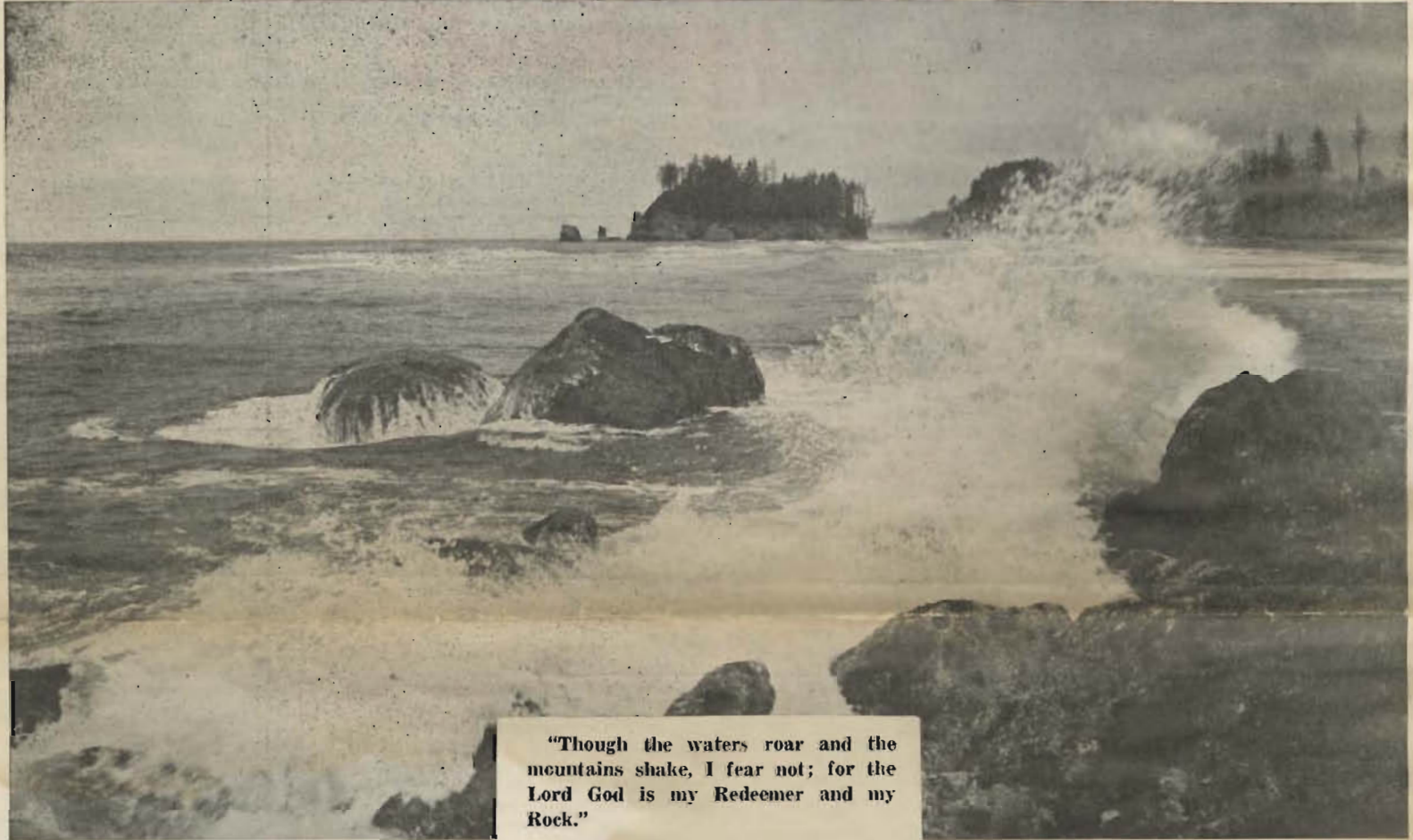


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"Though the waters roar and the mountains shake, I fear not; for the Lord God is my Redeemer and my Rock."

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,

Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass came from Thee:
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,

Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

EDITORIAL THE WORLD NEEDS THE CHURCH MORE THAN EVER . . .

Long ago a wise man wrote, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." But he also goes on to point out that though the sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged it shall not be well with him in the end. The day of reckoning must surely come and what he has sowed he shall also reap. A modern poet puts the same thought in the words:

If wrong you do, if false you play,
In Summer among the flowers,
You must atone, you shall repay,
In Winter among the showers.

It is astonishing how men and women will delude themselves with the thought that because payment is deferred the penalty is escaped. They do not see that it is simply because of the long suffering of God that payment is not exacted immediately. But the wages of sin is death, and there can be no escaping of that dread penalty if God's offer of escape is not accepted. If the sinner will only turn

to God in repentance He will not simply defer the payment, He will mark the debt cancelled by the blood of Christ. This is the one and only way ever made known to the human race of escape from the moral law of God which would exact payment to the uttermost farthing for every transgression committed. But God is long suffering towards us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

If this is true in the life of the individual, it is true also in regard to church and society. The modernist within the portals of the church has been holding out the olive branch to the forces of Satan hoping in vain for worldly favor and popularity. Translations of Scripture have been attempted in favor of the ungodly who think they may ride in their sins to heaven. Ethics and sociology have been introduced into pulpits instead of the prophetic: "Thus saith the Lord!" Hypocrisy, indifference, unbelief and lukewarmness have been sown plenty and the judgment of the American Society for the Advancement of Atheism that

"A great part of the Christian church is a greater hindrance to its Master than a help" might well be seconded by us Christians.

In the meantime democracy is dead. Dictators rise everywhere. The American nation — the leader in the rule "Of the people, for the people and by the people" — has become a bureaucracy and its government has turned to alcoholic spew in order to balance its budget! Says a leading daily in Seattle: "In less than one year, the administration has accomplished the unbelievable feat of driving prohibition from the land." And, said an official to a newspaper in New York before the constitution of the land had been altered: "We are going to lay low on the enforcement." Lawbreaking in high authority, fostering of crime by the police forces, graft in courts, open cities! "No more saloons" — and yet three to the block and liquor sold everywhere! Making a multitude of deferred payments that can not be deferred forever!

And yet they say: "Man is getting better." Getting better by what? By

kidnaping? Gangsterism? Wholesale murders? Adultery? Drunkenness? Sabbath despoiling? Atheism? No, he is drunk, that's all.

There is a great need of the church today. Unless the flame of justice and holiness as taught by Christ is held before the dying man of the Twentieth century, there will be only death. For the church that has a place in the world of today is not the willy-nilly betrayer of Christ, the feminine popularity seeker, or the excitement hunter, but the strong, heroic Christian, who is willing to declare the truth even in face of starvation and martyrdom. Let the backslider, the kicker, the worldly wise, the defamer of God step out and give room for the honest and the unafraid who have the spark of God in their hearts.

The times call for power, courage and determination. The pastor in the pulpit and the member in the pew need complete surrender to the Holy Spirit. First prayer, then action.

Otherwise there will be deferred payments. And God is not mocked.

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WHAT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH STANDS FOR

A Statement of Lutheran Principles

THE BIBLE.—We believe and teach that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are in every part the inspired Word of God, who is the author of the words as well as the thoughts of Scripture; that the Bible is the only rule of faith and life.

GOD.—We believe that God is one divine essence in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

MAN.—We believe that man is not the product of evolutionary development, but as created in the beginning an intelligent and moral being consisting of body and soul; that man was created holy and innocent, but in his present fallen state is entirely depraved and enslaved in the service of sin.

SIN.—We believe that sin is a transgression of the divine Law, and that man is subject to death and eternal damnation by reason of the guilt that attaches to sin.

REDEMPTION.—We believe that God, in His infinite mercy, resolved to save mankind, and that the divine Redeemer appeared in Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary and the son of God, who perfectly obeyed the Law of God which man had transgressed, by His sufferings and death paid the penalty for the guilt of the entire world, and by His resurrection from the dead has been declared the all-sufficient divine Redeemer.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.—We believe that the question: What must I do to be saved, is clearly answered by the Gospel, which directs the inquirer solely to Christ. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin from the world." Joh. 1, 29. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 Joh. 1, 7. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Joh. 3, 16. "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Rom. 3, 28. Accordingly, we believe that all who penitently accept Christ as the one and only Savior in sincere faith are justified in the sight of God, and made heirs of Salvation.

THE CHURCH.—We believe that all who accept in true faith the forgiveness of sins procured by Christ's atonement are members of the Church of Christ, which is an invisible Church, since man cannot determine which of those who profess this faith are true Christians at heart.—We believe that true Christians are found wherever the Gospel of Christ is made known.—We believe that no church body, denomination or sect can rightfully claim to be the "only saving" church outside of which there is no salvation.—We believe that the true church is the one which adheres in

every point to the doctrine of Christ and His Apostles, and retains the administration of the sacraments in their integrity.

THE MEANS OF GRACE.—We believe that the Gospel of Christ is the means, by which God offers the salvation of Christ to man and by which the Holy Ghost works faith in Christ Jesus.

We believe that the Sacrament of Baptism, when administered according to the command of Christ to infants and adults, is a means of grace which offers, conveys and seals, the grace of God and forgiveness of sins.

We believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the communicants share in the forgiveness of sins procured by Christ's sacrifice.

THE RESURRECTION.—We believe that on the Last Day the dead will arise, their souls being clothed in the bodies which they possessed in the present life.

THE JUDGMENT.—We believe that Christ on the Last Day will receive into His glory His invisible Church, including all who had died in the faith, and will pronounce the eternal doom upon all who refused to accept Him as their Redeemer.

EDUCATION.—A good system of public schools is recognized by Lutherans as being of great importance for the well being of the nation and has ever received their willing support. Since, however, Christian parents are also conscious of their sacred duty to "bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6, 4); since, furthermore, the state schools are and necessarily must be non-religious—therefore we hold that the Church, wherever possible, should establish schools of her own for the training of her children. Any legislative enactment of public policy which, in effect, takes away from parents the right so to direct the training of their children, is not only in contravention of natural and constitutional rights, but deprives the state of those benefits which accrue to it from a citizenship reared unto the highest ideals of civic and social duties.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.—The Lutheran Church stands for complete separation of Church and State, according to Matt. 22, 21. The duty of the Church is the salvation of the soul; the duty of the State is to seek the welfare of the body. The Church deals with spiritual matters, the State with temporal affairs. The Church for religion, the State for politics. To attain its end the Church must preach the Gospel, the State must enact and enforce laws according to sound reason. The Church must not tamper with the things which are Caesar's, and the State must not meddle with the things which are God's. We are opposed to the granting of public funds for private or denominational purposes. We hold that the separation of Church and State, as guaranteed to our republic in its fundamental law, is one of our highest temporal possessions, and is, moreover, in harmony with the teachings of Scripture and with the Lutheran Confessions.

THANKSGIVING

Some persons cultivate the habit of grumbling, but one is far happier if he will cultivate the habit of thanksgiving. Habit is the result of long continued repetition. If we look for faults and disagreeable things, we will certainly find them, for as one has said, the world always shows a disappointing face. No experience is absolutely

complete. No memory is altogether sweet. No prospect pleases in every phase.

Charles Kingsley once said: "Thank God every morning when you get up that you are forced to do something and to do your very best, for that will breed in you self-control, diligence, content, strength of will and a hundred virtues."

Some one has put this truth very strikingly in the following lines:

"If God forgot the world;
Forgot for just one day—
Forgot to send the sunshine,
And change the night to day;
Forgot to make the flowers grow;
Forgot the birds and bees;
Forgot to send the sweetness
Of the south wind in the trees;
Forgot to give us friendships;
Forgot to send us rain;
Forgot to give the children play;
Forgot to soften pain;
What would happen to the world
and us?
Would we still be gay?
If God should forget—
Forgot for just one day?"

All we are, and therefore all we have, belongs to God, our Creator. This season of the year ought to inspire us to "Count our blessings and see what God hath done." Have we health? Let us thank Him who made it possible for us to enjoy it. Have we wealth—any material substance? Let us show our thankfulness by using it for the glory of God. Have we gospel privileges? We would be very ungrateful if we did not do all within our power to grant this same privilege to all the world.

Timely Letter From the President.

Beloved Brethren and members of The Columbia Conference Congregations:
Grace and Peace!

On November 30th we will gather for Thanksgiving services in our respective churches. In spite of the prevailing conditions throughout the world and within our own beloved United States, we have been wonderfully blessed. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for both temporal and spiritual blessings. Our expression of gratitude will not be in word alone, but will be shown in the offerings we bring upon the altar of God. God loves cheerful givers!

The Conference treasury is in great need. This is God's treasury, which we as a Conference are responsible for. Up to date our congregations have paid in \$3,925.63 of a total budget of \$10,000.00. This is less than ¼ of the total budget. Our Home Missionaries have received less than one third of their salary promised them. When we remember that these men at best, have a small salary, and then receiving but a small portion of it, you will know the reason, I believe, why I am making this sincere appeal to you.

I feel sure that you will agree, that we could, by our united Thank offering on Thanksgiving Day, or on the Sunday before, lift an offering, yes, a real sacrifice offering, that would substantially reduce your portion to the Conference Budget. I am fully persuaded that your gift of love, your Thank-offering for the Kingdom of God, will be pleasing in His sight. I therefore appeal to all our congregations to lift the largest offering on Thanksgiving Day, and send the whole amount to our Conference treasurer.

Permit me, to thank you for your whole-hearted co-operation in this important matter. It is my prayer that God continue to bless us, and give us all a greater measure of His Holy Spirit, that we may be better able to glorify His wonderful name among men.

N. William Anderson,
President, Columbia Conference.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscriptions have begun to roll in, but more is needed. We are more than thankful to the young people for their splendid support. We do wish, however, that one or two more advertisements would happen to come our way. For the benefit of subscribers who wish to pay their subscriptions we print the list of representatives once more and ask other churches to join in the support of the Columbia Lutheran:

Aberdeen—Marcus Renhard.
Hoquiam—Ernst Eklund.
Astoria—Carl O. Moberg.
Immanuel, Portland—Edith Olson.
Colton, Ore.—Margaret Anderson.
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First Tacoma and Ruston—Ruth McGovern and Signe Johnson.
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Sedro-Woolley—Adolph Fredrikson.
Yakima—Hans Fahl.
Salem, Spokane—Elsa Berggren.
Grace, Spokane—Hazel Johnson.
Port Blakely—Elin Carlson.
Augustana, Portland—Roy Lindberg.



MILAN LANY

Rev. and Mrs. Sandeen of Bethel, Seattle, are the hosts to a visitor from Tanganyika, Africa, Mr. Milan Lany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin von Lany, Industrial Missionary to Tanganyika. Mr. Lany is born on African soil and is in this country to prepare himself for the missionary calling. He was confirmed by one of our missionaries in Africa. After two years spent at Gustavus Adolphus college, St. Peter, Minn., Mr. Lany now intends to take up studies at the University of Washington.

The Washelli Quartet

which is heard every Sunday at 1:30 p. m. over KOMO, Seattle, will give a concert at the Bethel church, Seattle, Wednesday evening, Nov. 29. Mr. Harold Serbo, well known tenor and musician, is the soloist.

The Swedish Broadcasts

over KXA continue from the Seattle studio every month, the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday. The other Saturdays are occupied by the Norwegian Lutherans.

News for the Christmas issue must be ready by Dec. 10, 1933.

THIS AND THAT

Ruth Hellund of the Emmaus League was recently married to Mr. Warren Cook of Seattle.

The officers of the Conference Lutheran League have accepted an invitation from the Saron Luther League of Hoquiam to hold next year's annual convention there.

A beautiful festivity took place in the Emmaus church, Seattle, Oct. 13 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Wicks, who a few days before celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedded life. A candelabra of sterling silver was extended the couple. Mr. and Mrs. I. Gernanson of Gethsemane also celebrated their 25th anniversary Nov. 7.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl A. V. Lund of Mount Vernon are the proud parents of a baby boy. That makes it three boys and three girls in the family. Congratulations!

Miss May LeKander of Gresham, Ore., has spent two weeks at the Kearney Hospital, Portland. May has been ill for a long time, but is on the road to recovery.

John Nelson surprised Gethsemane, Seattle, with his marriage to Miss Marcella Thurberg on Nov. 12.

Gethsemane, Seattle

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Rev. C. R. Swanson, D. D., Pastor.
Effie Frisell, Parish Assistant.
John Sundsten, Organist.

Services:

First Sunday of month, worship in Swedish 12 a. m.
Sunday School10 a. m.
Worship in English11 a. m.
Organization meetings every Friday evening.
Choir every Wednesday evening.

Bethany, Seattle

7400 Woodlawn Ave. — Tel. VE. 2301
Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, B. D., Pastor
Res. 7318 Latona Avenue
Robert Carlson, Treasurer

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Swedish, 2nd & 4th Sunday 12:15 p. m.
Missionary Socy 1st Thurs. 8:00 p. m.
Brotherhood, 1st Thurs. 8:00 p. m.
J. M. S., 2nd Saturday 2:00 p. m.
L. L., 2nd & 4th Thurs. 8:15 p. m.
Althea Society, 2nd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Ladies Aid, 3rd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Choir every Tuesday 8:00 p. m.
Girls' Club, 3rd Thurs. 8:15 p. m.

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Miss Effie Frisell, Secretary and Parish Worker of Gethsemane, Seattle, was the guest of honor at a reception in the church about two weeks ago. Miss Frisell, who has served the church in various branches and activities during a number of years was the recipient of a purse of money in appreciation of her services.

The Trinity church of Gresham has seeded its church lawn and made other improvements around the church. The Sunday School of Trinity is said to be one of the best growing schools of the conference.

The Augustana Church of Portland gathered about 50 new subscriptions for our Church papers during the Church Paper Week. The pastor reports lively activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carlson of Everett were blessed with a son the early part of this month.

He who offers God a second place offers Him no place.

The Tacoma District.

District meeting was held at the First church of Tacoma, Oct. 24 by the combined forces of the pastors, the Brotherhood and the Missionary Society. Services were held Tuesday evening in the various churches surrounding Tacoma, and—although the attendance was rather small—were reported as inspiring and edifying. Wednesday morning the pastors held a conference during which Rev. C. G. Bloomquist of Seattle gave a review of Sloan's: "Personality and Christ." In the afternoon the Missionary Society held a rally and listened to an interesting talk on India by Earnest Tuck, who is a well informed authority on that country. At 6:30 the Brotherhood gave a banquet to which about 200 people had assembled. The program was introduced by Dr. John W. Unis of Seattle and the address was given by Dr. G. A. Magnuson of Seattle, President of the Conference Brotherhood. The meeting was concluded later in the evening with services in the church at which time Dr. C. R. Swanson of Seattle gave the principal address. The Tacoma district meets quarterly, dividing its meetings between the four corners of the district. The next meeting will be held in Seattle in January.

OUR LEAGUERS

Margaretta Grant, reporter.

Society has taught us to be extremely polite. We would be horribly ashamed if we did not thank our hostess or a friend for a gift or courtesy; yet we neglect our Heavenly Father from whom all gifts come.

Thanksgiving should be observed every day and every minute therein. As Christians we should set an example to others where ever we be regardless of the occasion. Thank your Heavenly Father for His guidance and blessings so abundantly showered upon you.

Bethel, Seattle

West 64th & 22nd Ave., N. W.
Enoch Sandeen, B. D., pastor.
2048 W. 64th St. Tel. EE. 1549

Services.

Bible school 9:45 a. m.
Worship10:45 a. m.
Service in Swedish Fourth Sunday at10:45 a. m.
The Ladies Aid meets the First Thursday, the Missionary Society the last Thursday, the Priscilla Society the first Friday, the Luther League the fourth Friday, the Brotherhood the second Wednesday.

ICE SKATING

is popular among the leaguers of Seattle. Regular skating parties have been held every winter under the auspices of the Gethsemane young people. This winter other leagues have been invited and the first party of the season will be held Dec. 1 at the Civic Auditorium.

Trinity, Gresham.

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Anderson and Roy attended the Mission meeting at Colton, Ore., Oct. 23—24.

Dr. Wm. Schoeler of Corvallis, Ore., gave a series of three lectures Oct. 24th, 25th and 26th on the subject "Whence Came Man." Trinity was pleased to have a group of Immanuel Leaguers join them at this occasion.

Dr. Schoeler was the guest of Rev. A. G. Anderson's and Dr. J. G. Stures during his stay at Gresham. On his departure "Gresham folks" loaded his car with "harvest products" as a token of greetings to the "Corvallis folks."

The Luther League Halloween dinner was well attended by members and friends. A substantial increase in the treasury resulted. Esther Peterson was general chairman of arrangements.

Charles Carpenter and Ted Lind respectively led the last two Sunday evening prayer meetings.

The Nov. meeting of the Luther League was entertained by Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Sture.

Miss May Lind has created much interest in a sand table project for her kindergarten Sunday School Class.

The sand table contains a miniature brick church of Trinity overlooking a pathway leading to a hill majestically commanded by a cross.

The Sunday School is making great strides in its attendance record. May God bless Trinity and its efforts.

Trinity, Astoria.

The Trinity League in Astoria re-elected Arnold Oren, president; John Slotti, vice pres.; Greta Erickson, secretary, and Sylvia Grumstad, treas., at their business meeting held on Oct. 5. This was followed by several vocal selections by Harvey Bates and Doris Peterson, piano solos by Arnold Oren and the Scandal Sheet read by Adaline Sather.

A Hard Time Dress Party was held on Oct. 26.

Yakima.

The Yakima Leaguers thoroughly enjoyed their Costume Halloween Party held on Oct. 26. Several subscriptions have come from Yakima of late, thanks to our good representative, Mr. Fuhl. That is the right spirit!

Immanuel, Portland.

Immanuel League welcomes into their midst Valdemar and Bert Renhard of Aberdeen, who are at present employed in Portland.

The League will hold its annual "Home Coming" November 21st. Messages and letters are received from

former Leaguers all through the Synod. The committee in charge of this festival consists of: Albert Anderson, Agnes Peterson, Viola Benson, John Olson, and Edith Olson.

The following new members were received on October 17th: Oscar Noren, Gladys Lindgren, and Valdemar Renhard. Emma C. Olson was accepted as an honorary member.

Two Bible classes have been organized and meet each Sunday morning. The Young Men's class is being taught by Rev. C. S. Odell, and the Young Women's class is under the able instruction of Mrs. C. S. Odell.

Miss Fredia Peterson is now recovering from a recent operation on her knee. The Leaguers are earnestly hoping for a speedy recovery.

The Zuriel Young Women's Missionary Society held a very successful tea during the afternoon and evening of October 27th at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Odell.

The church and the parsonage have recently undergone a new paint job. A free will subscription was taken among members and friends of Immanuel that more than paid for material and labor.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Immanuel celebrated its 50th anniversary Nov. 14th. An excellent program to fit the occasion was rendered. Mrs. A. V. Anderson is the president.

Trinity, Astoria, Ore.

16th and Franklin Ave.

Rev. J. A. Martin, B. D., pastor.
Res. 561 Kensington Ave. Ph. 1392-L

Order of Sunday Services:

Sunday School and Bible classes 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Services 8:00

Calendar:

Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30
Doreas 1st Monday 8:00
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed. 2:30
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 8:00
Fifth Day Social last Friday. 8:00
Junior Miss. Band 3rd Sat. 2:30
W. M. S. 2nd Wed. 2:30
Choir Wed. evening each week 7:30
Luth. Brotherhood 3rd Monday. 8:00

Immanuel, Portland

Cor. No. 19th and Irving Streets.

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150 No. 19th St.—Ph. Broadway 1355
Prof. Chas. Swenson, Organist
581 Glisan Street Phone EE. 0696

Order of Sunday Worship

Sund. School & Bible Class 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship10:45 a. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service Wednesdays.....8:00 p. m.

Organizations

Ladies Aid, 1st Wed. at .. 2:00 p. m.
Luth. L. 1st & 3rd Tues.8:00 p. m.
S. S. teachers 2nd and 4th
Tuesday 7:45 p. m.
W M S quarterly 2nd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Zuriel Third Friday.8:00 p. m.
J. M. B., 2nd Saturday at 1:30 p. m.
Saturday at 1:30 p. m.
Brotherhood 1st Friday. 8:00 p. m.
Choir Thursday evenings.....7:30 p. m.

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Mr. E. A. Soderman, choir director.
Jens Lassen, treasurer.
A. M. Lindquist, mission treasurer.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Service.....10:45 a. m.
Evening Service.... 8:00 p. m.

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Grace, Spokane.

On Sunday evening October 1 the Grace Congregation of Spokane witnessed a very inspiring service at which the mortgage on the pipe organ was burned.

The young people, who were in charge of the celebration, had been working for the \$6,000 pipe organ for nearly nine years.

The program opened with two pipe organ and xylophone duets by Prof. N. E. Olson and Carl Hillman, Jr.

Hazel Johnson then gave a history of the league covering interesting events that had occurred since the league was organized in 1923.

Ralph Anderson, president of the league when the pipe organ fund was started gave a talk on the work of the league in 1924.

Montelle Waite, treasurer, who had made the first payment on the fund, then presented to Mr. Thorne Grimmer the last payment on the organ. Mr. Grimmer handed Montelle Waite the mortgage which was placed on the table to be burned.

The league was thanked for its efforts by Mr. Skone in behalf of the board, Mr. Florine in behalf of the choir, and Rev. Siegel in behalf of the congregation as a whole.

Rev. Siegel then introduced the following presidents who had served one or more years: Ralph Anderson, Hazel Johnson, Martin Westland, Montelle Waite, Gottfred Olson, and Vincent Swenson, presiding officer.

As the presidents were introduced they were handed a candle. Ralph Anderson lit his candle and the light was passed on to each president as introduced until Vincent Swenson received his candle and set fire to the mortgage. As the mortgage was burning Prof. Olson played softly on the pipe organ and when nothing remained of the mortgage but ashes, the music turned into a lively victory march. Prof. Olson then closed the program with a beautiful pipe organ solo, and the young people served refreshments to the entire audience in the church parlors.

Clearbrook and Bellingham

Rev. Zimmerman, of St. Johns Lutheran Church, showed moving pictures on Missionary work in New Guinea at a recent Luther League, Sunday evening service, at the Bellingham church recently. These services have been followed by several topics which were given by Hiram Hogberg and William Carlson.

Clearbrook and St. John's Leaguers were the guests of the Bellingham League at their Halloween Social.

First, Tacoma.

Mrs. Rudolph Bloomquist (Hulda Johnson) was hostess at the Hall of Religion at the Century of Progress one day during October.

Tacoma Annual Lutfisk Dinner of the Tacoma Church will be held on Dec. 8. Miss Helen Lief is chairman.

The Tacoma League has taken up the study of the symbols and letters in the Lutheran Church.

Salem, Spokane

The Salem, Spokane, Leaguers enjoyed a unique surprise program during September. Clever Burmese and Swedish songs, readings and sketches were presented.

Gethsemane, Seattle.

The Gethsemane Luther League enjoyed an illustrated lecture on previous Bible Institutes on Nov. 3 by John Nelson. Ellen McComb rendered several piano solos and duets by Paul and Rudy Elmer of Tacoma were pleasing.

Harry Swanson of Gethsemane is convalescing in the Swedish Hospital after a serious appendicitis operation.

Astrid and Margaret Cedar entertained the Mary Martha Club of Gethsemane on Nov. 11.

Emmanuel, Seattle.

A Confirmation Reunion was held in Emmanuel on Sunday, October 22. Communion Service was held in the morning, with a large number in attendance. The guest speaker was Dr. C. R. Swanson, who spoke on the subject, "I Met Her in Church." It was a fitting subject, and the message was well received.

In the evening an informal banquet with roll call was held. Greetings were given by representatives of classes confirmed in Emmanuel, and by many who have been confirmed in other congregations here in America and in Europe.

A Father and Son Banquet was held in the evening of October 13, with Rev. O. L. Haavik of Ballard First Lutheran Church as guest speaker.

The Y. W. M. S. of Emmanuel gave a Halloween Party on Oct. 27.

Rev. Bengtson led a discussion on the "Translation of the Bible" at the Emmanuel League meeting on Nov. 2. Misses La Verne and Eleanor Nelson favored the group with several duets.

Mrs. Carl Soderman is rapidly recovering from an operation.

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