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CONFERENCE MEETING BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The Columbia Conference has been called to meet at Grace Lutheran Church, Spokane, beginning next Wednesday at 2 p. m. This will be the 40th annual convention of that body and marks an important milestone in the history of our church on the west coast. It is indeed a fitting tribute to the splendid achievements of the conference that the synod has selected its president, Dr. G. A. Brandelle, to be its special representative at this meeting.

In conjunction with the regular convention the Woman's Missionary Society will also meet in convocation and is rejoicing over the promised visit by the veteran missionary, Miss Betty Nelson.

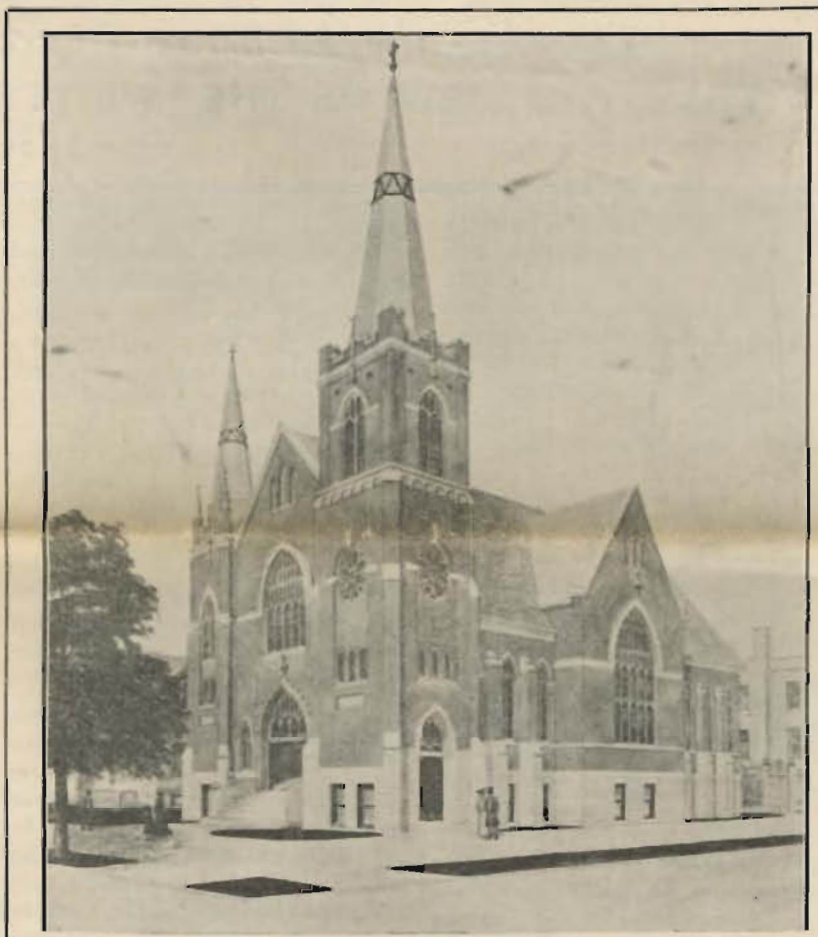
In addition to these two conventions there will be a third, namely that of the Lutheran Brotherhood, which holds its annual meeting on Saturday evening the same week.

Church Ready for Guests.

During the last two months the Grace Church of Spokane has been completely renovated. The interior has been decorated in cream color with brown stencil trim. New carpets have been installed in the church auditorium. The kitchen has been enlarged and remodeled. The Ladies' Aid has furnished the congregation with a new stove, dishes, and other kitchen equipment. A storeroom has been built in the rear of the church. A new roof has also been put on the building. Besides this a heli has been installed. The total cost of these improvements was slightly over two thousand dollars.

History of Grace.

The Grace Lutheran congregation of Spokane was organized on Oct. 3, 1922. It was a consolidation of the former Zion and Trinity Congregations of Spokane. The Zion congregation was bi-lingual, but now after the merger the services were held entirely in the English language. The newly organized congregation numbered 160 members. Today the adult membership is 335 with a total membership of 500.



WELCOME TO GRACE!

By Rev. William Siegel, pastor.

It is indeed a joy for me as pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church to welcome you to the 40th Annual Convention of the Columbia Conference. We bid you welcome to Spokane in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Grace people are working hard in preparation so that your visit here might be a blessed one. Our church, our homes and our hearts are open to you. We pray that this convention may be a spiritual feast. Much of the time will be given over to business, but we hope that this convention will be, not merely a "business meeting," but rather a time of spiritual refreshing. May His Word be spoken with power so that souls may turn unto Christ and Christians be built up in their most Holy Faith. Welcome in Jesus name!

Rev. G. K. Andeen, who at that time was pastor of the Salem Lutheran, resigned and accepted a call to Grace. He took charge in Jan., 1923. He remained until the spring of 1929. Rev. William Siegel, of Clinton, Iowa, was then called. He accepted and during the past three years has served as

SEATTLE YOUNG PEOPLE MEET AT BETHANY

A great consecration rally will be held Sunday, May 1, at the Bethany Church, Seattle, by the various Luther Leagues of the city. The highspot on the program consists of an address by Dr. G. A. Brandelle, president of the Augustana Synod. The Bethany choir, under the leadership of Miss Mildred Johnson, is planning for three anthems, and the leagues of Gethsemane and Emmaus are each sending a speaker for the occasion. The Bethel League offers a trio. Refreshments are served after the program by the Bethany League, which is host to the rally.

SPOKANE DISTRICT HOLDS CONVENTION

Troy, Idaho, all but buried in snow, played host to the Annual Convention of the Spokane District, February 16 and 17. In spite of impassable roads, the members of Westdala Church came in large numbers to all the sessions. The convention themes dealt with practical Synod and Conference problems. The tone of the two-day gatherings was decidedly evangelistic. Messages were given by the Revs. William Siegel of Spokane, David E. Engberg of Troy, and Roger P. Oliver of Moscow. The Rev. William Anderson of Spokane was unable to attend, due to illness.

A very definite piece of good work that the district is now doing is that being carried on at Mullen, Idaho. Mullan is a mining town, situated in the heart of the North Idaho mountains, and happens to be an excellent mission field. Since last fall services have been held there every Sunday, except in mid-winter when conditions prohibited, and the four pastors of the district have each taken their turn. The Moscow-Troy end of the district is about 200 miles from Mullan. The trip is made entirely on Sunday afternoon and much of it is over tortuous mountain and canyon road. However, the response has been real and worth while that the district now in its annual business meeting voted to continue the march.

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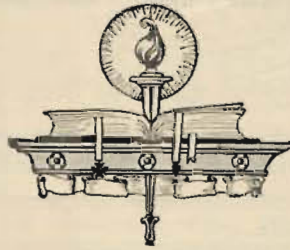
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THE BIBLE TEACHES:



—that its inspiration comes from God.—2 Tim. 3:16;
Mark 13:11; 1 Cor. 2:13.

—that its miracles are the extraordinary manifestations of God's absolute power.—Acts 2:22; 2 Cor. 12:12.

—that its prophesy is a true divine knowledge of future events.—Rom. 12:6; Eph. 2:20.

—that its interpretation is by investigation of its true meaning.—Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:20.

Therefore the Lutheran Church Teaches:

THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD.

2 Tim. 3:15; Rom. 1:2; 3:2; Heb. 4:12.

EDITORIAL.

The fortieth annual convention of the Columbia Conference marks an important step in the progress of the Augustana Synod here on the West Coast. It seems that the turning point in our history has been reached. The past and the future do not seem alike.

The first division in the history of the conference was, naturally, the pioneer era. Then followed the building of finer churches and—may we say: institutional work rather than missionary enterprise.

Of course we realize the need of fine churches and splendid institutions. But there is a limit. When a congregation or a conference organizes and builds above its ability, it has entered upon a field where Christ has not commanded it to go. Taxes to an institution constitute after all the weakest kind of missionary work.

The present financial depression has taught us one thing: go back and missionize!

But even then we are up against it. We know that there are 36,000 men and women of our own blood in Washington alone. The Swedish population within the boundaries of our conference is easily 75,000. And it stands to reason that OUR field is mostly among these thousands.

Now, what have we done? We have gathered in the astonishing amount of 6,559 souls into our conference! And mostly through confirmations!

And what shall we do? Well, that is up to this convention to decide. The budget committee has proposed a 20 per cent cut in the budget, both ways. That will take care of an overburdened budget, but how much is the work going to gain?

It is not the object of the C. L. to take sides. We know that something must be done, and at once. But we wish to point out one thing: the reduction in the budget is going to lower

the salaries of the pastors within the mission fields by 20 per cent. This they are more than willing to permit, we are assured. But does the even cut strike all alike? Suppose one pastor receives \$1,000 from the conference and another only \$100. Are their salaries cut alike? The one receives a cut of \$200 while the other only \$20. Suppose then that the one receiving the \$200 cut had less than the other before the cut!

In the meantime the other congregations continue paying high salaries for their organist and choir director (where one would be plenty), janitor, secretary, etc., until their treasuries are so depleted that there is nothing left for conference dues.

And that is a question well worth pondering. The mission field is ripe for harvesting—but are we ready to harvest?

Then again would it not be time to sit down and consider what we are here for: to realize that we are to win souls for Christ, not just to exist; that it is spirituality that we lack, and not so much the money.

And not least: we need, as a conference, to thank God that things are not worse than they are. God knows that we have deserved worse. All praise be to Him that we may still preach his gospel.

If this convention can solve the present problems to the furtherance of God's kingdom, it will go down in history as the greatest since the beginning.

THE CONFERENCE AT WORK

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Editor.

Pastors and lay delegates together with representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society will meet in the Grace Lutheran Church, Spokane, Wash., during the first week of May.

This will be the 40th annual convention of the Columbia Conference and the 18th of the Missionary Society.

There is a very definite attraction in these annual conventions. The love of Christ, interest in the work of His church and the joy of meeting fellow workers from other parts of the conference give color and interest to these meetings. It cannot be but that opinions and judgments clash once in a while at such meetings, but back of all such scenes you will find, not angry antagonistic forces striving for mastery, but keen personal desires to promote the best interests of our beloved church.

The Spokane district forges ahead at a steady pace. Statistics presented to the annual meeting in 1926 compared with those of this year reveal an increase of 76 communicants for this period and \$5,434.66 in contributions for this year. In addition there is considerable increase in valuation in church properties. The Conference delegation will find the two Spokane churches in possession of valuable and churches in possession of valuable and congregation has the best Sunday School equipment of any church in our conference and the Grace Church has made extensive improvements on its property for this meeting, its beautiful temple now being one of the most attractive in the city.

A drive down to Moscow and Troy, Idaho, where we have two active congregations, would not bring the Portland District delegation much out of the way. Over at Mullen, in the heart of the Bitter Root Mountains, is another congregation belonging to the Columbia Conference. The pastors of the district have taken turns in serving this field during the past year. This gratuitous work has been appreciated by the little congregation. A drive over to this important mining community would reveal to you some very marvelous mountain scenery.

We believe that the treasurer of the conference would award first prize to this district for remitting punctually in full its conference and synodical dues.

May all that shall be said and done at the forthcoming conventions be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, to the glory and honor of God.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE BIBLE INSTITUTE.

Draper Park, Des Moines.

Draper Park is located on the Sound, midway between Seattle and Tacoma. Thus it is within a few minutes motor ride from either city. It consists of a considerable tract of land partially wooded with high natural walls on either side where trees and bushes grow in profusion. A clear brook winds its way thru the open space between these walls. An auditorium large enough to seat more than a thousand persons in comfort stands at the edge of the Sound and extends its full length out over the water. There are some cabins and a considerable number of tent bottoms. The place is owned by a group of men who belong to the Swedish Covenant Church and was purchased solely for church convention purposes. It has been secured for only a fraction of the price paid for the place used during the past two years. The Covenant Church had more than 400 people camped on the grounds during their Bible Conference last year. We will occupy it immediately after them this summer and thus it will be in excellent shape for us.

Dr. S. J. Sebelius, D. D., of the Augustana Theol. Seminary at Rock Island, Ill. and Dr. B. M. Christensen, D. D., of the Augsburg Theol. Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., will be the Bible teachers and lecturers this year. Both men have gained for them-

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SALEM, SPOKANE.

Besides the Grace Church, where the conference will be held, Spokane boasts also of the Salem Lutheran Church, the oldest of our churches in Spokane. It was organized on June 24, 1888. During this time seven pastors have served the congregation, namely, Dr. G. A. Anderson, Dr. J. Jespersen, Dr. Jno. E. Oslund, Alexis Andreen, G. K. Andeen, V. C. Ogren and N. Wm. Anderson, the present pastor. The membership is 354. The present church was built in 1904. New Sunday School buildings with private classrooms was erected in 1930.

An announcement of welcome has been extended to all the delegates to the conference by the pastor. It is hoped that many will take the opportunity of visiting this old church also at the same time as they are the guests of the Grace church.

ued without interruption until it reached the glorious climax in the "earthquake chorus," at the close of which the congregation remained standing in silent prayer which ended in the pastor's pronouncing the benediction. The audience still remaining standing, the choir sang the first verse of "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Softly amen. No postlude. The congregation left in silence. No exchange of comments, no greetings. There was a sacred hush over all. The choir remained standing until the people were gone. Then they quietly disappeared. In a few moments the church was empty. It was a profound hour and a fitting and impressive close to Good Friday.

Easter Day began with a Lutheran Young People's Sunrise Service at the Pacific Lutheran College grounds. At both morning and vesper services congregations filled the church.



N. WILLIAM ANDERSON,

President of the Columbia Conference.

Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, who took over the presidency of the conference on the sickness and death of Rev. H. P. Johnson, was born at historic Vasa, Minn. He graduated from the Agricultural School of the University of Minnesota, 1916, and from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1921. After graduation from the Augustana Theological Seminary in 1924 he was ordained into the ministry to serve at Mora, Minn. He came to Salem, Spokane, 1926.

APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT
GIVEN TO COLUMBIA
LUTHERAN

In approaching the time for the meeting of the conference we wish to say a few words in addition to the financial report of Columbia Lutheran. We want to extend a hearty thank you to the many members of the conference who have kept their subscriptions paid up to date, and to the advertisers for their cooperation in the payment for ads; also for the paid church announcements from several of the congregations.

We appreciate the many encouraging letters received from subscribers. A large number of new subscriptions were received in the subscription campaign last fall. The various Luther Leagues of the conference did good work in putting the paper into many more homes. Thank you for this cooperation. A new subscription campaign is planned for the near future. With the help of the members of the conference and of the several organizations in our congregations, we hope to make Columbia Lutheran serve the church even more in the future than in the past.

Respectfully yours,

CARL A. BENGTON.

REV. C. R. SWANSON, D. D.
Treasurer of the Conference.

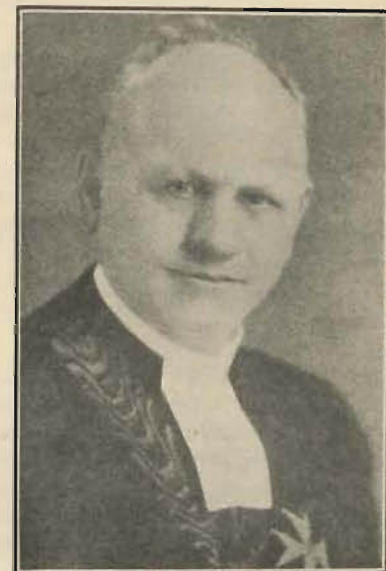
FIRST, TACOMA.

Good Friday, in the morning, the Lutheran churches of the city of Tacoma united in worship at the First Church, which was filled to capacity by a devout audience. The offering taken at this service went to the city Lutheran Welfare Mission. Again in the evening the church was filled. The large church choir then sang "The Passion," by Haydn. It was not merely a cantata or sacred concert, it was worship of the loftiest order. The church was dimmed, the chancel a bower of palms and flowers, lighted by candlelight, where the choir in solemn vestments sat against the background of the large, illuminated art-glass window with Hoffman's "Christ in Gethsemane." The service began with an organ prelude of Bach chorals. Immediately after the pastor from the front of the chancel read the scriptures—Luke 23:26-49—and offered prayer. The cantata then contin-

REV. C. G. BLOOMQUIST, B. D.
Secretary of the Conference.

April 3-8. Reverend A. W. Knock of our Bible School at Minneapolis conducted a Bible conference in the First Church under the auspices of the Lutheran churches of the city. The attendance each evening was large and the message earnestly conveyed was gratefully received.

April 10-17, was set aside as Lutheran Welfare Week. A drive was conducted to raise funds in support of the Lutheran Welfare Mission for the coming year. This mission which was organized within and supported by the Augustana Synod, when the Synod withdrew its support four years ago, was taken over by the Lutheran churches of the city and has become a contact point and rallying center for most cordial and enthusiastic Lutheran welfare cooperation. The mission is recognized among the three most important relief agencies in the city. Much credit for the prosperity of the mission is due to its superintendent, Mr. Vincent Thoren, son of an Augustana pastor.

REV. GUSTAV A. BRANDELLE,
D.D., LL.D. K.N.O.President of the Augustana Synod
and Guest of Honor

WESTDALA, TROY.

Westdala has enjoyed several festive days since the last issue of the Columbia Lutheran.

Sunday, April 17, the church was filled almost to capacity with worshippers. As a guest speaker, Mr. Axel Olsson, lately of Yakima, Wash., filled the pulpit and delivered a message that stirred and challenged all who heard it. Mrs. Olsson added to the festivity of the occasion with a fine solo. These good folk are former members of Westdala, Mr. Olsson having been superintendent of Westdala's Sunday School for many years in the early days. As a token of the esteem in which they are held, a special offering was lifted for them.

Preceding this same service, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kellberg was brought to the Lord in holy baptism, the entire Sunday School and congregation witnessing the sacred act. Other baptisms have been performed by the pastor in recent months, among them being the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sandell, and the small son of Rev. and Mrs. Engberg.

The evening of Sunday, April 24, a group of women representing the Women's Missionary Society of the First Lutheran Church, Moscow, came to Westdala and gave a splendid missionary pageant. A special offering was lifted for the mission work of our synod.

Sunday, May 1, will be a day of great festivities. A large class of boys are then to be confirmed and several new members to be admitted into the fellowship of the church.

A pastoral call has been extended Rev. Samuel E. Johnson of Portland, Ore., from the Assaria Lutheran Church, Assaria, Kansas. The congregation has a membership of 400 adult persons.

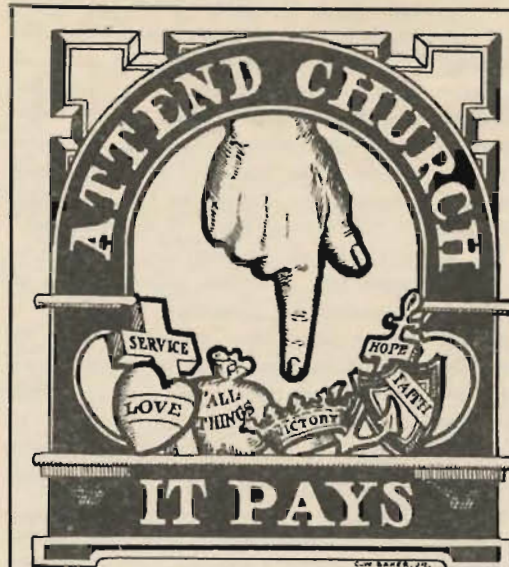
SUCCESS IN LIFE

Success! So very often do we hear that word spoken. "Be a success in life" is a common phrase heard in practically every lecture or address to the young people of today. Success here, and success there, but what does it mean? I fear that the word has been treated too lightly and has become more as a matter of commonplace than that of sincerity and thoughtfulness.

Herewith must brevity suffice, because space does not permit otherwise. Does wealth constitute Success? Does fame fulfill the meaning of Success? Does happiness make up Success? The first two of the foregoing questions seem very immaterial when placed beside the last.

Wealth cannot mean Success! No, for it is of the world; it pertains to the material phase of life; it remains as a treasure on this lowly earth, and has time and time again risen as a curse to humanity. Fame comes as a result of some unusual deed; of some clever and outstanding accomplishment; of the glamor and intensity of the populace to heap laudations on a single character. But, we see that wealth and fame are only consequences of human endeavors led by the "old Adam"; they are only such things as belong to the material world and not to the spiritual.

Happiness! Surely that must constitute Success. What would wealth, fame, and other worldly elements benefit man without the aid of happiness. True happiness can only come through fair, square, and honorable dealing with one's fellowmen, and so if one lives up to these fine requisites, wealth and fame will come as mere natural consequences, and then stand in the background. It is the opportunity to serve one's brother that holds the foremost place; it is the fulfill-



What is God's
Message to me
during
MAY
Come, and see
what the
Church
Answers!

May 1.—5th Sunday after Easter. May 15.—Whitsunday.—**The Gift of Prayer.**

Epistle: James 1:22-27.

Gospel: John 16:23-33.

Text: John 17:18-23. — "Jesus Praying for the Unity of His Disciples."

the Holy Spirit.

Epistle: Acts 2:1-18.

Gospel: John 14:23-31.

Text: John 7:37-39. — "The Living Water of the Spirit."

May 8.—6th Sunday after Easter.— **The Promise of the Father.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11.

Gospel: John 15:26-16:4.

Text: Matthew 10:24-31. — "The Spirit of Courage and Confidence."

May 22.—Trinity Sunday. — **"The Spirit and the New Life."**

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36.

Gospel: John 3:1-15.

Text: John 15:1-9. — "The Vine and the Branches."

ment of God's glorious commandment. "Love thy neighbor as thyself, and do unto him as thou wouldst have him do unto thee" that brings the joy into one's heart. Happiness comes only through helping one's brother. Such a noble act will reap its reward as God sees fit. It may come in the form of wealth or of fame, but as previously stated, that is of least consequence. Thus we see that Success comes only through the upholding of the "Golden Rule"; through interest in the welfare of fellowmen; through the casting aside of egoistical principles. How can happiness help but come as a result of such?

Come, let us all lay aside our egotism; cast away the "old Adam." Let us heed the mighty Word of God; let us abide in God and then make a true and glorious Success in Life!

—Lasse J. Stohl.



REV. WILLIAM SIEGEL, M. TH.
Pastor of Grace Church, Spokane.

EASTER MORNING

I saw the morning breaking beyond the mountain crest;
I saw its glory flooding the sky from East to West;
I saw the earth awaking to greet the new-born day,
As shades of night were lifted and darkness passed away.

I heard a little songster pour forth a joyous strain;
I heard the winged chorus join in a glad refrain;
I heard a trumpet sounding a wondrous melody,
And human voices blending in one great symphony.

The woods sent forth the echo "He walks and talks with me";
I knew that Christ had risen and set the captives free;
He lives—the King of Glory—that we His life may share!
Accept, O Lord, my worship—borne up on wings of prayer.

Everett, Wash.

—Elna Danfelson.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A subscriber has asked us why the Columbia Lutheran is not published on a set date. We wish to state that such is the case. It is always set on Thursday and Friday, the week before the last week of the month and printed and mailed the first days of the last week. Thus the paper is delivered to the subscribers about two days before the first Sunday of the month.

Last time, however, the post office held the paper until April 11 without any reason for the action. We hope that will never happen again.

Please remember in this connection that NEWS for an issue must be in the editor's hands on Wednesday the week before the last. Thus for next month: May 25. Articles are set one week earlier.

WE ARE SORRY

Due to no fault of ours we are unable to present pictures of Rev. Roger P. Oliver, the other representative of the Spokane District.—His picture did not arrive on time. This applies also to Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson of Portland, president of the W. M. S.

GOD AND NATURE

How like our Lord is nature,
In the spring, it is born—out in the cold,

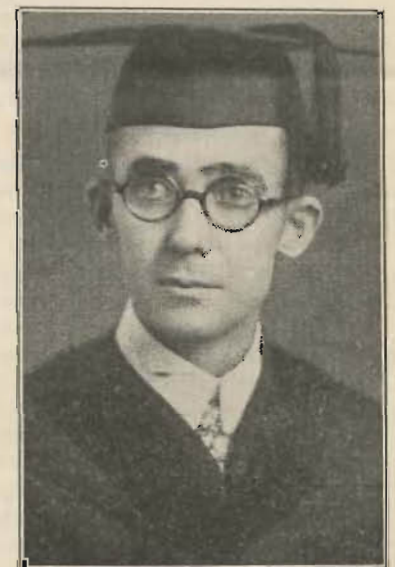
As He was born,
It buds, blooms, and sends
Its splendor and cheer out
To brighten the world,
Everywhere it teaches, even as He taught,

And then, in the end, it withers down,
And dies,
With promise to be born again;
Even as our Dear Saviour did die
To save the world,
And with promise to be born again—
Anew.

—June Carlson,
Gethsemane, Seattle.



JOHN W. UNIS, M. D.
Pres. of the Lutheran Brotherhood.



REV. DAVID E. ENGBERG, B. D.
Pastor of Troy, Idaho.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

MARGARETTA GRANT, Editor

EDITORIAL

Leaguers, we are all going to be a big brother and sister to the new Young Leaguers who have just been confirmed. Don't let one of them fall away from the church. Take upon yourself the responsibility of explaining the aims and purposes of your Luther League and other young people societies. Let them feel that they can come to you for explanations and advice. Keep them interested and teach them step by step into Christian service.

TACOMA-MT. BAKER INSTITUTE.

Date—July 24-31, inclusive.
Place—Draper's Park, Des Moines.
Teachers—Rev. Sibelius and Dr. Christenson and pastors.

COLTON BIBLE INSTITUTE.

Date—July 17-24, inclusive.
Place—Colton, Oregon.
Teachers—Rev. Sibelius and pastors of the district.

WHY YOU SHOULD COME.

1—The Bible Institute affords you the best opportunity for inspiration, encouragement and renewed determination to go forward with the banner of Jesus Christ.

2—The teachers are excellent—well prepared and deliver lectures well worth your time.

3—You will meet the loveliest of Christian young people and enjoy their fellowship supremely for an unforgettable week.

4—Sports of all types are planned for your enjoyment as also are the campfires where singing, stories and prayers sparkle with the glowing embers.

5—The locality of the institute is so planned that it can be easily reached.

6—The expense of the institute is so arranged, that you can economically attend for the entire week or by days.

7—The officers and committees are devoting their time and efforts in holding rallies, contests, and other ways and means of bringing to your attention the wonderful opportunity afforded you for an ideal vacation.

8—Won't you cooperate? Won't you come and see and hear? It is your profit.

9—Your coming, your interest and efforts will make the Bible Institute successful.

LOVE DIVINE

If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in.—Rev. 3:20.

Memory verse Thursday evening—Bible Conference at Seattle conducted by Rev. A. W. Knock.

Tenderly He wooed and won me
From my selfishness and sin;
Softly knocking—gently pleading
My consent to enter in;
O how patiently He waited
Just outside the closed door—
Waited eagerly my answer
Though I grieved Him o'er and o'er.

O how faithfully He lingered
Whispering His love to me
Till my heart all crushed and yearning.
Welcomed Him on bended knee.
O the wonder—how amazing
That the Son of God Divine
Stoops, with joy, to claim a sinner!
Dare I trust that Thou art mine?

Ah, I trust for Thou hast told me
In Thy word a thousand times;
And it falls upon my spirit
Like sweet strains of swelling chimes:
Thou hast loved me, Thou hast bought me

Thou hast pardoned all my sin,
And my restless heart is resting
For I know Thou art within.
—Elma Danielson,
Everett, Wash.

10—Show your love for God, your church and fellow young people by giving it a chance to prove what it can do for you.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CONFIRMATION

By Helen Johnson,
St. Helens Luther League.

Within our Lutheran Church we have the solemn rite of confirmation in which our youth confirms their baptismal vow. When a child is baptized as an infant its sponsors must answer in his place. It is therefore thought fitting that he confirm this promise with his own lips before he is admitted into full membership in the church.

At about the age of fourteen a course of instruction is given under the direction of the pastor. Since this is at an age when the mind is most receptive to information the value of this instruction cannot be over-estimated. We have a most valuable book "Luther's Small Catechism, with full

A DARE FOR YOU

Dare to be honest, good and sincere;
Dare to please God, and you never need fear.

Dare to be patient and loving each day;

Dare to speak the truth whatever you say.

Dare to be gentle and orderly, too;
Dare shun the evil whatever you do.
Dare to speak kindly, and ever be true;

Dare to do right, and you'll find your way through.

HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER

I like to feel that touch on earth
We never meet,
Yet we may hold heart fellowship
At God's dear feet.

I like to feel in all the work
Thou hast to do,
That I, by lifting hands of prayer,
May help thee too.

I like to think that in the path
His love prepares,
Thy step may sometimes stronger prove,
Through secret prayers.

I like to think that when on high
Results we see,
Perchance thou wilt rejoice that I
Thus prayed for thee!

E. G. B. Lawrence.

explanations" which is carefully studied together with the Bible History.

After this course of instruction has been given weekly for a period of nine months it is expected that the youth is in a position to decide for himself whether or not it is his desire to lead a Christian life. He therefore comes before the Altar and in the presence of God and the congregation confesses his faith and gives his promises. It is indeed a solemn moment and one that we should never forget. He is then admitted to the Table of the Lord's Supper and given full membership in the Church. May God grant us strength and determination to live according to our confirmation vow until our journey on earth is ended.

He who has learned to obey, will know how to command.

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Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and it becomes so strong we can not break it.

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Good order is the foundation of all things.

THE RELATION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS TO THE LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League is a half-way point between confirmation and church. When a boy or girl have been confirmed they are too young to take an active part in church, but the Luther League is a stepping stone.

There is no actual service in confirmation but it leads into church work and into actual Christian work in later life.

After confirmation the member looks toward the League, for all the confirmed are eligible to become members of the League.

The Bible is studied during the League's regular Bible Study Hour so that the mind is still being directed toward Christianity.

Although a person can go directly from confirmation Class into actual church work it is better that he has a society such as the League in which he can mingle with the younger folks especially.

Many of the Confirmants are really too young to go directly into church work and may lose interest, but a few years active insight into the workings of Christianity is necessary and will be received through the Luther League.

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NEWS OF NEWS.

"Every gentle word you say

One dark spirit drives away.

Every gentle deed you do

One bright spirit brings to you.

Every 'little bit' you pen

Will bind us closer as friends."

The Luther League of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Astoria, Ore., had a very enjoyable time at the Parish House on Thursday evening, March 31. After a short program was given which consisted of a vocal solo by Ronald Martin, followed by a character sketch of Florence Nithingale by Elmer Bloomquist. Arnold Oren played a beautiful pipe organ solo.

A Bible verse by Dorothy Grimberg and a vocal solo by Adeline Sather closed the program which was followed by a basket social.

The League of the Augustana Church in Portland enjoyed a gay social at their meeting on April 1. Everybody attending took part in the program as the entire company was divided into four groups led by Donald Nelson, Donald Rudoen, Ray Lindberg and Walter Carlson. Each group had to put on a nursery rhyme skit, a quartette, talks on hints for

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 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Luther League 6:30 p. m.

Organizations:

Confirmation class, Sat's at 9:30 a. m.
 Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:45 p. m.
 Luther League, 1st Thursday of month
 8 p. m.
 Tabitha Society, 2nd Thursday of
 month, 2 p. m.
 Lutheran Brotherhood, 2nd Friday of
 month at 8 p. m.
 Woman's Missionary Soc., 3rd Thurs-
 day of month, 8 p. m.
 Young Woman's Missionary Society,
 3rd Friday, 8 p. m.
 Junior Mission Band, 3rd Saturday, 2
 p. m.
 Sunday School teachers' meeting, 4th
 Thursday, 8 p. m.
 Song service, last Sunday of month.
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 Ladies Aid 2nd & 4th Thurs. at 3 p. m.
 Young People (Swedish) 1st Thurs.
 at 8 p. m.
 Luther League 1st Fri. & 3rd Thurs.
 at 8 p. m.
 Brotherhood 2nd Monday at 8 p. m.
 Choir every Wednesday evening.

better Luther Leagues, a game and
 lastly a humorous style show in which
 a girl and a boy from each side
 "dressed up" using newspapers and
 pins.

On March 30 the League and Bible
 Class sponsored a skating party at the
 home of Helen Axelson.

The Gethsemane League of Seattle
 had as their guest speaker on Apr. 5
 Rev. John Bildt of Everett. The
 League was also favored with selec-
 tions by the Bursett Quartette and a
 piano solo by Thorild Swanson.

Rev. Allan of the St. Pauls Lutheran
 church in Seattle delivered a very im-
 pressive address on "Giving God a
 Chance" at the League's meeting on
 April 15. Vocal selections by Esther
 Christenson and Ray Hulteen of the
 Bethany League closed the interesting
 program.

The Bethel Luther League of Seat-
 tle was the guest league of the Everett
 League on April 22. The Bethel
 League offered the program and the
 Everett League served the refresh-
 ments. Last Tuesday the League sur-
 prised Mrs. George Schulenberg, who
 has served as choir director during
 the first half of the year. The object
 of the festivity was presented with a
 beautiful picture in frame as an ap-
 preciation for her work.

The League has invited the Luther
 League of the First Norwegian Church
 of Seattle as its guest May 13.

The Salem League of Mt. Vernon is
 sponsoring the first Sunday evening
 service of each month. The feature
 has proven a success. At the second
 League meeting of each month, Rev.
 Lund conducts a Bible Study in the
 Gospel of John and is continuing in
 the same at the evening service spon-
 sored by the League. The local
 league has joined the Book-of-Month
 Club of which it is a charter league.

The Salem basketball team went
 down to attack the ferocious Geth-
 semanites and they proclaim their trip
 a great success although they were de-
 feated 22-15. They vouched they had
 never seen the equal in hospitality. A
 hearty thanks from Salem to Geth-
 semane for their kindness and hospi-
 tality. They hope that this may be-
 come an annual affair.

Helen Swanson of the Gethsemane
 League is convalescing at her home
 from an automobile accident in which
 she received cuts, bruises and a
 broken nose.

Miss Myrtle Anderson of the Imma-
 nuel League in Portland is in the Im-
 manuel Hospital due to a broken leg.
 received while attending the Mt. Hood
 winter sports ski tournament.

The Immanuel League have under-
 taken Luther's Catechism for Bible
 study. At the April meeting Rev. S. E.
 Johnson gave an address on the origin
 of the Ten Commandments. The
 Leaguers will be called upon to recite
 the Ten Commandments and what is
 meant by them.

The Immanuel Choir will render the
 "Messiah" on the evening of April 15.

Prof. Chas. Swenson is the director
 and Miss Helen Trygstad is the ac-
 companist for the chorus which is
 composed of sixty members.

Mr. Verner Carlson of Seattle, Miss
 Katherine Johnson of Parkland, Mr.
 and Mrs. Arnt Anderson and son of
 Los Angeles and Mrs. Wm. Elmquist
 and son were among the holiday visi-
 tors to the Immanuel Church.

The League of the Zion Lutheran
 Church in Everett has installed a new
 blower for the organ. It was used for
 the first time on Easter Sunday.

The League has issued invitations
 to the Bethel League of Seattle and
 the Hartford League to attend the
 meeting held on April 22.

The Girls Service League held its
 annual krippkakor supper on April.
 This affair is very unusual and proved
 highly successful.

The Girls Service League suprised
 Miss Gladys Erickson on April 6 with
 a miscellaneous shower at the home of
 Lillie Carlson. Miss Erickson was
 united in marriage to Carl Johnson by
 Rev. John Bildt in the Zion Lutheran
 Church on April 9. The couple were
 attended by Lillie Carlson and Charles
 Harvey. After a reception at the
 brides home the couple left for a short
 honeymoon after which they will be
 at home in Everett. Both Mr. and
 Mrs. Johnson are very active League
 members.

The Emmaus League of Seattle held
 their monthly meeting on April 7.
 After the business meeting a program
 was given by the high school students.
 Four new members were welcomed in-
 to the League. The choir rendered
 the Cantata, "From Death to Life",
 on April 3rd.

Luther League of Vancouver, B. C.,
 held their monthly meeting as usual in
 the church parlors of April 1st.

A very interesting business meeting
 came first on the program, when many
 new subjects were taken up and dis-
 cussed. During the social part of the
 evening Harold Larson acted as host,
 the boys taking charge instead of the
 girls. Most of the games were played
 with "bean-bags," as the main subject.

Refreshments were served in which
 everybody helped themselves to the
 best of what the boys presented them.

Bible Institute (from page 2)

selves the reputation of very success-
 ful Bible Institute leaders.

The program will in the main fol-
 low traditional lines with a little
 variation here and there as suggested
 by experiences gained at former insti-
 tutes. The last hour in the forenoon
 of each day will be in charge of cer-
 tain selected Luther Leaguers who
 will be prepared to open discussion
 of topics of vital interest to our young
 people. There will be a special ses-
 sion for pastors and others interested
 in the afternoons. The evening ses-
 sion will consist of evangelistic ser-
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 Missionary Society 1st Thurs. 8 p. m.
 Brotherhood 1st Thursday 8 p. m.
 Junior Missionary Society Second
 Sautrday at 2 p. m.
 Luther League Second and Fourth
 Thursday at 8:15 p. m.
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Worship10:45 a. m.

Vesper 5:00 p. 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 So-
ciety the first Friday, the Luther
League the fourth Friday, the
Brotherhood the second Wednesday.

The Tacoma-Mt. Baker District
Luther League renewed its invitation
of last year to the Luther Leagues
of the other branches of the Ameri-
can Lutheran Council and extended
the same invitation also to the Luth-
eran Chautauqua to be with us this
year, and we are looking for a very
substantial representation from the
various L. L. groupes. The executive
committee has given room to some
of these young people on our various
committees. In case this cooperation
proves successful and agreeable this
year it can be made permanent by
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ested L. L. groups.

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Conference from page 1.

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and their good people, we feel exceed-
ingly grateful for their generous hos-
pitality.

—Roger P. Oliver, secr.

TRINITY, ASTORIA.

The Trinity Ladies' Aid of Astoria
entertained in celebration of the golden
wedding anniversary of Mr. and
Mrs. Edward Edling on April 9. The
Edlings have lived in Astoria over 40
years, where they have been members
of the First Lutheran Church. Mr. Ed-
ling is 73 years old and his wife 72.
They have two children, Herbert Ed-
ling of this city, and Mrs. C. T. Man-
nong of Linnton, Ore. The church was
beautifully decorated in a green and
gold color scheme, and an interesting
program was presented. Congratu-
latory talks were given by e-Governor
A. W. Norblad, Dr. Fred Lindstrom,
Herbert Edling, and Mrs. A. E. Eng-
bretsen. A gift in gold was presented
to the couple by Rev. J. A. Martin,
the pastor of the congregation.

Harold Bjorklund, member of the
Bethel Church, Seattle, and a former
Augustana student, has been subjected
to an operation for mastoids and is at
present confined to bed at the Swedish
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11 and the second at 12. At both
these services Dr. G. A. Brandelle, the
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service at 11 is conducted in the Eng-
lish language and the one at 12 in the
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winter to assist the numerous home-
less men that have flocked into the
city. During the last five months
about sixty services, lectures and pro-
grams have been held, attended by an
average of 400 men at a time. Ac-
cording to the superintendent, the Rev.
Otto R. Karlstrom, 30,000 luncheons
have been served during this time.
Much clothing has been received by
the mission and has been distributed
according to need. Many of the men
who visit the mission, are young Luth-
eran boys who have neither money,
nor home. Some of these—and prob-
ably most of them—are destitute both
spiritually and physically, and it is
the object of the mission to help them
in both cases.

The pageant "The Triumphant
Church" will be rendered in the First
Lutheran Church of Tacoma, May 15
at 7:30 p. m. The pageant has been
especially adapted to the church and
the rendition is given by the members
of the choir with Mrs. Ralph Ostrom
from Seattle in the part of the Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Nelson of
Portland, Ore., announce the birth of
a son, Charles Apolph, born at the
Emanuel Hospital, April 16. The
proud father was a member of the
Bethany Church, Seattle, before he
entered the United Lutheran Church.

We understand that the conventional
exhibit from the Augustana Book Con-
cern is absent from the conference
convention this year. We are in-
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11:00—Morning Worship.
7:30—Vespers, 2nd and 4th Sun.

Organizations
Sylvia Society, April 7th, 2 p. m.
Luther League, April 21st, 8 p. m.

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Syskonringen, 2nd and 4th Tuesday
at8:15 p. m.

Brotherhood, 3rd Wed. at8:00 p. m.
Ladies Aid, 1st Wednesday.....2:00 p. m.
Woman Missionary Society, 2nd Wed-
nesday.

Young Woman's Missionary Society,
3rd Friday at8:00 p. m.
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Luther League "Round Table".....7:00
Evening Services 7:30

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Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30
Dorcas 1st Tuesday 7:30
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed.....2:30
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30
Birth Day Social last Friday.....7:30
Junior Miss. Band 3rd Sat.....2:30
W. M. S. 2nd Wed. every other
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The sad news of the death of his father reached Rev. S. E. Johnson of Portland recently. Rev. Johnson left immediately for Leonardville, Kansas, where the funeral was to take place. The deceased, A. J. Johnson, was born in Ingatorp, Jonkoping County, Sweden, February 16, 1847, and came to this country as a young man. His wife died four years ago. Both belonged to the pioneers of the country. We express to the bereaved pastor our most sincere sympathy.

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Dr. Ralph Ostrom, member of the Bethel Congregation, Seattle, was elected vice president of the Seattle District Dental Society at the annual election of officers recently. The society of which Dr. Ostrom is a member is affiliated with the national organization and the election is considered a great honor as the membership is rather large.

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