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## "Behold the Lamb of God"

THE ISRAELITE had during centuries of time brought his own lamb and also often some other animal to the tabernacle or to the temple and laid it upon the altar as a sacrifice. The Paschal lamb had been killed and eaten according to the directions given by God, ever since the night, when God smote all the first-born in Egypt in the night of the liberation of the children of Israel. The blood that was all through the Old Testament time running, often in tremendous streams, from the altar of burnt offering, was for the atonement of the people's sins.

The day came, when all this animal-offering was in the plan of God to cease. The Apostle Paul therefore says, that we have also a Paschal Lamb that is offered for us, namely Christ. Yes, Christ came in the fullness of time, and in Him all the offerings of the Old Testament time found their prophetic fulfillment, as He offered Himself for us. "Behold the Lamb of God" is a wonderful word indeed. It tells us that God had a Lamb and that He was willing to give that Lamb for us. Hitherto the Israelite had, as stated above, given his lamb. Now God came with His own Lamb. During the entire Old Testament time the lamb had died for the shepherd. Now the Good Shepherd dies for the lamb. The lambs and the other animals would have been of no value, as they were offered as sacrifices, had it not been for the Lamb of God. They had value only in the fulfillment of their prophecy, and the fulfillment we have in the suffering and death of Christ. We might liken all the Old Testament offerings unto the paper currency that you might carry in your pocket. That currency is of value only because of the value of the silver or gold deposited in the U. S. treasury in Washington. So was the offerings of animals in the Old Testament time of value only because of the deposit of a promise God had made already on the day of the fall, when He declared that the Seed of the woman would appear and allow Himself to be bruised and pierced, that He might crush the head of the serpent.

"Behold, the Lamb of God!" What a wonderful word! It directs our attention to Jesus. We certainly need to have our

Joh. 1: 29.

attention directed to Him. As we are by nature, we do not want to look to Jesus. By nature we want to behold only the things of this world. Old Adam wants to find his joy only in the things that are passing. It is also true that we have so much sin in our nature, that we on this



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account do not want to look to Jesus, for sin always directs our thoughts to other things. "Behold the Lamb of God," that you may through Him receive forgiveness of sins. For that Lamb died for our iniquities. He takes away the sins of the world. The Israelite was commanded by God to

take a lamb without blemish and kill it. He was to take the blood of that lamb and smear it on the upper door-tree and things, yea, very often to things, that are not pleasing in the sight of God. on both the door posts of his dwelling. The angel of death would, as he beheld that blood on the door posts, pass by that dwelling and not visit that home with his destruction. We shall also be saved from judgment's destruction, if we have beheld the Lamb of God and sought deliverance and salvation in His blood. There is a tree smeared with blood, which we may use as the door posts of our souls, and that tree is Calvary's cross. Come to that cross; behold there your bleeding and dying Saviour! Lay down at the foot of that cross all the burdens of your sins, and you shall be cleansed from all your iniquity. "The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

We find ourselves now in the solemn Lenten season. Behold, during this sacred period of the church year, the Lamb of God. Read His Passion history. Meditate in true devoutness upon that sacred and by the Spirit of God inspired history. Go with Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane and pray there; pray that God might give you grace rightly to review the history of Christ's Passion. Pray that you may always have the door posts of your heart consecrated by the blood of the New Testament Paschal Lamb. Then shall you find peace in His wounds. Then shall you be healed by His stripes. Yea, then shall His free salvation be upon you. Behold now and always, unto your eternal salvation, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world!

May God give to all the readers of the Columbia Lutheran, and to all our people, a very blessed Lenten season!

We must take care so that we do not contaminate our souls by bad reading or by receiving impressions through the eye that will soil us spiritually. Let us always be extremely careful about our souls.

Our lives must not be found to be self-centered. They must prove Christ-centered.

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## Editorial

### Collection for Columbia Lutheran

The secretary of the Conference, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, has written to all the pastors of the Conference about a collection, which the Conference board recommends for the Columbia Lutheran. He asks in that letter that said collection be lifted either the second Sunday in February or some other Sunday soon thereafter. He also calls attention to the fact that the Columbia Lutheran was in debt at the time that Rev. Bengtson, the present manager, entered upon his duties for our Conference paper. It was also in debt when Rev. Larson became its manager. Rev. Bengtson would have been able to pay the current printing expenses of the paper, had it not been for that old debt.

We humbly beg that our congregations give heed to the request made by our Conference secretary. Kindly lift a substantial collection for the Columbia Lutheran as soon as possible. Rev. Bloomquist asks that the collection be sent to the Conference treasurer, Rev. Nordlander. This is good order. The collections received will then be entered upon the records of the Conference. Rev. Nordlander will forward the collections to Rev. Bengtson, the manager of our paper.

We wish in this connection to thank the printers of Columbia Lutheran for the patience they have shown in waiting for payment of their printing bills. They have shown an exceptional kindness toward us. This was true with Mr. Sandegren. The

same kindness and consideration have characterized the nature of the treatment we have had at the hands of Mr. E. M. Nyman and his partner, successors to Mr. Sandegren. We are anxious to do our best to all these creditors. It would not be fair to bring their patience to the utmost tension. We therefore ask most kindly our people to help us with a collection in each of our congregations, according to the unanimous recommendation of our Conference board. We thank you in advance for any help you may give us.

### The Lenten Season

There is to all evangelized Christians a special halo resting over the blessed Lenten season. We are during that period most especially reminded of the suffering that Christ had to endure and the death He was compelled to die to save the fallen human race. We are during this period of the church year requested to review the history of the Passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

Let us during this Lenten season all prove true to the traditions of our dear Lutheran church. We make in this church a great deal of the suffering of our Saviour. We do this because we have the atonement of Jesus as the foundation of our salvation and of our blessed hope of eternal life. Without the shedding of blood no redemption, says the Bible. If Jesus had not died and arisen, we would still have been in our sin, says the apostle Paul. The Son of man came to give His life a ransom for many, says Jesus. Even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must also the Son of man be lifted up, in order that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

Let each family during this blessed Lenten season read for daily devotion the different sections of the Passion history in the order in which they appear. In all our churches we will also consider as time will permit, that sacred history of our Lord's suffering. Abundant blessing shall come to us from above, as we use that blessed gospel word. Yes, let us use that word faithfully in our homes. Let us during this Lenten season revive our spirit of devotion at our firesides. Let us raise again the family altar, wherever it has for a longer or shorter period of time been loved to lie in ruin. There is nothing in all the world that can prove so beneficial to family life as moments of devotion daily observed. With daily devotion no home can collapse, no matter what reverses the home may have to suffer. No separation by a divorce court will ever be demanded by man or wife, where daily appearance at the home altar has been an unchanging custom. Dear Reader, place your home

altar today at the foot of the cross and let it remain there, and blessings in great abundance shall come upon you and upon your children.

### Notice

Those that wish logging during the conference meeting to be held in Immanuel Church, Portland, should send in notice thereof with five dollars for the accommodations for the convention period to Rev. Henry P. Johnson, 150 N. 19 St., Portland, Ore. These notices must be in the hands of Rev. Johnson the latest April 1. The convention will be held April 15—19. The five dollars sent in by a pastor covers the cost of accommodation both for him and his wife. We cannot be responsible for accommodations for anyone sending in his request later than April 1.

Henry P. Johnson.

### Program

for the meeting of the Portland District  
in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland,  
February 24—25.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 24, 7:45 o'clock:

Divine Worship in English.

Sermon: "How Do the Words: Behold, We Go Up to Jerusalem' Apply to Us?" Text Luke 18:31-33.—Rev. A. G. Anderson.

Sermon: "Jesus as the Lamb of God." Text 1:29. Rev. S. E. Johnson.

Liturgy: Rev. S. E. Johnson and Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10:30 A. M.:

Divine Worship in Swedish.

Sermon: "Jesus en smärtornas man för vår skull." Text Es. 53:1-5. Rev. Ernest J. Sakrison.

Sermon: "Jesus, vår rättfärdighet." Text Es. 53:11, Rom. 5:19. Eric H. Wahlstrom.

Liturgy: Rev. G. K. Andeen and Rev. S. E. Johnson.

2:30 P. M.—Business session in the parsonage by the pastors. Business session in the church by the Woman's Missionary society of the District.

### Tenth Anniversary Program

of Woman's Missionary Society of the  
Portland District.

Immanuel Church, Feb. 25, 8 P. M.

Prelude—Prof. Chas. Swenson.

Hymn—Congregation.

Invocation—Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom.

Song, "The Ninety and Nine"—Junior  
Chorus of Immanuel Church.

Greetings from former presidents.

Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Mrs. J. E. Lorimer, Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult.

Historical Sketch—Mrs. H. P. Johnson.  
 Anthem—"Ivory Palaces"—Y.W.M. Chorus of Augustana Church.  
 Greeting—Mrs. S. E. Johnson, President of Conference W. M. S.  
 Vocal Solo—Miss Anna Peterson.  
 Address—Rev. G. K. Andeen.  
 Anthem, "In the Garden"—Y.W.M. Chorus of Augustana Church.  
 Offertory—Prof. Chas. Swenson.  
 Hymn—Congregation.  
 Prayer and Benediction—Rev. A. G. Anderson.

## Contributed

### Portland District Luther League

The executive committee of the Portland District L. L. met at the Immanuel parsonage Tuesday evening, Feb. 3rd, 1931. Plans were discussed concerning the District Rally which will be held in the Immanuel church March 15, and the Bible Institute to be held at Colton in the middle of July. We are hoping that we will soon be able to announce who the teachers and speakers at the Institute will be. The Institute grounds at Colton are being transformed into a veritable park. Rev. E. J. Sakrison, the assistant Dean of the Institute, and chairman of the park committee, has been doing some real herculean work on the grounds. He reports that he had 30 men and 9 horses at work two whole days clearing and burning rubbish. A rustic bridge was built over Canyon creek, and plans are being made to make a swimming pool. This working gang was made up of the people in and around Colton. The ladies served dinner, and the sentiments expressed were, that "we had a wonderful time." Rev. Sakrison deserves special recognition for the interest he is showing in turning the League's property into a beauty-spot.

We hope that it will be possible to organize a few parties for a day's work or more some time in the spring. There are other things that should be done on the grounds. We need a few paths, a rustic fence should be built, and the platform should be built so we could gather on our grounds at our Bible Institute next July. The Leagues of the Portland District are to be congratulated on being the owners of this 9 acre piece of ground at Colton. Great possibilities are before us of making this beautiful spot a most inviting place for both spiritual and bodily recreation. With united efforts this shall be done. Make your plans to attend the Bible Institute in July.

Sam. E. Johnson.

### The Conference Treasury

As we closed the books for the past year we could not do so with a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that all our obligations had been met. We could not remit our part to the Synodical Budget in full; but we did what we could. Some will perhaps wonder why we could not do as last year. Then we borrowed. It was not a successful experiment. Not because the principle was wrong, but because the practical end of the matter rather indicated that there was a bit of cooperation still lacking, and therefore in the way of its success. Will the congregations remember our common duty and begin now to remit on the 1931 Budget, so that we may be able to pay the Synod in full before our Conference meeting?

On the whole the congregations did better in remitting in full to the Conference last year than previously. Some remembered us quarterly and some monthly. That is the way, folks. Keep this up, and influence others to do likewise. The Spokane District holds the distinction of being paid up in full for 1930. Thank you, brethren.

P. H. Nordlander.

### Annual Report of Mt. Baker District for the Year 1930

To the Mt. Baker District:

Grace and Peace!

"Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised; and let us consider one another to prove unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebr. 10: 23-25.

These words voice the purpose of our district. Our annual meetings are inventories of what we have accomplished during the year that has passed into eternity. We have also met together to become more secure in our confession of faith and to arouse a greater interest for our work in the district. We are living in an age when there is a great deal of uncertainty and wavering in the hearts of men as to the salvation. We have assembled here for our annual meeting in order to provoke one another to more sincere love and good works for the cause of Christ.

It affords us real pleasure to meet with the Salem congregation for our sixth annual meeting after our organization meeting which also was held here in this church May 21-25, 1925. At that time the following pastors represented the district: A. G. Anderson, A. G. H. Ahnquist, M. L. Swanson, P. H. Nordlander, Luther

Cornay, Otto Eklund, and the undersigned. Of this number only two remain in the district, namely Luther Cornay and the writer of this report.

In spite of financial difficulties, which like Caesar Augustus' taxation, seems to have reached all the world, yet the work has proceeded as in former years and we have reason to be thankful to the Lord.

Our people, as a rule are loyal and faithful and many have truly sacrificed for the work in these drastic times.

Regarding the material and external things of our congregations nearly all the reports from the pastors are very encouraging. The Conference and synodical dues have been paid with two or three exceptions. During the year the old historical church at Pleasant Ridge has been disposed of. The Hartford congregation has built a new church, which was dedicated to the Lord Sunday, September 14. Rev. G. K. Andeen, Conference president officiated assisted by Dr. Jos. A. Anderson, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund and the local pastor John Billdt. The cost of this church is estimated at about \$4,000. We rejoice with the pastor and congregation over their success.

Sion, Everett has installed a new furnace in the parsonage at a cost of \$250.00. Bellingham has reshingled the parsonage and renovated the church. Vancouver has gathered money toward a pipe organ fund and reports a large and growing attendance at Sunday school.

Sedro-Woolley has completed the inside fixing of the Parish Hall, the expense of which was paid by the local Luther League.

New Westminster has also installed a pipeless furnace in the church at a cost of \$165.00. A Sunday school has been organized at Fraser View Manor, about four miles south of Westminster, which meets every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. At the time of organization there were eight children. At present there are 22 enrolled.

Efforts have been made to organize a Sunday school at Fraser Mills, but our people there prefer to send their children in to the Westminster Sunday school, as it takes only 15 minutes on the street car and costs but seven cents each day. We have made a thorough investigation and found very few children at Fraser Mills since there are not many families of our Lutheran faith living there.

The mission meetings of the year have been held as follows: Sedro-Woolley, January 26-28, which was the annual meeting, in connection with which the Woman's Missionary society also held its annual meeting. New Westminster, February 23-25. Vancouver, March 23-25. Bellingham, May 25-27, at which time the congregation celebrated a confirmand re-

union on Sunday afternoon. Everett, September 28-30. Clearbrook, October 26-28. These meetings are held primarily with three definite objects in view, namely to serve as an evangelizing agency through the sermons and discussions, to strengthen the bond of fellowship among pastors and congregations, and to conduct the necessary business of the district.

These meetings have, as a rule, been well attended, well prepared and edifying sermons have been delivered, and discussions on timely subjects have usually made up the afternoon programs. At all of our meetings, one subject has been set aside for the Woman's Missionary society, when a talk or lecture on the subject "The women and the church," has been given by the different pastors.

The Lords' supper has been celebrated at nearly all our meetings. We feel that our mission meetings are still of great value and importance not only to our people but also to the pastors.

Nearly all the congregations in the district have taken part in the campaign "A church paper in every home," and some of them still have a representative looking after this work. This is a very commendable undertaking and should bring good and lasting results. We regret to state that according to the pastors' reports, there has been a slight increase in membership over last year, in some of our congregations. I take for granted that there are reasons for this that none of us are able to control.

There are five brotherhood organizations in the district, with a total membership of 115 members—here is also a decrease over former years.

This may be mainly due to the continued financial depression felt more or less in all of our congregations. Regarding the other organizations in our church work they are functioning well, especially the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Missionary societies.

In February the Luther League of Mt. Vernon extended an invitation to the other Leaguers of the District for the purpose of organizing a separate district Luther League, but could not at that time come to any definite decision.

The Sunday school work seems most encouraging. In the majority of our congregations, judging from the pastoral reports, there is an increase in member and attendance. This is as it should be, as no other work is more vital and promising than the work among the children.

We are glad to welcome Rev. J. E. Carlson and his wife, who have moved to our district from the Canada Conference. They have now charge of the girls' home in Vancouver. At present he is recuper-

ating in a hospital in Minnesota, after a serious operation.

The spiritual and moral condition of our people is known only to the Lord, who is judge over all men and can give a righteous judgment. Although we have many faithful and loyal members, for which we have cause to rejoice, there is still room for improvement everywhere. May we all be on our guard against sin and worldliness and all such things not in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Cor. 10: 12.

May the Lord of our harvest richly bless our efforts during this year and the years to come. "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 5: 10-11.

Mount Vernon, Wash., Jan. 27, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

Otto Wm. Westling.

### Portland District Meeting

The annual meeting of the Portland District was held in the Augustana church, Portland, Rev. S. E. Johnson, pastor, Jan. 27-28. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Tuesday evening the first named date. Rev. H. P. Johnson preached the communion sermon on Ps. 23: 5. Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom gave the district sermon on "God's Determination to Evangelize the World," Matt. 24: 12. Liturgy by Rev. J. A. Edlund and Rev. E. J. Sakrison.

Business session was held on Wednesday morning, preceded by the usual invocation by Rev. A. G. Anderson. The old officers were re-elected: Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom, president; Rev. E. J. Sakrison, vice president; Rev. A. G. Anderson, secretary, and Rev. S. E. Johnson, treasurer. It was decided that Elim Church, Brush Prairie and Saron Church, Gresham, be united into one charge. Fitting resolutions were formulated because of the definite report given, that Rev. B. S. Nystrom, veteran in the ministry on the coast, had resigned from his congregation in Brush Prairie and retired from the active ministry. The resolutions were accepted by a rising vote.

A "discussion" took place in the afternoon in Swedish on the subject: "Vårt enda hopp om världens evangelisering." The theme was introduced by Rev. E. J. Sakrison. Those that took part in the discussion were the Reverends H. P. Johnson, G. K. Andeen, B. S. Nystrom, S. E. Johnson, J. A. Edlund and A. G. Anderson; also Mr. Hilmer Henrikson, Capt. A. Charlston, and Mr. Alfred Rydberg.

The closing service was held on Wednesday evening, when Rev. J. A. Edlund preached on 1 Tim. 3: 14 and when a sermon was also given by Rev. G. K. Andeen on Zeph. 3: 1-8. Rev. Wahlstrom served at the altar.

This mission meeting was very edifying and inspirational. Fine meals were served by the Augustana women. A lay delegate was present from every congregation with the exception of one or two smaller mission places.

### W. M. S. Report

The sixth annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the Mt. Baker District was held in the Salem Lutheran church, Mt. Vernon, Wash., January 26-27, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, pastor.

Mrs. Chas. E. T. Olson, chairman, presided. The morning session was opened with devotionals led by Mrs. H. Carlson, Mt. Vernon.

Seven of the eight societies of the district were represented, twenty-six delegates responding to roll call. While not so many in numbers, a strong missionary spirit and interest in the work was evident.

The president's report was encouraging and showed that all of the societies had to the best of their ability met the requirements placed upon them. Truly, we can say that "Jesus is the same today, yesterday and forever" (Heb. 13: 8) and through His help and blessing gifts have been contributed to the mission cause. One new Young Women's society has also been organized in Vancouver.

Mrs. Cornay, the Jubilee secretary reported six qualified workers and two Silver Star societies, namely Bellingham and New Westminster, B. C. The Junior Mission Bands of the district had a most enjoyable rally at Clearbrook in May. Everett has invited the Juniors of the district for a rally this spring. Mrs. H. Carlson, our efficient Membership, Prayer Day and Mission Tidings secretary reported that there had been a slight increase in membership; that Prayer Day had been observed in six of the societies; that some of the societies had gained in Mission Tidings subscriptions, while others had lost, consequently no immediate gain.

The treasurer reported that the sum of \$1,159.69 had been gathered and distributed to the various funds.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Soderman, Mt. Vernon; vice president, Mrs. C. E. T. Olson, Mt. Vernon; secretary, Mrs. C. A. V. Lund, Mt. Vernon; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Tegberg, Everett (re-elected); Junior secretary, Mrs. V. Estergreen, Clearbrook (re-elected); Jubilee secretary, Mrs. L. Cornay, Bellingham (re-elected); Membership,

Prayer Day, Mission Tidings secretary, Mrs. H. Carlson, Mt. Vernon (re-elected); Young Women's secretary, Mrs. Elmer Anderson, Clearbrook.

The retiring officers were extended a rising vote of thanks.

We were reminded to give our hearty support to Miss Anna Olson, missionary nurse in China. The Conference W. M. S. is responsible for her salary. Let us all give and pray for this worthy cause—for Miss Olson, as you know, is a member of our own Columbia Conference.

Two posters were exhibited that were to be entered in the contest being carried on in the conference. The story contest among the young women was also stressed. Special attention was called to the added \$1.00 to be applied to the yearly contribution to the girls' home in Vancouver, which means that \$2.00 is to be paid by each society to this home during 1931.

The matter was presented of co-operating with the other districts of the conference furnishing a room of the girls' home in New York to honor the memory of Mrs. Rev. G. A. Anderson. This is of special significance to the Mt. Baker district as Rev. Dr. G. A. Anderson and his wife were faithful workers in this district at the time of their demise; and a daughter, Mrs. E. T. Olson has served the district as its president for the past five years.

The Columbia Conference recommendations for the year 1931 were discussed and accepted.

The district has enjoyed and received much spiritual uplift from the visit of three of the W. M. S. field workers at home and in the foreign field—Mrs. Frank Olson, Miss Alta Samuelson, and Miss Agnes Christenson, who has given her life for India. We are thankful to God that we have such earnest and willing workers in our fields and we appreciate very much the interesting and inspiring messages which they brought to us.

On Tuesday afternoon, the following program was given: Bible reading and prayer, Dr. Jos. A. Anderson, Sedro-Woolley; vocal numbers, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Axel Hanson, Mt. Vernon; address, "Spiritual Courage" (II Sam. 10: 12), Rev. L. Cornay, Bellingham. Mrs. Carl Johnson spoke in a few well chosen words regarding an In Memoriam to Mrs. G. A. Anderson, a pioneer worker in the conference, to whose memory a room in the girls' home in New York is to be furnished by the four districts of the conference and that the proceeds of the offering were to be applied to the same.

Two subscribers were reported by Mrs. Storme, having been received during the meeting.

Resolutions were read by Mrs. Emil Larson, Clearbrook, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the district to Rev. and Mrs. Lund, members, homes, and the loyal women for their generous hospitality.

The past year has indeed been a blessed and prosperous one and we pray that God may continue to bless and prosper the work, both at home and on the foreign fields.

"I must do the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Mrs. Emily Swenson.

### Spokane, Washington

The Woman's Missionary society of the Spokane district held its annual meeting at the Salem Lutheran church in Spokane, Wednesday, January 2, 1931.

The business session began after a short devotional service at 9 a. m. A large number of delegates and members from the Moscow, Troy, Grace (Spokane) and Salem societies were present.

Fine reports of the year's work were given by the officers and the secretaries of the various branches.

Mrs. Frank Oberg (Moscow), who has been the treasurer of the district for ten years, gave a splendid report on the year's finances. Over \$1,400 had been raised for the Home and Foreign mission work, which was a gain of more than \$800.00 over the amount raised the first year of the society's organization. It was interesting, also, to learn that the grand total raised by the district for the ten years amounted to \$10,461.66.

Mrs. W. J. Olsen (Grace) was re-elected to serve as president. This will be her ninth year. Mrs. H. S. Swanson (Salem) was elected vice president; Mrs. David Engberg (Troy), secretary, and Mrs. Frank Oberg, treasurer to serve her eleventh year, and Mrs. David Ofelt re-elected as Junior secretary.

Much interest is being shown by the Woman's as well as the Young Woman's societies for the girls' home at Vancouver and New York.

Fine reports were also given by the young women on the home mission work done in our own district among the needy.

After the adoption of the conference resolutions and after other interesting business matters were disposed of, the Salem ladies served a splendid dinner to all present.

The afternoon service was well attended and most inspiring, the topic being "Go ye unto all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The speakers were Rev. W. Siegel, Rev. D. Engberg and Rev. R. P. Oliver.

Following this service a "surprise reception" was held to honor Mrs. Frank Oberg of Moscow. Mrs. W. J. Olsen spoke of Mrs. Oberg's untiring service and willingness to work for missions, and presented her with a crystal necklace and a purse of money, to partly show the appreciation of the women of the district. Mrs. Oberg was also presented with a beautiful basket of flowers by Betty Lucille Nelson, after which appropriate words of praise were spoken by the Reverends Wm. Anderson, R. P. Oliver, Wm. Siegel and D. Engberg.

Mrs. Oberg was truly surprised and visibly moved by the honor shown her, and she thanked all most heartily. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

The evening program included an address by the Rev. D. Engberg; vocal solo, Mrs. Engberg; piano solo, Miss Lucille Ramstadt; reading, Betty Olson and a vocal solo by Mrs. S. H. Swanson.

The meetings were all enjoyed and all present felt that this was one of the best meetings ever held, and we are indeed grateful to our Lord for having so blessed us.

Mrs. John W. Nelson.

### Yakima, Wash.

Rev. P. H. Nordlander was feted Thursday evening, January 29 when Mrs. Nordlander entertained for him with a delightful birthday party. The guests included members of the board of administration and their wives. An informal evening was spent with games followed by refreshments featured by three handsome birthday cakes. The board presented the pastor with a purse and wishes for many happy returns of the day.—H. F.

### Hope

Out of the mists of morning  
Out of the darkness of night  
Out of the gloom of yesterday  
God sends the light.

So out of all pain and sorrow  
Out of all gloom and despair  
Out of all dreams that are shattered,  
Comes courage to bear.

Margaret Norberg  
Rt. 2, Box 111, Everett, Wash.

Saron congregation, Gresham, is now ready to begin arrangements for building a new church. A lot has been procured in Gresham, so that it is now definitely decided to build in town. Said congregation has for a long time needed a new edifice for worship. The congregation has been joined into a charge with the Brush Prairie congregation. Rev. A. G. Anderson has been unanimously called to be pastor of the charge as newly formed.

## Annual Meetings

### First, North Bend, Oregon

Rev. J. A. Edlund, Pastor

The annual meeting of the church was held Jan. 3rd, 1931. Election of officers: Secretary, Wm. Hegdahl; deacon, Wm. Hegdahl; trustees, Matt Kjellman, Aug. Tyberg. Pastor in charge of the Sunday school, also elected to play at the services. Dues to Conference and Synod fully paid. The congregation concurred with the Trinity church to give the pastor a vacation during the month of June.

### Trinity, Marshfield, Oregon

Rev. J. A. Edlund, Pastor

The annual meeting was held Jan. 2nd. The following officers were elected: Secretary, Ernest Liljeberg; deacons, Nels Olson, Ludvig Stone, Otto Hill; trustees, John Grant, Wm. Asplund, Carl Sandquist; delegate to the Conference, Eric Johnson; organist, Mrs. Charles Stauff; assistant Sunday school superintendent, Miss Margaret Edlund. It was reported that the mortgage of \$1,000 had been fully paid during the year. Dues to Conference and Synod fully paid. The pastor was voted a vacation during the month of June.

### Central, Yakima

Rev. P. H. Nordlander, Pastor

Annual meeting was held January 9. The following officers were elected: Secretary, George Lindquist; the two members elected on the board of deacons were Fritz Johnson and John F. Larson, both re-elected; on the board of trustees Hans Fahl and Carl Petersen were re-elected; organist, Kenneth Wahlstrom; janitor, Mrs. Mary Larson; Sunday school superintendent, Elmer Johnson; delegates to Tacoma district annual meeting Alfred D. Johnson regular and Elmer Johnson alternate. Delegates to Conference meeting, Rev. C. E. Lindquist regular and Phil Samuelson alternate. Auditing committee, Walter Olofson, Kenneth Wahlstrom and George Lindquist. The matter of observing our fifth anniversary was discussed and the following committee was elected: Elmer Johnson, Hans Fahl, Walter Olofson, Phil Samuelson and the pastor. The anniversary will be held on Trinity Sunday.

### Zion, Everett, Washington

Rev. John Bildt, Pastor

The Zion Lutheran congregation in Everett, Washington, held its annual business

meeting, Monday evening, January the 12th. The reports given by various organizations as well as the congregation proper were very encouraging. All obligations were met both to the local as well as the Conference budget. Just before Christmas, the congregation installed a new furnace in the parsonage. The Brotherhood has improved the church property in planting shrubbery around the church and parsonage. A three week daily vacation Bible school was held immediately after the close of the public school last spring with an average attendance of 35 children. It was decided to conduct a daily vacation Bible school this spring also. It was also decided to celebrate this coming fall the 30th anniversary of the congregation.

The following officers were elected: Deacons, Chas. Carlson (re-elected), Carl Anderson, Albin Johnson was elected deacon for two years; trustees, W. E. Hessen (re-elected), Oscar Holst; organist, Mrs. Amelia Josephson-Sellin (re-elected); Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Emily Swenson (re-elected); delegate to district and conference meetings, Claus Peterson; Gust Holst, alternate; auditors elected for the year 1931 are Francis Peterson, Alfred Hogberg and Harry Anderson.

### Bethlehem, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Dr. Jos. A. Anderson, Pastor

The annual meeting was held Jan. 14 at 10 a. m. Fritz Johnson was chosen secretary. C. A. Johnson, Charlie Johnson, and Alfred Snar were re-elected deacons for three years. Jonas Grove was elected deacon for two years to fill a vacancy. Andrew Snar and Oscar Forsell were re-elected and Ben. Fredricks newly elected trustee for three years. Mrs. Nels Fredrickson is the new Sunday school superintendent. Sander Pierson was elected delegate and Alex. Anderson alternate to the meeting of the Conference. Albert Gerriets was chosen delegate to the annual meeting of the Mt. Baker district. Mrs. Jos. A. Anderson was re-elected organist for one year.

Mrs. Allie Stromberg is president of the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Jos. A. Anderson holds similar office in the W. M. S. Adolph Fredrickson is president of the Luther League. Gladys Mandahl is leader for the Junior Missionary society.

Owing to many circumstances for which none is responsible, there was a deficit in the treasury of the congregation for last year, but all the societies and the Sunday school closed the year with surpluses.

Wm. Westlund was elected chairman of the board of trustees, Victor Nelson is again financial secretary, and Oscar Forsell was re-elected treasurer.

### Bellingham-Clearbrook Pastorate

Rev. Luther Cornay, Pastor

The annual meetings in this pastorate were as follows: Bellingham, Monday, Jan. 12th, 1931 at 8:00 p. m., and in Clearbrook, Tuesday, Jan. 13th, at 1:00 p. m. Olof Selander was elected secretary of the congregation in Bellingham, and John Loreen was elected secretary in Clearbrook. A good spirit prevailed at the meetings at both places. And in spite of the keenly felt depression, the budgets in both congregations were paid in full before the 31st of December 1930.

Our work at Ferndale has been discontinued, but our good people there paid up last year's quota of \$25.00 minus 76 cents. And two families did it willingly.

In Bellingham John Hogberg and Conrad Selander were elected as deacons for three years; trustees for three years A. G. Wickman and C. W. Henderson, and Olof Selander was elected for a term of one year. Our congregation in Clearbrook elected Leonard Loreen and J. O. Anderson deacons for three years; Harry Johnson and Albert Olson were elected trustees for three years.

Delegates to the conference in Portland, Oregon, Lester Matson delegate, and A. G. Wickman alternate, from Bellingham. From the First Lutheran church in Clearbrook S. E. Johnson was elected delegate and Emil Larson alternate. There were no delegates elected in Anacortes, and not from Ferndale, since the work in those places has been discontinued.

### New Westminster, B. C.

Rev. O. W. Westling, Pastor

The annual meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, New Westminster, was held January 9th, 1931.

Selim Carlson was chosen secretary. A spirit of harmony and Christian fellowship prevailed. The treasurer, J. S. Wallin reported, that the obligations to Conference and Synod had been paid in full, and also the furnace installed in the church last year, has been paid for during the year. The pastor's salary was raised one hundred dollars. The reports from the different societies were encouraging.

Deacons elected were Alex Johnson and Andy Falk; trustees, J. S. Wallin and Werner Julin. The pastor was elected Sunday school superintendent.

Delegates chosen to the district meeting at Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Alex Johnson; to the Conference meeting Mr. Victor Valdemar Nordberg. The leaders for the different societies in the congregation are: Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Werner Julin; W. M. S., Mrs. O. W. Westling; J. M. B., Mrs. Lydia Storme; Young peoples society, Mr. Selim

Carlson. Mrs. O. W. Westling was selected organist. It was decided to invite the district to hold its yearly meeting of 1932 in our congregation, for the first time in its history.

The evening service of the first Sunday of each month will be conducted in the English language, as during the past year. An increase in attendance at the services has been noted since the New Year.

### Salem, Mount Vernon, Wash.

Rev. C. A. V. Lund, Pastor

"No news is good news." This, I feel, can truly be applied to our annual meeting, held January 13. Nothing spectacular appeared in any of the reports, but we could look back on a pleasant and profitable year both spiritually and otherwise.

"We preach Christ and him crucified" and our services are marked by a spirit of devotion and appreciation.

All obligations to Synod and Conference had been paid in full and there was a balance in all treasuries.

Eighteen had been confirmed and nine adults had been received. Many, however, had been "dropped" because of lack of interest, so that the membership list contained three hundred seventy-six adults.

The pipe organ fund showed \$2,331.40 in cash and notes and one thousand in pledges due June 15, 1931.

The elections showed the following results: Deacons for three years, Gust Wersen, Axel Hanson and A. M. Lindquist. Trustees for three years, Arthur Downey, John Sundquis and Nels Danielson. Organist, Mrs. E. A. Soderman. Choir director, Mr. E. A. Soderman. Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. C. E. T. Olson. Delegates to Mount Baker district, Carl Blade and Gust Erickson. Delegates to Columbia conference, Arthur Johnson and Gust Wersen. Twelve were elected to serve on the later committee with Mrs. Jens Lassen as president. Fourteen were elected ushers with Mr. Anselm Westlin as head usher. Mr. A. M. Lindquist was elected treasurer for the Mission Fund, and Helen Wersen became Sunday school treasurer.

The sick list has been unusually long the past weeks. Those who to the knowledge of the pastor have been or still are in the hospitals are: Alice Holmstrom, Mrs. Gust Erickson, Olof Kulin, Mabel Roseland, Oscar Roseland, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Oscar Olson, Elsie Johnson, and Irene Krub. All of these are on the way to recovery.

One of our oldest members, Mrs. Hanna Møller, was called by the Lord to her eternal rest on the 19th of January. She was 85 years and 4 months at her death.

Monday evening, February 2, the Lutheran Brotherhood gave a Fathers' and

Sons' banquet. About seventy were present. The spirit, the food and the program was of the best. The L. B. has planned and printed the programs for the whole year, and it looks very promising.

## Items of Interest

Mrs. Emil Wersen, Sedro-Woolley, is suffering from an attack of rheumatism, for which she has been taking treatment for some time. Her husband is a member of the Conference Board of Trustees.

The Columbia Conference will hold its next annual meeting in Immanuel Church, Portland, April 15-19. Announcements by the Conference secretary and a complete program will appear in the next issue.

Rev. G. K. Andeen occupied the pulpit in the Elgarose church, Feb. 8. The idea was to investigate into the field in Roseburg as well. He also made a trip to Marshfield while out in that end of the conference.

Mr. Arthur Linn of the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, went in company with Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom to St. Peter, Minn., to attend the Fourth Christian Conference as a delegate from the Columbia Conference Luther League.

Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom left Sunday evening, Feb. 8, for St. Peter, Minn., where he will attend the Fourth Christian Conference, held at Gustavus Adolphus College Feb. 11-15. He also expected to visit Mrs. Wahlstrom's father in Wausau, Wis.

Rev. P. H. Nordlander was sick with the "flu" for about a week in the closing part of January. He is now fully restored again. He has been appointed by the conference president to attend the meeting of the Synodical Finance Committee, which meets in Chicago March 10-11.

Miss Edith A. Bergquist, R. N., Superintendent of Nurses at Emanuel Hospital, Portland, left Friday, Feb. 13, for Washington, D. C. to attend the White House Conference of Child Health and Protection held in said city Feb. 19-21. Miss Bergquist will also make stop-over in Chicago and Rockford, Ill.

Mr. J. A. Nordeen, who for several weeks, beginning with Jan. 3, was seriously ill at Emanuel Hospital, when he also submitted to an operation, is now "up and around" again and is doing very well. He attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of Emmanuel Hospital and of its Charity Board Monday, Feb. 2, and resumed his work as secretary of these organizations.

A Young Women's Missionary Society was organized in Immanuel, Portland, Friday evening, Feb. 6. Mrs. Eric Dahlberg, member of the Augustana Church and official organizer for the Portland Dist., was

present and effected the organization. Following officers were elected: Viola Benson, pres.; Dorothy Peterson, vice pres.; Viola Hultgren, secretary; Frances Peterson, treasurer. The meeting, which was well attended, was held in the parsonage.

Mr. E. M. Erickson, for some time treasurer of Immanuel, Portland, and for a number of years treasurer of the Sunday school of said church, went through a very serious operation at Emanuel Hospital the latter part of January. He had been ailing ever since last fall. He is now getting along very nicely and expects soon to be fully restored to health again.

At the Christian Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College Rev. Eric Wahlstrom spoke on Sunday, February 15 on Luther League Bible Conferences. He also spoke at the Sunday school session that same Sunday at the English Lutheran Church, St. Peter. He has promised to "write up" the conference for the next issue of Columbia Lutheran.

Evangelistic Services will be held in Astoria, Oregon, March 3-8. Rev. William Siegel of Grace, Spokane, will serve as evangelist. The services will be held by the Lutheran churches of Astoria, comprising the Finnish Lutheran church, the First Norwegian Lutheran church, the Bethany Free Lutheran church and our own Trinity. Rev. Andeen will occupy the pulpit in Grace, Spokane, the Sunday Rev. Siegel is in Astoria.

Several Clearing Parties have been held on the Luther League grounds in Colton, Ore., donated about a year ago to the Portland District Luther League by Miss Hilma Olson, a resident of Colton. From 17 to 30 have been present at these clearing parties. The tract was covered in some portions by a tremendous lot of fallen trees and by tops and branches of trees deposited there in the saw mill days many years ago. Several clearing parties will still have to be held, before all the fallen trees and log trimmings have been removed.

Mrs. S. E. Johnson, president of the Columbia Conference Woman's Missionary society, left Portland February 9th for a speaking tour in the Mount Baker District in the interest of the cause she represents. The tour had been arranged by Mrs. Luther Cornay.

In sending contributions for Columbia Lutheran remember that the printer wants the copy to have writing only on one side of the sheet. Anything written on both sides will have to be re-written by the editor. Kindly save the editor that work. Write only on one side of the paper, whether you send in reports from a meeting or whatever might be the nature of your copy. Always double space, if you write with typewriter.

**Emanuel Hospital Board Members**, whose term expires at the next Conference meeting, are Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom, Arthur Lind, P. A. Johnson and Atty David E. Lofgren. The Board nominated at its meeting Feb. 2 six out of which four are to be elected. The six are the following: Atty David E. Lofgren, Immanuel, Arthur Lind, Augustana, Oscar Nelson, Augustana, J. E. Wallin, Augustana, Carl Nystrom, Brush Prairie, and Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom. At this meeting 16 charity Board members were present out of 18.

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The love of money is undeniably the root of all kinds of evil, "which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

But money itself—consider what that is. Here is a child who has developed rickets as a result of underfeeding. You place in the hands of his mother a certain amount of green currency, and lo, the weak and twisted limbs become straight and strong. Here is a woman who has developed tuberculosis as a result of overwork and improper diet. Her physician tells you that if she remains where she is, she is doomed. You provide a few hundred dollars with which to transport her to a well-equipped sanitarium where all the conditions are in her favor, and she recovers.

What is money? Money is an Aladdin's lamp; it is a fairy wand; it is a form of power. With money you may build churches, and you cannot build or maintain them without it—churches, the very humblest of which will suggest to all who pass by that beyond the world that reveals itself to the senses is a world of spirit to which they may turn in hours of need and find courage and comfort and peace. With money you can establish schools and colleges, and you cannot establish or maintain them without it—circles of light, centers of culture, fostering mothers of the intellectual and spiritual life. With money you may go to the ends of the earth with the illuminating, uplifting Gospel of Christ, or send a representative who will help lift a whole people out of superstition and selfishness into fuller life. Without it you can do neither one of these things.

We talk about adventure. Some of us confess to an insatiable thirst for it. Ought it not sometimes to occur to us that one of the finest opportunities for adventure that is offered us is the giving of money? A retired business man gives every year to scores of missionary and benevolent activi-

ties. As he sits alone in his apartment, he has the satisfaction of knowing that, by the magic wand of his contribution he is healing the sick in far-away hospitals, and training leaders for Christian service, and lifting the level of human life in distant lands.

We talk about sacrifice. We like to imagine ourselves doing something really fine and heroic, saying with Luther, "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me"; or with David Livingstone, "May God's richest blessing come down on any man, American, English, Turk, who helps to heal this open sore of the world." Ought it not sometimes to occur to us that an immediate opportunity to do something fine and heroic is always offered us in the giving of money? We may never have a chance to lay down our lives for Africa or China, but we do have a chance to share the passion of men whose deeds have enriched forever the memory of mankind.

Is it fair that we should be able to assemble in beautiful churches and listen to inspiring music and, when the service is over, return to our homes in motor cars and sit down to a feast of plenty, when over in Africa and China millions of people are compelled to deny themselves the very necessities of life? If there is not enough vision or generosity among us to provide for them, as well as for ourselves, then the very least we can do is to share with the resultant handicap.

If we raise the entire amount of our budget neither our work in foreign lands nor our work at home is going to suffer.

But paradoxical as it may sound, the one sure way to raise money for work at home is to raise money for work abroad. Once upon a time a certain pastor was called to a church whose building was badly in need of repair, whose coal bill for two years past had remained unpaid, whose salary was hardly sufficient for its minister to live on, whose benevolent contributions had dwindled almost to the vanishing point, and whose congregation was conspicuous by its absence. After being there a few months, he came to the conclusion that what the church needed above everything else was a world vision. So he preached a sermon on foreign missions, and pleaded with the little handful of people who were present that morning to increase their missionary giving five-fold. Consternation was not only visible but audible. An appeal for the support of foreign missions when the church needed painting and the carpet needed repairing and there wasn't enough coal in the basement to last the winter months! It was madness—sheer madness.

But once and again in human history this kind of madness has removed obstacles which sheer sanity was unable to budge,

and become a driving, conquering power which the gates of hell could not withstand. In this instance, too, it wrought a miracle. That little, discouraged congregation, the moment they lost sight of their own troubles and got under the burden of the world's trouble, discovered that their own troubles had disappeared. They did increase their missionary giving five-fold. They also repaired the church plant, and replaced the church carpet, and fitted up the basement as a gymnasium and club room for their own sons and daughters, and advanced their minister's salary, and bought a parsonage, and did a great many other things which they never dreamed they would or could do.

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