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First Church, Tacoma, Has Fiftieth Jubilee

The Fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church was held Oct. 20-23 by the First Lutheran Church of Tacoma. Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, pastor.

The festivities began on Thursday evening with a banquet in the church parlors, Dr. C. R. Swanson, Seattle, and Rev. O. J. Edwards, Tacoma, being the speakers. On Friday evening a Young Peoples' Jubilee was held, at which time Rev. C. S. Odell of Portland, Ore., was the speaker. On Sunday large crowds surged about the church trying to gain entrance into the large auditorium where festivities, that have seldom been equaled in our conference, took place. The music, the liturgy, the singing and the speaking all blended into perfect harmony and raised the festive spirit to the highest pitch.

In the morning at 11 o'clock communion services were held with Dr. Joseph Anderson of Sedro Woolley preaching the exhortation. At 3 p. m. the Golden Jubilee Service was celebrated, marked by exultant singing by the choir, beautiful organ music and an inspiring address by Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Seattle. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, spoke in his inimitable way concerning the past and the future, introducing Mrs. Bengt Johnson, the only charter member able to attend, a scene which undoubtedly will remain a blessed memory to all who had the opportunity of being present. The festivities were concluded in the evening with festive vesper services during which Rev. Otto Bremer of the University Lutheran church of Seattle preached.

The first steps toward the organization of a congregation at Tacoma was taken in 1879, when Rev. Peter Carlson, to whom many of the churches of the Columbia Conference owe their beginning, visited the city. At this time only one Swedish family was found, but in 1882 several more arrived and a meeting was called in the home of Mr. Gust Sohlstrom. A number of Norwegians and Swedes gathered. Fifteen of these signified desire to join the church. On the 17th of October, 1882, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson, the First Lu-

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Trinity, Astoria Lays Cornerstone

Cornerstone ceremonies for the new church edifice of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church of Astoria, Ore., were held last month at the building site at Sixteenth and Franklin.

The Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, Spokane, president of the conference, was the principal speaker. The event marked a point in the progress of erection of the \$25,000 brick and frame edifice which will, when completed, comfortably seat a congregation of 500 persons.

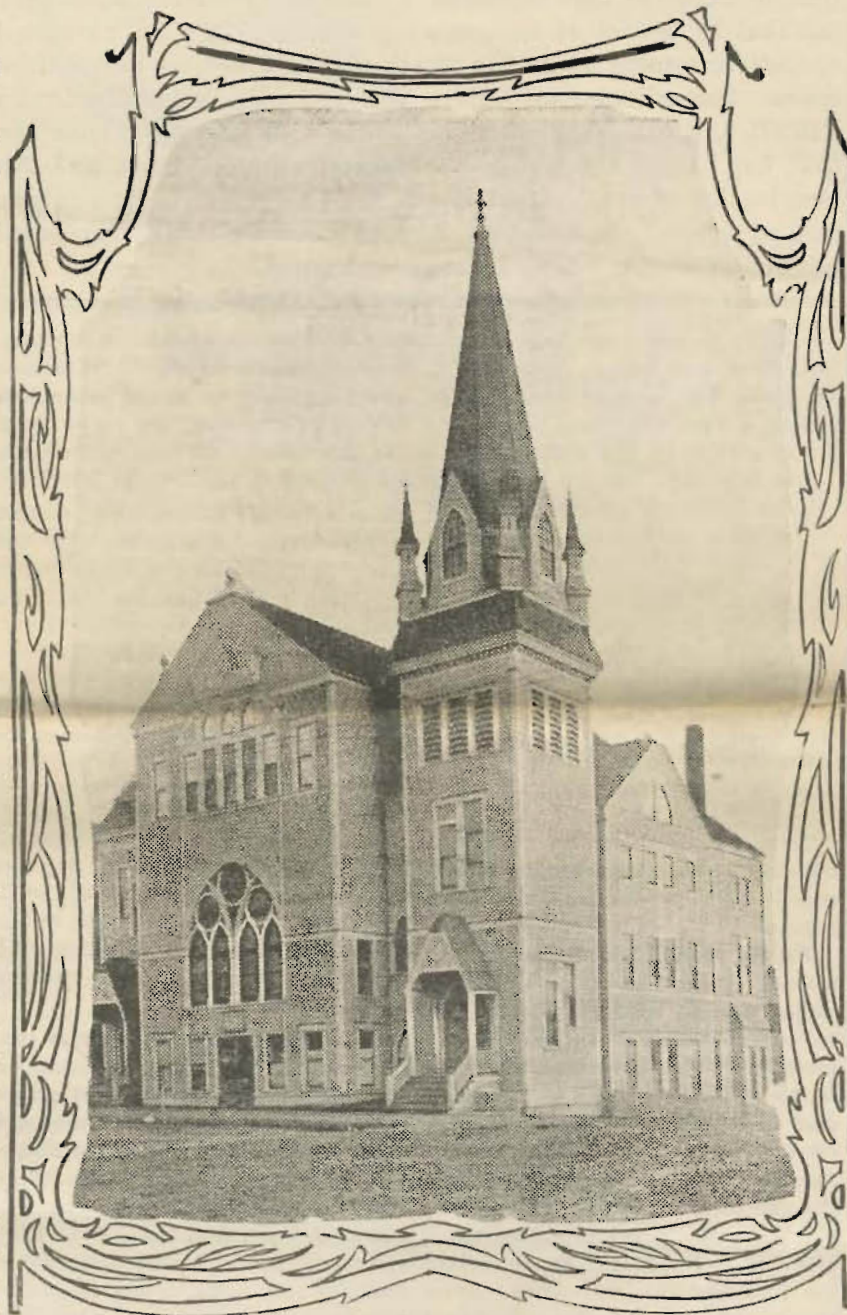
Efforts are now being made to have the structure completed in time for Christmas, according to Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor of the congregation.

The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church of Astoria is the outgrowth of a Lutheran church established in Astoria 52 years ago by the Rev. Peter Carlson, pioneer pastor and missionary of the Pacific Northwest. The members of the congregation were principally Swedish people who had come here from Sweden or Finland and their American born children. Services at first were entirely in Swedish but later a bi-lingual plan was adopted.

In 1907 the Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist, then pastor of the church, which was known as the First Lutheran church, asked the Columbia conference to organize an English speaking Lutheran church in Astoria. The request was granted and the Memorial Lutheran church was organized May 4, 1908, and a church building erected at Twelfth and Grand Streets. This church in 1921 withdrew from the Augustana Synod and joined the Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America.

In 1929 while the Rev. G. K. Andeen was pastor of the First Lutheran church a movement was put on foot to unite the First Lutheran church and Memorial Lutheran church. As expressed in the resolution "there is an acknowledged need of a greater united effort on the part of the Lutheran people and churches of this city." The Pacific Synod consented to its withdrawal in view of the proposed merger of the two churches and the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church was organized and affiliated with the Columbia Conference of the Evangel-

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The old church at Tacoma. We hope to present a picture of the new building in our next issue.

MESSIAH, AUBURN, CELEBRATES

The Messiah Lutheran Church of Auburn had the pleasure last Sept. of burning its mortgage of \$1,000 held against it by the Tacoma Savings & Loan Bank since the building of the church in 1927. The occasion also marked the fifth anniversary of the founding of the church and was heightened by a series of inspiring festivities. Rev. Elmer M. Johnson of Olympia, who was in charge of the congregation in 1927 when the build-

ing was being erected, was the guest speaker, addressing the audience on the theme "Builders". Greetings were received from former pastors, who have been serving the field in one way or another. Among them were E. C. Bloomquist now of Rockford, Ill., J. H. Nelson of Willmar, Minn., Hugo Thoren of Minneapolis, Minn., and G. A. Herbert of Milwaukee, Wis. The present pastor, the Reverend E. Arthur Larson, has been in charge since January 1928 and has laid down a good work on the field.

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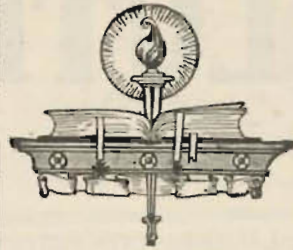
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THE BIBLE TEACHES:

THAT THERE IS:

1. **Original Sin**—Ps. 51:3; Rom. 7:18, 23; Eph. 2, 3.
2. **Actual Sin**—James 1:14, 15; 1 John 5:16.
3. **Sin Against the Holy Spirit**—Matt. 12:31, 32; Heb. 6:4—6.
4. **Free Will**—Deut. 30:19; Jos. 24:15; 1 Cor. 7:37.

Therefore the Lutheran Church Teaches:

that God created man according to His own image, i. e., in perfect righteousness and holiness, but that by the fall of man into sin, not only our first parents but also all their natural offspring have come under the wrath of God, and have lost their original righteousness and holiness. Accordingly, we believe that after the fall of the first man, all men are sinners by BIRTH, i. e. that they enter this world with a nature wholly corrupt by sin, void of all fear of God, but having the lust of every sin dwelling in them, as Scripture testifies, Gen. 8, 21: "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." And again: "We were by nature the children of wrath." Ephesians 2, 3. And it is from this corrupt condition that our suffering Savior has redeemed the lost and condemned world.

EDITORIAL

Fifty years is a long way to go, especially in the case of an individual, but judged by an institution it does not seem much.

And yet, fifty years is a long stretch of time and carry with them a multitude of varied experiences and momentous decisions. During the time in which the First Lutheran of Tacoma has been permitted to exert its benignant influence upon society, unbelievable sacrifices and deeds of valor have been accomplished by its membership.

When we look back upon the almost bashful beginning of that mighty work, when the venerable Rev. Peter Carlsson came to Tacoma in search for Swedish immigrants and found only one family—a stranger in a strange land—and compare this with its development of today, we marvel at God's dealing with his people. Yesterday a struggling infant—today a leader among men!

Staggering the imagination, the sacrifices during these fifty years mount up until the christian consciousness may well rejoice and say: "They said the church would die—but there is still faith enough left to live on forever!" Fifty years ago the income of this particular congregation was considered tremendous if it reached half a thousand dollars. Today the yearly expenditure is between \$24,000 and \$25,000. Including the various church buildings erected, the local running expenses, missionary enterprises etc. the total expenditures of this congregation during its first fifty years has been somewhere close to one million dollars.

A tremendous work! Add then the devotion of its membership. Try for an instance to value in terms of material gains the work done by the pastors, who have served the congregation, the Sunday School teachers, the choir members, the various organisations and the individuals who have been laboring on and on without as much as having asked for recognition

—working for the cause only and for their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Then you will have at least a little inkling of what fifty years have meant in the service of this congregation.

And after all—are we not today bringing homage to the entire christian church when we hail the First church of Tacoma! The work done in this one city is after all only a repetition of the labor done everywhere. It is a noble work for a noble cause.

Nevertheless, today is Tacomas day. We greet the First church in the name of our Master and say:

May God give you another fifty years of unselfish and glorious work!

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There is one thing especially that we would wish to see in this conference—a Lutheran Companion in every home.

We are thankful to our young people and others who are so splendidly supporting the conference paper, the Columbia Lutheran. Letters of appreciation which have been addressed to the editor have given us the assurance that we are dealing justly with all the organisations of the conference and also with the synodical Book Concern at Rock Island. It has been our endeavor to publish news whenever and wherever they happen within the limits of the conference. Devotionals and news from the outside are printed in the synodical papers, the Augustana and the Lutheran Companion. We wish those papers to serve us in that respect and refrain, therefore, from infringing upon their field.

In regard to our own paper—which, by the way, fills a great need and should not be underestimated—we welcome brief articles of devotional or general nature from the pastors and the lay members of our own conference. The more, the merrier. We also invite all the congregations and the conference organisations to send news and articles of general interest to our paper. If you do not find yourselves in the columns of the C. L. you have on-

ly yourselves to blame. Remember, however, that news should be news—send them along before the paper goes into print, otherwise they do no good. The paper is set on Thursday the week before the last week of the month.

The synodical subscription contest is now over. Nevertheless it is not out of order to say: a better paper for your home than the Lutheran Companion you can not find. If you have not subscribed during the subscription contest, do it now. Then add the little sum of fifty cents and get your own conference news fresh in the Columbia Lutheran.

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We are glad for the encouraging words received complimenting us upon the "Good Books" department of the C. L. Evidently the readers are aware of the fact that only by reading good books can they ever hope to progress in this world.

This time we are asking you to consider six new books just published by our book concern in Rock Island, namely Little Folks' Hour, The Christmas Castle, Golden Links, Traveling Neighbors, Myrtle's Choice and The Clear Call. These books are of a very different nature than those we have mentioned in our former discussions. Probably they could be best characterized by the phrase character building books. They set forth the christians ideals in a practical setting. Judging from the fact that they are written especially for christian children one might be tempted to think that they are—like so many other of their kind—silly and, well, may we say, feminine. But they are not. Take "Little Folks' Hour" for instance. Here you have stories so beautiful and so natural that you must admit it would be kind of nice to be a boy or girl in the home where Edith Cling Palm is a mother! A better compliment than that cannot be given this book, for we happen to know the author and can therefore assure our readers, that when Mrs. Palm writes a

book for children, it is a book and not just words.

Space does not permit us to review each book separately, but permit us to assure you, that when you are looking about for a christmas present this year for your children, get one or two of these books and you have something.

Another thing: Don't let any Sunday School be fooled this year. Give the children books — and from our own Book Concern — instead of candy. — Now, that is a word to the wise.

QUICKENED CONSCIENCES

Forsythe met his friend, Walters, in the street. "That's a fine umbrella you're carrying," said Forsythe to his friend. "Isn't it?" replied the other. "Yes, it's certainly good," added Forsythe. "Did you come by it honestly?" "I haven't quite made out," answered Walters. "It started to rain the other day and I stepped into a doorway to wait until it stopped. Then I saw a young fellow coming along with a nice large umbrella, and I thought if he were going as far as my house I would beg shelter under it. So I stepped out and asked, 'Where are you going with that umbrella, young fellow?' and he dropped the umbrella and ran."

We need to create such quickened consciences that when we say, "Man, where are you going with those talents, that privilege, those possessions?" men will be quick to see that what they have is not theirs, but God's. We do not want them to drop their gifts and possessions and run away. God gave them all they possess to have and to manage. They belong to God but He has entrusted all things to men as his trustees—his stewards—his partners.

There should never be any trouble in discovering where we got ours. The Source is plain. The earth is the Lord's and every good and perfect gift cometh from Him.

KNOW YOUR CONFERENCE

Rev. John Bildt, editor.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mt. Vernon, Wash.

What we intend to give under this caption may be well known to some, and of little interest to others. We are, however, certain that many will be interested in getting facts about the beginning and development of the Swedish Lutheran work in the vicinity of North Puget Sound. We will concern ourselves with only a "bit." That is: the work that was carried on in LaComer (Pleasant Ridge), Anacortes and Mount Vernon, Wash.

We are indebted to the late Ernst Skarstedt for much of what follows, and we shall first quote from his "Washington och dess svenska befolkning" (published by Svenska Pacific Tribune, Seattle, 1908) pages 174-5.

"Since the Lutheran work is the oldest* in Washington we shall begin with its history. The first reports we have concerning this work are found in those letters which pastor P. Carlson of East Union, Minn. wrote during the winter of 1879-80, in the paper Augustana och Missionären. When pastors Aurlund and Rydholm in 1876 had made a couple trips of investigation on the West Coast the pastor P. Carlson was called in 1879 by the Augustana Synod Mission Board to work among the countrymen on the West Coast—and he is known as its first and most active Swedish missionary. On November 10, 1879, pastor Carlson went from Portland, Oregon, to Puget Sound. In Seattle he did not find many Swedes. A few of them were Methodists. One, a Count Calling, belonged to the Presbyterian church. Among the Lutherans he mentions a hotel-keeper, Lewis, of whom he says, puning, that "han är så frikostig, att han giver präster fri kost"**. At White River, 6-12 miles from Seattle, lived some Scandinavians scattered about. In Tacoma he found only one Swedish family. But at LaComer he found about 40 or 50 Scandinavians, who "even" talked about organizing a congregation. In July 1880, when pastor C. had returned to the East, the missionary work in these parts was resumed by pastor Jonas Vender. Among other things he made three visits to Puget Sound before he, on the 19 of November 1881, was forced to leave the field on account of sickness. He returned to the East and died in Colorado three months later.

"During his work here pastor Vender, on the 22 of January 1881, organized the "Sv. Luth. Bethsaldaförsamlingen" (Swedish Lutheran Bethsald congregation) at LaComer, with 19 charter members. The first deacons of the congregation were: Olof Pol-



GUSTAF ADOLPHUS

Whose memory is celebrated all over the world this year in connection with the 300 anniversary of his death. Festivities are now taking place in practically every congregation in our conference.

son, Nils Hanson, and Adam Carlson. The first trustees were: C. J. Tollberg, Gustaf Nichlason and Sven Peter Olsson. During the eleven years that followed the congregation was served only thru occasional visits by different pastors, such as A. G. Anderson, L. O. Lindh and others. During the years 1885-89 there were no yearly meetings held. In 1889 subscription was taken for the erection of a church building, and one acre land was donated by J. H. Chilberg. On Dec. 14, 1890 the congregation was reorganized under the leadership of pastor A. G. Anderson. 19 persons signed up as members. The erection of the church building had begun, but the church was not dedicated until October 1892. It was then completed and had cost \$1,924.00. From July 1892 to the summer of 1893 the congregation was served by student S. H. Newman. He was succeeded by student



The new church at Mt. Vernon, erected during his pastorate of Rev. M. L. Swanson.

O. N. Glim, who stayed until July, 1895. In 1894 a parsonage was erected at a cost of \$1,200. Student Glim was succeeded by a newly ordained young minister by the name of N. J. W. Nelson, and he remained until October, 1900. On the 29 of March 1901 the congregation received a new teacher, pastor B. S. Nyström, who stayed until October, 1902. The following year pastor G. A. Anderson took up the duties as leader for the congregation. The church property is worth over \$3,000.00 and is without debt. The congregation has close to 290 members, 120 of which are communicants."

Thus wrote Skarstedt in the year 1908. And as his interest was purely to record the history of the Swedes in these parts, his statements may be taken as unbiased.

As stated above Rev. G. A. Anderson came to the Bethsald church on Pleasant Ridge, LaComer, in 1903. He carried on a constructive and telling work, not only in this congregation, but, as far as his time and strength permitted, he visited and preached at surrounding logging camps, towns and villages. Anacortes on Fidalgo Island had quite a number of Swedes. Here a congregation was organized in 1907. A church building was erected and for some time things looked very promising. This congregation reached its peak of activity during the pastorate of Rev. Theo. Hjerpe. Since Easter 1931 no services have been held by this congregation, and the Lutheran work is carried on by the Norwegian Lutheran Church, the building of which is located one block from ours.

Mount Vernon, the county seat of Skagit county, was another community where Dr. G. A. Anderson took up church work. Here a congregation was organized June 18, 1913. Dr. Anderson died in 1916 and Rev. C. K. Andeen took up the work in Pleasant Ridge and Mount Vernon in 1917, preaching his initial sermon in the last mentioned place on March 25. On August 1, 1920 Rev. Andeen discontinued his service to Pleasant Ridge. He now

lived in Mount Vernon and devoted all his time to the work in that place. Due to better transportation facilities as well as to the centering of interest and activities in general at Mount Vernon the efforts were made, especially by Rev. G. A. Anderson, to revive the work. But it finally had to be abandoned. On November 8, 1925 the Pleasant Ridge congregation joined the Salem church in Mount Vernon, coming over with 51 confirmed members. From that time on occasional services were held in the old church until 1929. And in 1930 the property was sold.

During this time aggressive work was carried on in Mount Vernon. The basement for a new church was dedicated August 26, 1919, and with the furnishing cost about \$8,000.00. In 1920 the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$8,986.76. The following year Rev. Andeen left and Rev. M. L. Swanson took up the work, preaching his first sermon June 18, 1922.

On Thanksgiving 1924 donations were received which fully wiped out the indebtedness on the church property, and now the congregation began to look forward to the completion of the church building, of which so far there was only the basement. At the yearly meeting, January 11, 1926, it was decided "To complete the church building during the year". This decision was carried out and at the yearly meeting, January 12, 1927, the building committee reported that the work was finished at a total cost of \$30,739.56. This included furnishings and electric light fixtures, but not carpets. In this sum was not included the values of gifts such as marble altar with hangings, hymn boards, etc. An indebtedness of about \$14,000.00 incumbered the property, which since then has been somewhat reduced.

In 1929 Rev. M. L. Swanson moved to Detroit, and on August 1 of the same year the undersigned came to Mount Vernon. In 1931, December 6, a three manual Möller pipe organ was dedicated. The membership is 379 confirmed.

* i. e. of the Swedish church work.

** He is so liberal that he gives ministers free board.

Carl A. V. Lund.

BELIEFS.

There is a belief among many solitary woodsmen that every color or tint to which a tree is exposed during its life glows in the fire when that tree is burned. Look deep into the coals and you can see the pinks and violets of dawn, the blueness of the sky, the burning brightness of the noon-day sun, the angry black of the thunderclouds, the crimson of the sunset, the silver radiance of the moonlight and the brilliant transparency of the stars.

—Selected.

Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11: 1.



The church at La Connor, where the work was begun by Rev. Jonas Vender. This is now discontinued.

Why I Like the Fourfold Plan

By John W. Unis, M. D.

The Brotherhood at work under the Fourfold Plan is destined to awaken and call into action the mighty power of the manhood of the church and harness it for effective service. The objectives defined and outlined should challenge every congregation to organize and mobilize the men within the church.

The Fourfold Brotherhood Plan, with its devotion, fellowship, education and benevolence departments, offers a splendid manual which is adaptable for use by every Brotherhood. These respective departments are designed to summon our men to a conscious realization of the fourfold dynamic influence of the Christian Church. The spiritual, social, intellectual, and philanthropic needs of its membership are all developed and stressed as essential to Brotherhood activity.

Last year the plan was adopted at the annual meeting of the Columbia Conference Brotherhood. Since then several of the local organizations have routinely used the manual. The objectives suggested have helped to solve the question of a program and provided as well as distributed the work and responsibilities as widely as possible.

This plan has helped the men to discover a new interest in Brotherhood work that carries with it not only a duty but a privilege to be a loyal and faithful member.

As the men are more intelligently put to work, new talents are discovered and developed which are characterized by stimulating experiences of ready response.

The Devotional Department concerns itself especially with matters of spiritual interest to its membership. One of the chief functions is that of personal evangelism. It recognizes the fact that Christ's Kingdom does not grow by the power and efforts of men but by the Spirit and power of God. Therefore, it aims to bring the unchurched men within the hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in the services of our church.

One of the fundamental needs of the Lutheran Church today is for the men to learn to know and consequently appreciate and love one another. This is impossible without the promotion of Christian fellowship out of which will come bonds of love. The Fellowship Department aims to bring Christian men together and unite them socially and religiously. The main objective is to enrich through personalities the spirit of church fellowship.

The Brotherhood is an organization of the men within our Synod and local churches whose main objective is, "In the Church, of the Church, and for the Church." In order to successfully

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Edith Ohlson Vice pres. Signe Peterson Secretary Arthur Hillman Pres. Hazel Johnson Treas.

sponsor such a program the men must be well informed about church matters of local, conference and synodical interest. They need to know more about its history, the work of its boards and its great missionary program. The Educational Department disseminates such knowledge, which is primarily of informative and educational value.

The fourth department of the Fourfold Plan emphasizes benevolence and especially Christian stewardship. This department endeavors to stimulate the men to recognize the great truth of God's ownership—God is the owner—He alone is the absolute proprietor of all things. Christian stewardships should be accepted by men as a recognition of the principle that God is One who gave them life, and they are responsible to Him for their time, talents, and possessions. A fair rule and basis for evangelical giving are according to God's word, one-seventh of your time and one-tenth of your money. When the man power of our organization becomes thoroughly spiritualized and enthusiastic for the salvation of souls, our church growth will be inevitable and the stewardship of time, talents, and finance an accomplished goal.

If the pastors and lay leaders of the Brotherhood will adopt and put into effect the Fourfold Plan, I am confident that they will discover its merits and appreciate its value.

A NEW CHURCH PAGEANT

A beautiful Christmas pageant was rendered last year in our church at Hoquiam which deserves to be repeated in every church of the conference. To make this possible we are printing a short synopsis of the story. It is written by the organist of the church, Mr. Ernest Eklund, and can be changed according to local needs.

The Holy Child.

Stage setting:—A field with fence, shrubbery, entrances hills etc.

Characters: Reader, Mary, Angel Gabriel, Three Shepherds, Three Wise Men, Pilgrims, Angels, Roman Soldier and Chorus.

Costumes:—Simple, but colorful.

THE STORY:

1. Lights are turned out except over Choir. Song: "Holy Night" by Adam.

2. Enter the Reader. A light is lit over the Reader. Light over Choir turned off. Reading: Is. 40:1-5, 10-11. Solo: "Comfort Ye" from "The Messiah."

3. Reading: Luke 1:26-35. During the reading the angel Gabriel appears in field. Mary, entering from the other side, stands below the field toward the altar and the story is carried on in pantomime. At close of reading Mary remains kneeling for a moment before retiring. Song: "Over the distant Mountain Breaking."

4. Reading: Luke 2: 1-7. Roman soldiers and officers appear in distance, blowing a trumpet, then retire. Citizens and shepherds appear from both sides, crossing the field slowly in the background. Lastly Mary and Joseph appear, entering into a stable. A light is turned on inside the stable so as to fall on the face of Mary. The outside of the stable is lit up by a spot light. The Choir sings: "Silent Night."

5. Field lights are again turned on, but dimmed. Male Quartet sings: "Still is the Starry Night" by Verdi. Shepherds again appear in the field. Reading: Luke 2: "And there were shepherds . . ." Angel appears. Song: "Glory to God in the Highest."

6. Reading: Luke 2:15-20. Shepherds seem to talk earnestly, one points to the stable toward which they now move slowly. Kneel before the manger. Leaving they raise their hands in adoration toward the stable. Soprano solo: "Bethlehem Lullaby" by Lehman.

7. Choir sings "Come hither, ye faithful." Reading: the story of Herod. Enter the Wise men singing "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Motions as the song requires.

8. At the end of the previous scene all the characters reenter in a group for the finale, angels standing in the field, shepherds, etc. on the hillsides, Joseph and Mary stand by the manger in silent adoration. All lights on. They join with the congregation in a mighty: "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!"

Those gifted with dramatic appreciation can turn this program into an inspiring adoration of the Christ. Mr. Eklund, the author, can be reached thru Rev. C. J. Renhard, Aberdeen.

Missionary Notes

By Mrs Carl J. Renhard

Only two months remain of this year. How have we used the ten months that have passed? Have we made use of all our opportunities? Have we met our quotas? If not we still have time to improve upon our records before we make our report for the year.

We still have time to do something for our home mission treasury which is sorely in need of funds. We still have time to do something for our Girls Home in Vancouver which needs and deserves our earnest support. We still have time to raise our percentage in the Jubilee work by getting new members and new subscribers for Mission Tidings, but we must work fast.

Last but not most important, let us plan prayerfully for our annual prayerday the first Sunday in Advent. In the measure that we pray faithfully, diligently, trustfully, in the same measure will our work be blessed and ourselves grow in grace.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

MARGARETTA GRANT, Editor

EDITORIAL

Through the association of names with the various churches the readers have indirectly acquainted themselves with many leaguers. Just another step in binding the organization closer together. It would be very interesting to know of the active leaguers and of the history of each league.

If this coincides with the desires of the Luther leaguers, please send a short, interesting, historical article on the beginning and progressiveness of your organization together with the names of those who helped build it, to the editor of this section. But remember to be brief!

The Columbia Lutheran will publish one of these articles each month.

FRIENDS

A poet once this sentence penned, "A man is rich who has a friend."

Many poems and articles have been written on this amicable subject. All have in their own way paid due respect; but have they made you feel thankful for your friends? Yes, thankful is the word! What a restful, joyful satisfaction to possess! To know there are those who love, admire, labor and give what is their for you! Friendships, the peace of earth and mind!

According to Webster, "to be thankful is to acknowledge kindness received or gratefulness." This added to the Christian version which is, the thankfulness of opportunities of returning good for evil, is a good definition. Thankfulness need not always be expressed verbally. In as much as actions sometimes speak louder than words we should watch occasions to use them. If you are a true Christian you should not hesitate to mend a wrong inflicted by you. Misunderstandings break many hand clasps. Neglect causes many "pen-friends" to become strangers. Many a careless word has bruised a heart. Thoughtless actions bring disappointments. Smiles never returned lose their cheerfulness. Regardless of how unimportant this may seem and sound it means much towards someone else's happiness. Maybe this same one is you. Be thankful that you have God-given senses that enable you to live a life of prayer, love and peace with all.

Thank God daily for your friends. Pray for them and their shortcomings. Live the life of a friend and in doing so you will have many.

—M. G.

PRECIOUS PROMISES

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. James 5:8.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Hebrews 11:6.

To obey is better than sacrifice.
1 Samuel 15:22.

NEWS ITEMS

With the falling leaves, rain, wind, darker nights and shorter days there still is that ray of sunshine and cheerfulness in the letters from the leaguers.

Of interest to the young people of Grace, Spokane, was the marriage Saturday, September 10, of Miss Frances Jensen to Dr. Ray Currie. The couple were married by Rev. William Siegel at the home of the bride. Miss Jensen is well known to the Lutheran young people of Spokane.

Miss Ruby Forsberg, an active member of the Grace Luther League, Spokane, is slowly convalescing after a long siege of typhoid fever.

An enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Grace Church, Spokane, Friday, September 16, when Rev. and Mrs. Siegel showed moving pictures of their vacation trip to California. The moving pictures taken during the Columbia Conference meeting and those taken of the congregation during the summer were also shown and were enjoyed by all.

The Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate its 10th anniversary Sunday and Monday, October 2 and 3. Sunday evening a rally service was held at which Rev. Siegel gave a talk on the history of Grace. There was also a talk by Rev. N. William Anderson, president of the Conference, and special music by the Grace choir. Monday evening the congregation gathered for a banquet. The music during the banquet was furnished by a special male quartet.

Five adults were received into membership in Central Yakima at the communion held Sept. 25. 14 young people are now receiving instruction in preparation for their first communion. Plans are now being made for a reformation festival and a Luther League rally of the American Lutheran Conference in Central Washington from Ellensburg to Kennewick, and an invitation will also be sent the local Walther leaguers.

The Trinity League in Astoria, Ore. met at the home of Lorraine Larson



Miss Evelyn Anderson, one of the many young people of the conference taking active part in the work. She helped the Bethel church, Seattle, celebrate Sweden's Day recently.

on October 13. After the usual opening, business was conferred after which the following program was enjoyed: Piano solo by Adeline Sather, bible verse by Edith Rasmus, vocal solo by Mabel Soderberg, clarinet solo by Lloyd Kroetch and a vocal solo by Doris Peterson.

The Augustana League in Portland is happy for the leadership and cooperation of their new student minister, Mr. S. E. Edwins. Between him and the president, Anna Roes, things are more than moving along.

A good time and a good attendance is reported at the regular L. L. meeting held on October 7, with Lillian Rudeen as hostess and chairman. A piano solo, a talk by Mr. Edwins and a short pageant, directed by Robert Saddler, all were enjoyed.



FAITH

My faith lays hold on Thee,
Thou art the victory,
O Christ Divine;
Thy power from bondage frees,
In Thee I claim release
For Thou art mine.

I would Thy worth proclaim,
I would extol Thy name
For evermore!
O I would tell abroad
The greatness of my God,
And Thee adore!

—Elma Danielson.

Everett, Wash.

There are lots of ways of drawing,
It's really quite an art,
Not how to draw but what to draw
We think the hardest part,
Some folks just draw long faces,
While others draw a sigh,
And all draw lots of bad luck,
As time goes floatin' by,
But the only kind of drawing,
We believe at all worth while,
Is the kind that make for happiness—
The kind that draws a smile.

—Selected.

On Sunday afternoon, October 9, nineteen Augustana Leaguers, led by Clarence S. Nelson, enjoyed a three hour hike that led across the St. John bridge and up into the hills. The leaguers were back in time to appear in the Luther League chorus which sings every Sunday evening at the regular evening service.

The executive committee of the L. L. met recently to talk over business to present to the L. L. as a whole. In this way regular meetings are not dragged out on account of too much business.

On Tuesday, October 11, the boys of the Augustana League again resumed their basketball practice at the Boise school. "We predict that we shall again have an A-1 team! If you don't believe it, play us and find out," says Lyla Earle.

The Immanuel League in Portland had a very successful Home Coming. Miss Esther Hendrickson, chairman, presided during the festivity. This is the second time a meeting of this nature has been held and because of its successfulness it will be an annual feature.

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Woman Missionary Society, 2nd Wed-

nesday.

Young Woman's Missionary Society,

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Junior Mission Band, 2nd Saturday

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Order of Services:

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

English service 10:30 a. m.

Swedish service 11:30 a. m.

Vesper 5:00 p. m.

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Morning Worship 11:00

Luther League "Round Table" 7:00

Evening Services 7:30

Calendar:

Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30

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Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed. 2:30

Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30

Birth Day Social last Friday 7:30

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FIRST CHURCH, TACOMA, HAS FIFTIETH JUBILEE

(Continued from page 1)

theran Church of Tacoma was organized. Pastor Carlson read the 122nd Psalm: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of Jehovah." On August 4, 1883, the new congregation was incorporated and the Constitution adopted. Of the charter members only two remain, namely Mrs. Bength Johnson and Mrs. J. T. Olson.

A lot was granted the new congregation by the Tacoma Land Company on condition that the congregation, within eight months, build a church not to cost less than \$600.00. The conditions were accepted. After service March 2, 1883, a subscription was made that amounted to \$95.00. The contract for the new edifice was let for the sum of \$685.00. The dimensions were to be forty feet long, twenty-eight feet wide with sidewalls sixteen feet high. When the walls were erected, a windstorm came and swept all into ruin. The builder was badly injured. On his recovery, the construction was resumed. Reverend Carlson, a skilled carpenter, with the help of volunteers did the inside trimming and made the pews and the pulpit. Altar and altar round were his own handwork. It was not, however, until 1885 that this church was dedicated.

The first pastor to serve the congregation, as regularly called pastor, was the Reverend G. A. Anderson, who arrived immediately after his ordination to this his first charge. He served faithfully from 1884 to 1893 when because of ill health, believing that the dryer climate east of the mountains might be beneficial for him, he accepted the call to our congregation in Spokane.

The second church was soon to be erected. The land boom in 1887-89 brought large numbers to Tacoma and real estate value soared beyond what sober men could ever dream. The lots on Tacoma Avenue where the church stood rose by each day in value until the members of the Board began to talk of selling and building a new and larger church from the profits of the sale. Lots were later purchased on the corner of South Eight and I Streets for the sum of \$4,600. The old lots were sold for \$10,000. This, together with \$3,442.00 raised in the congregation gave the people the hope of erecting and dedicating the new church without debt. This hope however, was not to be realized. The complete cost was \$15,996.50, thus leaving the congregation with an indebtedness of \$2,600.00 on October 27, the day of dedication. Nearly thirty-five years the people of Tacoma were to worship in this, for its day, large and beautiful church. On November 4, 1924, fire completely destroyed this home of the congregation. It was a great loss. But not long daunted, the people rose to the new call for faith,

prayer, labor and sacrifices. It was decided to build the new church on a new location, two blocks north on I Street. It faces the Central park by street car from any point.

The corner-stone to the new church was laid July 17, 1926. February 17, 1929, this third church edifice erected by the congregation was dedicated. The seating capacity is approximately one thousand. November 8, 1931, a new three-manual Möller Pipe Organ was dedicated without any debt. The property of the congregation today amounts to 160,000 dollars. It has two Chapels where services are conducted. There are two Sunday Schools with an enrollment of three hundred and eighty-six. Twenty-four organizations are active within the church. The membership numbers six hundred and thirty-six communicants and seven hundred and fifty-four members in all. The pastors who have served the congregation, besides the two already referred to, i. e. Pastor Peter Carlson, the founder, and Reverend A. Anderson, the first pastor who served the church, from 1884-1893 are: Dr. P. A. Mattson, now president of the Minnesota Conference, who served from 1894-1899. It was his first charge. He served the church previous to his ordination as student pastor. Reverend C. E. Frisk succeeded Dr. Mattson and was pastor of the congregation from 1900-1911. In 1913, Reverend E. C. Bloomquist arrived. He served the congregation until December 1927. The present pastor, Reverend Ernest G. Swenson, arrived in May 1928.

Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Although the report has reached us rather late for publication in the Conference paper, we wish to bring to the attention of our readers an important event in the Bethany Lutheran, Warren, Ore., where great festivities took place August 25-31 in commemoration of the founding of the church twenty-five years ago.

The festivities began Tuesday evening with a song service, and continued over Wednesday with a full festival program. Pastors of the Portland district present to assist in the celebration, included Rev. E. J. Sakrisson, of Colton, president of the district, Rev. J. A. Martin of Astoria, vice-president, A. M. Green of Portland, superintendent of the Emanuel hospital, and Rev. A. G. Anderson of Gresham.

Greetings were received from former pastors, Rev. C. A. Tolin of Chicago, the organizer of Bethany, Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom, of Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., from the family of the late Rev. B. S. Nystrom, who served 12 years as visiting pastor, from Rev. Carl O. Muhr of Hilmar, California, who grew to manhood as a member of Bethany,

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Morning service at 11:00

Service in Swedish second and

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Missionary Society 1st Thurs. 8 p. m.

Brotherhood 1st Thursday 8 p. m.

Junior Missionary Society Second

Saturday at 2 p. m.

Luther League Second and Fourth

Thursday at 8:15 p. m.

Allien Society 2nd Thursday 2 p. m.

Ladies Aid 3rd Thurs. 2 p. m.

Choir every Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Girls' Club 3d Thurs. at 8:15 p. m.

and from Rev. N. Wm. Anderson of Spokane, president of the Columbia Conference.

An interesting history showing the numerical growth, the development of the church property, and other outstanding features of the 25 years of congregational life was read by C. J. Larson, a charter member of the church and a moving spirit in its organization. A memorial tribute was paid the departed members by the local pastor, and a greeting was brought from the local Baptist church by Rev. Bjorquist.

The song service Tuesday evening was rendered by the Bethany church choir. Rev. E. J. Sakrison delivering the sermon. Morning service with communion was celebrated Wednesday morning when Rev. A. M. Green and Rev. A. G. Anderson delivered the communion address and sermon. The anniversary service was held Wednesday when Rev. J. A. Martin gave the anniversary address.

Dinner and supper were served to the congregation and visitors by the ladies of the Dorcas society. The church was artistically decorated for the festival by a committee of young people. Appropriate songs were rendered throughout the celebration by the Bethany choir, Miss Hildur Anderson, and a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Israelson. Mrs. Martin of Astoria rendered two beautiful songs at the anniversary service Wednesday evening.

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 Sunday school every Sunday.....10 a. m.
 Elvera Abrahamson, Supt.
 Luther League, first, third and fifth Wednesday at.....8 p. m.
 Ladies Aid, first, third and fifth Wednesday at2 p. m.

Neither of the church buildings were large enough to handle the combined congregations and in January 1930, the present building site at Sixteenth and Franklin was purchased for \$4800. A house located on the property was moved to the rear of the lot and was altered and renovated for use as a parish hall and temporary place of worship.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1932, the congregation met and decided to build a new church on this property. Soliciting committees were elected to canvass the congregation for donations.

At another congregation meeting on June 29 of this year a report was made that about \$7000 had been pledged and a decision to start the work was made. Sale of the old First Lutheran church property for \$1000 at that time also aided the budget.

Excavation work was started July 11 and the work has been steadily progressing since that time.

Plans for the church were prepared by J. E. Wicks, local architect. The fund campaign was an effort, but the builders found material prices low and many skilled workmen out of employment donated their work and time to the congregation.

Members of the building committee are Carl O. Moberg, chairman; J. E. Wicks, secretary; R. W. Kullberg, treasurer; F. S. Elfving, Gust Peterson, John Haggboom, C. A. Larson, Herman Slotte, and A. E. Engbretson.

At the present time the Trinity congregation numbers 300 adults and 110 children and is one of the most active in the city.

The new church building is roughly 87 by 46 feet in dimensions but widens at one part to about 60 feet.

The auditorium downstairs is designed to accommodate 420 people and the balcony above about 95 more.

The building has a full basement that will be used for Sunday school and parish social activity purposes. Once the new church is completed the present parish hall will be remodeled into a home for the pastor and his family.

IMMANUEL CHURCH NEWS

On September 23rd a reception was held for Rev. & Mrs. C. S. Odell and family. A great number of members and friends gathered for the occasion. Mr. Adolph Benson had charge of the program. Musical numbers were given by the choir and Junior Chorus under the direction of Prof. C. A. Swenson. Soloists were Mrs. N. P. Hoff and Mr. Elmo Brous. Rev. A. M. Green gave the address of welcome, and Rev. E. A. Pierce, a former member of Rev. Odell's congregation, was called on for an impromptu talk. Letters of welcome were received from Rev. E. J. Sakrison of Colton, Rev. J. A. Martin of Astoria, and Rev. J. Ludwig and Rev. A. M. Kraebel of Portland. Mr. Adolph Benson presented Rev. Odell with a silver offering from the con-

gregation. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Martinson presented Mrs. Odell with a lovely bouquet of roses. Rev. A. G. Anderson of Gresham closed with the benediction. Refreshments were served in the church parlor and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

The installation of Rev. C. S. Odell was held September 28th with Rev. H. M. Anderson of Spokane officiating. All pastors of the Portland District were present to assist at this installation.

It has pleased God to call from our midst, an old and faithful member, Mrs. Clara Peterson, at the age of 81 years. She is mourned by one son and daughter, Mr. J. Gram Peterson, Moline, Illinois and Mrs. Geo. W. Wadsworth, Newberg, Ore. Mrs. Peterson was long a member of Immanuel and was very active in the church. The congregation grieves her passing.

The Women's Missionary Society held their annual Birthday Festival on October 6th. The program consisted of musical numbers and a missionary address by Rev. C. S. Odell. Refreshments were served in the church parlors. There were twelve tables representing the twelve months of the year and decorated accordingly so that everyone there sat at the table representing their birthday. It truly was a very unique idea and received many compliments. Mrs. H. P. Johnson, president, presided at this festival.

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL

At the regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Columbia Hospital during September Reverend J. A. Martin of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Astoria, was elected an advisory member of the Board. During the summer months, the Board and Ferris & Hardgrove Bonding Company, Portland, have been working on a plan to have the principle on the Bond Issue deferred. That is, the bond issue is to be set ahead for three years. This plan is now working out satisfactorily and will, if materializing, give both the hospital and the Conference a breathing spell from this obligation. It is only the interest that will have to be taken care of during these three years.

The regular monthly Baby Clinic was held as usual, with Dr. Hagmeier, Child Specialist, in attendance. This is a popular and well-attended monthly event.

Miss Esther Berglund, and Miss Ada Mattison have spent their vacation in California. Dr. Frank Fowler, and Dr. R. W. Kullberg were also on a vacation last month, spending their holiday in Southern Oregon, where they attended the State Medical Association Meeting at Klamath Falls.

Mr. Ellis D. Sox of Albany, Oregon, has been granted an internship in the Columbia Hospital. He assumed his duties on September 23rd.

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 Morning service10:45
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 Mr. Oscar W. Kellberg, Treasurer.
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 Mr. Art. Ekholm, Chairman of Board
 Sunday School and Bible Classes at 10:00 a. m.
 Morning service at 11:00 a. m. (for Sept.). First and third Sundays, English; second and fourth Sundays, Swedish.
 Ladies Aid, Second Thursday of month
 Missionary Society meets quarterly.
 Luther League, fourth Wednesday of month

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 Treas., Frank Lillquist, 1432 W. 61 St.
 Organist, Mrs. Carl Soderman
 9705 14th Ave. N. W.

Order of Sunday Services:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Luther League 6:30 p. m.

Organizations:

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 Thursday of month, 8 p. m.
 Young Woman's Missionary Society, 3rd Friday, 8 p. m.
 Junior Mission Band, 3rd Saturday, 2 p. m.
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Missionary Soc. (Cont. fr. page 4)

The W. M. S. in Colton, Oregon held a very successful birthday party in the early part of the month. The society has made this an annual affair which is looked forward to and attended by the whole community and there by adds a substantial sum to the society's treasury.

The Missionary Society in the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, also report a very well attended birthday party held a few weeks ago.

Just a remainder from the Industrial Secretary about the articles on sale from Porto Rico and the Bethpage Hospital. If there are any members in the Columbia Conference who feel that they could sell some of these beautiful articles—baskets, laces, shopping bags, etc.—please notify Mrs. G. Hogdahl, 4340 So. Yakima Ave., Tacoma, Wash. and she will gladly send them to you.

Luther League (Cont. fr. p. 5)

The Bethany League of Port Blakely was the guests of the Emans League on September 14. Rev. Carl J. Olson was the guest speaker. A delightful program of instrumental and vocal solos closed the evening.

Theodore Abener, president of the Emans League, is attending the Bellingham Normal. Mr. Abener, known among all of the leaguers for his argumentative ability and friendliness, is very greatly missed by the Seattle Leaguers.

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist was the guest speaker at a dinner given at the Emans Church on September 27.

Lilnea Mattson, an active Emans leaguer has gone into training for a nurse.

The Gethsemane League in Seattle held their regular meeting on Sept. 30. The program which followed the business session consisted of piano solos by Thorild Swanson, selections by the league's quartette and a talk on "Church Etiquette" by June Carlson.

On October 7 the leaguers were hosts and hostesses to the Tacoma League. An exceptionally fine program was presented by the visiting group. These get together are always anticipated.

The Mary Martha Girls of Gethsemane were entertained by Alice Liden at her home on October 8. An interesting program consisting of a piano solo by Ruth Carlson and a talk on "My Experiences as a Nurse" by Alice Boardman followed the business meeting. The girls are a very ambitious group and are planning many functions.

By the way, why not give Columbia Lutheran subscriptions as Christmas gifts?

The Everett League reports the marriage of two of its members, namely Mr. Russell Peterson and Ruth Johnson. Wilbur Johnson, the winner of the conference oratorical contest, is the proud father of a boy, born Sept. 27. The Girls' Service League gave a krippkaka supper October 7 and report great success. The Everett League was the host last Tuesday to the Bethel and Emans Leagues of Seattle at a skating party.

Bethany Seattle Luther Leaguers enjoyed their regular meeting October 14. One of the attractions was the appealing message of Rev. Karlstrom, Bethany's founder.

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