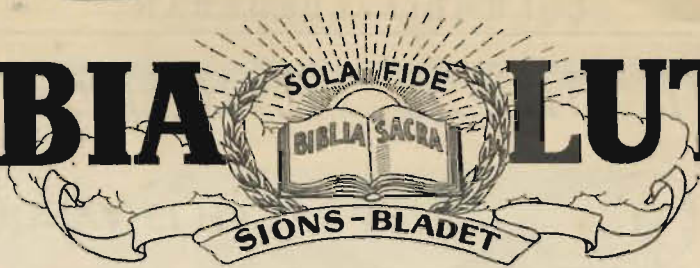




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## PASTOR'S WIFE CALLED TO HER HEAVENLY REWARD

Like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky came the message December 28 that the beloved wife of Rev. John Billdt of Everett had passed away. The message seemed so impossible that friends at first refused to believe it, but it was nevertheless true. Only a week later the sad news were relayed that six year old Esther had followed her mother in death.

The funeral of Mrs. Billdt was held on New Year's eve at one o'clock in the afternoon when a great crowd of sorrowing friends gathered in the church for a last farewell. The funeral sermons were delivered by Dr. C. R. Swanson and Rev. C. G. Bloomquist of Seattle. Dr. Jos. Anderson of Sedro Wolley read the obituary, which will be found on page three of this issue. Rev. Carl A. V. Lund of Mount Vernon conducted the rites at the grave. Rev. Carl Bengtson of Seattle read the Scripture passages. Two solos were sung by a member of the congregation and one by Mrs. Ebba Sandeen, who sang: "There are shadows in the valley, but there is sunshine on the hill." A large offering of flowers testified to the love and devotion found among all for the departed who can truly be said to have been in every inch a mother, a woman, a friend.

Little Esther was buried January 5th beside her mother. Rev. Enoch Sandeen spoke at the bier and Rev. Carl A. V. Lund conducted the funeral. Mrs. Sandeen again sang this time little Esther's favorite songs: "Jesus loves Me" and "Jesus loves the little Children of the World."

To the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy. May God grant them to carry on as beautifully as hitherto. The pastor has proved to the world what faith in God can do for man. May he be abundantly blessed in return.

## LUTHERAN BROADCASTS

Swedish services will again be broadcasted from Seattle according to arrangements with the station KVL and the Lundquist & Lilly Clothing Company. The broadcast will take place at 6:30 to 7:00 every Saturday afternoon as a part of the Lundquist Lilly Scandinavian Hour. All the four

## A Happy New Year!

is ringing in the air once again. What a joyful wish it is! How easily said—and yet how quickly it dies away! What do you mean by it? Is it but empty words, or do we put back of it a life that will radiate a whole year of happiness?

What a happy new year it will be if we take **faith** with us! Faith in God's goodness; faith in man's possibilities for goodness! And faith in ourselves to manifest goodness in the midst of much evil and sinfulness.

What a happy new year it will be if we take **hope** with us! A buoyant spirit is borne up by joy and hope. Faith says, "I know." Hope says, "I believe." Hope is confident. Confident that the omnipotence of God must prevail over every evil and sinful work of man; confident that wrong will be dethroned by right; confident that joy will follow sorrow and that after death will come life.

What a happy new year it will be if we take **love** with us! Love of virtue—truth—righteousness and love for God and man. Love is the driving power of life. Love of evil things drives to sin. Love of good things drives to holiness. Love is the ruling passion that drags us into the muck of carnality or lifts us to the high plane of noble ideals.

### FAITH - HOPE - LOVE

These three, let us take them with us into the new year, and it must be a

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things.—Phil. 4:8.

churches in Seattle will take part in these services, which are expected to prove very helpful to our church in general. The first broadcast takes place January 14 when the editor of the Columbia Lutheran will preach. Later the program follows the following schedule: Jan. 21, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist. Jan. 28, Dr. C. R. Swanson. Febr. 4, Rev. Carl A. Bengtson. Musical numbers will be presented by the congregations represented. The broadcast is to be tried out for a month by permission of the firm, but it is understood that if enough letters of commendation arrives in the mean-

time, the broadcasts will be continued indefinitely. The management would be very happy, therefore, to hear from hundreds of listeners. Address your letters to the editor of the C. L., 2048 W. 64th Street, as the undertaking is to a great extent sponsored by this paper.

Stewardship makes plain that God is not so much concerned to get his will done as to get us willing to do his will as his partners and fellow-workers. As disciples — learners — we are in Christ's school not to get the schooling done but to be schooled.

## BETHEL, SEATTLE, TO HOLD ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

The Twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Bethel Lutheran Church of Seattle, Wash., will be held next January 20-22 inclusive. The festivities begin on Friday evening at 8 o'clock with a church reunion when old and new members will gather for a social in the church parlors. On Sunday, Jan. 22, children's service at 9:45 a. m. will introduce the celebration. At 10:45 the congregation gathers for worship and at 7:30 in the evening for a grand concert. An invitation to former members and friends has been extended and it is hoped that many will accept.

### Church 1908.

The organization of the church took place January 22, 1908, in what was then known as Ballard, which later was incorporated into the city of Seattle. Rev. Herman Lind was the organizer and John E. Ostrom the first secretary. Since then the following pastors have served in the congregation: H. Lind, C. E. Frisk, A. M. Green, Albert Loreen, Luther Cornay, G. A. Herbert and Enoch Sandeen. For further historical data, see page 4.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

A beautiful Neon cross was dedicated during the Christmas season on the altar of the Bethel church, Tacoma. The cross, which is two feet high, was donated by Mrs. Elvira Lantz and her son Olof Lantz. A. V. Johnson furnished the base for the cross. The light is a mild white and blue. The services during the festive season were all well attended and proved an inspiration to all. The annual meeting of the congregation will be held January 3rd.

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A "smörgåsbord" was given by the deacons and trustees of the Colton Church Saturday December 10th. The bill of fare consisted of many kinds of bread, fish, meat, salads, cheeses and pickles. Three Swedish girls in costume served. Besides a short program in the auditorium an interesting original song "på småländska" was much enjoyed.

A Sunday evening song service was given by the choir. The group of ten songs were well given and enjoyed. Mr. Oley Frigaard is director and Miss (Cont. on page 7)



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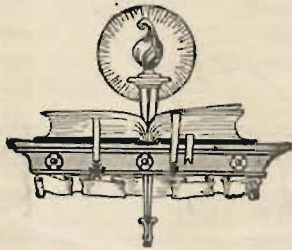
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## THE BIBLE TEACHES:



THAT DEATH IS VANQUISHED— 2 Tim. 1:10, etc.

*Therefore the Lutheran Church Teaches:*

with Dr. Martin Luther in his catechism, which contains a synopsis of the Bible teachings, that: From all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death, "Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to Light." 2 Tim. 1:10. Since Christ has through His own death on the cross and by His glorious Resurrection from the dead destroyed both death and the grave, the Christian joyfully exclaims with St. Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15, 55, 57.

### EDITORIAL

"A Happy New Year!" This is what the C. L. wishes you dear readers and friends — a Happy New Year, made so by health, wealth and happiness and most important of all the grace of God; which latter alone, if some of the former are missing, will be sufficient to make it a Happy New Year, for Paul says: "As sorrowful yet always rejoicing."

Let us as members ask ourselves how well we kept our church vows last year. What about the church services we promised to attend? Did we attend at least once a Sunday? Once a fortnight or once a month, or once a quarter, or once a—?

A very important commendatory upon our church life is the church treasurer's record, for giving has been called "the acid test." What kind of a story about our Christian life for the past year does that eloquent book tell?

Have we endeavored "as much as in us lies to promote the welfare of our brethren, and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom?" "Examine yourself" is a valuable injunction of Holy Writ and especially so at this time of the year.

No matter how well we did last year, we should aim to serve our Master better this year, for the Word says that there is much land yet to be possessed and we should continue to "grow in grace," so that each year may find us further on in the Christian life than the year before.

Let us as individuals endeavor in 1933 more earnestly even than in 1932 "to do with our might what our hands have found to do," for who knows— this may be the year of our departure. Every year our church is called upon to furnish its quota of citizens for that Celestial City, and this year doubtless will be no exception to the past, so that we may well ask: "Lord,

is it I?" The place to be found when that heavenly summons comes is the place of service, bearing the heat and the burden of the day so that if we fall we fall like soldiers in battle.

We have faced our duties the past year with a united and harmonious front like a regiment of soldiers facing the fray. Let us continue so the coming year, and by the grace of God, victory will be ours.

I wonder if it will be a look upward as well as forward this year. We are all hoping for a better year during 1933 than we had in 1932. We must not overlook the fact that "to whom much is given, of him much is expected."

When a congregation calls a pastor to live and work among the membership, it does not mean that the members are relieved of further work and responsibility. It ought to mean a more complete submission of your time and talents to the work of the Master, so that by perfect cooperation between pastor and members, God's work shall triumph as never before.

That eminent preacher, Dr. Beécher, was asked the secret of his success as a preacher. He said: "I have 400 hearers who repeat on Monday what I preached on Sunday." Of course, he did not mean that his entire sermon was repeated, but that many things were heard and remembered, and when absent members were met during the week they were told those loving truths. This kept the church before the people and the church prospered.

Speak well about the church and church members. If one in the membership reveals a fault or weakness, shield that person, remembering that you are also thus afflicted. The reason that most folks are in the church is due to the fact that they realize some weakness, some thorn in the flesh, and feel that among all the places that would shield and pity

them, the church is the place. If, however, you find your tongue so uncontrollable that you must tell the faults of another to someone, tell your pastor, and in doing so, you will save yourself and someone else from much heartache.

Speak well of your church for, if the membership slanders the church, where then are the folks to speak well of it? Don't magnify the faults of the church; magnify its virtues. If things in the service and work do not harmonize with your ideas, please remember that the church caters to very many different likes and dislikes found in as many members. Since the service and work cannot be adjusted to suit each person, you try and adjust yourself accordingly.

But, above all, don't forget the "upward look." If you could place yourself in the position of a pastor, you would quickly realize how badly in need he is of the prayers and help of others. If you knew the secrets, heartaches, sins and burdens that he carries for others, with those of his own life, it would be possible to feel this great need of spiritual uplift. Pray earnestly each day that God may help your pastor and use him to build up the Kingdom and save dying souls in your neighborhood.

Let this be your motto for 1933: "At it—all at it—always at it." Together with the "forward and the upward look," this motto woven into real action will bring to a realization any worth while vision.

God wants us to spend time not only with Him but also for Him. He who by spending time with Him receives inspiration to do His will and does it not, fails Him and does himself irreparable injury.

"Lost! One golden hour, set with sixty diamond minutes! No reward is offered, for it is gone forever!" Many things that God wants done are

not being done because so many say: "I haven't the time." As a matter of fact we have all the time there is. The real trouble is that we want it for ourselves, for our own interests, conveniences, and pleasures. How contrary to stewardship! True stewards take time for private prayer and public worship, for official meetings of the Church, for definite Christian service, and recognize that all their time is a sacred trust from God to be used for Him.

We are saved to serve. God's hungry are to be fed; His poor to be warmed and clothed; His sick to be visited; His discouraged ones to be cheered; His Word is to be taught; and His gospel carried to the ends of the earth. He has none but His stewards to fulfill these loving tasks for Him. Will we fail Him or be faithful?

### THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

The life that counts must toil and fight;  
Must hate the wrong and love the right;  
Must stand for truth, by day, by night—  
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;  
In darkest night make melody;  
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—  
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise  
Above the earth to sunlit skies;  
Must fix its gaze on Paradise—  
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with God;  
And turns not from the cross, the road,  
But walks with joy where Jesus stood,  
This is the life that counts.

—Selected.



## WHERE DEATH BROKE MANY HEARTS



Top row: Bertil, Vernon, Eunice. Center: Rev. Bildt and Hannah Edith Bildt.  
Front: Constant, Esther, and Robert.

You shall sleep, but not forever, There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part—no never, On the resurrection morn!

## AN OBITUARY

## MRS. HANNA EDITH BILDT.

by

Jos. A. Anderson, A. M., D. D.

At Elsmere, Allen Co., Kansas, there was born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sven B. Danielson, on Feb. 11, 1893, a girl baby, who shortly at the rite of baptism was given the name Hanna Edith. As age permitted she attended the public school of the community and thus laid a foundation for her secular education. Her religious training, aside from what was given in the home, was obtained in Friends' Home Lutheran Church of Savonburg, in which she was confirmed at the usual age.

Desiring more knowledge and having a desire to serve her fellowmen, she took a course of nurse's training at the school connected with Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. From this school she graduated in the fall of 1915, having shown marked scholarship and great adaptability for her chosen profession.

While she attended the school the romance between her and her future husband had begun. He has told me in a confidence I shall not betray of his visits to the hospital not to get bodily care but balm for his heart. It was to be expected, that when her betrothed was ordained to the holy ministry on June 11, 1916, she would not delay the consummation of their romance, and they were united in holy wedlock on the 21st of the same month.

Their first joint home was in sunny California, where Brother Bildt served as pastor in Turlock for 8 years and in San Jose for 5 years. Since the fall of 1929 their home has been here in Everett.

Rev. and Mrs. Bildt are the parents

of six children, four boys and two girls: Verner, Bertil, Eunice, Constant, Esther, and John Robert. These, together with the husband survive to mourn her passing. She is also survived and mourned by her father Sven B. Danielson, Elsmere, Kans., her sisters Emma Danielson and Mrs. C. W. Swanson, also of Elsmere, Mrs. Elna Erickson of Andover, Ill., and her brothers Joel of Chinook, Mont., and Carl of Ellensburg, Wash., other relatives and a host of friends.

After a very brief illness, Mrs. Bildt was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, December 28, 1932, at the age of 39 years, 10 months, and 17 days.

It is now some three years since the Bildt family came among us, so that we have had the opportunity of learning to appreciate Mrs. Bildt. I use advisedly the words "learning to appreciate," for her worth partook of the nature of a hidden treasure. She unfolded upon a fuller acquaintance. Had God willed to prolong her stay among us, I am certain that this appreciation would have continued to increase. Her modesty and consequent avoidance of making herself conspicuous was a prominent trait. While she never shirked a given task, she did not seek it to enhance her merit. She never desired to advertise or dramatize herself.

I do not think, that she made friends lightly, flippantly or even easily. But this made her friendship of a slower and therefore of a more substantial growth.

I never heard her disparage folks, but I always felt, that she had a very true judgement of those with whom she came in contact, that she appreciated sterling worth but never was duped by pretense, however aptly it might simulate reality. A certain light,

that used to come into her eyes was the index to a sense of humor, which must have helped to smoothen many a rough spot in her life's pathway.

I never saw her boisterously happy, and yet she had a cheerfulness of spirit, that made it impossible for her to put a damper on the innocent joys of others. She was of a serious turn of mind but never what in modern graphic term is called a "joy-killer."

She was hospitable without excess, by which I mean, that the guest never felt under undue obligations.

As a guest in the Bildt home one soon found, that Mrs. Bildt was a true help meet to her pastor-husband, with a deep understanding of his sacred calling as a shepherd of souls, yet loving him more than his office.

As a mother she was never nervous or impatient. She displayed a gentle reserve with firmness of purpose. In her was the calmness of soul, which tended toward a quiet happiness. Her sympathy was of the soothing rather than the bustling kind. Her children will rise up and call her blessed.

You will agree, that she had learned far better than the most of us the secret Paul tells in the words "in whatsoever state I am, to be content." Naturally she had her wishes, her ambitions, but as a consecrated Christian, she was willing to submit herself to the will of God. I am certain, that she felt thus even about her leaving her husband and her children.

In the first notice of her demise which I received, the writer called her "our beloved minister's wife." That means, that she was loved as the wife of the minister. It is a testimony of her consecration, her devotion to the position God had assigned her, of her also being in the harness with her husband, laboring with him for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

To be beloved for one's labors is a memorial more abiding and of greater worth than money can buy. Such a memorial is even now erected to Mrs. Bildt and her memory, erected by herself in her self-sacrificing life. That memorial we ought and we will cherish.

Once I told the now bereaved brother, "you have a wonderful wife." That was true, and it is true, for such a life is always found though seemingly lost. In memory we all have her as a valued friend. That memory shall live!

## RESOLUTION

It is with a keen sense of sorrow and feeling of loss to us all that the pastors of Mt. Baker District and their families learned of the unexpected and, humanly speaking, all too early passing of Mrs. Hanna Bildt, wife of our brother pastor, John Bildt of Everett.

It is our wish to express our heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved family, and to assure its members of our intercessory prayers, that the God of all grace, who loveth more than any earthly friend or parent, may comfort and cheer their mourning hearts and increase their trust in God's continuing care and abiding, sustaining power, for He knows how frail we are.

It is also our desire to have the bereaved know, that we shall with them cherish the precious memory of the devoted wife, mother, and friend, whom we have all loved for her Christian character and helpful sympathy. Though her benign influence was more deeply in the circle of the family and the congregations, we have all sensed it and been benefited.

Let it also be known, that we are united with the friends whose loss is even greater than ours in the hope of a glorious resurrection, a happy reunion in the Father's House of many mansions, from which all pain and even temporary partings shall be excluded. We mourn not as those having no hope, and hence, even now, we desire to rejoice in the Lord, who has given us a citizenship in heaven, the abode of joy.

In behalf of the pastors of the District and their families,

JOS. A. ANDERSON,

Secretary Mt. Baker Dist.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 31, 1932.

So dark the clouds around my way  
I cannot see,  
But through the darkness I believe  
God leadeth me.  
I gladly place my hand in His  
when all is dim,  
And, closing then my weary eyes,  
lean hard on Him.

Through thorny paths He may  
lead my tired feet,  
Through hours of grief when tear  
drops flow, but it is sweet  
To know that He is close to me,  
my friend and guide,  
So while He leads me I will walk  
quite satisfied.



## THE NEW YEAR

By Rev. Carl A. Bengtson.

"It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah" (Lamentation 3:26).

A few days ago we entered a large house containing 365 rooms. As yet, we have become acquainted with only a few of these rooms. It will be a whole year before we shall have gone through the whole house. Some of these rooms will probably be found to be beautifully decorated, and illuminated with bright electric lights. Others may be set in order for festive gatherings and jovial entertainments. Others, again, may be gloomy and dark, and as we enter, may not meet us with even the smallest ray of light. This is the unknown year 1933 that lies before us.

The house from which we recently moved out was to some of us more bare than certain houses formerly occupied. The provisions there were also more scant. We were hoping that our next house might be better than the former. Now we have moved into that new home; and we still retain our hope. We have indeed heard people sneer at hope. We have also heard of people who had lost all hope, and who through worry over what might be met in the unknown rooms not yet entered, ended their own lives in despair.

The year 1933 is a time for HOPE. Jeremiah, in his distressing and turbulent day, said "It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah." That is good advice also for our day. The night may be dark; but to him who looks upward, light will appear. The Christian religion is one of HOPE. There are many things that will fail and vanish away (I Cor. 13); but some things will remain. One of these is HOPE. Let the anchor of HOPE IN GOD steady your soul, and you will be able to meet the year 1933 with joy and in peace.

## KNOW YOUR CONFERENCE

Rev. John Bildt, editor.

### BETHUEL LUTHERAN, SEATTLE

The organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Bethel Church of Seattle, Wash., took place on January 22, 1908, in the presence of Rev. H. Lind and a number of interested future members. John E. Ostrom was the first lay person to be elected into any office of the congregation being selected as secretary, a position which he held until some time later, when he became the treasurer of the organization. Meetings had been held off and on during the previous year, but not until the date

mentioned did the organization officially come to life. The first deacons were C. A. Carlson, John Olson and Swan Lind. Of these the first two are still in office. The trustees were Chas. Erickson, John E. Ostrom, Gust Olson, Lånas Lindholm, Albert Anderson and Alfred Hoglund. Of these John E. Ostrom is the only one still present.

One of the outstanding surprises of the early organization was its foresight in establishing a voluntary sys-

In 1909 Rev. Lind resigned and at once an agitation was started for union of the congregation with the Finnish church on Phinney Ridge (now the Emans). The matter was finally voted upon with the majority in favor. The proposition was turned down, however, by the Finnish church. Twice later the proposition came up for voting again, once in November, 1922, when it was lost by a tie vote, and again in the following January, when it was lost by one or two votes.

heard from, then a parsonage was constructed for \$4,611.48, a furnace was placed in the church, all the property was painted, new light fixtures installed, etc. Rev. Cornay terminated his charge in November, 1922.

In 1923 another beautification of the church took place, this time in the interior. The same year a call was extended to Rev. G. A. Herbert, who became the next pastor. During his ministry the graded system of instruction was introduced into the Sunday School, successful drives for the clearance of the debt were launched, and alterations in the parsonage were accomplished. 1925 was a banner year in many respects. During that year the Luther League purchased a grand piano for \$750 and Nels Mattson, one of the charter members, cancelled a mortgage of \$3,000 which he held on the church. His condition for cancellation was that the congregation would raise \$1,000. This was promptly done and great rejoicing followed.

In 1929 the present pastor, Enoch Sandeen, took charge. During this time extensive renovations have taken place, e. g. Complete new interior decoration, beautifully accomplished by Mr. Adolph Johnson, a member of the church; a new altar with built in altar painting, built by Mr. Claude Johnson, also a member of the church; linoleum and carpets over all the floors laid by the assistance of the Priscilla Society; the platform extended; the organ moved into the choir stall; new light fixtures placed in the basement by the Brotherhood etc. An individual communion set was donated by John Abrahamson and family, Altar covers by Mrs. John Olson, Mrs. Anton Johnson, etc. and two seven candle candelabras by Dr. Ralph Ostrom and family. Later robes were provided for the choir and many other things were introduced which has greatly added to the beauty of the services. The language question which for the past years has hung like a shroud over the annual meetings has been solved so that one Swedish service is held the fourth Sunday of each month at 10:45 a. m. All other services are in English. It is also agreed upon that this arrangement shall stand until the attendance at the service warrants the use of the English language. At present the Swedish service is well attended. The church now has 157 confirmed members.

What would you say to a builder who told you he had no plans by which to build—that he would put up what he could each day, adding just as he could, here a little and there a little, and that he could not estimate what it would cost? Suppose he said, "I'll do it all as economically as I can and when everything is completed I'll tell you how much it cost." What kind of a business man would you count him to be? Would you give him the contract? Are you any more business-like with your life building? Do you have a money plan?



The Sunday School of Bethel in one of its beautiful pageant programs.

tem of church dues, somewhat corresponding to the envelope system, which later was introduced into use within the Augustana Synod. The congregation did not, however, long stand by its resolution as it decided a few months later that the dues should be Per Commendant as in older churches of the conference. Thus a family was to pay \$10, bachelors \$7 and unmarried ladies \$5.

During the first year or two the congregation was practically a child of the older Gethsemane church in downtown Seattle, but soon recommendations were made by which the new organization began to acquire the church property erected by the mother church. This took a long time, however, and was completed first in 1913 during the ministry of Rev. C. E. Frisk, when the Gethsemane church offered to write off \$1,000 on the mortgage if the congregation would raise the remaining \$3,335. This was done (although mostly by means of a loan) and the congregation now worshipped in its own home.

At present the sentiment seems to have turned right about face as it has become apparent that two churches working practically the same field is a waste of money and is an unnecessary duplication of labor.

The next pastor was Rev. C. E. Frisk, who was Conference president, began his services in 1912, later to be elected pastor. During this time a piano was secured and an Estay organ, which is still in use, was received from the Gethsemane church. Benches, etc. were also secured, the property dedicated, etc. The debt on the property was also tended to. The latter was now valued at \$7,000.

During the ministry of the next pastor, Rev. A. M. Green, the membership reached the one hundred mark. His stay in Bethel was very short, however, and after one year the Reverend Albert Loreen took up the work. After two years Rev. Loreen resigned and Rev. Luther Cornay took over the reins. Beginning in 1919 several important changes took place. First of all the English language began to be




The present Pastor.




The new Altar.





# OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



MARGARETTA GRANT, Editor

**EDITORIAL**

New year resolutions are in order. I would like to suggest one for the many leagues who have failed to send news for many months. If your league is one of these "take heed."

If your league is without a reporter by all means elect one. Your local news is just as important as any other leagues'. If your reporter has "fallen down on the job," it is a serious affair and you should find the reason and prescribe a cure.

To those who have served well I extend my heartiest greetings and appreciation for another successful year.

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**Thank You!**

I wish to thank all of those who so kindly remembered me during this festive season.

Margaretta Grant.

**ORATION****"Loyalty to the Lutheran Church."**

Josiah Royce quotes: "Loyalty is the Will to Believe in something eternal and to express that belief in the practical life of a human being." May I expound that we, as individuals, encounter consistently the road leading to the Spiritual world, the road which travels in close relation with our every day moral life. Throughout each day we experience inquiries as to right and wrong. Our answering these questions depends upon our believing in realities, in things which we have been informed are true facts, and yet for which we cannot determine a reason. In uncertain moments such as this, one must remain loyal to what he has learned is right. We Lutherans have all been taught observance of the moral code, and should apply our knowledge of it when equivocal situations arise. Martin Luther has explained fully in our catechism God's laws of right and wrong, the Ten Commandments. If we but remain loyal to these and to all of our Lutheran teachings, our lives will be cleaner and our tasks less confusing than they might otherwise prove. There is a guiding authority who will not let us harm this universe, who tells us and shows us the right word and the right way; all we need to do is to obey. Emerson says: "Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which flows into you as life, place yourself in the full centre of that flood, then you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment.

By remaining loyal to our Lutheran

teachings, we benefit not only as individuals, but also as groups. Our Lutheran churches live and expand more readily under an influence of true religious patriotism, and individually, we benefit both spiritually and morally. The unity of the church is not an ocean in which we are lost, but a function which is and which needs all our lives in one. Do not go out of your way to seek problems and they will never bother you. By this I mean, remain loyal to your church, the church you know and the doctrines in which you believe, and you will never be confronted with questions which you will not be able to answer. Get a clear and thorough understanding of the teachings of your own sect, the Lutheran Church, and let the others take care of themselves. Negligence of loyalty rings evil; it is this which brings on wars. People forget this most important function in life, man rises against man with hatred and a desire in his heart to destroy, to kill. So it is when one forgets loyalty to his church; instead of thoughtfully abiding by that which is right and remaining true to his particular denomination by working diligently for it and rendering useful assistance, man forgets that he is needed and leaves, and at times perhaps even loudly voices false acclamations against the church which once was striving to help him. This latter spirit will never build strong churches, will never make fine individual characters, the two go hand in hand. You cannot combine disloyal people and progressive churches, the one depends upon the other; (such a combination is similar to a body without a soul.)

Friends, let us remain loyal to our Lutheran Church. Let us join our forces, combine our various ambitions and talents; let us unite, an ambitious army, to strive for progressive Lutheranism.

June Ellyse Carlson.

Gethsemane.

**NEW YEAR'S GREETING.**

At the turn of the year officers are elected in some leagues and plans are made for the coming months in all well-conducted organizations. The practice of looking ahead is very valuable. Business men have their budgets and forecasts; educators talk of "objectives" and how to achieve them. While many of the values for which our leagues are working cannot be reckoned in statistical terms, progress toward other worthy ends are indicated by figures of membership activity. The statistical blanks which the Leagues have recently filled out should

prompt a thoughtful review of the past year. Every decrease or standstill in membership should be a challenge to improvement during the coming year.

A series of short articles by the undersigned will appear in the Columbia Lutheran starting in the next issue with one on "Leadership." Luther League problems will be discussed.

Now is the time to plan programs ahead. Consider the use of the Luther League topics in the Lutheran Companion. Definite goals which are challenging and yet not impossible of achievement should be established.

We wish all the Luther League officers and leaders exceeding satisfaction in their service and may all your plans be carried out in the spirit of the Masters.

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The prohibition battles are not over yet. The "wets" have not won nor the "dries" lost completely. The problem of controlling the liquor traffic will receive attention for some time. Fundamental to its solution and necessary to the success of any law is an enlightened interest on the part of the public. The Luther Leaguers need to be informed, and I urge the Leagues to give some time to a discussion of this important problem. The Allied Prohibition Forces, with offices at 501 Marion Building, Seattle, through Mr. G. M. Hurst has appealed to the Columbia Conference Luther League for cooperation. That organization will supply literature for use in studying the question. They will appreciate hearing from the local Leagues.

Arthur Hillman  
Pres., Col. Conf. L. L.**NEWS OF NEWS**

The Bethel league, Seattle, looks back upon a very successful year during which the treasury has shown signs of unusual activity. The highlight of the year has been the Conference L. L. Convention which was held the first week of September. The programs have been of great merit and have helped to unite the members for still better work during 1933. Carl Carlson has been elected reporter for the C. L. and we are looking to him for a lot of news. The officers for 1933 are: president, Stanley Thorson; Secretary, Evelyn Anderson, and Treasurer, Martha Sundstrom. The league meets twice a month.

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The Trinity Luther League of Astoria, Oregon, met at the home of Morvajean, Granhart, and Howard Backlund on Tuesday evening, Dec.

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**Poets' Corner****A SOLILOQUY.**

Oh God, how little did I know  
When you bade my spirit go  
Enter this body, fill it with life  
And descend, that I would find strife  
And heart-break and illness upon this  
land,  
Blessed with green forests, golden sand  
Beside cool seas, a cheering light,  
Kindly breezes, and kindlier night,  
Willingly I went when you bade me  
come,  
Eager to do what you wished to be  
done;  
The task you assigned, I was glad to  
receive,  
And set out at once, your will to  
achieve,  
'Twas a drastic step downward from  
that world to this,  
On earth, all is sorrows, in heaven  
'tis bliss,  
And Lord, you warned me before I  
left  
That I would find covetousness and  
theft  
And be sorely tempted to neglect all  
Which I knew was right: you said I  
would fall  
By the wayside, miserable, covered  
with the stain  
Of sins to which I had yielded in vain.  
All that you told me, Lord, has come  
true;  
I have fallen, and risen, and fallen  
anew.  
But my weakening heart, Lord, is  
made strong again  
As I think of your words, "When you  
are in pain,  
Your spirits are morbid, your heart is  
depressed,  
Come unto me, I will give you rest."  
Rest of soul, rest of body, you have  
promised me all  
This and more if I will but heed your  
call,  
And obey. I am weary; when my life  
is through,  
Oh Lord, carry me home to you.  
June Carlson,  
Gethsemane.

**THOUGHTS**

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:  
"I should really like to know  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so."  
Said the Sparrow to the Robin:  
"Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no Heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me."  
Elizabeth Cheney.



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English Services ..... 10:30 a. m.  
Vesper services ..... 5:15 p. m.  
Swedish services ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Luther League, 1st, 3rd and 5th Tues-  
day at ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Syskonring 2nd and 4th Tuesday at  
..... 8:00 p. m.  
Brotherhood, 3rd Wed. at ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Ladies Aid, 1st Wed. at ..... 2:00 p. m.  
Woman's Missionary Socy 2nd Wed.  
Young Woman's Missionary Society  
3rd Friday at ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Junior Mission Band, 2nd Saturday  
afternoon at ..... 1:30 p. m.  
Confirmation Class Sat. at 10:00 a. m.

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Miss Elvera Abrahamson, Organist  
Lake Stevens, Wash.

**Services**

Service 1st and 3d Sunday...2:30 p. m.  
First Sunday, Swedish  
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 at .....2 p. m.

**Salem Lutheran  
Church**

Corner Broadway and Walnut  
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N. William Anderson, pastor  
W. 1424 Broadway Ave.  
Tel. Broadway 1298

**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.

**Trinity, Astoria, Ore.**

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Astoria, Ore.

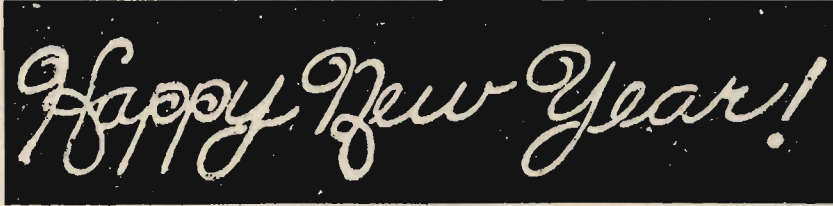
Rev. J. A. Martin, B. D., pastor.  
Res. 561 Kensington Ave. Ph. 1392-L

**Order of Sunday Services:**

Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00  
Luther League "Round Table".....7:30  
Evening Services ..... 7:30

**Calendar:**

Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30  
Dorcas 1st Tuesday ..... 7:30  
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed.....2:30  
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30  
Birth Day Social last Friday.....7:30  
Junior Miss. Band 3rd Sat.....2:30  
W. M. S. 2nd Wed. every other  
month ..... 2:30  
Choir Wed. evening each week 7:30  
Confirmation Class Sat's.....9:30



1933

The strange figures stare at us knowingly, and we may wish that we knew all that they conceal. But such knowledge would not be good for us, and our ignorance of the future is one of our blessings. "Our times are in his hand." Our planet-ship slips over into the new year as smoothly as a steamship crosses the equator. The date on the calendar is only an imaginary line, but then imaginary lines may cut deep and mean much. The equator is only an imaginary line, but it splits the earth into two halves, and the meridians, which are only imaginary lines, inscribe themselves on the skies and locate the position of every star. We do well to note New Year's day and all these days which indicate important dates or events.

The new year rolls us into a new world. A new horizon faces us every morning, and as we enter 1927 we can literally say that "we are the first that ever burst into this silent sea." Events that never were before will now greet us, and the world is in our hands to remold it to better shape and use.

The new year gives us a new chance. Instinctively we review the past, recall our mistakes, and resolve to do better. New Year's resolutions are proverbial for their easy and abundant formation and their short lives and quick oblivion, but even so, they are not without value and even effect some permanent good. They do give us an opportunity to think upon our ways and lead us to turn our feet into better paths, and such good resolutions are better than none and leave some impression upon us. The new year will be generous in forgetting our mistakes and in its abundant opportunities for better things, and for such hope and incentive to new endeavor we should be thankful and take courage.

The new year calls us to our old tasks that we may do them better. It may seem discouraging to remind us that all our old tasks must be done over again as though life were only a

monotonous round of drudgery. Yet all the work of the world must be continuously done again, even as the same old sun must shine and showers fall and seed be planted and harvests grow. Yet we can put a new spirit of interest and enterprise into these old tasks so as to make them new and better. Genius largely consists in seeing the world and wealth of unexplored interest in old and familiar things, and this is a kind of genius that all can cultivate, and it will keep life fresh and effervescent with healthy curiosity and wholesome excitement so that it will never grow old and stale.

The new year rolls us forward into the kingdom of God. He is ahead of us in the calendar and all its days and events will be but the outworking of his plan and providence. There is much in the world that looks dark and discouraging enough, but let us not forget that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." God is in his heaven and also in his earth, and there is no danger that this planet-ship will strike an unknown rock or lose its chart and compass or slip out of its Captain's hand.

There is much evidence that the world is running into a wider and deeper sea of religious interest. The lesson of the great war that the world without God is without hope has not been lost or forgotten. In the higher fields of thought, science and philosophy, there are many indications that agnosticism and scepticism are losing ground before increasing tides of faith in the unseen spiritual world, and in a personal God and Father of our spirits. The Christian church is not failing in its faith and is growing more united and urgent in its spirit of service and sacrifice. Let us not be discouraged with the greatness of the task and slowness of its progress, but thank God for the opportunities of a new year of service and enter upon its days with trust and cheer, consecration and hope.

**LITTLE THINGS**

Let me be glad of little things  
The things of every day:  
The homely tasks, the simple rounds,  
That mean my work and play.

For 'tis, I think, the little things,  
Familiar that we see  
That makes the world a wondrous  
place  
And where we joy to be.  
Oh, trifle not with life—'tis but an  
hour;

Alix Thorn.

**A MORNING WATCH**

God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
Make me lovely, too.  
May Thy Spirit recreate me,  
Make my life anew.  
Like the springs and running rivers,  
Make me glad and free,  
Like the straightness of the palm  
trees  
Let me upright be.  
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Sunday School .....10 a. m.

Worship in English .....11 a. m.

Vesper ..... 5 p. m.

Organization meetings every Friday  
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Sunday school at ..... 9:45 a. m.

Services at.....11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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Res. 2236 W. 63rd St. Ph. Sunset 2063

Robert Carlson, Treasurer  
Res. 7610 15th Ave. N. E.

Sunday School ..... 9:45

Morning service at.....11:00

Service in Swedish second and  
fourth Sunday at .....12:15 p. m.

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.

Althea 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.



**REPORT ON THE SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST**

We wish hereby to thank all organizations and individuals who took part in the subscription contest. Since the contest was extended over the whole latter half of the year it amounted, in fact, to a general assistance to the manager in collecting for subscriptions. Some congregations and individuals did very well both in collecting and in gaining new subscribers. We thank you heartily for your cooperation.

The prizes are awarded according to the rules as printed in the June issue of 1932. The first prize was won by Bethel Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Miss Helga Walberg, chairman of the committee. Their standing is 382. The second prize was won by First Lutheran Church Bellingham, Miss Catherine Selander, chairman, with a standing of 260. The standing of other congregations and Luther Leagues is as follows:

Mt. Vernon	.....	.084
Augustana, Portland	.....	.063
Central, Yakima	.....	.057
Salem, Spokane	.....	.048
Emmanuel, Seattle	.....	.027
Immanuel, Portland	.....	.020
Carlsborg, Colton	.....	.002

55 new subscriptions were gained.  
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1130 Colby  
Mrs. Amelia Sellin, Organist  
Route 1  
Morning service ..... 10:45 a. m.  
First Sunday, Swedish  
Evening service ..... 7:30 p. m.  
First and third, English  
Sunday school ..... 9:30 a. m.

**Bethel, Seattle**

West 64th & 22nd Ave., N. W.  
Enoch Sandeen, B. D., pastor.  
2048 W. 64th St. Tel. HE. 1549  
**Services.**  
Bible school ..... 9:45 a. m.  
Worship ..... 10:45 a. m.  
Vesper ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Service in Swedish Fourth Sunday  
at ..... 10:45 a. m.  
The Ladies Aid meets the First  
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the last Thursday, the Priscilla Society  
the first Friday, the Luther  
League the fourth Friday, the  
Brotherhood the second Wednesday.

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Thank you, one and all—  
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say: first, it is not too late yet in  
case you want to help raise this  
monument. Second, a very nice mon-  
ument is selected and will cost about  
\$100.

A. Charlston.

It is when we conscientiously prac-  
tice Stewardship, that its deeper mean-  
ing is revealed to us and we gradually  
come to see the greater blessing which  
lies in the Stewardship of the whole  
life. In the measure in which we ap-  
ply the Stewardship principles to de-  
finite tasks and duties our vision is  
cleared and we recognize more fully,  
not only our responsibilities, but also  
the Spirit's leading us into the truth.

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Daniel Webster is reported to have  
said near the close of his life that the  
most solemn thought that ever entered  
his mind was the thought of his per-  
sonal accountability to God.

**Items, Cont. from page 1.**

Esther Johnson is the accompanist.  
After one of the meetings Mrs. Eric  
Janson and Mrs. Aaron Peterson sur-  
prised the group by serving dough-  
nuts, coffee and toasted sandwiches.

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A well attended Christmas party  
was held in Central Church, December

12, in honor of Reverend and Mrs. C.  
Arthur Johnson. A short program was  
rendered including an anthem by the  
choir and musical selections by indi-  
viduals. Walter Olofson spoke for  
those assembled and presented the pas-  
tor a watch with chain in white gold  
as a symbol of that high respect with  
which the pastor is held in Yakima.  
Mrs. C. E. Lindquist presented Mrs.  
Johnson and children many useful  
gifts from the ladies. Both Rev. and  
Mrs. Johnson expressed their apprecia-  
tion not only for the pleasant evening  
and gifts but for the spirit of loyalty  
that has been manifest by the con-  
gregation during their first year in  
Central church. The ladies served re-  
freshments and a social hour was en-  
joyed by all.

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Mrs. Karen Jonson, wife of Attor-  
ney Axel E. Jonson of Seattle, died  
January 4 at the Columbus Hospital,  
Seattle, from injuries received the eve-  
ning before when she was struck down  
by an automobile. She leaves her hus-  
band, two boys and two daughters.  
Her husband is a brother of Dr. Elof  
Jonson, pastor in the Augustana Syn-  
od.

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Ephraim J. Johnson of Waterman,  
Wash. was called to rest the last week  
of the old year. He was 84 years old  
and had come to full knowledge of his  
Saviour shortly before his death. The  
rites of Baptism was conferred upon  
him by Rev. Enoch Sandeen about  
three weeks before his departure. The  
funeral was held in the new edifice of  
the Elim church of which Rev. San-  
deen is pastor. Miss Olivia Johnson,  
who is prominent in our congregation  
at Waterman, is one of four children  
now mourning their father.

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A son has been added to the family  
of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Ostrom of Seat-  
tle, Wash. He completes a family of  
one boy and two girls—making it two  
and two even. The mother and boy  
are both doing fine.

**L. L. Cont. from page 5.**

The usual order of opening was  
held, after which the business meet-  
ing followed. The following program  
was rendered: Piano solo, Ruth Hen-  
driekson; reading, Ruth Hankkonen;  
Bible verse, Edward Elfving; piano  
selection, Lorraine Larson. Games and  
contests were diversions of the eve-  
ning. Refreshments were served later  
on in the evening. Fifty members and  
friends were present for the meeting.

The L. L. holds a half-hour round  
table discussion every Sunday evening  
before the Sunday evening services. It  
lasted from 7 till 7:0. Last year Rev.  
Martin presided over the discussions.  
It is now up to each individual mem-  
ber, who is appointed to provide for  
the discussion, which is being well at-  
tended by both young and old. It is  
a valuable instrument in enabling peo-  
ple to understand the Christian work  
and its purpose.

**Salem Lutheran Church**

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Mr. E. A. Soderman,  
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Jens Lassen,  
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A. M. Lindquist,  
mission treasurer.  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning service ..... 10:45  
Evening service ..... 8:00

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11:00—Morning Worship

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Ladies Aid, Second Thursday of month  
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Luther League, fourth Wednesday of  
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9705 14th Ave. N. W.

**Order of Sunday Services:**

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
Sung Services and Evening Worship  
..... 7:30 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 Thurs-  
day of month, 8 p. m.  
Young Woman's Missionary Society,  
3rd Friday, 8 p. m.  
Junior Mission Band, 3rd Saturday, 2  
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November 19 saw another couple of the Luther League of Everett united in the bonds of matrimony. Miss Ellen Anderson and Mr. Einar Backman were united in marriage by Rev. John Bilddt in the Zion Lutheran Church. Miss Ruth Carlson and Hubert Carlson were the only attendants. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on Lake Stevens Hill. The couple are making their home at 2806 Baker Ave., Everett.

Monday evening, November 28, Ruth Carlson entertained with a shower in honor of Mrs. Ainar Backman (Ellen Anderson) in the home of her parents on South Broadway. Games were the diversion of the evening after which delightful refreshments were served. The honored guest received many beautiful gifts from the friends and relatives assembled there.

The Luther League has been very busy during the past month practicing a pageant, "The Lighted Highway," which was given Sunday evening, Dec. 18 in the church. Friday evening, December 16, the league had its annual Christmas party. Gifts, not exceeding the sum of 10c was exchanged. Games was played during the evening and a good time was enjoyed by those present.

A Happy New Year!

Lillian Berg.

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The Bethany League in Seattle elected Kenneth Nordquist president; Roy Anderson, vice president; Alvin Anderson, secretary; Ruth Bloomquist, treasurer; Ruth Johnson, financial secretary and Lois Kuehn, Eleanor Olson, La Verne Nelson, Corrine Lyman and Ruby Stromstead as committee chairmen at their annual business meeting held on December 9.

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Rev. C. A. Bengtson was the guest speaker at the Gethsemane League on December 2. June Carlson was awarded the honor for the finest oration in the oratorical contest. Her subject, "Loyalty to the Lutheran Church," appears in this issue. Eric Hurnblad rendered several delightful baritone solos. He was accompanied by Thorild Swanson. An enjoyable ice skating party was given after the meeting at the Civic Arena.

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The newly elected officers of the Yakima League are Pearlina Lundquist, president; Edward Lund, vice president; Alpha Lund, secretary; Arnold Reitz, treasurer; Alice Dean, financial secretary; Helen Samuelson, organist and George Lindquist, publicity manager.

The league enjoyed an unusual Christmas party after the business meeting. Besides the exchanging of gifts numerous contests were given.

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The Colton L. L. Colton, Ore., gave a "grab-bag" party recently as part of an interesting program and reports a wonderful time.

The Luther Leagues of Bethel, Tacoma, and Messiah, Auburn, have both held interesting Christmas programs to which the admission was a gift, which afterwards was distributed among the members. The Bethel League met at the home of the pastor, the Reverend E. Arthur Larson.

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