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The Resurrection Story

EASTER brings happiness to all true Christians. It speaks of victory. And what a tremendous victory it proclaims! It is the victory of life over death that it announces. The Victor is none less than Jesus, for He alone could ever have won such a victory.

God would have you, dear Christian to rejoice this Easter-tide. You have the assurance that Jesus arose, from the grave and you have received grace to believe that blessed assurance. Now you may know, that you shall also win out even in your final combat with death. It is indeed true, that you shall die in God's appointed time the bodily death. For "it is appointed unto man once to die," and there is no exception to that rule, except for the believers who shall live here on earth at the time of the second coming of Christ. Death shall however not harm the one who falls asleep believing in Jesus. Only the earthly tabernacle shall crumble. Our body shall be laid rest in the grave and return to dust. But the grave that seemed to be the place of defeat shall finally prove itself to be the place of the most glorious victory. For Christ arose from the grave, and now the promise is, that we also shall arise. Now the apostle can ask "O grave, where is thy victory!" Now he can exclaim: "God be praised who giveth us the victory through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!"

Jesus arose from the grave in the morning, when it was still dark. His resurrection turned the darkness into light. In the dark hour victory came and joy and peace was soon restored, where hearts otherwise were troubled and pining. You may have your dark moments. Perhaps the angel of death has entered in over your threshold. Turn to the resurrected Saviour, if such be the sad experience. Review again the Easter story. Allow the Risen One to come before you. Hear Him again say: "I live, ye shall live also." Remember that He brought life and immortality into light. Hear Him again say: "I am the resur-

rection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Do you find it impossible to see your Saviour with the eye of faith, since now your heart is so sad and so heavily laden? Go then to the Galilee of His word, there shall you see Him. There He has promised to reveal Himself. There He shall make the dreary heart burning, even as He did, when He spoke

hope that the resurrected Saviour has opened up for you and for all who believe in Him. Dwell with Jesus in that resurrection story, and He shall wipe your tears away. Behold Him as your life, your salvation, your hope, your righteousness. Pray, pray fervently that you may find in the risen Jesus the well-spring of eternal life with which you may refresh your drooping spirit. Do as the psalmist did, ask God that He might quicken you by His word.

God has again given us a blessed Easter-tide. May it in a real spiritual way continue to be a blessed period for us all. The disciples of the Emans way ate with Jesus, as he had entered into their home. Let us invite Jesus to stay in our homes, that we may eat with Him and thus have Him more plainly revealed to us. Yea, may an abundance of blessings come to us all this Easter-tide!



ANGELS AT THE SEPULCHRE

"And she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain." Joh. 20: 12.

to the disciples that were on their way to Emans.

Yes, come thou sorrow-stricken soul to the open grave of the garden, where Jesus had rested. Hear the angels again say, yea, declare unto you, that He is not there, for He is risen. Receive that tidings of eternal hope for your soul, that you may find your sorrow turned into joy. Pray God that you may rejoice in the eternal

Day of wonder, day of gladness,
Hail thy ever glorious light!
Gone is sorrow, gone is sadness,
Ended is the gloomy night!
Listen to the angel's story,—
Cast away all fear and dread;
Give to God the Father glory!
Christ is risen from the dead!

In the triumph of this hour,
Jubilant shall swell the song,
Unto Jesus, honor, power,
Blessing, victory belong.
Scattered are the clouds of error,
Sin and hell are captive led:
E'en the grave is free from terror,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Every people, every nation,
Soon shall hear the glad some sound;
Joyous tidings of salvation,
Borne to earth's remotest bound,
Then shall rise, in tones excelling,
Praise for grace so freely shed;
And the Easter hymn be swelling,
Christ is risen from the dead!

B. H. Hall.

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Editorial

The Conference Meeting

Another conference meeting is at hand. This time it will be held in Portland. A decade or so has gone by, since it was held there last. We pray that God will allow His benediction to rest upon our dear conference and that He will in a rich measure pour out His blessing upon the meeting that now is to be held.

It should prove profitable for a community to have the conference meeting held in its midst. We acquaint ourselves with the work and its problems, as we attend these meetings. And inspiration comes to us in an added measure, if we come to the services and other devotional meetings in the right spirit. We hope that many from Portland and the outlying districts will attend the sessions and the services and devotional meetings of our conference convention. It is an opportunity which may not come to us again in this district for many years. A hearty welcome to our convention!

The Quarterly Payments

Both our synod and our conference have often insisted upon, that the congregations pay their budget part to conference and synod quarterly. That rule was established long ago. The reason was that the synod and the conference both need the money in order that they might save interest and thus save money for all concerned. Both conference and synod must pay their missionaries monthly. They must meet their other expenses at the proper time.

It would be well if all congregations would observe the above rule. They can no doubt do so more generally than heretofore has been the case. The congregation should be willing to borrow, if necessary, to meet these obligations regularly. That would not mean an increased debt. It would mean the outlay of that extra interest. The congregation should be willing to take upon itself that extra expense, as that would only mean that it would take upon itself the proportionate burden that otherwise is laid upon the conference and synod. It means an awful extra expense to the general work, if a great number of congregations pool on the conference the interest caused by the tardiness of their budget payments. The items can usually be handled, if the willingness is there. How much better the congregation might feel at the end of the year, if all obligations to the conference have been met in a regular, business-like way. One quarter is now gone of this year. Let us all do our best to pay as soon as possible at least one fourth of the conference dues for this year.

Immanuel Church, Where the Conference Meets

The Immanuel congregation, Portland, is the oldest on the west coast including California. It was organized December 28, 1879 by Rev. Peter Carlson. This sturdy pioneer pastor came from East Union,



IMMANUEL CHURCH, PORTLAND,
Where the Conference meeting will be held
April 15-19

Carver County, Minnesota after having labored among the pioneers of that large Lutheran settlement for about two decades. Here another pioneer, Rev. J. W. Skaus, was pastor from 1883 till his death July 10, 1904. Rev. C. J. Renhard was the pastor of the congregation from 1904 till 1910, Rev. A. V. Anderson from 1917 till 1927. The present pastor has had charge of the



REV. HENRY P. JOHNSON,
Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland.

congregation since September 11, 1927.

The first church was built on 11th and Burnside streets and was dedicated April 9, 1883 by Rev. Peter Carlson assisted by Rev. J. Telleen, who was at that time pastor of the newly organized Ebenezer Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Cal. The present church on 19th and Irving streets was built 1905 and dedicated September 2, 1906 by Rev. M. L. Larson, then conference president.

The first district organization on the coast, within the Augustana Synod, was effected at a meeting in Immanuel Church, April 7, 1883. It received the name The West Coast Mission District. Its territory included all the coast as far as San Francisco. The Columbia Conference was organized in Immanuel Church March 4, 1893.

Program for Conference Meeting, Immanuel Church, Portland, April 15-19

Wednesday, April 15

- 2:30 p. m.—Pastoral Conference.
Paper, "How can we best serve the newly confirmed?" Rev. John Billdt.
Paper, "A pastor's personal work as a soul physician," Rev. C. A. V. Lund.
7:45 p. m.—Opening Service.
Communion Address, Rev. P. H. Nordlander.
Conference Sermon, Rev. G. K. Andeen
Liturgy, Rev. C. A. V. Lund and Rev. C. G. Bloomquist.

Thursday, April 16

- 8:45 a. m.—Morning Devotion.
"The risen Saviour revealing Himself in a moment of anxiety." Joh. 20: 10-18. Rev. David E. Engberg.
9:30 a. m. to 12 m.—Business Session.



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2:00 p. m.—Devotion.

"The risen Saviour interpreting the Scriptures." Luke 24: 25-27. Rev. O. R. Karlstrom.

2:30 p. m.—Business Session.

7:45 p. m.—Divine Worship.

Sermon: "The importance of family worship," Deut. II: 18-21, Rev. Luther Cornay.

Sermon: "The importance of attending faithfully divine worship," Heb. 10: 24-25. Rev. Ernest Svenson.

Liturgy, Dr. C. R. Swanson and Rev. John Bildt.

Friday, April 17

8:45 a. m.—Morning Devotion.

"The risen Saviour as the Fountain of Life." 1 Cor. 15: 20-23. Joseph Anderson.

9:30 a. m. to 12 m.—Business Session.

2:00 p. m.—Devotion.

"The risen Saviour and His commission." Joh. 21: 15-17. Mr. Gustav Oberg.

2:30 p. m.—Business Session.

7:45 p. m.—Program by Woman's Missionary Society, Rev. Wm. Siegel, speaker.

Saturday, April 18

8:45 a. m.—Morning Devotion.

"The risen Saviour and His peace." Joh. 20: 19-23. Rev. Enoch Sandeen.

9:30 a. m. to 12 m.—Business Session.

2:00 p. m.—Devotion.

"Christ risen unto our justification." Rom. 4: 23-25. Rev. Claus Thunberg.

2:30 p. m.—Possibly a short Business Session.

3:30 p. m.—An outing, sponsored by the local Lutheran Brotherhood.

Sunday, April 19

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.

Brief talks to the children by Rev. O. W. Westling and Rev. E. Arthur Larson.

10:30 a. m.—Divine Worship.

Sermon over the text of the day by Rev. C. J. Renhard.

Liturgy, Rev. Roger P. Oliver and Rev. O. R. Karlstrom.

2:30 p. m.—Luther League Rally.

Address: "The purpose of our Luther League," Rev. Carl A. Bengtson.

Address: "The need in the Church of a consecrated youth," Rev. Elmer Johnson.

7:45 p. m.—Divine Worship.

Sermon: "God's wish that we now may continue in the footsteps of Jesus." (Epistle for the day). Dr. C. R. Swanson.

Sermon: "The reward that those shall receive, who follow Jesus." Mark 10: 28-31. Rev. N. Wm. Anderson.

Liturgy, Rev. Enoch Sandeen and Rev. David E. Engberg.

Sixth Annual Brotherhood Banquet, Columbia Conference Brotherhood

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland,
April 18, 1931, 6:30 p. m.

Invocation, Rev. S. E. Johnson.

Dinner.

Brief business session.

Community singing.

Greetings, Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Theme for the program: "The Fourfold Brotherhood Plan."

Discussion: "Here we are, what can we do?"

Musical selection.

"The Devotional Department and Its Aims," Rev. C. A. V. Lund. Discussion by Mr. Carl Blade, La Conner, Wash.

"The Fellowship Department and Its Aims," Rev. Roger P. Oliver. Discussion by Mr. E. H. Johnson, Spokane.

Musical selection.

"The Educational Departments and Its Aims," Rev. G. K. Andeen. Discussion, Mr. Adolph Benson, Portland.

"The Benevolence Department and Its Aims," Dr. C. R. Swanson. Discussion, Mr. Vincent Thoren, Tacoma.

Musical selections.

Announcements. Doxology.

Dr. John W. Unis, M. D., is the president of the Conference Brotherhood and will preside at this banquet and session.

W. M. S. Convention

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference will be held April 16-18, 1931, in Portland, Oregon, upon invitation from the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. H. P. Johnson, pastor.

Business sessions will be held in the Swedish Mission Tabernacle, 17th and Glisan streets. On Thursday, April 16, the Executive Board will meet at 8:30 a. m. The opening session will begin at 10:00 a. m. The afternoon sessions will begin at 1:30; the Friday morning session will open at 9:30. Saturday morning at 9:30, the Executive Board meets, and at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, the Junior Mission Band of the Portland District will present a program. Mrs. C. M. Franklin, Junior secretary of the Conference, is in charge. Saturday, 3:30 p. m., a Young Women's Missionary society program will be given, in charge of Miss Carolyn Claeson, Conference Y. W. Secretary.

Mission Festival

April 17, 7:45 p. m., Immanuel Church.

Prelude, selected, Prof. Chas. Swanson, organist, Immanuel Church, Portland.

Hymn, congregation.

Devotionals, Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Anthems, (a) Prayer Perfect; (b) God Is Love, Women's Chorus of Immanuel and Augustana W. M. S., Portland.

Address, "The Spiritual Life of the Church and Missions," Rev. Wm. Siegel, Spokane, Wash.

Vocal Solo, "The Seasons," by MacFadyan, Mrs. Wm. Skans, Portland.

Missionary Address, "India," Miss Louise Godfrey, Portland.

Anthems (a) "Bless My Soul;" (b) "More Love to Thee;" Women's Chorus of Immanuel and Augustana W. M. S., Portland.

Offertory, selected, Miss Hildur Karlstrom, harpist.

Hymn, congregation.

Benediction, Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Postlude, selected, Prof. Chas. Swanson.

Contributed

Westdala, Troy, Idaho

By Rev. David E. Englund

A series of special Lenten Prayer Services were held in our congregation every Thursday evening during Lent, the general topic for discussion and prayer being the Passion of Christ. These prayer services were very well attended and we believe they did much to prepare our people for a more fitting observance of Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday afternoon Westdala Choir gave a special program of sacred song, entirely in Swedish, for the benefit particularly of the older members of the church. Automobiles were furnished to make it possible for shut-ins, who by reason of age or other infirmities can seldom attend, to be present at this service.

Easter Sunday evening the Sunday school children gave a splendid program which set forth in story and song the story of Life through faith in the Risen Saviour.

Bible Institute at Colton

To many in the Portland District, the above heading has become a beautiful word. Just the other day we were speaking to a young lady who attended the Institute last year, and reminding her of the fact that plans were now being made for this year's Institute, she very impressively said, "O the Bible Institute! I shall never forget the days I spent out there last year, they shall long linger in my memory." Those who have seen for themselves, are always the best advertisers. Speak to them, and they will all tell you how they enjoyed being there. Spending a week in this fashion is a most blessed experience. It is not only a wonderful opportunity to become more thoroughly acquainted with God's interpretation of true life and the way of salvation, but it offers many other features of recreation and social contacts, very helpful to break the monotony in the general grind.

We are now in a position to announce the teachers for this year. The Rev. John P. Milton, professor at the Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., will be the Bible teacher. He is the youngest of the forces in the faculty of our Seminary at the present time. He has, in his short time as professor, attracted much attention as a real pedagogue, and we feel very fortunate in securing him as our teacher. Rev. William Siegel, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church, Spokane, Washington, will also be with us, and give us a series of addresses. He is a good student, a force-

ful speaker, and one who has won his way into the hearts of the young people. He has conducted a number of evangelistic meetings in our Conference, and is consecrating his talents to the service of the Lord with much success. We are indeed happy in our anticipations of the coming Bible Institute over the fact that we have the promise of these two men being with us. May the Lord bless them in their preparation to plead His cause for the salvation of souls. S. E. J.

Portland District Mission Meeting and Installation of Pastor

Mission meeting of the Portland district was held in the Elim church at Brush Prairie, Washington, and Saron church, Gresham, Oregon, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24-25, 1931. The meeting opened on Tuesday morning at Brush Prairie with regular service in Swedish. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson preached the sermon on the topic, "Father, Forgive Them. For They Know Not What They Do." In the afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, services were held when Rev. A. G. Anderson was duly installed as pastor of the church. Rev. H. P. Johnson, vice president of the conference, delivered the sermon, taking as his subject, "The Pastor and His Message." The installation followed when Rev. G. K. Andeen, president of the Conference, officiated, assisted by the pastors present. Rev. G. K. Andeen then preached on the Second Word from the cross, "Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." The meeting came to a close in the evening when Rev. E. J. Sakrison and Rev. A. M. Green delivered each a sermon, the former on the topic, "My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" and the latter on, "I Thirst."

Simultaneously with the closing meeting at Brush Prairie, the meeting opened at Gresham with a service under the auspices of the Luther League. Rev. G. K. Andeen spoke on the subject, "Life's High Calling." On Wednesday morning the meeting continued at Gresham with a Swedish service when Rev. E. J. Sakrison preached on the last Word from the cross, "Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit." In the afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society had charge of the program, when the local president, Mrs. A. G. Anderson, led the meeting. Mrs. H. P. Johnson, president of the district, gave a short talk, and Rev. H. P. Johnson gave the address on the subject, "Thy Kingdom Is An Everlasting Kingdom," Ps. 145:13. Special music was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson.

Since each congregation served by Rev. A. G. Anderson had decided to have in-

stallation service separately, the Saron congregation held its service at the closing session in connection with Holy Communion. Rev. G. K. Andeen gave the installation address and officiated at the installation, assisted by the pastors present. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson gave the preparatory sermon on the subject, "Appointments That Christ Makes With Man." Mrs. E. J. Sakrison sang a solo and Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson a duet. The closing session was very impressive as is always the case when many come to the Lord's table. The sermons were inspirational through the whole meeting. While we are in the Lenten season we realize the importance of meditating at the foot of the cross. Every message gave evidence that the cross is a power to draw all men unto Christ. We thank Him for these moments of refreshing. May His benediction rest upon the seed that is sown in our hearts.

SAMUEL E. JOHNSON.

"How Shall Our Luther League Best Serve the Young People and the Church?"

(Paper read at the Portland District Luther League Rally at Immanuel Church, Portland, March 15, 1931, by Miss Edith Olson, Immanuel.)

Our young people of today are the pillars of our church tomorrow. We must keep them today if we are to have use of them on the morrow.

Throughout our Lutheran Churches is an organization called Luther League which is composed of confirmed young people of our individual churches. The problem confronting our various congregations is how shall we keep the confirmands within our leagues? Each year a new class is confirmed, some are large and some are small. What percentage of the classes become active members of your league? Our answers should be 100 per cent, but sad to say in many instances they are not even fifty per cent. Then the question arises, is there something wrong with our form of meetings? Is there anything amiss? The one who could answer you best would be the young man or young lady who has dropped out. They should be able to tell you the reason. But in very few cases do we get any answer at all. If the young people get away from you today they soon find new companionship, more modern entertainment, and then it is harder to win them back again tomorrow.

Each league has the above mentioned problems before them, and all are striving to overcome them. As new members come to league meetings, make them welcome, see that they become acquainted. Let no one go home slighted in any way

whatsoever. Have programs and entertainments that will interest them and that are different. Keep your league active. Have something doing all the time, so that there is always something to look forward to.

One meeting a month should be devoted to some form of Bible study. Let all members take turns in discussing different phases or topics of the Bible. Meetings of this kind can be very interesting if the members learn they must do their part. Don't leave all the discussion to the minister. He also can learn from each one's discussion. For the other meetings have diversified programs. Give all members an opportunity during the year to take charge of one meeting's entertainment. As new members begin attending, put them on committees, give them responsibilities. Then they will realize they are partly responsible for the success of your league.

Our friendships in our leagues and in our district meetings are some of the best we will ever have. For where could one find a better place for friends than in our own leagues? They furnish the kind of friendship you will carry with you always.

Joint meetings during the year with other leagues or groups of young people help a great deal in making meetings more interesting, for there is always some one new to know. The ideas of others will help us a lot.

If our league serves the young people in such a way as to bring them closer together, creating a fine bond of friendship on a higher level, then it has best served its church and the Master.

The following poem seems to fit in as what our Luther League friendships and standards should mean to each one of us. It is entitled "That's What I Call a Friend."

One whose handclasp is a little tighter,
One whose smile is a little brighter,
One whose deeds are a little whiter,
That's what I call a friend.

One who'll lend as quick as he'll borrow,
One who's the same today as tomorrow,
One who will share your joy and sorrow,
That's what I call a friend.

One whose thoughts are a little cleaner,
One whose mind is a little keener,
One who avoids the things that are meaner,
That's what I call a friend.

One when you're gone who'll miss you sadly,
One who'll welcome you back again gladly,
One who, though angered, will not speak madly,
That's what I call a friend.

One who is always willing to aid you,
One whose advice has always paid you,
One who's defended when others flayed you,
That's what I call a friend.

One who's been fine when life seemed rotten,
One whose ideals you have not forgotten,
One who has given you more than he's gotten,
That's what I call a friend.

How Our Bible Institute Helps to Bring Our Young People Closer to Christ

(Paper read at Portland District Luther League Rally at Immanuel Church, Portland, March 15, 1921, by Miss Gulli Olson, Augustana.)

Our Bible Institute was organized about four years ago by the Portland District Luther leagues. The meetings are held once a year for one week at Colton, Oregon, in the Canyon Creek Cathedral and in the Forest Chapel. There are three sessions in the morning, which are a devotional hour, a Bible study hour, and a lecture. In the afternoon there is recreation and in the evening a lecture, and sometimes a bonfire.

The purpose of our Bible Institute is to implant, teach and make steadfast the true teaching of the Bible especially among the young people. You know our young minds and hearts are very plastic and open for impressions; therefore it is very, very necessary that we receive the true instruction. In this age so many want to discard the Bible as the word of God, which always should be used as the foundation for the teachings of the Church. I want to read to you a few passages proving that the Bible is the true word of God. It says in the 2nd Epistle of Peter 1:20-21, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man, but Holy Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2nd Timothy 3: 16, "All scriptures is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." John 20:31, "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." These passages, I believe, prove that the Bible is the true Word of God.

Our Bible Institute has laid out a systematic Bible study. In John 5:39 Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Pro. 1:17 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of

wisdom, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Pro. 2:1-6, "My son, if thou wilt receive My word, and hide My commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hidden treasure; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Jesus Christ said, "Search the Scriptures." Solomon said, "Seek and search as ye would for silver and hidden treasures." Now our Bible Institute supplies us with teachers who have for many years searched and studied the Scriptures, and who are willing to let us have the benefits of their knowledge. They also help to teach us how to search the scriptures.

One of the purposes of the Bible Institute is to strengthen our spiritual life. We read in Isaia 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and faint not." Many people say that they see God in nature. They see His greatness in the things that He made, but they can never strengthen their spiritual life by nature. However, out in Colton we can see the beauty of God's handiwork and by our Bible hour sermons, etc., we can strengthen our spiritual life.

The Bible Institute is also to help us to consecrate our lives more fully to the Lord's service. We read in Titus 2:11, "For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world, looking forward to that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ." John 14:22, "Judas (not Iscariot) said unto Him, 'Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world?' Jesus answered and said unto him: 'If a man love Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him and We will come unto him and make our abode with him.'" John 14:17, "Even the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him, for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." 1st Epistle of John 4:2, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." At the Bible Institute we have a chance in the quiet and beautiful outdoors to meditate and receive many wonderful blessings from above that help us to consecrate our lives to God.

Still another purpose of our Bible Institute is to give wholesome recreation in

God's beautiful nature. We all know that we need recreation. I assure you that you will find it out at Colton. You may swim in the cool creek. You may hike at the school grounds. There are two tennis courts which are always used by our tennis players. One may even pitch horse shoes. You may see there one of nature's wonders, a huge, magnificent fir tree growing right through a boulder. The land on which our cottage is built was donated to us by Miss Hilma Olson. You all know that we have a girls' cottage which is as lovely a summer home as one could wish to own. Thanks to so many willing hands that worked so hard to clear and fix the grounds. I am sure that they will be more beautiful this year than ever before. The trees on our land are so straight and tall that they seem to point right to Heaven and God who made them. The trees, I think, show us that our lives should be always pointing to God. The people you meet at Colton are like friends you have known for years. In fact, when we are there we feel as if we were of one big family. The good ladies spoil us with their delicious meals. I have never tasted as good gingerbread as I had in Colton. You can get your meals for a very reasonable price. However, if you are camping you have the privilege of doing your own cooking.

Now, I shall say a few words about the benefits we receive from the Bible Institute. Friends, after studying the Scriptures, listening to lectures and sermons, one cannot help but feel the real power and nearness of the Spirit of Jesus Christ as it says in Rom. 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

The Bible Institute strengthens our faith. Faith is very necessary in our Christian life. In Heb. 11:6 it is written, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." It seems that many times our faith is very weak. We need these extra sessions to strengthen our weak faith. We often see the people who put their faith and trust in material things standing disappointed. If they had put their trust in God, it would have been different; in Pro. 1:33 we read, "But whosoever harkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely and shall be quiet from the fear of evil," and in Ps. 9:10, "And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: For Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee."

The Bible Institute helps us to do better work in our respective churches. In John 15:17 Christ said, "These things I command you, that ye love one another." That was Christ's own command. I assure you that after being at the Bible In-

stitute for one week one is so filled with the love of Christ that one cannot help but show it to others. In Luke 12:8 Christ says, "Also I say unto you, whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God. But he that denieth Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." You, friends, and I are here in this world to bear witness and to testify for Christ. Let us do it in a way that is pleasing in the sight of God. In Math. 7:20-21 we read, "Wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven."

The Bible Institute broadens our vision on spiritual things. Sometimes we get into a rut; we are likely to become narrow-minded and self-centered. It really is a privilege to exchange thoughts and experiences with other people.

In conclusion, I will read from Cor. 2:10, "But as it is written eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him." Friends, it is well worth while to follow and love Christ, and our Bible Institute is teaching and showing us how to attain that end. I trust and hope that as many of us as can possibly come out to the Bible Institute in Colton this summer will come. I am sure we will all profit by doing so.

Resolution

WHEREAS it has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to call hence Mrs. Ida Oberg, wife of our co-worker and fellow minister, Pastors of the Tacoma District of the Columbia Conference, by this our resolution, desire to express our sincere sympathy to him and his family in this hour of bereavement.

May the God who has proved His unspeakable mercy and love in the days past comfort and sustain you in the days that lie before you, and may the hope grow into deep conviction that you "shall meet again beyond the river where the surges cease to roll;" where there shall be no more sin, or pain, or sorrow, or tears; where this body of frailty and narrow limitations shall be exchanged for a body glorified, resplendent; where the things we groped for and saw but dimly here we shall understand and see clearly in the light of His presence, whom we shall then meet face to face.

(Signed) E. ARTHUR LARSON,
President, Tacoma District.
ERNEST G. SVENSON,
Committee.
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 14, 1931.

They Crucified the Lord

(Inserted on request of one, who withholds her name. The verses have been sung by the choir of her church.)

They crucified the Lord on Calvary,
And put a crown of thorne upon His head,
Holy Father, Lord, he cried,
While the blood flowed from His side,
Forgive them for they know not what they do;

It is finished now, He said,
And the ransom has been paid,
And He gave His precious blood for you.

For you He shed His blood on Calvary,
For you He gave His life so free from stain;

Innocence was on his brow
When He whispered, take me now
The debt is paid, the world's redeemed
from sin;

Victory the angels cried,
When He bowed His head and died
And He gave His life and all for you.

They left Him all alone on Calvary,
And Joseph came and bore Him to His tomb;

Angels rolled the stone away
On the resurrection day,
The time had come and death received its doom;

He has risen, Mary said,
Lo, He lived who once was dead,
And He's waiting now to welcome you.

Lutheran Chautauqua

The Pacific Lutheran Chautauqua, now sponsored by the Synods affiliated in the American Lutheran Conference, will be held on the Chautauqua Grounds adjoining the campus of Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland, Washington, July 4th to 10th. The general committee has already had several meetings and plans calling for a week of edification, instruction and recreation are well under way.

The Chautauqua will start on July 4th with an inspiring Independence Day program. Governor Hartley of the State of Washington has been invited to give the principal address and has responded, thanking for the invitation and giving assurance of his presence if state duties would permit. In the afternoon a program of sports will be carried out.

Sunday, July 5th, Divine Services will be conducted in the Open Air Pavilion and then on Monday morning the regular weekly program will get under way. The forenoons will be devoted to study and lectures, the afternoons to recreation and the evenings to inspirational mass meetings and fire-side hours.

Chautauqua features will be: The Boys and Girls encampment, the Sunday School Institute and the Pastors' Hour.

A splendid opportunity for self-improvement through study, lectures, recreation and fellowship.

THEO. HOKENSTAD,

Birthday Celebration

By S. E. J.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Bethany church, Warren, Oregon, Friday March 27th. The occasion was a celebration of the pastor, Eric H. Wahlstrom's birthday. Rev. Wahlstrom has served the Bethany church since his return as missionary from China, nearly five years ago. During this time the congregation has enjoyed a most blessed service, and the ties between the pastor and congregation have been drawn ever closer. The members desired, in this way, to show their heartfelt esteem for the privilege they have had in serving their Lord under the guidance of their considerate and sympathetic pastor.

A very interesting program was carried out under the leadership of one of the deacons, Mr. Oscar Swanson. Musical numbers were rendered by the choir and individuals. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson gave the festive talk using as his topic, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom," emphasizing the fact that age and wisdom grow together. Mr. C. J. Larson spoke in behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson sang a solo. Rev. Wahlstrom received an office chair and a Hamilton electric clock and Mrs. Wahlstrom a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The pastor spoke a few words expressing his appreciation for the well wishes and for the gift, after which the program closed with a song and benediction. The remainder of the evening was spent in the church parlors where a delicious luncheon was enjoyed. Before going home it was mentioned that three other members of the congregation had birthdays on the same day as the pastor, which was a unique coincidence. We congratulate them all and wish them many years of service and happiness.

Items of Interest

Rev. G. K. Andeen, our conference president, has received a unanimous call to become pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Pontiac, R. I. Said congregation is one of the largest in New England Conference the latest statistics showing a membership of 1048 communicants and church property valued at \$210,000.00.

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Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom has been sick with the "flu" for about two weeks, confined most of the time to the bed. When the Warren congregation had the "surprise" on him on his birthday, March 27, he had just begun to be "up and around."

Mr. A. E. Engebretson, a prominent business man in Astoria and a member of the executive board of the Columbia Hospital, made recently an extended tour through the East in the interest of local and state dairy business. A fine editorial was recently published in the Astorian-Budget in recognition of the excellent service he rendered in said capacity.

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Mr. Andrew Carlson, one of the pioneers in the Gooseberry community, Eastern Oregon, and a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland since about the time he and his wife moved to Portland 1913, died in Heppner, Oregon March 5 at the age of 81 years and 25 days. He had lived with his son Leonard on the old farm since 1928, when his wife died. Rev. H. P. Johnson conducted funeral services in Heppner March 7 and in Portland March 9. Mr. Carlson had donated the altar to Immanuel Church. He is survived by the following children: Carl Emil, Victor Leonard, Oscar Bernard and Mrs. Hilma Amanda Warfield, all of Lone, Oregon and Mrs. Edith Olson of Portland.

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The choir director of Grace church, Spokane, Mr. Edward Florine, has been seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia. The reports are that he has now recovered.

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Rev. William Siegel conducted all-Lutheran evangelistic meetings in Astoria, Ore. March 3-8. These meetings were exceptionally well attended and were very upbuilding and inspiring. The size of the crowds increased from day to day, so that by Sunday evening they had outgrown the largest Lutheran church in the city. They therefore accepted an invitation to hold that meeting in the First Baptist church, which was filled to overflowing. The singing was led by Rev. Christiansen of the Norwegian Luth. Church, Astoria. A ten-piece orchestra aided in the singing of the hymns.

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Augustana Choir, Portland, gave the cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Dubois, on the evening of Good Friday. The soloists were J. E. Wallin, Emil Axelson, Herbert Anderson, Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson and Mrs. David Anderson. This choir gives the same cantata in Immanuel Church, April 12 at 5:15 on the invitation of the Immanuel Young Women's Missionary society.

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The Augustana Church, Portland celebrates on May 24th the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. The congregation and its pastor began some time ago to make preparations for these festivities. It will without any question be a big day in the history of that church. The congregation will no doubt have the pleasure

of having many of its charter members present at the celebration.

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The Everett Luther League enjoyed a delightful visit to Emmaus Luther League, Seattle Thursday evening, March 5.

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The Everett League furnished the program which consisted of musical numbers, readings, and talks by Rev. Billdt. After the program the Emmaus League had arranged games and refreshments which were enjoyed by all. Both leagues were well represented and everyone enjoyed the fellowship together.

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All the Luther Leagues of Portland held a rally in Immanuel Church, Portland, Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p. m. Rev. N. M. Ylvisaker of Minneapolis, general secretary of the Luther Leagues of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America gave the address. Anthems were sung by the Immanuel Lutheran choir and by the Peace Lutheran church choir. There was also a solo number. The church was filled to its capacity. The local Luther League served refreshments after the program.

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Immanuel Choir, Portland, gave a program over the radio from station KEX Sunday evening, March 29. Prof. Chas. Swenson is the director of the choir. Miss Wave Christensen served at the piano. Prof. and Mrs. Swenson gave a reception to the choir including the pastor and family and several other friends on Thursday evening, March 26 at their beautiful home, 1550 E. 32nd street.

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Attorney David E. Lofgren spent considerable time in Salem during the first part of March in the interest of a bill introduced in the state legislature which had as its aim to make it easier for hospitals and doctors to collect their bills in cases where the patient has sought their services as result of accident, when such patient recovers indemnity from an insurance company. The bill was acted upon favorably though slightly amended.

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An All-Lutheran Mission society was organized in Seattle on the evening of March 8, when a meeting was held for that purpose in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church of that city. We have not been informed of any of the particulars of the meeting nor as to who were elected officers.

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Dr. Frank Nelson of Minneapolis, well known also out here on the coast, resigned some time ago from his position as president of Minnesota College, Minneapolis. Dr. Nelson has been president of that school for a period of twenty-four years.

He has now taken an executive position with a magazine called "The Church Today," a periodical which is to have as its purpose to portray the life and the work of the present lay church. This information is gathered from Minneapolis papers.

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A new conference monthly, The Kansas Conference Lutheran, has come to our desk. It came out in its first issue in January. It comes as a successor to Lindsborgs-Posten published for several decades in the Swedish language. We wish it abundant success.

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The Messiah Chorus of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas celebrated this past Easter week its Golden Jubilee. This chorus is well known both in this country and in Europe. It is a question whether any other singing organization here or in Europe can sing the oratorio Messiah by Handel quite as well as the Messiah Chorus in Lindsborg. A beautiful booklet was printed setting forth the leading features of the chorus in the past and as it is now. The Messiah Chorus at Bethany is worthy of congratulations from our entire synod on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

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The Ladies' Aid of Grace Church, Spokane, has adopted a new system of raising funds for the church and for its work in the interest of the congregation. It has been divided into four circles, with Mrs. H. Marsh, Mrs. C. W. Erickson, Mrs. W. J. Olson and Mrs. S. C. Sorenson as leaders. Each circle is working hard to make its record the best. "We hear many rumors of activities that show that much effort is being put forth and that renewed interest is present in the work of the Aid," says the pastor in the parish paper.

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Sunday School Teachers Training Course was given by the faculty of Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, at First Norwegian Lutheran Church, Tacoma, six consecutive Tuesdays beginning January 13. One lecture was given each evening on child psychology and one on methods of teaching. A good attendance at all the sessions is reported. The instructors were Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, Prof. P. E. Hauge, Prof. A. W. Ramstad, Prof. J. U. Xavier and Prof. J. P. Pflueger.

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Grace Church, Spokane, enjoyed the presence of its former pastor, Rev. G. K. Andeen, on Sunday, March 8. The parish paper, "A Messenger of Grace" has the following to say about that visit: "It was our privilege to have Rev. Andeen with us at both of the services. A large crowd gathered at these services and we were most happy to see and hear our former pastor. At the morning service Rev. An-

deen spoke on God's Finger, showing how God's Finger of Judgment and God's Finger of Love can be seen in His dealings with us. In the afternoon Rev. Andeen conducted a communion service at the home of Mrs. Carlgren for some of the older members of our congregation who have not been able to be with us at our regular worship. At the Vesper service Rev. Andeen spoke on 'The Attractiveness of the Cross.' We thank Rev. Andeen for his visit with us and trust that he will soon come again and bring Mrs. Andeen and the children with him."

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Portland District Luther League held its spring convention in Immanuel church, Portland, Sunday at 3:00 P. M., March 15. A good program was rendered consisting of papers by Miss Gubli Olson of Augustana and by Miss Edith Olson of Immanuel, report on the Christian Conference by Rev. Wahlstrom, an explanation of the plans for the Bible Institute by Rev. S. E. Johnson, dean, a report on the work of clearing the grounds and making preparations at Colton for the institute by Rev. Sakrison. Mr. Waldemar Hill, Colton, gave the invocation. The president of the local league, Miss Fridborg Peterson, spoke words of welcome. The musical numbers were: Anthem by Augustana Choir, piano solo, Miss Lillian Peterson, Gresham, vocal solo Miss Hildur Peterson, Warren, miramba solo Miss Kathleen Leucken, St. Helens, song by Immanuel Luther League Quartet, and vocal solo by Mr. Ole Frigaard, Colton. Refreshments were served by local league.

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How to reach Immanuel Church: It is located on Nineteenth and Irving streets, only some thirteen blocks from the union station. Take North and South Portland car going north on Gilsan street. Get off at Irving street and walk three blocks to Nineteenth. From down town take Willamette Heights car to Glisan and 19th streets and walk two blocks to Irving.

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The Collection for Columbia Lutheran—Has it been lifted in your church? If not, would you not kindly do so at once. Send it to the conference treasurer, Rev. P. H. Nordlander, 319 So. 14th avenue, Yakima, Wash.

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The Bethel Church, Seattle, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, pastor, mourns the loss of one of its more active members, Mrs. Sally Charlotte Johnson, wife of Captain Martin Johnson, the president of the Purseine Fisherman Association. Mrs. Johnson died Jan. 22. The funeral was held Jan. 25, when the pastor was assisted by Rev. C. G. Bloomquist. The Bethany and the Bethel choirs joined in singing the requiem. Mrs.

Johnson was born in Ronneby, Blekinge, Sweden Aug. 5, 1883 and came to this country 1900. She is survived by husband and three girls: Helen, Elsie and Mildred.

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Evangelistic meetings are reported having been held in all four Seattle churches of our synod at the same time, March 17-19. Twelve pastors were to take part. Those mentioned in the news item that came to our notice were pastors P. H. Nordlander, Ernest Svenson, C. J. Renhard, Elmer Johnson and E. A. Larson.

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The Bethel Brotherhood, Seattle, has installed light fixtures in the basement of the Bethel church.

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Mrs. Enoch Sandeen was honored recently through a reception held for her by the Luther League of Bethel Church, Seattle, where her husband, Rev. Enoch Sandeen is pastor. A beautiful fostera glass fruit bowl and two very fine candlesticks were presented to Mrs. Sandeen as a token of the esteem in which she is held by her people. Mrs. Sandeen is the choir director of the congregation. She is herself an outstanding soloist. The new organist, Mr. Ernest Oberg, was remembered at the occasion with a gift consisting of a very fine notation book.

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Mr. Harold Bjorklund, who has been a student in Augustana College, Rock Island, has together with his mother returned to Seattle and is again taking active part in the work of Bethel church of that city, of which he is a member.

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