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A Luther League Convention



The above picture was taken after the morning services Sunday, September 1st, in front of the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, in which sanctuary the Luther League of the Tacoma—Mt. Baker District and the Columbia Conference Luther League held convention August 31—September 2. A wonderfully impressive communion service had just been concluded, when an unusual number of young people knelt at the Lord's table. About fifty of the young people in the above group were delegates, which had assembled at this convention from different parts of the wide territory of the Columbia Conference.

Stewardship

By Rev. Samuel E. Johnson

"Moreover it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful."—1 Cor. 4: 2.

The word "steward" brings to mind the idea of service. A steward is a servant over a certain household that has been entrusted to him by a higher authority. He has a certain power to execute over that which is in his care, not as did he possess it, but only as a trustee over it. As stewards in the household of God, there has been entrusted to us His wondrous plan of salvation, His determinate will to save the lost, and the means of grace through which His plans may be executed and His will determined.

It may be asked who the stewards are, and who is to execute stewardship? The Apostle Paul says: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." Paul is speaking of himself and his coworkers. Thus he places the Apostles, Evangelists, and Teachers first, or in one word, the Ministers of the Gospel. They labor under God's direction, undertake and carry out the duties of all those offices by which the redemption and the guidance of souls are accomplished. The more completely they put themselves under Him, preferring His

will and His plans to their own, the more exalted will the stewardship be. The minister has no arbitrary or discretionary authority in the Church, neither has he any supernatural power; his authority is merely ministerial; he is a steward. Furthermore, he is not like the philosophers Aristotle and Plato, the originators of their own doctrines, nor a teacher of the doctrine of other men. He is a dispenser, "steward of the mysteries of God."

But it is not only ministers who are stewards, what is here asserted of ministers holds good also of all Christians. We are too apt to think of stewardship in the capacity of the office. In Matt. 25, we learn that the servants were entrusted with five, two and one talent. The nature of the service demanded is determined by the peculiar character of the salvation accepted. All Christians have received something. To some the Master will say, "thou hast been faithful over many things," to others, "thou hast been faithful over few things," but He demands faithfulness. God's justice demands that all must give account for their stewardship.

It is very important that we recognize the fact of our stewardship. The more we realize that something has been entrusted to us the easier will the question be answered, of what are we stewards? There is a stewardship of self, substance,

and service. We are, in fact, stewards of all that we have, life, health, reason, property, influence. Man is not a proprietor, but a trustee. What we have we are to use for our own and others good. All men are our neighbors, in other words, brothers. We have no right to withhold a brother's inheritance, be he far away or near. What a wonderful lesson on missions. What does it not tell us of our responsibility as members of the Church. Here our responsibility reaches to the extent of our ability. It is dangerous to deduct from ability.

If we were only more conscious of the fact that all we call our own, are talents entrusted to our care, surely our gifts would be more liberally forthcoming. We have talents. Time is a talent. Intellectual power is a talent. Moral capacity is a talent. Religious opportunity is a talent. Relative influence, from wealth, education, or any other cause, is a talent. Over these, we are stewards, and He who imparted them righteously demands that they be invested with such care, that they may return with interest. When God plants an acorn, He expects an oak. When He plants a small amount of grace in the heart, He expects power in the soul. When He gives love, He looks for enlargement. May the servants of God be faithful unto their stewardship, that they may render a good account in the glory of His kingdom.

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Editorial**Church Paper Week**

The dates for that week are to be Oct. 27—Nov. 2. We hope that our churches will during that period do their very best to spread our Synod papers, Augustana and Lutheran Companion. Be sure to appoint in each congregation a "live wire" to take charge of this work. A small committee may also be chosen to assist. It is extremely important that we have at least one synod paper in each home. Our people must keep posted on our work and synod problems if they are to take proper interest in its cause.

As you properly observe Church Paper Week, please do not forget The Columbia Lutheran, the official organ of The Columbia Conference.

The Every Member Canvass

We are by this time as church members all familiar with the above expression. By the old method we usually paid our dues once or twice a year. But by this modern method we practice what the apostle Paul prescribes, when he says: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings, when I come." This new method of contributing every week to the church instead of paying a fixed sum once or twice a year marks a new era in our church. No one can deny the fact that this is a more blessed era than the former as regards church finances. No one can say, that this method works more hardship on Him than did the old one.

We are asked to begin the Every Member Canvass on Sunday, October 20, designated as Brotherhood Sunday. We hope

that in every church there might be a sufficient number who will cheerfully serve as canvassers for this cause. Remember that it is the Lord's work and that He has promised to bless and reward all who willingly labor for Him in His vineyard. We also would ask our people to receive kindly these representatives of the church, as they come to receive the pledge for the cause of the Kingdom. Remember that they are God's servants, as they go out. See that you are at home, if you know approximately when they might come. Go with your pledge to some member of the committee yourself, if you think you might be away at the time of the canvass. Or send the pledge in by mail, if you for some time expect to be some distance away from your spiritual home.

Let us not prove indifferent to the cause of the church. Remember this is the King's business. We dare not prove slothful, as we are engaged therein.

Give as God has prospered you. See if you cannot do a little better for 1930 than you did for 1929. Some cannot go above the old pledge, but many can. With many of us there is certainly something that we can sacrifice in order that we might give so much more to the cause of Christ. Remember it is the question of the salvation of souls. It is the question of maintaining the work through which our children are being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The best time for the canvass is the one set for the entire synod. Let us then as one mighty national host set forth united efforts with the financial well-being of our church as the aim in view. We all want our beloved church to prosper. May we all do our best that her financial problems might be fully solved for the year 1930. And do not forget to pray, as you labor and sacrifice.

Pray for the Every Member Canvass.

God Gave—We Should Give

God gave His only begotten Son. He did this because He loved us. Through Him He comes to us with forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We have also received innumerable other gifts. Each day God feeds us and clothes us. Because of His goodness we enjoy shelter, health, strength. He is the one that preserves unto us all the faculties of our minds. Whatever we enjoy in home, in church or in society at large, it all has come from Him, who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

God loved and gave. Let it also be said of us, that we love, and that we because of this love give. "The love of God constraineth me" said the apostle Paul. Let the love of God constrain us to give to Him of the things that God

hath first given us. Jesus gave His life for us. We should be willing to surrender our lives to Him. We should also be willing to dedicate a fair portion of our time and our means to Him. God demands that we do this. He shall finally require that we render account for our stewardship. It is true, that we are saved by grace alone, and that we are justified by faith without the works of the law. But "Faith without works is dead." On the final day of reckoning the righteous judge shall according to His own words say to those on the left side: "Depart from me." They shall be cast away from His presence, because they failed to serve Him, when He was hungry, naked, in prison, etc.

Give to Christ by giving to the church. This institution of grace was founded by Christ, and the Bible says: "Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for it." If Jesus to become our Saviour was willing to give Himself up for the church in bitter suffering and death upon the cross, should we not then as His beloved followers be willing to give to the church a fair portion of our time and our goods?

On Sunday, October 20, we are to begin in our congregations what is known as the Every-Member-Canvass. Again servants of the church will visit us in the interest of God's own institution of grace. We will be asked to give our pledge and sign our cards for the year 1930, when we promise for that year our support for the cause of the Kingdom of God. Let us then remember that God gave and that His will is that we should give. Let us, as we receive the pledge card, pray: "Thy will, not mine, be done." Let us ask God to help us to love Him more, so that we may be able to promise a liberal contribution, yea, that we may promise this with a cheerful heart, because we too are able to say: "The love of Christ constraineth me."

Contributed**President's Report, Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League**

By Bertil Johnson, President

Dear Luther Leaguers:

The wheels of time have turned another year and we are again assembled for our annual convention. This year we meet together with the Conference Luther League, the third annual meeting of the Conference League, but the twenty-third annual convention of this district.

Our last convention at Everett was a decided success not only in numbers but also in spiritual instruction and inspiration.

The majority of our local leagues are in a very healthy condition, but there are a few that are almost falling by the wayside. For this we pray that the coming year will hold for them renewed vigor and growth. Interest in these leagues has apparently lagged and there is the necessity of new inspiration and encouragement. I suggest that the leagues who are neighbors to these assist in fostering new hope and encouragement.

The programs in the leagues vary somewhat, some leagues stressing the spiritual while others lay stress on both spiritual and social. It is gratifying to note that not one of our local leagues have stressed only the social, but all have given much time and effort to the spiritual, religious and moral education.

Your president, in the year that has just passed, personally visited eleven local Luther Leagues, traveling in all a total of fourteen hundred miles. He was very kindly received at each league and was well pleased with the spirit and enthusiasm exhibited by them.

The Bible Institute held at Strafford Park on Lake Sammamish, July 20 to 28 inclusive, was the most successful of any ever held by this district. The registration was as follows: entire week 69; six days 4; five days 2; four days 17; three days 3 and two days 4, an average weekly attendance of eighty-six. This is twice as many as we had last year. The Institute, contrary to former years, was held on the mainland, easily accessible by auto, located in the center of our district, and at a place well suited for an Institute. The success of the Institute can be attributed to several reasons: (1) Publicity; (2) Location; (3) Cost and (4) Instruction.

1. The publicity was handled by Arthur Hillman and his committee and he deserves a great deal of credit for the hard work that was done. The first bit of publicity was sent to the Pastors of the various churches on February 15, 1929, and from that day until the Institute opened the leagues were reminded of the Institute, either by letter, circular or speaker. New features of publicity were the Poster and Slogan contests, the prize for the best being a scholarship consisting of one week's instruction and board at the Bible Institute. Esther Hogdahl of Tacoma was the winner of the Slogan Contest, having submitted the Slogan "Find Yourself, Know Yourself, Be Yourself at Sammamish." The Poster Contest was won by Paul Elmer, also of Tacoma. This poster will be exhibited during the convention. To Miss Anna Olander the District owes its thanks for the fine sketch of Strafford's Park which she prepared, and was used and exhibited by your president during his visits to the various Luther Leagues.

It is hoped that the Poster and Slogan Contests will be continued in the years to come.

2. The grounds, Lake Sammamish was centrally located, easily reached and the accommodations for housing and feeding were very good, only, however, after an extra expenditure for fixing up the kitchen and the providing of chairs and cots was made. The amount paid for rent and incidental expenses necessary to prepare the place for the institute was Two Hundred Eighty-two (\$282.00) dollars. That seems like a large sum for that one item, but it was necessary in order to secure such an ideal location. For several years this district has discussed the question of the purchase of property adjoining the sound or one of our many lakes, such property to be used for a Bible Institute or church gathering of any kind, but due to the question of division which has been coming up each year no action has been taken. It is my hope that this year the division question will be settled so that we can again look forward to the purchase of a permanent Bible Institute site. We need a permanent location, one we can call our own, where an Institute will be definitely located so that we do not move from one place to another each year. It is necessary that something be done soon because such property is scarce and the price of what is now available is going up fast. The Lutheran Brotherhood is interested in this project, and it has been suggested that a committee from that body meet with a committee from this organization to investigate sites with the view of purchasing. I recommend that the appointment of such a committee be authorized.

Rev. P. H. Nordlander was the Dean of the Institute and to him we are greatly indebted for a fine instructive and inspirational program of study and devotion. We had as teachers Dr. C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dr. Wm. Schoeler of Independence, Oregon. It was not only a great privilege to listen to their teachings, but it was also a joy and a blessing to receive the inspiration which they aroused. A number of our local pastors assisted these men with devotional exercises or lectures and to them we say a hearty thank you for their efforts and interest.

It was not encouraging to note that very few of our local pastors were in attendance throughout the entire time. Only one, Rev. Nordlander and the two theological students, Adolph Nelson and Harry Lundblad were present all week; Dr. C. R. Swanson, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist and Rev. C. J. Renhard were present most of the week; one pastor was present two days, some only one day when they presented their assignment, and some not at all. The young peoples work is

one of the most important in our church. They need your companionship, your encouragement and your inspiration. Most of the young people spent their vacations at the Bible Institute, and it is not demanding too much if they ask you to be present. Pastors, won't you all attend next year and lend your whole-hearted support to this important work?

The financial report of the Institute will be given by the treasurer, but I wish to give in this report, the total receipts and disbursements:

Receipts	\$964.36
Disbursements	905.72
Balance	58.64

We are pleased to announce that this year in spite of the low rate of \$10.00 for the period, we were able to at least come out even.

The sum of \$125.00 was allotted to the Bible Institute in our budget. None of that amount was used, but it is recommended that as soon as money is in the hands of the treasurer available for that purpose that it be expended for song books, black board and kitchen utensils. It is also recommended that the same sum be provided in the 1930 budget.

I want to take this opportunity to thank every one who worked for the success of the Bible Institute. Your cooperation was wonderful and your spirit fine.

At our last yearly meeting the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that the question of division be re-submitted to the local leagues, the vote to be taken by secret ballot to be sent to each member by the local secretaries and the results to be reported to the District executive committee by the local presidents, the results to be tabulated by the number of members voting."

The various leagues by letters and circulars have been notified and reminded of this resolution and requested on several occasions to take such a ballot. The result so far as we have been notified is as follows:

	No Division	Division
Tacoma, 1st Luth.....	60	0
Bethel—no report.		
Seattle, Bethany	29	0
" Emmaus	33	1
" Gethsemane	3	40
Bothel—no report.		
Auburn	13	3
Pt. Blakeley	13	1
Olympia—no report.		
Rochester voted to abide by the decision of the majority.		
Aberdeen	2	15
Hogquiam	6	20
Yakima	0	25
Vancouver—no report.		
Bellingham	30	3
Clearbrook	4	15

Mt. Vernon, Salem.....	42	3
Everett	18	11
Sedro Woolley	2	20
New Westminster — no report.		

Total—255 votes and 8 leagues for no division; 157 votes and 6 leagues for division.

Let us abide by the vote and forget our difference and work for a common cause.

Two pastors, Rev. M. L. Swanson and Rev. Herbert left this district to take up work in other parts of our synod. We wish them the best of success in their new fields.

We welcome to this District three new pastors, Rev. Enoch Sandeen who will assume charge of Bethel Church, Seattle, Rev. A. V. Lund at Mt. Vernon and Rev. John Bildt at Everett. We are glad to have them with us and wish with them for successful years to come.

To the other officers of this District and the executive committee I want to express my sincere thanks for your hard work and your fine spirit of cooperation and encouragement. It has meant much to me to be supported by such young men and women as you are and for the inspiration and encouragement that you have given me.

I feel that we have had a successful year, brought about only by your most earnest, enthusiastic and honest endeavors to extend the word of God.

To Tacoma, we extend our thanks and appreciation for your kind hospitality during this our twenty-third annual convention.

President's Report

To the Esteemed Columbia Conference Luther League:

Grace and peace!

"Let us press on unto perfection."—Hebr. 6: 1.

As a key word in our present situation I find none more suitable than the above quotation from the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. It is now four years since we as Luther Leaguers within the Conference put our hands to the plow to effect a Conference Luther League organization. In the meantime we have been looking back hesitatingly wondering if we did not attempt the impossible. The organization has remained an impotent infant these many years looking about helplessly to see if something would happen either to extinguish its life or give it sufficient strength and the necessary momentum to press on unto full growth.

Today is the day of decision. We have reached the crucial moment. This convention will undoubtedly decide the course to be followed with respect to the question of 'be or not to be' as a Conference Luther League. If we are to follow the ad-

monition of the Holy Spirit through the above quoted author, "not to be sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises," we shall without doubt press on unto perfection. But, if on the other hand, we desire to follow the lines of least resistance and snugly stay by our own little entrenchments as though that would spell self-preservation then let us "sleep the sleep that knows no waking, and dream of battlefields no more."

I am glad to know, however, that I am speaking to wide-awake, courageous and enthusiastic Christian young folks who are ready for any formation that will help to advance our entire front and bring due prestige to our beloved Church within the Columbia Conference.

As to the activities of the Conference Luther League during the past two years or since our last Convention there is but little to report. The then elected chairman, Rev. C. G. Ahnquist, was supposed to call a certain Conference committee together to plan ways and means for holding profitable Conference conventions, but this was never done due to the fact that the chairman left the Conference about the time for the meeting of said committee. The secretary, Mrs. Ben Erholm, did also move from the Conference, leaving but two officers at distant points to look after the interests of the Conference league and be mindful of its existence. For this reason as well as on account of geographical and financial obstacles no convention was held last year. But in the meantime plans have been made in conjunction with and by the consent of the District Leagues and their officers to give the Conference the right of way to hold a convention at this time of the year, when delegates and visitors are privileged to travel from distant points of the Conference at greatly reduced rates. In our endeavor to arrange for a convention at this time we were favored with an invitation from the Luther League of the First Church of Tacoma for which we are sincerely grateful. It is our earnest hope that present arrangements may prove that, in spite of geographical and consequent financial difficulties, Conference conventions are both feasible and profitable and thus assure the continuance of the Conference Luther League.

The district leagues have been functioning properly and with fair success both with respect to their annual conventions and their summer encampments or Bible assemblies. They have also rendered the Conference considerable assistance for various benevolent purposes. There is only one anomalous situation in the present functioning of the districts, which, if not remedied, will make the Conference League impractical and unsuccessful. It is with

reference to the present Tacoma—Mt. Baker Luther League, which in its organization comprises two general districts and two thirds of the entire Conference Luther League. We hope, however, that this will be changed so as to harmonize with the legally constituted district boundaries, and thus also make possible a normal and practical relationship within the Conference.

Looking with confidence to our young people for a practical solution of any and all problems before us, we invoke upon this convention and our Luther League work in general God's richest blessings and benediction.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

G. K. ANDEEN.

The Every Member Canvass

By Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

The church of Christ makes new experiences as time goes on, and in so far as these experiences are Scriptural they are of the Holy Spirit and can be relied on and trusted with safety.

The "Duplex System," the "Weekly Contribution System," and the "Every Member Canvass" stand for a Scriptural and approved method of raising the needed money for the local congregation. The greater part of the Protestant church uses it. Our own Synod recommends it and suggests the month of October for the canvass.

The "Duplex System" means that I as a member of the church give of my money a definite amount for the work of the local church and another definite amount for the general work of the church. When all members give a sufficient amount the local congregation will have money on hand to pay all bills without drives or special gatherings. What is given for the one purpose should not be diverted to another cause. It is unfair to the giver to engage in such practices.

The "Weekly System" of giving means that I divide what I intend to give for the ensuing year into 52 equal parts, and that I pay one part every week. The treasurer will always have sufficient money on hand for the local and the general work. It places the business part of the church on a business basis. Every church member should make it a point of honor to pay up as agreed.

Each member should consider seriously and prayerfully before Christ how much it is fair and reasonable for him to give. What the other members will give has nothing to do with my giving. I should know what the congregation, the Conference and the Synod need. I should ask Christ to indicate what He expects of me. Then I should gladly give that amount. The amounts thus given will vary according to the income and the circumstances of each member.

The "Every Member Canvass" when rightly conducted is a blessing to the congregation. To make it such the following points should be considered:

1. As our work is the work of Christ, we can count on Him to send his Holy Spirit to help us. Prayer changes things.
2. The facts of Christian stewardship should be properly presented to all the members of the congregation.
3. A budget including all items should be prepared and presented to the members of the church. A reasonable amount over and above the budget should be included for unforeseen emergencies. The congregation should be given full information as to the need of the various items.
4. A definite day or days should be set aside for the canvass and all the members appraised of the same and requested to remain at home till canvassers have called.
5. A group of workers, men and women, should be selected and informed about all matters that might come up for discussion during the canvass. These workers, going out two by two, should present the needs of the church of Christ, the call of Christ to service, and then appeal for the largest support consistent with the circumstances of the interviewed person. It is very essential to see every member and secure, if possible, a written pledge from every one.

Properly carried out the Every Member Canvass will be a spiritual movement rather than an unpleasant begging campaign. It will enlist every member in a voluntary service in the congregation. It will disseminate information. It will place the congregation on a commendable financial basis. It will give each one an opportunity to give according to ability by a method that works no hardship on any one.

May every congregation in our Conference strive for a perfectly carried out Every Member Canvass this fall!

Home for the Aged

By Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Henry and Mr. and Mrs. John Henry of Pasadena, Cal., visited the Home, 305 No. 48th St., on August 3rd. Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Willmar, Minn., paid the Home a visit on August 23rd. Rev. Fred W. Wyman, representative of the Board of Foreign Missions gave an illustrated lecture on our foreign missions fields, which was greatly appreciated by the members of the Home. The Ladies' Aid of the First Norwegian Lutheran Church, Rev. M. L. Nesvig, pastor, visited the Home on Sept. 17th.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: 7 boxes of apples from Mr. Olson, Enumclaw, Wash., 2 crates of plums

from Mr. Gibson, member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church; and one box of books from the estate of Mrs. Anna Johnson.

The Home welcomes a visit from you when you are in Seattle.

How about the ingathering of money for the Home in our churches? The many who ask for a place in it say most pleadingly: Make the donation as large as possible that we can be provided with room and care as soon as possible.

We Thank You

Mrs. Wendell wishes to join me in a cordial thank you to our many friends in Oregon who in any way were connected with the recent Bible Institute and who remembered her with a telegraphic greeting on the occasion of our wedding anniversary, which occurred while the Bible Institute was in session. Also for the beautiful picture of Mt. Hood as well as other evidences of friendship.

Yours in the Master's service,
C. A. WENDELL.

Up-a-Step with Your Contribution

This will be the slogan for the Every Member Canvass beginning Brotherhood Sunday, October 20, 1929.

Instructions to Canvassers:

First—Be sure to familiarize yourselves with the names, addresses, and character of the families upon whom you are to call. Whether they are regular or irregular church goers, whether the children attend Sunday school, whether any members of the families belong to any of the church societies—all these things will be helpful to you when you finally make your call.

Second—Be sure that you have the right attitude toward your own particular job as a canvasser—you are not begging for money—you give the people an opportunity to support the Kingdom of God. Be ready to give all information both as to your local church and its work, as well as the conference and synod.

Third—Before you go out to canvass others, make your own subscription. You cannot ask others to do what you have not done.

Fourth—Be sure to make it clear that the pledges secured are to assure the support of the work of an entire year:

- a. Your local church.
- b. Your conference institutions.
- c. Your synodical institutions.
- d. Your home and foreign missions.
- e. Your synod's pension fund.
- f. Synodical fare fund.
- g. National Lutheran Council.

Plan your canvass very carefully, praying for yourself and for those whom you will have to see.

—From Lutheran Companion.

The Lutheran Home for Girls

Dedication of the "Lutheran Home for Girls" in Vancouver, B. C., Thursday, September 19, 1929 will long be remembered by members of our Columbia Conference W. M. S. and other friends of this institution, who had the opportunity to be present at the dedicatory exercises held on that date. The occasion was the realization of many prayer, many hopes, many wishes of those who saw the need for such a home but saw no ways and means by which it could be accomplished.

At our conference convention in Vancouver in April 1928, our Woman's Missionary Society decided to start a home for girls but the biggest problem was the lack of funds. Through the willing co-operation of the synodical society in granting us sixty dollars a month for rent money and the generosity and courage of the local church in renting us the church parsonage including heat and light, for sixty dollars a month and assuming the responsibility of the matron's salary, we were enabled to open the home January 1, 1929. And today we have, as the result of the really wonderful action of the convention in Rockford last June, this splendid home virtually as a gift from the Synodical Woman's Missionary society through its decision to put it on, together with a Girls' Home in New York as the next building special.

To Rev. and Mrs. Karlstrom, to Mrs. Frank Olson our Home Missionary, to Mrs. Evald and the Woman's Mission Board in Chicago, to the building committee, Mrs. Cornay, Mrs. Hawkins, and Mrs. Sparks, appointed by the board in Chicago to handle the business, to Miss Hannah Ostrom, the matron, and to the local church, to each and every one who has given their interest, their time, and their means, who have worked so untiringly to bring this about, we owe a hearty thanks. But above all do we thank God who has blessed our efforts beyond our fondest hopes, has given us more than we dare ask for.

This feeling of thankfulness and joy was apparent among the visitors at the Home on Thursday as they went about viewing the attractively furnished rooms that looked so cozy and really homelike. Our dear Mrs. Evald through whose efforts this home was procured and who had made the long journey from Chicago to be present at the dedication presided as hostess and took great pleasure in showing the visitors around.

The dedication program in the afternoon was carried out in the Swedish language and was as follows:

Sång. "Jesus, låt mig städse börja"; Bibelläsning och bön, Pastor Luther Cornay; sång med harpa, Fru Alva Karl-

strom; Hemmets uppgift, Doktorinnan Emmy Evald; Hemmets början, Fru Victoria Renhard; Tal och invigning av Hemmet, Pastor G. K. Andeen; Tal, Pastor Carl J. Renhard; Sång, Strängbandet; Hemmets behov och krav, Fru Luther Cornay; Offertorium, harpa, Hildur Karlstrom; Frivilligt offer för hemmet; Hemmets värde för församlingen, Pastor O. R. Karlstrom; Hälsning från den Danska Lutherska kyrkan, pastor E. M. Favrholt; Sång, O Jesus, bliv när oss; Välsignelsen, Pastor O. W. Westling.

After the program refreshments were served by the local W. M. S.

It had been announced through letter to our local societies that a shower would be given at this time for the benefit of the Home and the response had been general, judging by the many gifts of household linen, china, silver and other articles needed in the Home as well as money contributions.

This looked very promising for a beginning, but let us continue to remember the Home in our prayers and with our gifts, they will be needed if the Home shall succeed in serving our girls in Vancouver as a truly Christian home thereby protecting them from temptation and sin and pointing the way to the heavenly home.

May the Lord richly bless our Lutheran Home for Girls in Vancouver.

MRS. CARL J. RENHARD.

Items of Interest

Rev. C. A. V. Lund was installed as pastor of our church at Mount Vernon on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 24. The conference president, Rev. G. K. Andeen, preached the installation sermon and officiated, assisted in the act of the installation by the pastors of the district.

Rev. Samuel E. Johnson was on the evening of Thursday Sept. 26 installed as pastor of the Augustana Church, Portland. Rev. G. K. Andeen, Conference president, officiated, assisted by the pastors of the district. The installation sermon was delivered by Rev. Andeen. A sermon was also preached by Rev. J. A. Edlund.

Miss Amy Thoren, U. L. C. missionary in Japan, is home on furlough. She is spending a portion of her time on the coast and has recently paid most welcome visits to friends in Portland. She also paid a visit at the home of Rev. Nystrom in Brush Prairie, Wash. Miss Thoren's father and Rev. Nystrom were ordination mates.

Mr. Carl Muhr, a student of our seminary in Rock Island, left Sept. 16 to resume his studies at above named institution. Mr. Muhr has during the summer served as assistant to Rev. Andeen in Astoria. His home is in Warren, Ore.

He now enters upon his second year in the seminary.

Mr. Sherman Nelson of Portland made during the first part of Sept. a trip east. Among other places visited were Sioux City, Madrid and Des Moines, Iowa, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Minneapolis. Mr. Nelson is a member of the conference board of trustees, of the board of Emanuel Hospital and of the executive committee of the Columbia Hospital. He is a deacon in Augustana Church, Portland.

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist is teaching one hour a week at the Pacific Theological Seminary, an institution of the Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran Church, located in Seattle.

Mr. Carl Moberg has gone through another operation at the Columbia Hospital, Astoria. Recuperation has been favorable in its progress. Mr. Moberg is a member of the executive committee of the hospital.

Miss Esther Hult had the misfortune of suffering total loss of her residence in Colton, when on Labor Day it was completely destroyed by fire. The whole village was for a while threatened with destruction, as neighboring houses, including the church, caught fire several times from the terrible conflagration.

Mr. A. Askenberg, well known in our conference, has tendered his resignation as organist and choir director in Immanuel Church, Portland. He is now pursuing travelling salesmanship in the state of Washington. Mrs. Askenberg accompanies him on his trips. Mr. Askenberg had faithfully served as organist and choir director in Immanuel for about ten years.

Mrs. William Skans, well known in Portland as a soprano singer, submitted on Sept. 21 to a surgical operation at Emanuel Hospital, Portland. Her husband is a son of the late Rev. Skans, who for so many years was pastor of Immanuel Church, Portland. The condition of Mrs. Skans is at this writing very favorable.

Rev. J. A. Levin celebrated on Sept. 30 his eighty-seventh birthday. The event was marked by a visit by Rev. H. P. Johnson and members of the Immanuel Lutheran Brotherhood. This organization also sent Rev. Levin a fine bouquet of flowers. The aged pastor is still up and around in spite of the disease with which he for so many years has suffered.

Marcus Swanson, next to the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Swanson, passed away suddenly Sunday morning, Sept. 15, at the Bethphage Institution, Axtell, Nebr. This very bright and fine boy fell very young victim to a serious disease, which continued to afflict him until he was released from his bondage at the above institution, where he was taken some over a year ago, and where he received the best of care. The burial service was con-

ducted from the Gethsemane Lutheran Church on Saturday, Sept. 21, in which the local pastors and others present took part. The whole Columbia Conference sympathizes with Dr. C. R. Swanson and his family in the deep sorrow that has again come upon them.

Bethany, Seattle, C. G. Bloomquist, pastor. Pursuant to a decision at the annual meeting the church has been given a two-coat paint covering under the supervision of the board of administration. It makes a splendid appearance in its white garb.

A breakfast consultation was held in the Hotel Fry, Seattle, on Sept. 17th, when the need and the possibility of a Bible school in these parts were given serious and prayerful consideration. As it was only a consultation no action was taken and no special publicity arranged for by the men present. It was, however, agreed to make this a matter of prayer, stressing that Christ might in mercy bring about such an institution in case He can use it.

Rev. Roger P. Oliver paid a visit to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, attending there the morning service Sunday, Sept. 8. Mrs. Oliver accompanied him. They had been vacationing in California and were on their way back to their home and field of labor in Moscow, Idaho.

Mr. Karl Mattson, who has been as theological student in charge of Grace Luth. Church, Spokane, during the past summer, has now returned to our seminary in Rock Island. Mr. Mattson is a son of Rev. J. A. Mattson, Bock, Minn., and a brother of Rev. A. D. Mattson, East Orange, Mass.

Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult, the well known choir director at Augustana Church, Portland, left Sept. 17 for New York, where she will take a course in voice study. Her teachers will be Yeatman, Griffith and LaForge, rated among the highest musical authorities in the land. Mrs. Hult will be gone three months and will re-open her studio in Portland January 1st.

Bible courses have been given in Tacoma, Bremerton, Seattle and Everett under the auspices of the Pan-Lutheran Pastoral Association. Dr. C. J. Sodergren and Rev. Odd Gornitzka of the St. Paul Luth. Bible Institute served as speakers. The schedule was as follows: Dr. Sodergren, at Tacoma, Sept. 8, 9, 10; at Bremerton, Sept. 11, 12, 13, 15; at Seattle Sept. 15 (evening), 16, 17, 18, 19; at Everett, Sept. 19 (evening), 20, 22. Rev. Gornitzka, at Bremerton, Sept. 8, 9, 10; at Tacoma, Sept. 11, 12, 13, 15; at Everett Sept. 15 (evening), 16, 17, 18; at Seattle, Sept. 19, 20 and 22. Dr. Sodergren lectured on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Rev. Gornitzka gave his addresses on the First Epistle of John. The meeting places were the Lutheran Church, Bremerton, Our Saviour's Luth. Church, Tacoma,

Gethsemane Luth. Church, Seattle and Our Saviour's Luth. Church, Everett.

A Fellowship meeting was called to be held in Zion German Luth. church, Oregon City, Sept. 24. Invitation had gone out from the pastor, Rev. W. R. Kraxberger to all the pastors of the different bodies. Said Zion church belongs to the Ohio Synod. Our pastors were not able to attend because of the mission meeting held at that time at Warren.

Dr. Nathan Soderblom, archbishop of Sweden, has for some time been confined to his bed because of sickness. Dr. Soderblom has for many years been an international figure especially because of his profound learning and his outstanding efforts in the interest of world peace.

The Emanuel Hospital, Portland, has a new film house recently constructed according to the latest specification and requirements. It was erected under the supervision of Mr. J. A. Nordeen.

Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom gave an address at a vesper program in Immanuel Lutheran church, Portland, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22. The event was sponsored by the local Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Emmy Evald of Chicago has visited several congregations on the coast. She was present at the dedication of the Young Women's Home in Vancouver, B. C. On Friday evening, Sept. 27, she spoke in Immanuel church, Portland, at a birthday festival sponsored by the local Woman's Missionary society. Rev. G. K. Andeen also gave an address. A capacity audience was present at this festival.

A banquet was held on Wednesday, September 18 at Bethany Luth. Church, Seattle, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, pastor. In this all the Lutheran Brotherhoods of Seattle had been asked to participate. Rev. C. A. V. Lund of Mt. Vernon gave a very interesting address on "The Other Side of Man." Dr. J. W. Unis, the president of the Conference Brotherhood, also spoke and made a strong plea in the interest of the organization of which he is the leader. Each of the brotherhoods represented at the banquet furnished at least one musical number. Rev. C. G. Bloomquist presided.

A merger of two congregations was formally effected Aug. 27 when the Memorial Lutheran Church and the First Lutheran Church, both of Astoria, Ore. were joined into one. The former belonged to the United Lutheran Church of America and the latter to the Augustana Synod. The new organization will be known as the Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. G. K. Andeen is the pastor of the new organization.

Mission Meeting was held in Mayger—St. Helens—Warren, Ore. Sept. 24—25. Rev. E. J. Sakrison preached at Mayger in the morning and Rev. J. A. Edlund in

the afternoon of the first day. Rev. A. G. Anderson and Rev. Edlund preached in St. Helens in the evening the same day. Rev. Sakrison gave the same evening the communion address at Warren. This service was also enriched by a song by the choir and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Johnson. In the morning the following day Rev. H. P. Johnson spoke in Warren on Luther's Small Catechism with 2 Tim. 3: 14-17 as text. In the afternoon the catechism was again considered. Rev. B. S. Nystrom spoke on this little book as a tie that holds us as Lutheran Christians together. Rev. J. A. Edlund spoke of it as a confessional book and Rev. A. G. Anderson spoke of the catechism as a book for instruction. In the evening a rally was held by the District Woman's Missionary society. The president of this organization, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, led the program. An inspiring missionary address was given by Rev. S. E. Johnson. Mrs. Ernst J. Sakrison sang a solo. A song number was also contributed by a quartet consisting of Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Sakrison, Mrs. E. H. Wahlstrom and Mrs. Fred Jensen.

Mission meetings. The Portland district holds mission meetings as follows: Marshfield—North Bend Oct. 29—30 and Elgarose—Roseburg Oct. 31. Astoria Nov. 19—20.

Receptions

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Bethany, Seattle, who, with his wife and family, had recently returned from their vacation was honored at a congregational reception on the evening of September 5. The church council had arranged the affair and served refreshments banquet style to the many members and friends who were present to show their appreciation of their pastor's good work during the year he has been with them.

Vocal duets were rendered by Mrs. John Safstrom and Mr. Haakon Skrefstad, and by Miss Dorothy Johnson and Miss Laverne Nelson, and a violin solo by Mr. Skrefstad, all accompanied by Mr. Thorild Swanson. Mr. Arthur Johnson served as toastmaster. The address of the evening was given by Mr. Adolph Nelson, a son of Bethany, who expressed the congregation's gratitude and esteem, and who also brought a greeting from Emmaus, Bethany's sister church. Rev. Bloomquist responded gratefully to the good-will which was manifested, when he thanked most heartily the congregation for the gift of money which he received.

During the year that Rev. Bloomquist has served Bethany, a campaign to cancel the church debt of \$12,000 by subscriptions was successfully carried out, the twentieth anniversary of the church was

celebrated with a week of festivities, and a membership campaign was conducted.

Rev. John Bildt was tendered a very fine reception by the Zion Luth. Church, Everett, Wash., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 11. Almost a capacity audience had gathered to formally welcome the new shepherd. A very fine program was rendered in the church auditorium. Several musical numbers, vocal, piano and violin, interspersed the talks and words of welcome spoken by Mr. Gust Anderson, Mr. Harry Anderson, Rev. Luther Cornay, Rev. C. A. V. Lund, Dr. Jos. Anderson and Student Harry Lundblad. A purse was presented to Rev. Bildt as a token of the congregation's well-wishes for him and his family to which he fittingly responded. A very fine social hour, when refreshments were served, followed the program. Those gathered made at this time the best use of the opportunity to get better acquainted with their new pastor and his family.

Rev. H. P. Johnson and family were tendered a very fine reception by their congregation on September 11. On that date it was exactly two years since the pastor preached his initial sermon in Immanuel. The program was led by Mr. Adolph Benson, a deacon of the church. Bible reading and prayer was offered by Rev. Eric Wahlstrom, who with Mrs. Wahlstrom had come to Portland for the occasion. Present at the reception were also Rev. and Mrs. Ernst J. Sakrison from Colton, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Green, and Rev. and Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson. Kind words were spoken by each one of the pastors present. Mr. Adolph Benson spoke in behalf of the congregation and left to Rev. Johnson a fine gift of money in remembrance of the event. One of the girls of the congregation, little Miss Nancy Sundbom, presented Mrs. Johnson with a very beautiful basket of flowers. Rev. Johnson spoke words of hearty appreciation to the assembled. The program was interspersed with musical numbers consisting of two songs by the Immanuel girls' chorus, a vocal solo by Mrs. Hilda Lindborg, violin solo by Mr. John Oyen, organ music by Prof. A. Askenberg. Rev. S. E. Johnson closed the program with prayer. Refreshments were served in the church parlors. The reception was sponsored by the Board of Administration. A wonderfully fine spirit was manifested.

Bethel Congregation at Ballard, Seattle, gave a very fine reception to Rev. and Mrs. E. Sandeen on Wednesday evening, Sept. 11th. The congregation made known its joy over the arrival of its new pastor and his family by attending the reception in large numbers, by a substantial gift of money, and in many other ways.

Theological Student Adolph Nelson, who has served the congregation during the summer, led the meeting. He also sang

beautifully an appropriate solo. Rev. P. J. Pflueger spoke on behalf of the Lutheran Pastors' Association, Rev. O. L. Haavik as closest neighboring Lutheran pastor, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist as vice pastor of the congregation, and Dr. C. R. Swanson, on behalf of our district. Mrs. Ralph Ostrom sang a solo and Dr. Ostrom presented the gift of the congregation to the new pastor. Mrs. Sandeen was remembered by the ladies with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Rev. Sandeen responded in a very appropriate and happy vein, thanking all present for the encouragement and well wishes of the evening.

Bethel and its new leaders are already deep in work to renovate the church and to line up the work in a general way for real advancement.

Rev. A. G. Anderson was tendered a reception by the Powell Valley congregation, Gresham, Oregon on Sunday afternoon, September 22. Dr. Julius Sture led the program. Dr. Wm. Schoeler read from the Scriptures and offered prayer. Mr. Sven Staffanson spoke in behalf of the congregation words of welcome to the pastor and his family. Rev. S. E. Johnson spoke words of greeting and well wishes, as did also Rev. A. M. Green and Dr. Wm. Schoeler. Dr. Julius Sture, who at the beginning of the program had explained in fitting remarks the purpose of the event, spoke now briefly in behalf of the church board and the congregation, when also a gift in money was handed to Rev. Anderson. The latter spoke in conclusion words of deep appreciation, also expressing the hope that co-operation between him and the congregation might characterize his ministry among our people in Powell Valley. Rev. Green closed the program with the benediction. Dainty refreshments were served. Many were present. May God bless the dear brother and his work in Saron congregation, Powell Valley.

Our Budget, 1930

Total Requirements for Conference Purposes:	
Columbia Conference Home Mission	\$18,225.00
Home Mission Deficit, 1928	1,000.00
Salaries, Officers' Conference	850.00
Columbia Hospital	4,000.00
Conference Fare, Clergy and Laity	600.00
Fare, Board of Trustees	400.00
Conference Minutes	450.00
Sundries and Printing	500.00
Traveling Expense, Home Missionaries	100.00
Total	\$26,125.00
For Synodical Purposes	9,500.00
Grand Total	\$35,625.00
To Balance This Budget the Following Sources of Income Are Proposed:	
From Augustana Synod for Conference Home Missions	\$10,000.00
Women's Missionary Society of Columbia Conference	1,500.00
District Luther League	400.00
Congregations on Conference and Synod Dues	20,025.00
Conference Home Mission Fields	2,000.00
Unpaid Conference Dues	1,000.00
Total	\$34,925.00

Requirements as per District and Congregation:	
Elim, Brush Prairie	\$ 200.00
Trinity, Marshfield	400.00
First, North Bend	300.00
Bethany, Warren	500.00
Carlsborg, Colton	1,100.00
District Missionary	1,500.00
First, Astoria	1,500.00
Total	\$ 5,500.00
TACOMA DISTRICT—	
First, Lutheran, Rochester	\$ 500.00
Emmaus, Seattle	400.00
Bethesda, Olympia	1,500.00
Bethany, Port Blakely	300.00
Hoquiam and Aberdeen	300.00
Ansgarii, South Bend	100.00
Central, Yakima	1,100.00
District Missionary	1,700.00
Total	\$ 5,900.00
SPOKANE DISTRICT—	
Westdala, Troy	\$ 350.00
District Missionary	
Total	\$ 350.00
MT. BAKER DISTRICT—	
First, Bellingham	\$ 600.00
Ebenezer, Hartford	125.00
Bethlehem, Sedro Woolley	300.00
First, Vancouver, B. C.	800.00
Immanuel, New Westminster	2,100.00
District Missionary	2,500.00
Edgecomb	50.00
Total	\$6,475.00
Total Requirements for Conference Home Mission	
	\$ 5,500.00
	5,900.00
	350.00
	6,475.00
	\$18,225.00

Distribution on Churches:	
PORTLAND DISTRICT—	
Immanuel, Portland	\$ 1,300.00
First, Astoria	450.00
Elim, Brush Prairie	150.00
Trinity, Marshfield	240.00
Valby, Ione	80.00
Bethlehem, Mist	65.00
Saron, Powell Valley	335.00
Augustana, Portland	1,350.00
Bethany, Warren	475.00
Columbia, Mayger	35.00
Bethany, Skamokawa	35.00
Carlsborg, Colton	350.00
First, North Bend	100.00
Eden, Elgarose	100.00
First, St. Helens	125.00
Total	\$ 5,190.00

TACOMA DISTRICT—	
First, Tacoma	\$ 2,000.00
Gethsemane, Seattle	2,250.00
St. John's Bothell	100.00
Sunne, Vega	75.00
Swedish-Finnish, Rochester	175.00
Bethesda, Olympia	200.00
Immanuel, Tacoma	75.00
Bethel, Seattle	340.00
Ansgarii, South Bend	45.00
Saron, Hoquiam	260.00
Seloam, Aberdeen	260.00
Bethany, Seattle	1,000.00
Elim, Waterman	45.00
Emmaus, Seattle	270.00
Bethel, Tacoma	75.00
Messiah, Auburn	150.00
Bethany, Port Blakely	100.00
Central, Yakima	375.00
Total	\$ 7,795.00

SPOKANE DISTRICT—	
Coeur d'Alene	\$ 25.00
First, Moscow	800.00
Westdala, Troy	375.00
Salem, Spokane	1,200.00
Immanuel, Mullen	25.00
Grace, Spokane	1,000.00
Total	\$ 3,425.00

MT. BAKER DISTRICT—	
First, Bellingham	\$ 300.00
Sion, Everett	500.00
First, Clearbrook	300.00
First, Vancouver	400.00
Immanuel, Ferndale	25.00
Zion, Anacortes	25.00
Immanuel, New Westminster	175.00
Bethlehem, Sedro Woolley	450.00

Ebenezer, Hartford	150.00
Salem, Mt. Vernon	1,250.00
Immanuel, Edgecomb	25.00
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