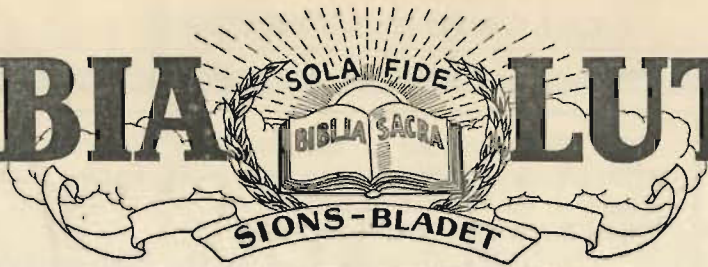


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AUGUSTANA SYNOD IN DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS Leaders Plead For Necessary Funds

DR. BRANDELLE OUTLINES THE SITUATION

It is well known to the entire Church that the institutions and interests sponsored directly by the Synod are in very hard straits by reason of the reduced income during the last four years. The interests affected are the Home and Foreign Missions, Augustana College and Theological Seminary, The Immanuel Deaconess Institute and the Pension and Aid Fund.

Missions in Danger.

The Home Missions has no other income than that which it receives from the various Conferences of the Synod. It has no investments of any kind, hence if the support of the Church at large fails it, there is no other way of continuing its activities than to borrow for the time being. This the Board of Missions has done until liabilities exceed thirty thousand dollars, exclusive of the indebtedness of the Astoria Hospital, taken over, in part, by the Synod in 1928, which together with interest, closely approaches the sum of \$25,000.

The Foreign Missions cause has no one in the main except the Synod to look to for its maintenance. To be sure, now and then there are bequests for this undertaking, some of these, indeed, have been large, but at present it is not possible to realize even on such resources more than in part. For every estate, as is well known, is greatly affected by the business conditions. And yet, last summer we did derive great benefit from a bequest. Humanly speaking, it saved the cause for the time being. Our only hope is that people who know the value of the salvation brought by Christ may be willing to stand together for the support of this movement. You can well understand how dependent the Board is on the donations of Synod since it owns no property and therefore is unable to borrow to any appreciable extent. On its fields in foreign lands are something like fifty missionaries. And from the christian point of view, legally as well, the Synod is in duty bound to keep its missionaries abroad in food and clothing together with housing. Surely all of us agree to this.

Schools Threatened.

Then there is Augustana College and Theological Seminary, old, yes, more hoary with age than the Synod itself.

It has incomes from investments and the tuition of college students. In the Seminary there is no tuition, but you know too well what the state of mortgages are today. They may be good in a sense of looking towards the future, but a number of them pay no interest and some makers of mortgages argue that the interest ought to be reduced to two or three per cent per annum. There is income from the students in ordinary times but it ought to be plain to all, that many of the students of today are obliged to ask for extension of time for the payment of their accounts. People whose credit is perfectly good make this request from time to time, all of which proves that the income necessarily must be very insufficient for the expenditures. The apportionment for this institution for 1933 was \$25,000 for the Seminary and a like amount for the College. At this writing \$2,898 have been received for the Seminary and \$5,000 for the College. This institution has been obliged to "draw on its securities in order to live and is at this time obligated for more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Seminary and Collegiate Departments. Thinking and experienced men and women understand that there must be a cessation of borrowing at the earliest moment. If we can neither close the institution nor borrow in order to keep it going, there is naught for us to do but to appeal to your goodness and christian feelings.

Aged Pastors in Need.

The Pension and Aid Fund, too, has resources but it suffers the same treatment as do those named above. On its list are upwards of two hundred and fifty pensioners, about 80 pastors and 170 pastors' widows. Sixty thousand dollars in round numbers are needed to cover the annual pension allowance. This benevolence can not continue to live for any length of time on borrowed money, nor is it in a position to borrow money, for it has no live assets to offer as securities. That is why it is imperative that something be done for this charity without delay.

Poor in Want.

The Immanuel Deaconess Institute, counting the incurables, the old people, the children in the orphanage, the patients in the hospital, the nurses in training together with the deaconess



A clarion call has been sent us from the headquarters of the Augustana Synod, of which our conference is a part.

Institutions of Mercy, Schools, Hospitals, Missions, all are periled by depression. The question has come: "Shall we permit the blotting out in one year what it has taken scores of years to build up?" The answer is The Emergency Appeal to which this issue of the Columbia Lutheran is dedicated. We believe in God, in His redemptive work for us and His goodness to provide for His kingdom. But we also believe that He has placed us here to do His work. A little sleep now—and all is lost. A little cooperation now—and the kingdom goes on. Here is where even one cent counts. Let every one come to the assistance of the most glorious work on earth!

Remember the Special Offering March 11. It will be lifted in all the congregations of the Synod. It will be your answer.

candidates, the deaconesses and other workers, more than four hundred are fed and cared for every day. There is good income from the patients in the hospital in normal times, some from the old people and a bit from the children in the orphanage, but in times like these, there is but very little to be had. The debt is more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, little enough when the value of the property is considered, yes, but at this time it is a real burden. During the last year the institution could not pay its expenses throughout the year.

\$120,000 Needed.

The financial condition of the activities of Synod as above constrained the Synod's Control Committee, after a careful survey of the needs and the state of the Church to determine that an Emergency Appeal during the Lenten season be made to all the congregations of the Augustana Synod for

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Church Faces Crisis Says Director Of

THE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Never before has the Augustana Synod faced a situation like that which is staring us in the face just now. We have faced hardships before; have had to make sacrifices. The days of the pioneers were days of struggle and worry. Very often our people and our pastors did not know their daily bread was to be supplied, but they prayed and persevered; put their trust in God and relied upon His promises. Nor did He fail them. Somehow or other, in spite of the shortcomings and weaknesses of his children, He never does.

In their poverty our fathers planned and built for the future. They did not forget that the Lord would bless their efforts for His Kingdom, and the glory of His name. Their faith was not put to shame. They built churches and institutions. They sent out missionaries both in the homeland and to foreign shores. They also supported the work with their prayers and their means.

Today the Augustana Synod is facing a crisis. The dangers of the situation have not been exaggerated. For several weeks now our pastors and congregations have been informed through the church press and otherwise of the exact situation. Unless we support the Emergency Appeal and come to the rescue of our missions and institutions we shall lose them. We cannot pile debt upon debt. There will be a crash. We cannot forsake our servants in the Lord's work or our missionaries. To do so would be to deny the very faith which is ours. Shall we then stand idly by and see the work of decades fade before our sight? Is there a single pastor in the Augustana Synod who is not willing to pray and labor earnestly to avoid the calamity? Is there a single member of our churches who will not do his or her utmost to save our work?

The plan is reasonable. Surely there are ten thousand members of our Synod who will gladly contribute ten dollars to the Emergency Appeal. And surely the rest of our membership will just as gladly respond to the plea for a Synodwide Lenten sacrifice offering on Sunday, March 11. Give them a chance in the name of our blessed Saviour. Let everyone of our more than twelve hundred congregations set aside Sunday, March 11 for the Augustana

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GOD is the owner of all things. He is the King, the Ruler. The world is his estate. It was here before we came, and it will remain here after we have passed on. Ownership rests in no other. Our boastful lips may freely use the possessive pronoun, but the possessive is an interpolation in the dictionary. Not one of us owns anything. We are beggars, living on the bounty of God.

Man is a steward, administrator, or trustee of that part of God's creation which has come into his hands. He has been called into the great high court of heaven and given charge of a portion of this vast estate. He is responsible to the Judge for his administration of the property. If he is a good steward it will prosper in his hands. He will make money for the owner and receive due compensation for his work.

As a steward, man is responsible for what he does with all of God's money. He may not dare to give a part of it to the church and then feel free to spend the remainder in riotous living, or hold it in a miser's chest, or use it foolishly. The administrator is responsible to the court for the expenditure of every penny, and his use of any part of the estate is as significant of his honor or dishonor as his use of any other part.

As a steward, man must bring to the owner of the estate a regular acknowledgement of his stewardship. Custom, general opinion, and certain parts of the Bible all indicate that the proportion of one-tenth to nine-tenths is a good workable basis for this division. Stewardship is a much vaster matter than mere tithing, but tithing is undoubtedly a necessary and important phase of stewardship.

We must remember, too, that we are stewards also of life itself, our time, our training, our friendships, and his due part in all that we are as well as that we possess.

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the upkeep of synodical efforts and expenses, but not, however, to affect the Budget for 1934. The amount asked for is One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars, as a minimum, fifty cents per communicant member on an average, the same to be apportioned to the various beneficiaries by the Control Committee. The Rev. Dr. P. Arthur Johnson and Mr. Otto Leonardson are in charge of the ingathering.

THIS number of the Columbia Lutheran has been dedicated to the Emergency Appeal of the Augustana Synod. For this reason it has been sent to all the congregations of the conference. We hope that it will be well distributed and well read.

At the same time we take the opportunity to remind our old subscribers that we are in need of money. If you find an earlier date than 1934 on your address-slip, it means that you owe the paper some money. The cost of printing has been kept within the income during the year past, but bills from other years are still outstanding. We would like to pay them.

To you who are not subscribers we wish to say: Hurry! Give the paper a chance. After all it is your publicity it handles. You will profit by reading news from your conference. Only fifty cents a year brings it to your door every month. One thousand more subscribers before the conference meeting at Mount Vernon — what say you!

1932 Quota Low.

At this time the indications are that the receipts from the congregations for the sustentation of the general work of the Synod for 1933 will be greater than for 1932. For this we are devoutly thankful. But for 1932 we received only 29 per cent of the amount promised by the Synod. It is therefore evident that it has not been possible for the institutions in question to live save by borrowing. We have reached the point already where our debts are worrying us. We must be on our guard lest we accumulate obligations that may become too heavy for us to bear.

Cause for Action.

Now that the agricultural and industrial conditions are brightening up a bit, may we ask that all our people come to our aid and that they willingly back up this effort of the Control Committee. May we not hope that all members who have resources will heed this call of distress?

The Lord incline our hearts to trust him for the forgiveness of sins. That will lead us on to a true appraisal of all his goodness to us in a material sense and cause us to value the Church and all its institutions of uplift and mercy as we have never valued them before.

G. A. BRANDELLE

President of the Augustana Synod

THE EMERGENCY APPEAL

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Synod, its missions and institutions. The text that Sunday asks the question: "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" A little lad furnished the answer and Jesus blessed his gift, and, lo, there was enough and more than enough for all. Who knows what small gift brought to the altar in your church on March 11 shall bring a similar blessing.

Easter is coming. Easter, the day of victory. The day when Christians are bidden to dry their tears. The day when men's hearts burn because He still walks with us and shows us the glory of God's promises. How happily shall the Easter bells peal forth from the belfries of the churches of the Augustana Synod, if we will but do His bidding and trust in Him to warm the hearts of men to His cause.

P. Arthur Johnson

Pres. of the Control Committee.

"WELL DONE, GOOD SERVANT"

By

Dr. Emil Chindlund

We need not try to prove to the readers of the Columbia Lutheran and to our church members in general that the church is a vital and essential institution and that mankind needs its ministrations in these times far more than a great many other agencies and activities for human welfare.

But the church cannot carry on without support. This is true of the work of the local congregations and it is equally true of the charitable, educational and missionary activities of the Conference and the Synod.

Having been asked by the Board of Control in preparation for its emergency appeal, to give to our church members a statement of the financial situation and needs of the Institution of Mercy of the Synod in Omaha, the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, I shall endeavor to do so frankly and clearly, and give to our people a true picture of the emergency in which we now find ourselves.

Our Institution derives its income from the following sources: Hospital fees, income from those who can pay for care and maintenance in the Children's Home, the Home for the Aged and Home for Invalids. The income from these sources is, however, entirely inadequate inasmuch as we must receive and care for indigent persons in all our departments. In order to supply this deficit we receive voluntary gifts and legacies, contributions from the Omaha Community Chest and finally the apportionment from the Synodical Budget. The Nebraska Conference also contributes a special allotment toward the Children's Home in addition to its share in the Synodical budget.

During the five years since the Synod adopted its present financial plan our Institution has been awarded the sum of \$138,000.00. Out of this we have received to date the sum of \$97,238.40, leaving a balance of \$40,717.00 still due us. By January 1st we were in arrears on current expenses to the amount of \$18,200.00. Interest on loans and annuities unpaid amounted to \$2,855.87. By April 1st there are two payments due on our loans which with interest to date amount to \$21,255.00. Adding these three items together make a sum of \$42,280.87 for which

we shall be obligated by that time, not counting the regular current expenses for January, February and March.

If we had received the amount which the Synod decided upon as our share of the budget we would have cleared ourselves. These figures ought to prove to our church members how closely the budget committee came in its estimate of our needs to the actual existing needs of our Institution. It should also be a strong proof of the businesslike way in which our Board of Trustees conducts this Institution.

It is our earnest endeavor to carry on the work entrusted to us by the Synod with the least possible expense. We keep wages and other current expenses down to the lowest possible level. Most of the buildings are fire-proof structures requiring the least possible outlay for their upkeep. Our Board has weighed very carefully every step in developing the Institution to its present proportions, and no one who is fair and just and who has any business sense can say that we have squandered any money.

To care for a family of 450 to 500 persons at the low cost of \$400.00 per day is surely evidence of good house-keeping. An institution such as ours cannot reduce its expenses below a definite minimum and still do its work.

We wish to care for our patients in the best way known to medical and surgical science. We want them to get well if there is any possible way known to man to bring them back to health. We must care for our children, our invalids and our aged, and make their unfortunate lives as cheerful and comfortable as possible with the means we have.

We have our training school for Deaconesses, which must be kept up. The young women who come here to be trained in order to devote their lives to the poor and needy, without salary, receiving only a small money allowance and their maintenance, cannot and must not be expected to pay for this training.

We are therefore as an Institution dependent upon our Synod, which means our congregations and, in the last analysis, every church member. It would seem that there should be 10,000 persons in our Synod among 242,000 communicants who can give an extra gift of \$10.00 during the coming weeks and before Lent is over, to the work of our Lord and Saviour, through our institutions and missions. And it should

not be impossible among the remaining 232,000 to raise at least \$50,000, so as to get together \$150,000.00 for the general work of our Synod as an emergency help.

We have made the question of our daily bread a matter of private and public prayer for the last year or two, in a deeper and more urgent sense than perhaps ever before. Our prayer now is that God will bless this emergency appeal and prevail upon 10,000 members and others to come to our rescue.

In Jesus' name and in behalf of our children, our aged men and women, our helpless cripples and mentally deficient boys and girls, men and women, and our destitute patients, I plead for the success of this appeal. You who have health and strength, employment and something laid aside, please do your best in your contribution now.

We cannot close our Institution. We have received the various members of our Institution family to care for them, and we have those who have turned over to the Institution all that they had for their care. We are therefore morally obligated to provide for them the rest of their life.

May God in his mercy and loving kindness richly bless this supreme effort of our Synod to take care of its Institutions and Missions.

Remember "God loveth a cheerful giver."

THE DANGERS ARE GRAVE

By

Dr. Felix V. Hanson

When a country is in danger its citizens rally to its defence. It would be extremely unpatriotic to do otherwise. When a church and its institutions are in danger what should the members do? Rally to the defence of the church and its institutions of course. There is no other way. Our synodical institutions ARE in danger. Our church faces a grave situation. The situation must be met. God pity us if we do not rise to the occasion. The synod-wide Emergency Appeal should meet with universal response. Our missions are in danger, our charitable institutions are in danger. Our Pension Fund is in the gravest danger. Shall the labors of our fathers and mothers, pastors and laymen—God fearing men and women—be destroyed because we have not given to God what belongs to God? Dear Christian member of our beloved Augustana Synod, this is an appeal that we must heed. If we do not we shall be utterly humiliated in the sight of the Christian people of our country. In Psalm 79:4 we read "We are become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us." Surely that is NOT what we want.

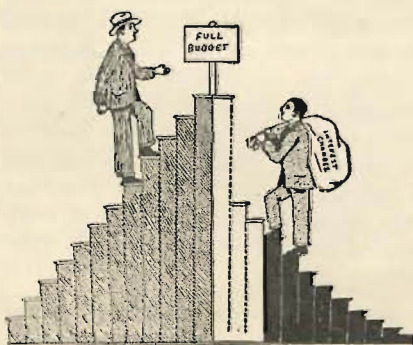
Dear Augustana member, when the appeal is explained to you. Do your bit. Do not put it off. Do not expect that some one else will do what YOU should do. Do your part in thankfulness to God for His mercies and for His Salvation. Study Psalm 22:4, "Our Fathers trusted in Thee; They trusted, and Thou didst deliver them." Augustana Men and Women let us trust in God, as our Fathers did AND DO OUR PART.

WHAT CAN'T WE AFFORD

by

Dean Conrad Bergendoff

Did you ever visit the city of New York? And did you not then notice how excellent the drinking water was? Had you inquired where such clear, pure water came from, in sufficient quantity to supply the needs of five or six millions of people, you would have been told that the source was hundreds of miles away, up in the valleys of the Catskill mountains. From those quiet places, where the melting snows and the rains fed the tributaries of huge reservoirs, the water was led in underground channels, beneath land and rivers, to the busy, noisy thoroughfares of humanity in the vast city of New York. Without such a supply of pure drinking water those teeming millions could neither work nor live as now they do.



BUILD THE STEPS!

Now can you imagine a citizen of New York arguing in this fashion: Why should we be asked to spend so much money to build reservoirs and dams in a place so far from our city? We need our money here at home. We have to have food, and pay rent, and buy clothes. Why should we be taxed to supply money for men to build concrete walls and install machinery way up there in the highlands? We will take care of our needs here at home first of all. Then if we have any money left over, we'll see about supporting workers and caring for machinery in those places? Of course you and I would shrug our shoulders at such a person and pity him who didn't understand how much his own life depended on what was planned and done in those far off reservoirs and aqueducts.

But what then shall we say to such arguments as this? Namely: I don't see why our local congregation should be asked to pay money for Augustana Seminary, in Rock Island, Illinois. We have more pressing duties to take care of here at home. We have to pay our pastor's salary, to pay our church debts, take care of expenses so that our work may go on. Look at our books! We couldn't meet our obligations at home last year. Why then bother about a school far away? We have a pastor, anyhow, and when we need another, we need not go to the Seminary — there are others we can call. Let the Seminary take care of itself, or let those who have more money than they need in their local congregations give donations. We have all we can do to take care of ourselves.

I am afraid that such thoughts as these are in the minds of many church

folks these days. For how else are we to explain that in 1933 the Augustana Seminary received from the 200 thousand and more members of the Augustana Synod the sum of \$2,898.08! We have at the Seminary 82 students, and six professors. Just what can be done in such a group if the income is \$250.00 a month? Books must be bought, the building must be heated and lighted, the professors need at least enough to pay the grocery bill and the house rent (no Seminary professor is furnished with a parsonage) what can an average congregation do if its annual income is not above \$3,000? Now I must add that if the Seminary had no other income — as from endowment and fees—we should before this have had to shut our doors. But with the strictest economy, we find a deficit of \$10,000 in the 1933 budget. And this, because the Synod's contribution was \$2,898.08.

We can close our Seminary. We can cut off, at the source, the supply of pastors. We can recede from our high standards of ministerial education. Our congregations can get along with men without seminary training. We can have—what never before we have had in the Synod—an uneducated ministry.

But I do not believe this is the answer the Synod will give to the question before us. The entire history of the Synod teaches me that the Augustana congregations want a well trained ministry. Some at least of our people realize that just because the times are unusually severe, therefore we need a ministry awake to the problems and trained to lead congregations in the dark moments of present day life. If we neglect training of leaders, where then shall our church people turn? The last thing the people of New York can afford to do is to let their far-away reservoirs fall into disrepair. The ministry of the Augustana Synod has but one aim — to bring the Water of Life to the congregations of our Church. Can the Church afford to impair the work of her ministry and her Seminary?

ARE WE GOING TO CONTINUE FOREIGN MISSION WORK

By

Dr. O. J. Johanson

Can there be any question about that you say. Let us look at the situation. The board was granted \$60,000 by the synod for this year. This was the minimum that would cover the salaries and running expenses of our mission work in China and Africa. Of this sum our treasurer had received on December 31, \$6,032.08, an average of \$754.01 a month.

The salary requirements for twenty-five missionaries in China amounts to \$27,675.00, and for fifteen missionaries in Africa and those home on furlough \$18,822.50, or a total of \$46,497.50. We have set aside \$9,000.00 in our estimate for native teachers and for helpers and for the upkeep of stations in China, and \$15,000.00 for the same purpose in Africa. The amount in Africa is so high on account of the newness of the field, which requires some necessary building operations. The greater part of this amount will be furnished by the Women's Missionary Society,

for which we are deeply grateful. The salary requirements are, therefore, \$3,847.80 per month for our native missionaries, not to say anything about the upkeep of the stations and the native workers' salaries. If you contrast this with the average income of \$754.01 a month from the synod it will give you an idea of the situation in the foreign mission treasury. If the board had not obtained temporary aid from an estate it would have been impossible to keep up the work on any of our fields until today. This aid is already used up and the treasurer has no recourse but to ask our members to aid in this hour of dire need. What will you do about it? Shall we hold up our hands in despair and say we cannot contribute our share? Is this true in the majority of cases? We know that some of our members cannot contribute because they have not anything to give, but others can and they must, in the name of the Lord, take a hold and give their part and, if possible, also for the brother who has nothing to give.

Confronted by these stern facts, we again ask ourselves, "What are we going to do about it?" One of our young Luther Leaguers spoke at the Christian Youth Conference at Upsala College on "Dollars and Sense." He said among other things: "Money is the symbol of effort and God commands efforts." I asked myself on reading this, "What efforts do we really put forth to support the work of the church? Is there any real sacrifice on the part of most of us? Do we really believe that the church is necessary for us and our fellow men? Has salvation become the most valuable thing we know? Can we be saved without the preaching of the Gospel? How is the Gospel to be preached here at home and among the heathen unless through the medium of the church?"

Robert E. Speer says in his report on the financial situation of today: "It is preposterous to hold that the church is unable to provide funds. Our people spend their full share of the national amusement bill, which is more than \$1,000,000,000 annually; their full share of the bill of nearly \$2,500,000,000 for candy and corresponding luxuries; more than \$2,000,000,000 for tobacco; and \$12,000,000,000 for automobiles. It is not a question as to whether or not we have the money even in these times of depression. THE ISSUE IS PURELY ONE OF DEVOTION AND SACRIFICE. Dare we deny the truth of this statement? If we do not wake up in time, the Kingdom of God may be taken away from us and given into a people that will value it and maintain it. It is as the President of the synod says: "A cry of distress." Are we going to run to the rescue or stand by and let the church sink? The responsibility rests on each one of us. The cry of the distressed millions who have not the light of the Gospel goes up unto heaven. Shall we give them the light of salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Your and my answer will be recorded when we answer the emergency call of the synod. Let us come to His altar bearing our offerings as thank-offerings to God!

WHAT! NOTHING FOR THE AGED PASTORS?

by
Dr. T. A. Conrad
Pres. of the Pension Fund.

Anyone who has given the matter any thought cannot help but see that the income to the Pension Fund has not been at all commensurate with the disbursements during the last several years, and that, if we continue the way we have been going, every dollar in the Fund will be used up within the next eight or ten years.

One of the remarkable features of church life in the present crisis is the loyalty of our pastors. Many of them are bearing the heaviest burdens of anxiety and care in their lives. Many have been reduced financially to the level of bare existence. Not a few are gradually piling up local indebtedness from which it will be very difficult to extricate themselves. Many of them have had to drop the protection they have had in the form of life insurance. But in spite of every difficulty, they are manifesting a heroic courage and faith. Their deep consecration is being revealed in their utter unselfishness, and their loyalty to the people and churches whom they serve. We exhort the laymen of our congregations to share as fully as possible the burdens borne by their pastors, and to sustain them through kindly sentiment and the most helpful cooperation.

History has proven that the most efficient and successful pastors are, as a rule, those who give themselves and their all to their God-given task. Such pastors become the leaders both in the local congregations and in the church at large. These men are entitled to every encouragement, both while they are in the service and after they have retired.

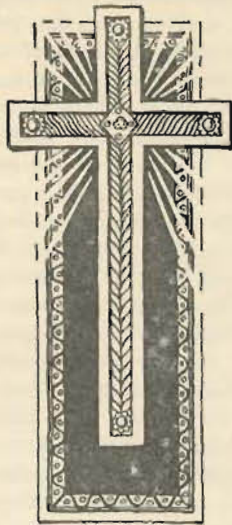
The Pension Fund is established for this very purpose. It has already distributed about \$1,000,000.00 to retired and disabled pastors and to their dependents. And the pension roll is rapidly increasing, as the following table shows:

Year	Retired pastors	Widows	Pensions paid
1903	3	11	\$ 2,499.12
1908	11	21	5,051.00
1913	15	53	15,242.75
1918	23	83	24,805.37
1923	47	110	42,985.36
1928	64	139	78,468.16
1933	84	170	75,719.50

In 1933 one half of one of the quarterly installments was not paid.

From the above table it will be seen that the pension payments have almost doubled every five years, and statistics prove that they will continue to increase, so that ten years hence approximately \$150,000.00 will be paid out annually, unless the Synod should decide to decrease the stipulated pensions, which is unthinkable.

Everyone at all familiar with the true situation realizes that heroic efforts must be put forth to supplement the vanishing income to the Fund, and not only keep the Fund solvent, but never again to allow a payment to default, for failure to meet these comparatively small payments creates real hardship to many of the pensioners, who are entirely dependent on their pensions for their support, and at the



And I have brought to thee,
Down from my home above
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and my love;
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou brought to Me?
✦
I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might ransom me,
And quicken from the dead;
I gave my life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me,
✦
My Father's house of light,
My glory encircled throne
I left for earthly night,
For wanderings sad alone;
I left, I left it all for thee
Hast thou left ought for Me?
✦
I suffered much for thee,
More than thy tongue can tell,
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue thee from hell;
I've borne it all for thee,
What hast thou born for Me?

same time it causes suspicion and added anxiety to all the members of the Fund many of whom have invested quite a sum of money in the Fund, with the expectation of reaping benefits therefrom when they eventually must retire.

This is hardly the time for any special ingathering considering the financial situation among our people everywhere. Yet, it is remarkable what people can and will do when they sense the needs and when the Spirit of Christ is permitted to fill their hearts and guide their hands. We bespeak for this Emergency Appeal abundant success and pray for God's richest blessings on our efforts.

PLANS FOR CONFERENCE CONVENTION PROGRESSING

By Rev. N. Wm. Anderson
Pres. of the Columbia Conference

Our thoughts naturally turn towards the meeting of the Conference at this time of the year. This year we will meet at Mt. Vernon, April 11-15. It is now seven years since we were entertained by our good people there, and rejoiced with them over the completion of a new sanctuary. Now we all want to pray our Heavenly Father to grant us a blessed meeting with "Showers of Blessings." We need these seasons of refreshing together with the

Lord in order that we may be strengthened for the tasks which lie before us.

Last year several congregations were unrepresented because the delegate elected failed to attend. The delegates missed these friends and passed the following resolution: "That the attention of the congregations be called to their duty of sending delegates to the annual meetings of the Conference, and that the congregations be advised to provide at their annual meetings for the proper and legal appointment of delegates by authorizing someone to make appointments if such becomes necessary" (Conference Minutes 1933 Page 59.) No doubt our congregations have legally elected their delegates, or designated how they are to be appointed, at their annual meetings. The delegate elected should feel it his duty to attend, or if he is hindered from going by a legitimate excuse, he should notify the alternate in reasonable time so that he may attend. No congregation should feel satisfied by being unrepresented. It should be deemed a privilege by those elected to this position to attend the Conference meeting and I believe that our delegates feel that way about it. May we have a truly blessed meeting of the Columbia Conference.

It is gratifying to note that several congregations have paid their budget to the Conference in full. Some have promised that their budget will be paid before the meeting of the Conference, which shows that they are truly willing to do their part. May I urge upon all our congregations who have not paid and who feel that it is not worth while trying because they see no hope of paying in full, that they send in to the Conference treasurer as much as they possibly can. This will be a great aid to the common work for which we are responsible. Because less than 50% of the expected budget has been paid, according to the last report, it naturally follows that difficulties arise. Especially is this true of pastors serving the smaller charges who receive part of their salary from the mission appropriations. They have received but 2 months salary this year. Please bear this in mind when you think of your obligations to the Conference budget. Another fact to bear in mind is that the report of the Synodical Secretary of Stewardship reports that our Conference has paid but 11% of its obligation to Synod. This is one of 12 reasons why our Synod is compelled to appeal for help to save our common institutions and missions.

The Emergency Appeal of our Synod is under way and our congregations have become acquainted with the financial needs of our beloved Synod thru our church papers and the local pastors. Some people are tempted to believe that some "Rich Uncle back East" will come to the rescue and make up for individuals and congregations who hold back. Let such thoughts be far away from us as they are not worthy nor Christian. It is so easy to shift responsibility, but it is not thus the victors garlands are won. We therefore hope that every congregation get behind this appeal in earnest and work

and pray and give until the victory is won. The amount asked for is not large when we consider the total membership of 240,000 communicants, if we permit the love of Christ to prompt our giving. Let us all remember that the Columbia Conference has a big debt of gratitude to pay the Synod, and at this time we have the opportunity to show it. Let us not fail in our devotion and loyalty. There can be but one answer: "We will do our part." Let Columbia, young and old, rich and poor, come with their gift of love on March 11th, for the rescue of our institutions and missions.

CONFERENCE NOTES

By Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

The Board of Trustees and the Budget committee of the Conference met at the Home for Aged, Seattle, February 8th. It is not an easy task these days to carry on in a way that is satisfactory to all concerned. The Board suggested April 11-15 as date for the next meeting of the Conference. Word has come from the Salem Lutheran church, Mount Vernon, thru its pastor, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, that the suggested days are satisfactory. Hence we will meet with the good friends in Mount Vernon for our next annual meeting. Thank you friends, for the invitation! The Emergency appeal is now being presented to our various congregations. The Board most earnestly pleads with our people to make the best of this opportunity to write off some of the deficits of our synod. In many congregations it is customary to lift a special offering at Easter for our mission and mercy work. Let us do our very best for the Lord's sake to raise the full amount asked for by the Appeal and then also a large and liberal offering at Easter for our blessed work as a Synod. (This applies to congregations contemplating an Easter offering for our general work). Thru real sacrifice on the part of all our members, each one according to circumstances, the one appeal needs not militate against the other.

The Lenten season is now here and we thank God for it. We will profit by it spiritually in great measure if we leave out of our lives all that can be left out without hurt or loss in order to have more time and opportunity to concentrate on the one essential thing,—growth in grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. Wherever we give first place to this matter, we shall find the Lord ready to bless abundantly. It would be well for us in our respective congregations to pray for one another in a special way these days, that God, in his infinite grace, might help us everywhere thruout our Conference and abroad in our entire Synod to be more perfectly yielded to Him these days. In complete and willing yielding to the Holy Spirit lies the beginning of a spiritual awakening.

Never leave a store without asking the proprietor to drop in at the little church occasionally. Just a word or two is plenty.

The man who is too busy to serve God is—too busy.

A religion that costs nothing does nothing.

Margaretta Grant
Publicity Manager
1610 Forest
Seattle, Wash.

LUTHER LEAGUE

Everyday Activities



"Thy word have I
hid in my heart,
that I might not
sin against Thee.

PRAYER FOR A LITTLE HOME

God send us a little home
To come back to when we roam—
Low walls and fluted tiles,
Wide windows, a view for miles;
Red firelight and deep chairs;
Small white beds upstairs;
Great talk in little nooks;
Dim colors, rows of books;
One picture on each wall;
Not many things at all.
God send us a little ground—
Tall trees standing round,
Homely flowers in brown sod.
Over head Thy stars, O God!
God bless when winds blow
Our home and all we know.

LOVE

To keep one sacred flame
Through life unchilled, unmoved.
To love in wintry age, the same
As first in youth we loved.
To feel that we adore
Even to fond excess
That though the heart would break
with more,
It could not live with less.

H. W. B.

BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME

Because you love me, I have found
New joys that were not mine before;
New stars have lighted up my sky
With glories growing more and more.

Because you love me I can rise
To the heights of fame and realms of
power;

Because you love me I may learn
The highest use of every hour.

Because you love me I can wait
With perfect patience well possessed;
Because you love me all my life
Is circled with unquestioned rest;
Yes, even Life and even Death
Is all unquestioned and all blest.

I. M.

WEDDINGS

Nelson-Stafford

Alice J. Nelson was united in marriage
with Floyd Stafford at the Trinity
Church in Gresham, Oregon, on Janu-
ary 1.

Swanson-Franz

The wedding of Ruth Swanson of
the Immanuel League to Dr. Carl J.
Franz of Spokane was an event of
late December.

Lillquist-Wright

Elma Lillquist and Richard Wright
were joined in holy wedlock by Rev.
Bengtson on February 4 at the Em-
maus Church.

Thorson-Schaub

Dorothy Thorson, Bethel, Seattle,
and Richard Schaub were united in
marriage at the Bethel Church, Rev.
Enoch Saundeen officiating.

Engagements

The Columbia Lutheran as well as a host of friends join in wishing life's
richest blessings and Christian hap- piness to the following betrothals.

Gethsemane—Seattle

Alice Liden and Eric Hurnblad
Beda Blomberg and Harry Liden
Anna Anderson and Harold Anderson
Esther Johnson and Clarence Anderson
Mayme Englund and Mr. Christenson
Margaret Malm and Lee Wilder
Alva Moen and Walter Humphreys

Immanuel—Portland

Agnes Peterson and Howard May
Elsa Hultgren and Arne Olafson

Emmaus—Seattle

Dorothy Johnson and Ed Bjorklund.
Dorothy Carlson and Paul Lagerstrom

Bellingham

Jessie Hawkinson and William Bosman
Betty Sturman and Simon Strumblez

A little oversight on the part of the
Conference Luther League Publicity
Director, Miss Margaretta Grant, who
is in charge of the Young Peoples'
Page, makes it necessary for the Ed-
itor-in-Chief to add the following item
to the list above:

WHAT IS SUCCESS

He has achieved success, who has
lived well, laughed often, and loved
much; who has gained the respect of
intelligent men and the love of little
children; who has filled his niche and
accomplished his task, whether by an

Mr. and Mrs. David Grant announce
the engagement of their daughter Mar-
garetta Victoria to Lieut. Frank P.
Shepardson, son of Mr. A. Shepardson
of Los Angeles, Calif.

And then we say: "God bless you
all, dear young folks."

improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a
rescued soul; who has never lacked
appreciation of earth's beauty, or
failed to express it; who has always
looked for the best in others and given
the best he had; whose life was an
inspiration and whose memory a ben-
ediction.

LENTEN THOUGHTS

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed
down
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns Thine only crown!
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now, was Thine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

Lo, here I fall, my Saviour,
'Tis I deserve Thy place!
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.
Receive me, my Redeemer;
My Shepherd, make me Thine!
Of every good the Fountain,
Thou art the Spring of mine!

Forbid that I should leave Thee;
O Jesus, leave not me;
In faith may I receive Thee,
When death shall set me free.
When strength and comfort languish,
And I must hence depart,
Release me then from anguish
By Thine own wounded heart.

Hymn 116

NEWS OF NEWS

On February 16, the Trinity League
in Gresham will be hosts to a joint
meeting of Augustana and Immanuel.

The February meeting of the League
was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ernst
Anderson and Harry Anderson at the
church.

On January 26, the Y. W. M. S. of
Emmaus held a meeting at the home
of Signe Hellund. After the meeting a
farewell party was given for Signe
Hellund, who will reside in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Nelson, Em-
maus, Seattle, are the proud parents
of a son.

The Gethsemane League met on Feb.
16. Rev. Geo. Lane was the guest
speaker. Margaretta Grant presented
a talk on "Prayer" and Alice Board-
man on "Valentine Originations."

June and Ruth Carlson were hostes-
sess to the Mary Martha Girls Club
on January 13. After the interesting
program dainty rolling pins were pre-
sented to the brides-to-be of Gethse-
mane. Anna Johnson was hostess for
the Mary Martha Club on Feb. 10.

A recent social meeting of the Im-
manuel Luther League, Portland, was
held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al-
vin Swanson. A very enjoyable pro-
gram was given and the evening was
spent in games and a general social
hour. Additional host and hostesses
were Mr. and Mrs. Evans Davis and
Miss Dorothea Erickson.

January 19, Luther League of Ev-
erett sponsored a lecture by Dr. Einar
Norberg, a former member of the
church, who has worked on the mis-
sionary fields in Africa.

During a second meeting the pro-
gram consisted of a detailed discussion
on Martin Luther. The topic was pre-
sented by Margaret Carlson, Lilly Carl-
son, and Carl Norberg.

The Hoquiam Luther League regrets
that it can report no official engage-
ments among its members. However,
the reporter is of the opinion that some
very interesting announcements will be
made in the near future.

For some years past it has been the
custom of the Past Presidents of the
Luther League to entertain at an an-
nual party. This year they are arrang-
ing a banquet in honor of the boys and
girls basketball teams whose activities
have aroused much interest in the
game, and stimulated attendance at
the meetings.

Plans are under way for entertain-
ing the Conference Luther League in
Hoquiam on Labor Day and the pre-
ceding Saturday evening and Sunday.

Bethel, Seattle, is progressing slow-
ly but surely. A series of programs have
been planned for the spring season
which promise much enjoyment.



The Women's Missionary Society has been invited to convene at Mount Vernon, Wash., April 11-15. The Executive Board meets on Thursday at 9 a. m. and the delegates at 10. Annual reports and other matters for consideration should be sent immediately to Mrs. John A. Martin, President of the organization.

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The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Mt. Baker district was held Jan. 23 in the First Lutheran Church of Bellingham. Rev. H. W. Lundblad, pastor.

The morning session was held in the Y. W. C. A. The President, Mrs. E. A. Soderman, led in devotion. A hearty welcome was extended by the local President, Mrs. R. D. Erickson. The reports were very inspirational and told of much sacrifice made by each local society. A slight increase in membership was shown. The totals of each group were as follows: Adult 180; Young Women 27; Juniors 89; Sustaining 21; In Memoriam 14. The joint rally of the Juniors and Young Women held in Bellingham in May was well attended and brought a real missionary message.

Splendid mimeographed treasurer's reports were distributed by Mrs. Chas. Olson showing a complete report of all contributions to mission work. The two Y. W. M. S. of the district were reported to have gained members. The Prayer Day, Membership, and Mission Tidings reports showed the work had been prayerfully taken care of. Thanks and appreciation for past services was extended to all the officers for the past year; especially to Mrs. Carl A. V. Lund, Junior Secretary.

The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. E. A. Soderman, Mt. Vernon; Vice Pres. Mrs. H. C. Tegelberg, Everett; Sec. Miss Margaret Carlson, Everett; Treas. Mrs. Chas. Olson, Mt. Vernon; Junior Sec'y Mrs. V. L. Estergreen, Clearbrook; Young Woman's Sec'y. Mrs. Elmer H. Anderson, Clearbrook; Membership, Prayer Day, Mission Tidings Sec'y. Mrs. Henning Carlson, Mt. Vernon.

The afternoon program of the W. M. S. was held in the First Luth. Church. Dr. Joseph Anderson led in Scripture reading and prayer. Special music numbers consisted of a vocal solo by Mrs. Elmer Anderson; a flute solo by Mrs. Arla Kluge accompanied by Miss Brown. An inspiring message with "The Christian Hope" as its theme was given by Rev. John Billitt of Everett. An offering was taken for the benefit of the administration fund.

(Mrs.) Clara M. Anderson.

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The Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Spokane District was held in connection with the Spokane District Convention at the Grace Luth. church, Spokane, Wash. January 23, 24.

The business session of the Missionary Society was called to order Wednesday morning at 10 A. M. Mrs. Frank Öberg, district president, presided at

the meeting. After a brief message of welcome by the local president, Mrs. Öberg gave her Annual Report. In summarizing the year's achievements, she found good work had been done, but urged workers to remember the Master's orders, "Go Ye!" Encouraging reports were read from the various societies in the district. Contributions and Memberships have dropped slightly, but considering the financial stress of the times, the results speak well for the work. The reports from the Juniors and Young Women show that they are carrying on in a fine way. This bodes well for the future of our Missions.

A short impressive Memorial Service was held for three departed members. The Resolutions presented by the Committee were accepted and each society pledged to fill them as far as possible.

The officers re-elected were as follows: Mrs. Frank Öberg, Moscow, Idaho, President; Mrs. W. J. Olsen, Spokane, Wash., Vice President; Mrs. David Engberg, Troy, Idaho, Secretary; Mrs. William Malstrom, Spokane, Wn., Treasurer. Mrs. W. J. Olsen, former president of the district gave a very instructive paper on Foreign Missions.

The afternoon session was held at 2 P. M. in connection with the meeting of the Grace Ladies Aid Society. Rev. N. William Anderson spoke briefly on "Personal Salvation Through Christ" and Rev. Roger Oliver on "Social Salvation Through Christ." This meeting was well attended by visitors as well as local ladies. Refreshments were served in the church parlors and a social hour enjoyed.

The final meeting was a Missionary Program on Wednesday at 7:45 P. M. A very timely and enlightening message on "Home Mission Fields" was given by Rev. L. E. Jones, Home Missionary at Butte, Mont.

Surely the inspirations received at these sessions will be an impetus for the best year ever for the Women's Missionary Society of Spokane District.

Mrs. H. E. Marsh, Reporter.

AN INTERESTING BOOK

"THE WINDING ROAD" is the title of a new book published by the Lutheran Literary Board, Burlington, Iowa. The price is only \$1.75 but the reading is worth many times that amount. It is not a common book — unusual. The style is easy and in places not so little refined. The story tells the experiences of a young man arriving from Finland to New York with nothing but a will to do things. This will leads him on from poverty to plenty and from plenty to poverty; from hard labor to the opera and from the opera to the ministry. For those who love to learn from real experience, this makes a wonderful book. For those who like personal psychology, this is it. For those who just love to read something about different characters in every day life, this book cannot be beat. And then, at last, let us tell you a secret: the author is none the less than Rev. Walter Lindberg, a member of our own synod and formerly a leading light on the opera stage. He has written the book in order that you may profit from his varied experiences. Better get a copy.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTLAND DISTRICT

By Rev. A. G. Anderson

The Annual Meeting of the Portland District was held at Augustana Lutheran Church, Portland, January 21-23. The first meeting was held Sunday night when Mr. Samuel E. Edwins, in charge of the Elim Lutheran of Brush Prairie, spoke on "Fundamentals of the Christian Life." Monday evening Rev. J. A. Martin of Trinity, Astoria, spoke on "The Christian Life: How Obtained and Continued." The President of the District, Rev. E. J. Sakrisson of Carlsborg, Colton, Oregon, led the devotions Tuesday morning. The business session followed the devotions. In his report the president stated that there has been an increase of 24 communicants during the year making the total in the district 1605. The number of scholars in the Sunday Schools has increased considerably particularly in the two Portland churches. Seven congregations conduct morning worship regularly every Sunday, Augustana and Immanuel, Portland, Trinity, St. Helens, Warren, Trinity at Gresham and Elim at Brush Prairie. A little over one half of the membership is present at these services. One congregation reports 30% of membership at the evening services.

Approximately \$2403 has been paid on the budget to Conference and Synod during the past year. \$7500 had been spent for improvements by the various congregations. Trinity, Astoria, had made the most improvements. \$1,000 had been at Gresham and the church opened for services, Immanuel, Portland, \$800 for painting and renovating, Augustana, Portland, renovated the church and the parsonage and Bethany, Warren, had spent \$150 on repairs.

Among the activities within the district during the year were mentioned the successful Bible Institute at Colton last summer, the Sunday School teachers institute at Portland where four congregations were represented, the consecration week at Portland in which several congregations of the district shared, and the success of the Pocket Testament League.

Rev. J. A. Martin of Astoria was elected president, Paul V. Randolph, vice president; Arthur Pierce re-elected secretary and A. G. Anderson re-elected treasurer.

Pastors Pierce, Sakrisson and Odell were elected to arrange schedule for Mission Meetings and programs. Rev. Arthur Pierce was elected to receive donations for the Relief Fund of the Pension and Aid Fund. The treasurer and secretary were elected to allocate on the different congregations the sums needed for traveling expenses.

The District recommended to the Conference that Home Mission Aid be granted by the Conference for 1935 as follows: \$750 to the Colton Pastorate, \$600 to Gresham, \$350 to Warren. A petition from the Church Board of Elim, Brush Prairie to be relieved of any assessment was referred to the Budget Committee of the Conference without recommendation.

Oral reports were heard from several pastors on the work and the pres-

pects for the future in their respective fields. A. G. Anderson reported from Gresham that there had been no gain in membership but attendance at services has increased somewhat and the Sunday School has grown to 110 since moving into the new church in the city of Gresham and that several had joined the congregation this new year 1934. Services are still continued every other Sunday in the old church a mile and half out in the country. The hope was expressed that any grievance that some members have on account of moving the church into the city would be forgotten. Rev. E. J. Sakrisson reported quite a gain of members during the year on account of new families moved in. This has strengthened the church numerically though not financially. Mr. Gus Blomquist, delegate from Brush Prairie, reported that the attendance in services has doubled since Mr. S. E. Edwins took charge and regular services are held every Sunday. The Sunday School has more than doubled and there is renewed enthusiasm.

Rev. Carl Odell reported on the serious financial situation relative to Augustana College and particularly the seminary. A motion was passed that the secretary be instructed to write headquarters that the Portland District unanimously will give its hearty moral and spiritual support.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Unis and John Jr. of Seattle, Wash., left a week ago for Los Angeles, Calif. where Mrs. Unis and son intend to remain for about two months. Dr. Unis intends to return in two weeks to resume his growing practice. In the meantime he intends to visit some of the outstanding clinics and hospitals of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Girls' Club of Gethsemane, Seattle, meet Friday, March 2, at 8 p. m. for an interesting program consisting of a saxophone solo by Louis G. Hunter of Tacoma, a reading by Mrs. Joseph O. Edwards, selections by the Pacific Made Quartet and piano solos by Professor Joseph O. Edwards.

A daughter, Ann Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Anderson of the Bethel church, Seattle, two weeks ago.

The Bethany choir of Seattle is giving a sacred concert at the Bethel church of the same city March 11 in the evening.

Swedish services are being broadcasted the first, third and the fifth Saturday of each month by the Augustana churches of Seattle. The broadcast is given at 6 p. m. over KXA.

Robert Skone of Gethsemane, Seattle was elected president of the Tacoma District Lutheran Brotherhood at its annual meeting Jan. 30. A. M. Johnson of Bethany is the vice president, R. F. Engwall of First, Tacoma, the secretary and Conrad Haggblom of Emmons, Seattle, the treasurer. In the District the following were elected: Dr. C. R. Swanson, president, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, vice president, Rev. E. Arthur Larson, secretary and Rev. Elmer Johnson the treasurer.

Emmaus, Seattle.

The Emmaus church of Seattle celebrated its 25th anniversary recently.

The church had its inception in a meeting of interested persons held July 29, 1906, for the purpose of organizing a church society. This was on the call of seven men, five of whom are members of the church at this time.

In January, 1909, a congregation was organized and incorporated. Rev. J. Gullans served as its first pastor. The congregation worshipped in rented quarters in Fremont and Ballard.

In 1910 a site was purchased and a building program launched. The cornerstone of the congregation's own house of worship was laid November 27, 1910. The edifice was completed and dedicated to its holy purpose Jan. 25, 1915.

The parsonage was built in 1919.

The following pastors have served since the organization: J. Gullans, E. Kastman, J. Warmann, Ben Erholm and Carl A. Bengtson.

Salem, Spokane.

On New Year's Eve the L. L. entertained a large audience with an impromptu program carrying out the idea of an "Evening at Home." It's a question who enjoyed it most—the audience or the performers. Each year shows an increase in the number who

stay for the midnight devotional service.

New officers of the Luther League are: Pres., Lloyd Peterson; Vice Pres., Arthur Swanson; Sec., Betty Olson; Treas., Henry Peterson; Ex-Officio—Frances Cole, Margaret Lundin.

On Jan. 21 the choir of First Luth. church, Moscow, Idaho, gave a sacred concert in the church. This A Capella Choir of 50 voices presented a splendid program under the direction of Orville Westberg. A violinist and harpist also appeared on the program.

On Jan. 28 Grace and Salem choirs exchanged places for the morning service. This arrangement was found very interesting to everyone and more exchanges of this nature will be expected.

During the current week Jan. 28 to Feb. 4 Evangelistic services were held with Dr. Walter E. Shuette of Sewickley, Penn. as speaker. This was a united effort of all Lutherans of the Inland Empire sponsored by the Luth. Ministerial Association and Federated Brotherhoods of Spokane.

SPOKANE DISTRICT PREPARES BIBLE CAMP

The Spokane District Luther League has recently made arrangements for a Bible Camp to be held at the Y. M. C. A. camp on Fan Lake during the week of July 1 to 8. Present plans for speakers include the Rev. Ernest Svenson, Tacoma, and the Rev. S. F. Veldi, Coeur d'Alene.

The David E. Engberg Memorial Fund has been created by the committee appointed at the 1933 district convention to care for some of the initial expenses incurred by such a program. The response from the district has been most gratifying.

For many years it has been the dream of the Spokane District League to sponsor such a Bible camp and now the realization of that dream seems near. Such a program should be rich with blessing for all who attend and the young people are to be congratulated for the initiative they have taken.

DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE SET

The Forty-second annual meeting of the Columbia Conference will be held, God willing, in the Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon, Washington, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, Pastor, beginning Wednesday evening, April 11, 1934, at 7:45 o'clock. The Board of Trustees will convene the previous day at 9:30 A. M. All matters to come legally before the Conference must be in the possession of the President, Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, 1424 Broadway St.,

Spokane, Washington, at least thirty days prior to the convening of the Conference. All persons desiring accommodations during period of convention are requested to apply to the pastor of the Salem Lutheran Church, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, 1005 3rd Street, for the same, enclosing therewith the registration fee of \$5.00. All pastors are reminded of their duty to have parochial reports of all congregations accurately made up and sent to the Secretary of the Conference and all pastoral reports sent to the President of the Conference, this to be seen to without delay.

Seattle, Wash., Febr. 14, 1934.
Respectfully, C. G. Bloomquist,
Sec'y of Col. Conf.

SPEAKER ACCEPTS BIBLE INSTITUTE POSITION

Words from Augsburg Seminary convey the message that Dr. B. M. Christensen, Professor at the Seminary, has accepted the position as Bible Teacher at the Bible Institute of the American Lutheran Conference at Des Moines next summer. The other speakers have not yet been signed.

Central, Yakima.

In spite of a year of financial difficulties, the congregation has been able to meet its obligations to both Conference and Synod 100%.

At the Annual Meeting held recently plans were made to enlarge the Sunday school facilities in order to care for the growing membership of the school.

Arnold Reitz was elected clerk, John F. Larson and G. A. Anderson, deacons and Hans Fahl and Carl Petersen, trustees. Kenneth Wahlstrom was elected organist and Elmer Johnson, S. S. Sup't. A. J. Reitz was chosen delegate to the conference meeting at Mt. Vernon.

Augustana, Portland.

Each day for one week in January Rev. Randolph was in charge of "Chapel Chimes" over station KALE. This daily devotional service was conducted under the auspices of the Portland Council of Churches. Musical numbers were rendered by the senior choir, the Luther League choir, the women's quartette, the L. L. quartette, Walter Vernstrom, Mrs. Randolph and Mrs. Dahlberg.

On the evening of Febr. 6th, a reception was given to the fifty-six communicants received into the congregation in 1934. According to many reports received this affair proved to be one of the happiest and most successful ever enjoyed at Augustana. A wall

motto of "Aspirations" was presented to the new members as a memento of the occasion. The reception served to stress Christian friendship and better acquaintanship. Mr. Floyd Cook, representing the new members, told of the satisfaction and joy in being members of Augustana.

Sunday afternoon, Febr. 4th, the Luther League choir gave a sacred concert at Gresham under the leadership of Stanley Glarum. Mr. Glarum with his brother, sister and parents recently joined the congregation.

Eleven new members were received into the Luther League last month.

Vancouver, New Westminster, B. C.

The annual meetings of both congregations were held the first week of January. The meetings were well attended and a spirit of unity and co-operation prevailed. All societies reported a year of much activity although the financial stress has been keenly felt. The pastor's and organists salaries have been greatly reduced. Yet, the people seem more hopeful and greater interest is manifested in the work in general. There has been a better attendance at the Sunday services. In spite of the continued depression, efforts are being made to do something towards the emergency appeal, also plans laid to meet some of the obligations to the Conference.

**Augustana
Lutheran Church**
N. E. Rodney and Stanton St.
Portland, Ore.
PAUL V. RANDOLPH
Pastor

Teachers' Prayer Circle 9:20 a. m.
Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
L. L., 1st and 3rd Friday Evenings.

Bethany, Seattle

7400 Woodlawn Ave. — Tel. VE. 2301
Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, B. D., Pastor
Res. 7318 Latona Avenue
Robert Carlson, Treasurer

Take car No. 20 to Latona, Ballard University buss to Woodlawn Ave.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Swedish, 2nd & 4th Sunday 12:15 p. m.
Missionary Soc'y 1st Thurs. 8:00 p. m.
Brotherhood, 1st Thurs. 8:00 p. m.
J. M. S., 2nd Saturday 2:00 p. m.
L. L., 2nd & 4th Thurs. 8:15 p. m.
Althea Society, 2nd Thurs. ... 2:00 p. m.
Ladies Aid, 3rd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Choir every Tuesday 8:00 p. m.
Girls' Club, 3rd Thurs. 8:15 p. m.

Trinity, Astoria, Ore.

16th and Franklin Ave.
Rev. J. A. Martin, B. D., pastor.
Res. 561 Kensington Ave. Ph. 1392-L

Order of Sunday Services:
Sun'ay School and Bible crasses 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Services 8:00

Calendar:
Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30
Dorcas 1st Monday 8:00
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed. 2:30
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 8:00
Firth Day Social last Friday 8:00
Junior Miss. Band 3rd Sat. 2:30
W. M. S. 2nd Wed. 2:30
Choir Wed. evening each week 7:30
Luth. Brotherhood 3rd Monday. 8:00

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Worship 10:45 a. m.
Service in Swedish Fourth Sunday
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the first Friday, the Luther
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Sund. School & Bible Class 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 10:45 a. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service Wednesdays 8:00 p. m.

Organizations
Ladies Aid, 1st Wed. at .. 2:00 p. m.
Luth. L. 1st & 3rd Tues. 8:00 p. m.
S. S. teachers 2nd and 4th
Tuesday 7:45 p. m.
W M S quarterly 2nd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Zuriet Third Friday 8:00 p. m.
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Saturday at 1:30 p. m.
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In Vancouver the choir has been re-organized, and is giving much help and inspiration by their singing at the services and weekly meetings. An orchestra has been started under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Olsen, well known in Vancouver as director of several bands.

Mr. J. B. Johnson one of the oldest members of the church, is at time of writing, very ill, and is patiently awaiting the summons to enter into rest.

Mr. P. Larson, another member, passed away after a lingering illness, aged seventy-five years. Mr. Larson was a pioneer of the city, having lived there over fifty years. He was known not only in Swedish circles, but in the entire community for his charity and kindness to those in need.

The pastor was very pleasantly remembered on his birthday Feb. 6th. The choir had been invited to practice at the parsonage, but at the appointed time, a large gathering of members and friends appeared to offer their congratulations. A program of musical numbers and short talks was given, after which Mr. Rud. Munson voiced the sentiments of those assembled, and as a token of esteem and good will presented the pastor with a purse of money. A social hour followed, with bountiful refreshments brought by the visitors. For all kindness shown, not only on this occasion, but throughout the past year, the pastor expressed his heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

First, Tacoma.

The annual meeting of the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, held New Year's Day is now a pleasant memory. In spite of the depression, which we have felt severely, the congregation met all local obligations, paid interest and amortization on their mortgage on a rather large indebtedness. All organizations had worked splendidly, the membership had grown.

The following officers were elected: Deacons, Messrs. R. F. Engvall, C. J. Ahnquist, Arthur Nelson and W. H. Lindeman; Trustees, Ellery J. Capen, Edward Young and Albert Nelson. Mrs. H. P. Johnson was elected superintendent of the Sunday School and Miss Helen Leif, vice-president.

A concert by the various Lutheran Churches of Tacoma, under the auspices of the young people of the city, as given Sunday afternoon, January 28, the proceeds to go to the Lutheran Welfare Society. The large church was filled beyond capacity and many were turned away. Twelve singing organizations were represented.

Dr. Einar Norberg, one of our medical missionaries to East Africa, now home on furlough, has visited the congregations of the Columbia Conference. He gave his lecture on the work in our African Mission, illustrated by several reels of moving pictures, to an audience that pretty well filled the First Church in Tacoma, listening and looking with intense interest to what he had to say and depict. He addressed a number of our organizations. Never will the men of our Brotherhood forget the evening he spoke to them. After the address, they were loathe to leave, plying him with questions. Many men

who previously had little or no interest in foreign missions went away from this meeting with a new vision.

Wherever he went, he made a profound impression. No wiser move can the Mission Board make than send missionaries, home on furlough, to the people of our congregations, with direct personal greetings from our fields, describing the work of the missionaries, the conditions under which they labor, presenting their needs and stating emphatically and convincingly, not only their commission to go out as missionaries but the effects of their work on individuals as well as upon families and communities. This will fill many a skeptic with respect for the work of the foreign missionary, raise the enthusiasm of the lukewarm, comfort the earnest mission friend and make our mission appeal personal and real instead of as often is true now an "abstraction," a religiously imperative "ought," or "must."

Bethany, Seattle.

The Luther League, the Women's organizations and also the Brotherhood have before them well mapped out programs. The Sunday School is growing rapidly just now. Generally the morning services are well attended. God is using the Sunday evening Bible hour, held at 5 o'clock, to lay firmer hold on the abounding grace of God in Christ Jesus. The synodical Appeal is before us according to plans presented by the Emergency Committee. A separate contrivance for the ingathering of the Easter offering is distributed to all the members. Prayer meeting is held every Thursday evening with a fairly large number participating.

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